

Supplementary Materials

Coding Procedures for Content Analysis

We analyzed articles from the *Washington Post* and the *Washington Times* (hereafter *WPost* and *WTimes*) and transcripts from *CNN* and *Fox News* from 2007 to 2011. In the case of policy frames (Table 1 in the article), we drew the sample by selecting keywords and phrases on the three policy issues, and then selecting subsets of these searches that involved a particular frame such as “amnesty” and “path to citizenship.”¹ Similarly, in the case of the equivalency frames (Table 2), we drew the sample by selecting keywords and phrases on variants of “illegal,” “undocumented,” “unauthorized” immigrants, immigration, and deportation.²

¹ The birthright sample was generated using the following search terms: “anchor w/ bab!” OR “birthright w/3 citizen!” OR “amnesty w/5 anchor” OR “illegal w/5 anchor!” OR “illegal w/5 child” OR “illegal w/5 immigra!” OR “14th amendment w/5 immigra!” in the articles’ headline or body. Additionally, the DREAM Act sample was generated using the following search terms: “DREAM act” OR “amnesty w/5 kid!” OR “amnesty w/5 child!” OR “citizen! w/5 child!” OR “legaliz! w/5 child!” also in the headline or body. Finally, the legalization sample was generated using the following search terms: “legaliz! w/5 immigra!” OR “reform! w/3 immigra!” OR “amnesty w/5 immigra!” or “path! w/2 citizen!” in the articles’ headline or first paragraph. One graduate RA checked the results to eliminate extraneous articles (i.e., those dealing with policies in countries outside the United States).

We also coded the articles and television transcripts from 2007 for such things as tone, policies mentioned, policy frames employed, restrictiveness of each policy frame, emotional potential (empathy, anxiety), partisan affiliation of the sources, and the use of different terms to describe immigrants. Given space constraints, however, we have limited our discussion of these qualitative content analysis findings.

² We identify articles and television transcripts as dealing with irregular migration using the following inclusive search term in the headline and lead paragraph: (immigra! or "illegal alien" or "illegal aliens" or PLURAL(illegals) or deport or deported or deportation!). We then search within these results for the particular terms that appear in Table 2.

Table 1: Respondent Characteristics

White	85.3%
Black	3.7%
Hispanic	3.9%
Asian	0.8%
Native Am	0.8%
Mixed	1.5%
Other	3.7%
Middle Eastern	0.3%
Male	61.5%
Female	38.5%
No High School	1.2%
HS Grad	14.4%
Some College	21.1%
2-year	8.0%
4-year	28.5%
Post-Grad	26.8%
Age 18-34	11%
35-49	28%
50-64	43%
65+	18%
Total N	2,188

Table 2: Ordered Probit Analyses of Policy Opinions

	Birthright Citizenship	DREAM Act	Legalization
Undocumented	-0.034 [0.061]	0.008 [0.056]	-0.013 [0.056]
Unauthorized	-0.041 [0.061]	0.022 [0.055]	-0.008 [0.056]
Policy Frame	-0.180*** [0.050]	0.261*** [0.045]	-0.555*** [0.046]
Female	0.058 [0.053]	0.116*** [0.047]	0.091* [0.047]
Income	0.008 [0.008]		
Protestant			-0.129*** [0.062]
Other Christian			-0.033 [0.091]
Other Religion			0.353*** [0.082]
No Religion			0.244*** [0.069]
Cut 1	-0.506*** [0.091]	-0.778*** [0.053]	-0.805*** [0.069]
Cut 2	-0.021 [0.091]	-0.328*** [0.051]	-0.255*** [0.067]
Cut 3	0.271** [0.091]	0.100* [0.051]	0.324*** [0.067]
Cut 4	0.742*** [0.092]	1.098*** [0.054]	1.239*** [0.072]

Observations

1872

2182

2180

Standard errors in brackets

*** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.1

Table 3: Ordered Probit Analyses of Experimental Manipulation Interactions

	Birthright Citizenship	DREAM Act	Legalization
Undocumented	-0.035 [0.086]	-0.032 [0.080]	-0.073 [0.079]
Unauthorized	-0.003 [0.086]	-0.063 [0.079]	-0.020 [0.076]
Policy Frame	-0.155* [0.086]	0.180** [0.078]	-0.601*** [0.079]
Undocumented * Policy Frame	0.000 [0.123]	0.077 (0.111)	0.119 [0.112]
Unauthorized * Policy Frame	-0.075 [0.122]	0.165 [0.111]	0.020 [0.112]
Female	0.057 [0.053]	0.116** [0.047]	0.093** [0.047]
Income	0.008 [0.008]		
Protestant			-0.130** [0.062]
Other Christian			-0.035 [0.091]
Other Religion			0.352*** [0.082]
No Religion			0.243*** [0.069]
Cut 1	-0.494*** [0.097]	-0.820*** [0.062]	-0.828*** [0.076]
Cut 2	0.033 [0.096]	-0.369*** [0.061]	-0.278*** [0.075]
Cut 3	0.283** [0.097]	0.058 [0.061]	0.301*** [0.075]
Cut 4	0.754*** [0.097]	1.057*** [0.063]	1.217*** [0.078]
Observations	1872	2182	2180

Standard errors in brackets

*** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.1

Table 4: Ordered Probit Analyses of Immigration Opinions with Family Immigration History Interactions

	DREAM Act	Legalization
Undocumented	-0.469* [0.254]	-0.456* [0.252]
Unauthorized	-0.665*** [0.244]	-0.394* [0.243]
Policy Frame	0.368* [0.204]	-0.081 [0.203]
Generation	-0.208*** [0.057]	-0.064 [0.058]
Generation*Undocumented	0.139* [0.072]	0.129* [0.172]
Generation*Unauthorized	0.200*** [0.070]	0.112* [0.069]
Generation*Policy Frame	-0.026 [0.058]	-0.140** [0.058]
Female	0.122*** [0.047]	0.100** [0.047]
Protestant		-0.110* [0.064]
Other Christian		-0.010 [0.092]
Other Religion		0.357*** [0.082]
No Religion		0.252*** [0.069]
Cut 1	-1.485*** [0.202]	-1.012*** [0.209]
Cut 2	-1.032*** [0.201]	-0.462*** [0.208]
Cut 3	-0.601*** [0.201]	0.119 [0.208]
Cut 4	0.409** [0.201]	1.034** [0.209]
Observations	2,169	2,168

Standard errors in brackets

*** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.1

Table 5: Ordered Probit Analyses of Immigration Opinions with Partisan Interactions

	Birthright Citizenship	DREAM Act
Undocumented	0.044 [0.159]	0.074 [0.146]
Unauthorized	0.064 [0.158]	-0.087 [0.144]
Policy Frame	-0.406*** [0.130]	0.072 [0.119]
Party Identification	-0.616*** [0.063]	-0.511*** [0.058]
Party* Undocumented	-0.045 [0.078]	-0.028 [0.070]
Party * Unauthorized	-0.050 [0.077]	0.067 [0.068]
Party * Policy Frame	0.114* [0.063]	0.106* [0.056]
Female	-0.047 [0.055]	0.032 [0.048]
Income	0.0150* [0.008]	
Cut 1	-1.724*** [0.152]	-1.845*** [0.127]
Cut 2	-1.129*** [0.150]	-1.360*** [0.125]
Cut 3	-0.856*** [0.149]	-0.905*** [0.123]
Cut 4	-0.330** [0.148]	0.158 [0.123]
Observations	1,837	2,145

Standard errors in brackets

*** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.1