Race, Diversity, and the Development of Political Attitudes on College Campuses

Study 1: Panel Study of Public Opinion of College Students
[Dataset Titled: study1data.csv]

Note: The base data used for this study are drawn from CIRPs' "Freshman Survey Trends" and "College Senior Survey Trends," which are publicly available to academic researchers through the Higher Education Research Institute (HERI's) data archive. These data do not contain any identifying information. We restricted this dataset to the 39 variables used in the analyses presented in the paper.

VARIABLE CODEBOOK

1 [ACERECODE]
Anonymized identification number for the college or universities (e.g. school) the respondents' attended

2 [asian]
Indicator variable for respondents' race/ethnicity – Asian
White (0)
Asian (1)
Black (0)
Hispanic or Latino (0)
Other (0)

3 [asianper]
The percentage of students in the respondent's entering college cohort who were Asian
Scaled from 0 (0%) to 1(100%)

4 [black]
Indicator variable for respondents' race/ethnicity – Black or African American
White (0)
Asian (0)
Black (1)
Hispanic or Latino (0)
Other (0)

5 [blackper]
The percentage of students in the respondent's entering college cohort who were Black or African American
Scaled from 0 (0%) to 1(100%)

6 [businesstfs]
Indicator variable for respondents' preferred major in freshman year – Business
Business (1)
Humanities (0)

Science (0)
Social Science (0)

7 [catholic]
Indicator variable for respondents' religion – Catholic
Catholic (1)
Jewish (0)
Other or no religion (0)
Protestant (0)

8 [citizen]
Indicator variable for respondents' citizenship status
U.S. citizen or permanent resident (Green card) (1)
Not a U.S. citizen (0)

9 [college]
Indicator variable for whether respondent's institution is a four-year college or university
University (1)
4-year college (1)
2-year college (0)

10 [discrimchg]
Changes in perceptions that racial discrimination is no longer a major problem in the United States from freshman year (TFS) to senior year (CSS) [discrimcss – discrimtfs]
Values range from -1 to 1. See coding of initial values below.

11 [discrimcss]
Senior year perceptions that racial discrimination is no longer a major problem in the United States
Disagree strongly (0)
Disagree somewhat (0.33)
Agree somewhat (0.67)
Agree strongly (1)

12 [discrimtfs]
Freshman year perceptions that racial discrimination is no longer a major problem in the United States
Disagree strongly (0)
Disagree somewhat (0.33)
Agree somewhat (0.67)
Agree strongly (1)

13 [east]
Indicator variable for respondents' institutional region – East
East (1)
Midwest (0)
South (0)
West (0)

14 [englishfl]
Indicator variable for whether the respondents' first language was English
Yes (1)
No (0)

15 [ethnicstudies]
Indicator variable for whether the respondent took an ethnic studies course since entering college
Yes (1)
No (0)

16 [female]
Indicator variable for respondents' gender – Female
Female (1)
Male (0)

17 [hbcu]
Indicator variable for whether the respondents' institutional is an HBCU
Yes (1)
No (0)

18 [HERIREG]
Categorical measure of respondents' institutional region
East
Midwest
South
West

19 [humantfs]
Indicator variable for respondent's anticipated major in freshman year – Humanities
Business (0)
Humanities (1)
Science (0)
Social Science (0)

20 [ideotfs]
Measure of respondent's political ideology in freshman year
Far right (0)
Conservative (0.25)
Middle-of-the-road (0.5)
Liberal (0.75)
Far left (1)

21 [jewish]
Indicator variable for respondents' religion – Jewish
Catholic (0)
Jewish (1)
Other or no religion (0)
Protestant (0)

22 [latino]
Indicator variable for respondents' race/ethnicity – Latino or Hispanic
White (0)
Asian (0)
Black (0)
Hispanic or Latino (1)
Other (0)

23 [latinoper]
The percentage of students in the respondent's entering college cohort who were Latino or Hispanic
Scaled from 0 (0%) to 1(100%)

24 [midwest]
Indicator variable for respondents' institutional region – Midwest
East (0)
Midwest (1)
South (0)
West (0)

25 [othornorelig]
Indicator variable for respondents' religion – Other or no religion
Catholic (0)
Jewish (0)
Other or no religion (1)
Protestant (0)

26 [othraceper]
The percentage of students in the respondent's entering college cohort who were of another race
Scaled from 0 (0%) to 1(100%)

27 [parincome]
Estimate of respondent's parental income in freshman year
Scaled from 0 ("Less than $6,000) to 1 (More than $200,000)

28 [protestant]
Indicator variable for respondents' religion – Protestant
Catholic (0)
Jewish (1)
Other or no religion (0)
Protestant (0)

29 [RACEGROUP]
Categorical measure of respondents' race/ethnicity
Asian
Black
Hispanic
White

30 [racialorg]
Indicator variable for whether the respondent participated in an ethnic/racial organization since entering college
Yes (1)
No (0)

31 [racialws]
Indicator variable for whether the respondent attended a racial awareness workshop since entering college
Yes (1)
No (0)

32 [sciencetfs]
Indicator variable for respondent's anticipated major in freshman year – Science
Business (0)
Humanities (0)
Science (1)
Social Science (0)

33 [socscitfs]
Indicator variable for respondent's anticipated major in freshman year – Social Science
Business (0)
Humanities (0)
Science (0)
Social Science (1)

34 [south]
Indicator variable for respondents' institutional region – South
East (0)
Midwest (0)
South (1)
West (0)

35 [west]
Indicator variable for respondents' institutional region – West
East (0)
Midwest (0)
South (0)
West (1)

36 [white]
Indicator variable for respondents' race/ethnicity – White
White (1)
Asian (0)
Black (0)
Hispanic or Latino (0)
Other (0)

37 [whiteper]
The percentage of students in the respondent's entering college cohort who were White
Scaled from 0 (0%) to 1(100%)

38 [YEAR]
Respondents' graduation year
1994-2006

39 [YEAR_TFS]
Respondents' year of enrollment
1987-2005