Appendix

Table A1. Political Belief Items

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| Belief item | GSS question | ANES question | GSS 1985 | GSS 1987 | GSS 2010 | ANES 2000 |
| Environment spending | National spending on environment | Federal spending on environmental protection | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Health spending (g) | National spending on health |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Health spending 1 (a) |  | Support for government insurance plan | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Health spending 2 (a) |  | Federal spending on AIDS research | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Education spending | National spending on education | Federal spending on public schools | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Health & education spending (a) |  | The government should provide fewer services in health and education | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Racial-problem spending | National spending on conditions of blacks | Federal spending on aid to blacks | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Military spending | National spending on military | Federal spending on defense | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Welfare spending | National spending on welfare | Federal spending on welfare | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Crime spending | National spending on crime control | Federal spending on dealing with crime | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Foreign-aid spending | National spending on foreign aid | Federal spending on foreign aid | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Poor-aid spending | The government should improve living standards | Federal spending on aid to poor people | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Social-security spending | National spending on social security | Federal spending on social security | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Child-care spending | National spending on childcare | Federal spending on childcare | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Tolerance 1-1 (g) | An anti-religionist should be allowed to speak in public |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Tolerance 1-2 (g) | An anti-religionist should be allowed to teach in a college |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Tolerance 1-3 (g) | A book written by an anti-religionist should not be removed from a public library |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Tolerance 2-1 (g) | A racist should be allowed to speak in public |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Tolerance 2-2 (g) | A racist should be allowed to teach in a college |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Tolerance 2-3 (g) | A book written by a racist should not be removed from a public library |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Tolerance 3-1 (g) | A communist should be allowed to speak in public |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Tolerance 3-2 (g) | A communist should be allowed to teach in a college |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Tolerance 3-3 (g) | A book written by a communist should not be removed from a public library |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Tolerance 4-1 (g) | A militarist should be allowed to speak in public |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Tolerance 4-2 (g) | A militarist should be allowed to teach in a college |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Tolerance 4-3 (g) | A book written by a militarist should not be removed from a public library |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Tolerance 5-1 (g) | A homosexual should be allowed to speak in public |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Tolerance 5-2 (g) | A homosexual should be allowed to teach in a college |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Tolerance 5-3 (g) | A book written by a homosexual should not be removed from a public library |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Tolerance (a) |  | Tolerance to those with different moral standards | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Death penalty | Favor death penalty for murder | Favor death penalty for murder | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Gun | Favor gun permits | The government should make it more difficult for people to buy a gun | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Gender 1 (g) | Women are not suited for politics |  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Gender 2 (g) | Mother working doesn't hurt children |  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Gender 3 (g) | Preschool kids suffer if mother works |  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Gender 4 (g) | Better for man to work, woman tend home  |  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Gender (a) |  | Men and women should have equal roles | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Abortion 1 (g) | Abortion should be allowed when there is a strong chance of birth defect |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Abortion 2 (g) | Abortion should be allowed when woman wants no more children |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Abortion 3 (g) | Abortion should be allowed when mother’s health is at risk |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Abortion 4 (g) | Abortion should be allowed when cannot afford more children |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Abortion 5 (g) | Abortion should be allowed when pregnant due to rape |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Abortion 6 (g) | Abortion should be allowed when woman does not wish to marry father |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Abortion 7 (g) | Abortion should be allowed for any reason |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Abortion (a) |  | Abortion should be legal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Homosexuality 1 (g) | Homosexuality is wrong |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Homosexuality 2 (g) | Homosexuals should have right to marry |  | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Homosexuality 1 (a) |  | Homosexuals in the armed forces | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Homosexuality 2 (a) |  | Job discrimination against homosexuals | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Affirmative action | Preferential hiring for blacks | Preferential hiring for blacks | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Racial problems 1 | The government should help blacks | The government should help blacks | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Racial problems 2 | Blacks overcome prejudice without favor | Blacks overcome prejudice without favor | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Racial problems 3 | Differences due to discrimination | Slavery & discrimination makes blacks stay in lower classes | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Racial problems 4 (g) | Differences due to lack of education |  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Racial problems 5 (g) | Differences due to lack of will |  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Racial problems 4 (a) |  | Blacks have gotten less than they deserve | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Racial problems 5 (a) |  | If blacks would try harder, they could be just as well off as whites | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Racism 1 | Blacks are lazy | Blacks are lazy | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Racism 2 | Blacks are unintelligent | Blacks are unintelligent | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Racism 3 (g) | Blacks are poor |  | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Racism 4 (g) | Neighborhood half black |  | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Racism 3 (a) |  | Blacks are untrustworthy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Inequality 1 (g) | Differences in income too large |  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Inequality 2 (g) | Inequality exists to benefit rich |  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Inequality 3 (g) | Large income differences necessary for prosperity |  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Inequality 1 (a) |  | Our society should make everyone equal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Inequality 2 (a) |  | We have gone too far in pushing equal rights in this country | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Inequality 3 (a) |  | It is one of big problems not to give everyone an equal chance | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Inequality 4 (a) |  | This country would be better off if we worried less about equality | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Inequality 5 (a) |  | Unequal chance is not a big problem | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Inequality 6 (a) |  | Equality would lead to fewer problems | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Limited government 1 (g) | The government should reduce income differences |  | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Limited government 2 (g) | The government should solve national problems |  | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Limited government 3 (g) | Government's role in the economy: cutting government spending |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Limited government 4 (g) | Government's role in the economy: less regulation of business |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Limited government 5 (g) | Government's role in the economy: price controls |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Limited government 6 (g) | Government's role in the economy: wage controls |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Limited government 1 (a) |  | The less government, the better | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Limited government 2 (a) |  | Free market can handle economic problems | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Limited government 3 (a) |  | Government has become bigger due to private problems | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Tax (g) | The amount of federal income tax is too high |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Tax (a) |  | The expected federal budget surplus should be used to cut taxes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Religiosity | R considers self a religious person | Do you consider religion to be an important part of your life? | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Biblical literalism | The bible is the word of god | The bible is the word of god | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Immigration | Should # of immigrants to US increase | Should # of immigrants to US increase | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Parenting 1 | Desirable child qualities: obey | Desirable child qualities: obedience vs. Self-reliance | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Parenting 2 (g) | Desirable child qualities: think for self |  | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Parenting 3 (g) | Desirable child qualities: work hard |  | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Parenting 4 (g) | Desirable child qualities: help others |  | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Parenting 2 (a) |  | Desirable child qualities: independence vs. Respect for elders | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Parenting 3 (a) |  | Desirable child qualities: curiosity vs. Good manners | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Parenting 4 (a) |  | Desirable child qualities: being considerate vs. Well behaved | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

