Replication of "Social Contact and Attitudes Toward Outsiders The Case of Japan"

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Description

- Previous studies have shown that people oppose refugee resettlement more strongly after being exposed to frames that depict refugees as threatening. However, all people may not perceive such threats the same way. Based on contact theory, we hypothesize that the treatment effects of threatening frames on people's opposition to refugee resettlement are conditional on their contact experience with foreign-national residents. The results of our pre-registered experiment in Japan indicate that exposure to threatening information does not change attitudes toward refugee resettlement among those living in municipalities where the number of foreign-national residents is rapidly *increasing*. Combined with the analyses of other subjective measures of contact with foreigners, some suggestive patterns emerge that natives with conscious and *positive* interactions with outgroup members may be unaffected by anti-refugee rhetoric and threatening frames.
- This is the follow-up study of "Susceptibility to Threatening Information and Opposition to Refugee Resettlement: The Case of Japan" (with Yoshikuni Ono), *Journal of Peace Research*, https://doi.org/10.1177/00223433221079455.

About data

- The replication package of our first study, which includes a full set of original data, documents, and scripts to generate the replication data for the first and follow-up studies, is available at the *Journal of Peace Research*'s Replication Datasets page https://www.prio.org/journals/jpr/replicationdata.
- This replication package includes the files to generate the results for the follow-up study only.

Files included in this package:

- `README.md`
- `REAME.pdf` – generated by `README.md`
- `R.Rproj` (for RStudio)
- renv (folder)
  - Files generated by the `renv` package (version 0.14.0-3)
  - See https://rstudio.github.io/renv/index.html.
- `renv.lock`
  - A file generated by the `renv` package (version 0.14.0-3)
- data (folder)
  - Data used for replication

- figures (folder)
  - All files are generated by the scripts in the `analyze/scripts` folder
- functions (folder)
  - Functions used in R scripts
- scripts
  - R scripts for complete replication

Remarks:

- If you use RStudio, click `R.Rproj` to launch RStudio and set the working directory automatically.
- If you do not use RStudio, manually set the working directory, which is the folder that includes `R.Rproj`.

Program:

- `R` (version 4.2.1)

Additional programs required:

- `tidyverse` (version 1.3.2)
- `ggthemes` (version 4.2.4)
- `estimatr` (version 1.0.0)
- `broom` (version 1.0.0)
- `car` (version 3.1-0)
- `patchwork` (version 1.1.2)

Process of replication:

- If you use RStudio, install `renv` (a package to create reproducible environments). Then, type `renv::restore()` to restore a project's dependencies from a lockfile. If you do not use RStudio, install the packages manually.
- Then, run the scripts sequentially.

Most recent date of successful replication August 25, 2022