

**Table A1** Estimated Assimilation and Contrast Effects estimated from the 1989 Norwegian Election Study

|           | lftr    | agri    | envi    | immi    | priv    | alco     | crim    |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|---------|
| pty sv    |         |         |         |         |         |          |         |
| intercept | 2.4407  | 6.7873  | 2.4961  | 3.1794  | 8.7128  | 6.5745   | 6.4271  |
| assim     | 0.0072  | 0.0082  | 0.0110  | 0.0067  | 0.0053  | 0.0061   | 0.0109  |
| contrast  | 0.0033  | 0.0053  | -0.0017 | 0.0031  | 0.0026  | 0.0036   | 0.0048  |
| root mse  | 1.33337 | 2.25062 | 2.18910 | 1.86939 | 1.81163 | 1.78820  | 1.96395 |
| adj r-2   | 0.09750 | 0.04474 | 0.05920 | 0.07812 | 0.04949 | 0.03736  | 0.15445 |
| pty ap    |         |         |         |         |         |          |         |
| intercept | 3.9703  | 7.1071  | 5.0429  | 5.0484  | 8.5292  | 6.5161   | 5.6991  |
| assim     | 0.0109  | 0.0084  | 0.0114  | 0.0033  | 0.0040  | 0.0057   | 0.0044  |
| contrast  | 0.0075  | 0.0033  | 0.0004  | 0.0053  | 0.0032  | 0.0040   | 0.0063  |
| root mse  | 1.43870 | 1.74165 | 1.59466 | 1.54041 | 1.58050 | 1.49366  | 1.63103 |
| adj r-2   | 0.11576 | 0.06286 | 0.13391 | 0.03408 | 0.03559 | 0.04388  | 0.05949 |
| pty ve    |         |         |         |         |         |          |         |
| intercept | 4.5691  | 6.1965  | 2.7458  | 4.6217  | 6.1143  | 6.5186   | 5.1598  |
| assim     | 0.0110  | 0.0128  | 0.0204  | 0.0029  | 0.0091  | 0.0055   | 0.0036  |
| contrast  | 0.0082  | 0.0012  | -0.0038 | 0.0018  | 0.0053  | 0.0012   | 0.0000  |
| root mse  | 1.75132 | 1.80434 | 2.08183 | 1.53630 | 1.65152 | 1.58609  | 1.51810 |
| adj r-2   | 0.05877 | 0.04275 | 0.07177 | 0.00720 | 0.06039 | 0.00987  | 0.00408 |
| pty sp    |         |         |         |         |         |          |         |
| intercept | 5.4029  | 9.3595  | 5.1557  | 5.5030  | 5.8356  | 6.0900   | 4.6224  |
| assim     | 0.0061  | 0.0054  | 0.0164  | 0.0054  | 0.0110  | 0.0118   | 0.0080  |
| contrast  | 0.0106  | 0.0006  | 0.0016  | 0.0000  | 0.0031  | 0.0015   | 0.0021  |
| root mse  | 1.34672 | 1.54754 | 1.84902 | 1.34401 | 1.62055 | 1.31729  | 1.29774 |
| adj r-2   | 0.07427 | 0.00779 | 0.08973 | 0.01761 | 0.07551 | 0.08004  | 0.04368 |
| pty kr    |         |         |         |         |         |          |         |
| intercept | 6.4643  | 6.1361  | 5.2453  | 4.8820  | 5.4749  | 9.4442   | 4.9906  |
| assim     | 0.0054  | 0.0107  | 0.0124  | 0.0012  | 0.0112  | 0.0004   | 0.0044  |
| contrast  | 0.0075  | -0.0012 | 0.0009  | 0.0067  | 0.0039  | 0.0005   | 0.0036  |
| root mse  | 1.33656 | 1.60913 | 1.61250 | 1.86132 | 1.91055 | 1.39310  | 1.94933 |
| adj r-2   | 0.05865 | 0.06754 | 0.08191 | 0.03474 | 0.08018 | -0.00057 | 0.01748 |
| pty hp    |         |         |         |         |         |          |         |
| intercept | 8.2152  | 5.3503  | 6.1420  | 6.4148  | 3.3501  | 4.2368   | 4.0081  |
| assim     | 0.0040  | 0.0101  | 0.0095  | 0.0047  | 0.0126  | 0.0089   | 0.0103  |
| contrast  | 0.0017  | 0.0045  | 0.0055  | 0.0071  | 0.0042  | 0.0036   | 0.0033  |
| root mse  | 1.21467 | 1.82024 | 1.60806 | 1.48517 | 1.81315 | 1.81113  | 1.46813 |
| adj r-2   | 0.01725 | 0.08183 | 0.11244 | 0.05090 | 0.12560 | 0.06148  | 0.07129 |
| pty fr    |         |         |         |         |         |          |         |
| intercept | 8.9989  | 2.1873  | 7.0628  | 9.2764  | 1.6701  | 2.0918   | 1.8200  |
| assim     | 0.0054  | 0.0051  | 0.0051  | 0.0038  | 0.0045  | 0.0034   | 0.0129  |
| contrast  | 0.0019  | 0.0023  | 0.0072  | 0.0015  | 0.0009  | 0.0016   | 0.0018  |
| root mse  | 1.54281 | 1.62122 | 2.14482 | 1.41549 | 1.43088 | 1.55774  | 1.51000 |
| adj r-2   | 0.04113 | 0.08141 | 0.14539 | 0.02109 | 0.03280 | 0.03605  | 0.02799 |

Model Perception = Intercept + assim[(rposition-meanpercept)\*(symppos)]  
+ contrast[(rposition-meanpercept)\*(sympneg)] + error

symppos=(sympathy\_rating - 50) if >0 else 0;  
sympneg=(sympathy\_rating -50) if <0 else 0.

The coefficients used in the simulation are (1) the intercept, (2) assim, (3) contrast, and (4) the root mse (which is used as the standard error for the error term).