Note. (g) is for items that are included only in the GSS. (a) is for items that are included only in the ANES.

Table A2. Principal Components from the 1985 GSS

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| Belief item | [1] | [2] | [3] | [4] | [5] | [6] | [7] | [8] | [9] | [10] | [11] | [12] | Unexplained |
| Environment spending |  |  | 0.203  |  |  |   | 0.223  |  |  | -0.282  |  |   | 0.577 |
| Health spending (g) |  |  | 0.252  | 0.204  |  |   | 0.284  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.515 |
| Education spending |  |  | 0.240  | 0.208  |  |   | 0.282  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.524 |
| Racial-problem spending |  |  | 0.345  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.441 |
| Military spending |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  | 0.474  |  |   | 0.495 |
| Welfare spending |  |  | 0.278  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.639 |
| Crime spending |  |  |  | 0.265  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  | -0.310  | 0.597 |
| Foreign-aid spending |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  | 0.517  | -0.211  | 0.422 |
| Social-security spending |  |  | 0.218  | 0.240  |  |   | 0.230  |  |  |  |  | 0.304  | 0.506 |
| Tolerance 1-1 (g) | 0.213  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.432 |
| Tolerance 1-2 (g) |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  | 0.249  |  |   | 0.375 |
| Tolerance 1-3 (g) | 0.227  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.433 |
| Tolerance 2-1 (g) | 0.216  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.374 |
| Tolerance 2-2 (g) | 0.223  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.417 |
| Tolerance 2-3 (g) | 0.215  |  |  |  |  | 0.220  |  |  | 0.220  |  |  |   | 0.310 |
| Tolerance 3-1 (g) |  |  |  |  |  | 0.272  |  |  | 0.377  |  |  |   | 0.265 |
| Tolerance 3-2 (g) | -0.203  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  | 0.224  |  |   | 0.448 |
| Tolerance 3-3 (g) | 0.201  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  | 0.238  |  |  |   | 0.320 |
| Tolerance 4-1 (g) | 0.219  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  | 0.258  |   | 0.406 |
| Tolerance 4-2 (g) | 0.231  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  | -0.271  |  |  |   | 0.331 |
| Tolerance 4-3 (g) | 0.210  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.392 |
| Tolerance 5-1 (g) | 0.243  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  | -0.262  |  |  |   | 0.255 |
| Tolerance 5-2 (g) | 0.230  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  | -0.232  |  |  |   | 0.272 |
| Tolerance 5-3 (g) | 0.240  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.306 |
| Death penalty |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  | -0.214  |   | 0.717 |
| Gun |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  | -0.266  |  | -0.487  | 0.489 |
| Gender 1 (g) |  |  |  |  | 0.202  |   |  |  |  | -0.243  |  |   | 0.651 |
| Gender 2 (g) |  |  |  |  | 0.342  |   |  | 0.207  |  |  |  |   | 0.373 |
| Gender 3 (g) |  |  |  |  | 0.383  |   |  | 0.261  |  |  |  |   | 0.313 |
| Gender 4 (g) |  |  |  |  | 0.383  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.334 |
| Abortion 1 (g) |  | 0.316  |  |  |  |   | -0.254  | 0.316  |  |  |  |   | 0.259 |
| Abortion 2 (g) |  | 0.352  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.169 |
| Abortion 3 (g) |  | 0.245  |  |  |  |   | -0.320  | 0.376  |  |  |  |   | 0.289 |
| Abortion 4 (g) |  | 0.361  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.212 |
| Abortion 5 (g) |  | 0.312  |  |  |  |   | -0.247  | 0.283  |  |  |  |   | 0.312 |
| Abortion 6 (g) |  | 0.365  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.156 |
| Abortion 7 (g) |  | 0.336  |  |  |  |   |  | 0.217  |  |  |  |   | 0.177 |
| Homosexuality 1 (g) |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  | 0.306  |   | 0.519 |
| Racial problems 3 |  |  | 0.255  | -0.308  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.437 |
| Racial problems 4 (g) |  |  |  | -0.351  |  |   |  |  | -0.221  |  |  |   | 0.445 |
| Racial problems 5 (g) |  |  | 0.224  | -0.245  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.485 |
| Limited government 3 (g) |  |  |  |  |  | 0.545  |  |  | -0.250  |  |  |   | 0.380 |
| Limited government 4 (g) |  |  |  |  |  | 0.405  |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.496 |
| Limited government 5 (g) |  |  | -0.216  | -0.234  | 0.334  |   |  |  | 0.317  |  |  |   | 0.236 |
| Limited government 6 (g) |  |  |  |  | 0.358  |   | 0.276  | 0.212  | 0.327  |  |  |   | 0.256 |
| Tax (g) |  |  |  |  |  | 0.265  |  |  |  |  | 0.435  | 0.386  | 0.448 |
| Biblical literalism |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.580 |
| Eigenvalue | 9.422 | 3.459 | 3.092 | 1.891 | 1.674 | 1.463 | 1.395 | 1.325 | 1.260 | 1.148 | 1.065 | 1.024 |  |

Note. Loadings whose absolute valaues are higher than 0.2 are presented.

