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Authoritarianism and Context

Synopsis: America is growing more diverse and the implications of these changes are already being felt across the nation. However, there is a lot of uncertainty regarding what these changes mean for intergroup relations. In this paper, Howard Lavine (University of Minnesota) and I argue that authoritarianism, an individual difference associated with maximizing “oneness” and “sameness”, structures the interpretation of diversity. We find that as local environments become more diverse, authoritarianism becomes increasingly associated with political, racial, and ethnic intolerance.

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