Table A3. Principal Components from the 1987 GSS

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| Belief item | [1] | [2] | [3] | [4] | [5] | [6] | [7] | [8] | [9] | [10] | [11] | [12] | Unexplained |
| Environment spending |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.677 |
| Health spending (g) |  |  |  |  | 0.212  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.580 |
| Education spending |  |  |  | 0.226  | 0.201  |   | -0.234  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.551 |
| Racial-problem spending |  | 0.292  |  |  |  | -0.230  |  |  |  | -0.203  |  |   | 0.431 |
| Military spending |  |  |  |  | 0.373  |   |  |  |  |  | 0.246  | -0.250  | 0.509 |
| Welfare spending |  | 0.223  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.669 |
| Crime spending |  |  |  | 0.239  | 0.281  |   |  | 0.265  |  |  |  | 0.280  | 0.536 |
| Foreign-aid spending |  |  |  |  |  | -0.252  |  |  |  |  | 0.490  | -0.248  | 0.439 |
| Poor-aid spending |  | 0.306  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.478 |
| Social-security spending |  |  |  |  | 0.240  |   |  | 0.239  |  |  |  |   | 0.584 |
| Tolerance 1-1 (g) | 0.219  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.424 |
| Tolerance 1-2 (g) |  |  |  |  |  | 0.252  |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.353 |
| Tolerance 1-3 (g) | 0.217  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.460 |
| Tolerance 2-1 (g) | 0.220  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.457 |
| Tolerance 2-2 (g) | 0.226  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.449 |
| Tolerance 2-3 (g) | 0.220  |  |  |  |  |   | -0.217  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.372 |
| Tolerance 3-1 (g) |  |  |  | -0.262  |  | 0.297  | -0.284  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.268 |
| Tolerance 3-2 (g) |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.488 |
| Tolerance 3-3 (g) | 0.204  |  |  |  |  |   | -0.258  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.311 |
| Tolerance 4-1 (g) | 0.221  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.449 |
| Tolerance 4-2 (g) | 0.228  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.262  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.340 |
| Tolerance 4-3 (g) | 0.202  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.275  | 0.227  |  |  |  |   | 0.337 |
| Tolerance 5-1 (g) | 0.240  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.279  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.265 |
| Tolerance 5-2 (g) | 0.230  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.219  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.372 |
| Tolerance 5-3 (g) | 0.234  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.214  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.343 |
| Death penalty |  | 0.216  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.686 |
| Gun |  |  |  |  |  | -0.251  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.640  | 0.392 |
| Abortion 1 (g) |  |  | 0.276  |  |  |   |  | 0.221  | 0.202  |  |  |   | 0.271 |
| Abortion 2 (g) |  |  | 0.295  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.182 |
| Abortion 3 (g) |  |  | 0.237  |  |  |   |  | 0.341  | 0.292  |  |  |   | 0.270 |
| Abortion 4 (g) |  |  | 0.312  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.215 |
| Abortion 5 (g) |  |  | 0.266  |  |  |   |  | 0.239  | 0.222  |  |  |   | 0.284 |
| Abortion 6 (g) |  |  | 0.296  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.164 |
| Abortion 7 (g) |  |  | 0.296  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.182 |
| Homosexuality 1 (g) |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.582 |
| Racial problems 1 |  | 0.307  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.438 |
| Inequality 1 (g) |  |  |  |  | -0.225  | 0.352  |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.428 |
| Inequality 2 (g) |  |  |  |  |  | 0.282  |  |  | -0.254  |  | 0.236  |   | 0.505 |
| Inequality 3 (g) |  |  |  |  | -0.318  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.693 |
| Limited government 1 (g) |  | 0.256  |  |  |  | 0.243  |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.515 |
| Limited government 2 (g) |  | 0.274  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.523 |
| Tax (g) |  |  |  | 0.244  |  |   |  |  | -0.204  |  | -0.417  | -0.333  | 0.468 |
| Biblical literalism |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.638 |
| Parenting 1 |  |  |  | -0.261  | 0.300  |   | 0.224  |  |  | -0.222  | -0.340  |   | 0.248 |
| Parenting 2 (g) |  |  |  | 0.323  |  |   |  |  |  | -0.414  | 0.288  |   | 0.272 |
| Parenting 3 (g) |  |  |  |  |  |   |  | 0.216  | -0.340  | 0.635  |  |   | 0.152 |
| Parenting 4 (g) |  |  |  |  | -0.307  |   | -0.264  | 0.334  | 0.514  | 0.203  |  |   | 0.183 |
| Eigenvalue | 8.767  | 3.809  | 3.265  | 1.646  | 1.537  | 1.455  | 1.338  | 1.280  | 1.237  | 1.150  | 1.058  | 1.025  |  |

Note. Loadings whose absolute valaues are higher than 0.2 are presented.

Table A4. Principal Components from the 2010 GSS

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| Belief item | [1] | [2] | [3] | [4] | [5] | [6] | [7] | [8] | [9] | [10] | [11] | [12] | [13] | [14] | [15] | [16] | [17] | [18] | Unexplained |
| Environment spending |  |  |  | 0.236  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  | -0.294  |  |  |   | 0.451 |
| Health spending (g) |  | 0.215  |  | 0.220  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.444 |
| Education spending |  |  |  | 0.318  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.471 |
| Racial-problem spending |  | 0.228  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.401 |
| Military spending |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  | 0.237  | 0.231  |  |   | 0.476 |
| Welfare spending |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |  | 0.207  |  |  |  | -0.359  | 0.493 |
| Crime spending |  |  |  | 0.292  |  |   |  | 0.204  |  |  |  |   |  | 0.331  |  |  |  |   | 0.420 |
| Foreign-aid spending |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  | -0.345  |   | 0.517 |
| Poor-aid spending |  | 0.267  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |  | 0.250  |  |  |  |   | 0.327 |
| Social-security spending |  |  |  | 0.279  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  | -0.390  | 0.449 |
| Child-care spending |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  | -0.210  | 0.522 |
| Tolerance 1-1 (g) |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.347 |
| Tolerance 1-2 (g) |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |  | 0.229  | 0.233  |  |  |   | 0.275 |
| Tolerance 1-3 (g) |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.278 |
| Tolerance 2-1 (g) |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  | 0.258  | 0.232  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.251 |
| Tolerance 2-2 (g) |  |  |  |  |  |   |  | 0.263  | 0.206  |  |  | -0.256  |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.241 |
| Tolerance 2-3 (g) |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.202  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.295 |
| Tolerance 3-1 (g) |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.309  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.248 |
| Tolerance 3-2 (g) | 0.207  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.236 |
| Tolerance 3-3 (g) |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  | 0.255  |   |  |  |  |  | 0.203  |   | 0.245 |
| Tolerance 4-1 (g) |  |  |  |  |  |   |  | 0.266  |  | -0.228  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.269 |
| Tolerance 4-2 (g) |  |  |  |  | 0.299  |   |  | 0.211  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.265 |
| Tolerance 4-3 (g) |  |  |  |  | 0.357  |   |  | 0.224  |  |  |  |   |  |  | 0.281  |  |  |   | 0.223 |
| Tolerance 5-1 (g) |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |  | 0.257  |  |  |  |   | 0.328 |
| Tolerance 5-2 (g) |  |  |  |  | 0.225  |   |  | 0.302  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.307 |
| Tolerance 5-3 (g) |  |  |  |  |  |   | -0.256  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  | 0.223  |   | 0.284 |
| Death penalty |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  | 0.200  |   |  |  |  | 0.218  |  |   | 0.556 |
| Gun |  |  |  | 0.208  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | -0.256  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.542 |
| Gender 1 (g) |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  | 0.223  |  |   |  |  |  | 0.363  |  |   | 0.476 |
| Gender 2 (g) |  |  |  | 0.255  |  | -0.214  |  | 0.292  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.338 |
| Gender 3 (g) |  |  |  | 0.305  |  | -0.308  |  | 0.206  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.250 |
| Gender 4 (g) |  |  |  | 0.207  |  | -0.246  |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.397 |
| Abortion 1 (g) |  |  | -0.286  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  | 0.276  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.296 |
| Abortion 2 (g) |  |  | -0.261  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.161 |
| Abortion 3 (g) |  |  | -0.250  |  |  |   |  |  |  | -0.214  | 0.270  |   |  |  |  |  | -0.254  |   | 0.263 |
| Abortion 4 (g) |  |  | -0.281  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.150 |
| Abortion 5 (g) |  |  | -0.289  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  | 0.251  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.282 |
| Abortion 6 (g) | 0.200  |  | -0.285  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.118 |
| Abortion 7 (g) | 0.202  |  | -0.266  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.140 |
| Homosexuality 1 (g) | 0.208  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  | -0.224  | 0.355 |
| Homosexuality 2 (g) | 0.203  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  | -0.252  | 0.387 |
| Affirmative action |  | 0.205  |  |  |  |   |  |  | 0.221  |  |  |   |  |  |  | -0.244  |  |   | 0.476 |
| Racial problems 1 |  | 0.256  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.334 |
| Racial problems 2 |  |  |  | -0.203  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.390 |
| Racial problems 3 |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  | 0.298  |  |  |   | 0.501 |
| Racial problems 4 (g) |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  | 0.240  |   |  | 0.239  |  |  |  |   | 0.392 |
| Racial problems 5 (g) |  |  |  |  |  |   | -0.237  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.489 |
| Racism 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 0.348  |  |  | 0.209  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.327 |
| Racism 2 |  |  |  |  |  | 0.405  |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  | 0.324  |   | 0.363 |
| Racism 3 (g) |  |  |  |  | -0.282  | 0.256  |  |  | 0.210  | 0.200  |  |   |  | 0.247  |  |  |  |   | 0.394 |
| Racism 4 (g) |  |  |  |  |  | 0.239  |  | 0.266  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.513 |
| Limited government 1 (g) |  | 0.249  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  | -0.225  |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.396 |
| Limited government 2 (g) |  | 0.272  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.356 |
| Tax (g) |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  | 0.231  |   |  | 0.227  | 0.312  | -0.501  | 0.304  |   | 0.256 |
| Religiosity |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  | 0.206  | 0.429 |
| Biblical literalism |  |  |  |  | 0.206  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.429 |
| Immigration |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  | -0.246  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.486 |
| Parenting 1 |  |  |  |  | 0.322  |   |  |  |  | -0.253  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.248 |
| Parenting 2 (g) |  |  |  |  |  |   | -0.443  |  |  | 0.276  |  | 0.310  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.209  | 0.107 |
| Parenting 3 (g) |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  | 0.303  |  |  | -0.218  | 0.558  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.113 |
| Parenting 4 (g) |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.381  |  | -0.279  |  |  | -0.432  | -0.204  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.145 |
| Eigenvalue | 9.482  | 6.186  | 3.674  | 2.188  | 1.810  | 1.738  | 1.552  | 1.500  | 1.435  | 1.375  | 1.294  | 1.264  | 1.251  | 1.165  | 1.115  | 1.033  | 1.016  | 1.004  |  |

Note. Loadings whose absolute valaues are higher than 0.2 are presented.

Table A5. Principal Components from the 2000 ANES

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Belief item | [1] | [2] | [3] | [4] | [5] | [6] | [7] | [8] | [9] | [10] | Unexplained |
| Environment spending |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  | 0.235 | 0.643 |
| Health spending 1 (a) |  |  |  |  |  |   | -0.339 |  |  |  | 0.536 |
| Health spending 2 (a) |  |  |  |  |  | 0.219 |  |  |  |  | 0.609 |
| Education spending |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.245 |  |  |  | 0.525 |
| Health & education spending (a) |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  | 0.516 |
| Racial-problem spending | 0.221 |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  | 0.455 |
| Military spending |  |  |  |  |  | 0.203 |  |  |  | 0.432 | 0.489 |
| Welfare spending |  |  |  |  | -0.311 |   |  |  |  |  | 0.526 |
| Crime spending |  | 0.226 |  |  |  |   | 0.271 |  |  |  | 0.594 |
| Foreign-aid spending |  |  |  |  | -0.235 |   |  |  |  | 0.306 | 0.545 |
| Poor-aid spending |  |  |  |  | -0.219 |   |  |  |  |  | 0.493 |
| Social-security spending |  | 0.224 |  |  |  |   |  | -0.219 |  |  | 0.516 |
| Child-care spending |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  | 0.503 |
| Tolerance (a) |  |  |  |  |  | 0.249 | -0.238 | 0.285 |  |  | 0.544 |
| Death penalty |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  | 0.208 |  | 0.649 |
| Gun |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  | 0.589 |
| Gender (a) |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  | 0.214 |  | 0.605 |
| Abortion (a) |  |  | 0.263 |  |  |   |  |  |  |  | 0.612 |
| Homosexuality 1 (a) |  |  | 0.203 |  |  |   |  | 0.281 |  | -0.258 | 0.455 |
| Homosexuality 2 (a) |  |  |  |  |  |   |  | 0.321 |  |  | 0.520 |
| Affirmative action |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  | 0.554 |
| Racial problems 1 | 0.207 |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  | 0.537 |
| Racial problems 2 |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  | 0.485 |
| Racial problems 3 |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  | 0.515 |
| Racial problems 4 (a) |  |  | -0.221 |  |  |   |  |  |  |  | 0.508 |
| Racial problems 5 (a) |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  | 0.454 |
| Racism 1 |  |  | 0.299 | 0.395 |  |   |  |  |  |  | 0.312 |
| Racism 2 |  |  | 0.318 | 0.442 |  |   |  |  |  |  | 0.241 |
| Racism 3 (a) |  |  | 0.298 | 0.446 |  |   |  |  |  |  | 0.287 |
| Inequality 1 (a) |  |  |  |  | 0.288 |   |  |  |  | 0.282 | 0.559 |
| Inequality 2 (a) | 0.201 |  |  |  | 0.261 |   |  |  |  |  | 0.531 |
| Inequality 3 (a) |  |  |  |  | 0.208 | 0.203 |  |  |  |  | 0.520 |
| Inequality 4 (a) |  |  |  |  | 0.282 |   |  | -0.288 |  |  | 0.398 |
| Inequality 5 (a) |  |  |  |  | 0.311 |   | 0.241 | -0.328 |  |  | 0.471 |
| Inequality 6 (a) |  |  |  |  | 0.286 | 0.312 |  |  | -0.234 |  | 0.425 |
| Limited government 1 (a) |  |  |  |  |  | 0.315 |  |  |  |  | 0.388 |
| Limited government 2 (a) |  |  |  |  |  | 0.347 |  |  |  |  | 0.443 |
| Limited government 3 (a) |  |  |  |  |  | 0.354 |  |  |  |  | 0.416 |
| Tax (a) |  |  |  |  |  | 0.205 |  |  |  | -0.377 | 0.619 |
| Religiosity |  |  |  |  |  |   | 0.331 | 0.297 | -0.291 |  | 0.392 |
| Biblical literalism |  | 0.300 | -0.219 |  |  |   |  |  | -0.228 |  | 0.397 |
| Immigration |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  | 0.562 |
| Parenting 1 |  | 0.275 |  |  |  |   |  |  | 0.328 |  | 0.482 |
| Parenting 2 (a) |  | 0.202 |  |  |  |   |  |  | 0.447 |  | 0.504 |
| Parenting 3 (a) |  | 0.301 |  |  |  |   |  |  | 0.333 |  | 0.471 |
| Parenting 4 (a) |  | 0.235 |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  | 0.650 |
| Eigenvalue | 7.553 | 3.503 | 2.692 | 1.818 | 1.414 | 1.345 | 1.302 | 1.176 | 1.089 | 1.067 |  |

Note. Loadings whose absolute valaues are higher than 0.2 are presented.

Table A6. OLS Regression of Sync Score (% in proximity) on Individual Characteristics

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| Sample | GSS 1985 | GSS 1987 | GSS 2010 | ANES 2000 | Pooleda |
| Age (10 years) | 0.247 | 0.038 | 1.073 | -0.989 | -0.365 |
|  | (1.200) | (1.316) | (2.234) | (1.496) | (0.786) |
| Age2 (10 years) | -0.016 | -0.079 | -0.150 | 0.037 | -0.007 |
|  | (0.119) | (0.121) | (0.203) | (0.144) | (0.075) |
| Female | 0.362 | 1.712\*\* | -0.286 | 2.222\* | 1.092\* |
|  | (0.740) | (0.612) | (1.399) | (0.869) | (0.461) |
| Household income (ref.: <$10k) |  |  |  |  |  |
|  ≥$10k and <$25k | -0.305 | 0.963 | 0.919 | -0.987 | 0.271 |
|  | (1.063) | (0.958) | (2.824) | (1.511) | (0.714) |
|  ≥$25k | -0.023 | 2.059 | 3.424 | -0.032 | 1.436+ |
|  | (1.195) | (1.269) | (2.590) | (1.893) | (0.825) |
|  Missing | 1.132 | -0.121 | -0.324 | -0.610 | 0.198 |
|  | (1.543) | (1.488) | (3.100) | (1.803) | (0.921) |
| Race/ethnicity (ref.: White) |  |  |  |  |  |
|  Blacks | -4.373\*\*\* | -0.737 | -4.884\* | -3.799\*\* | -2.647\*\*\* |
|  | (1.239) | (0.798) | (2.009) | (1.311) | (0.645) |
|  Hispanic |  |  |  | -3.653\* |  |
|  |  |  |  | (1.541) |  |
|  Others | 0.164 | -2.926+ | -4.270\* | -3.769\* | -2.877\*\* |
|  | (2.162) | (1.632) | (2.102) | (1.808) | (0.927) |
| Education (ref.: ≥College) |  |  |  |  |  |
|  <High school | -3.462\*\* | -5.425\*\*\* | -8.944\*\*\* | -1.464 | -4.865\*\*\* |
|  | (1.133) | (1.108) | (2.118) | (1.831) | (0.787) |
|  High school | -1.830+ | -3.977\*\*\* | -5.314\*\* | -2.104\* | -3.565\*\*\* |
|  | (0.938) | (0.938) | (1.697) | (0.872) | (0.591) |
|  Some college | -0.774 | -2.531\* | -2.501 | 0.636 | -1.652\* |
|  | (1.133) | (1.092) | (1.954) | (0.914) | (0.670) |
| Political party affiliation (ref.: Democrat) |  |  |  |  |  |
|  Independent | -0.042 | -1.345+ | 0.398 | -0.114 | -0.274 |
|  | (0.924) | (0.758) | (1.625) | (1.185) | (0.542) |
|  Republican | 0.639 | -1.055 | -2.021 | -2.106\* | -1.126\* |
|  | (0.877) | (0.793) | (1.741) | (0.962) | (0.532) |
|  Other party/missing | -0.711 | -6.962\*\* | -5.198+ | -0.257 | -2.178+ |
|  | (2.593) | (2.256) | (3.075) | (1.476) | (1.202) |
| Political ideology (ref.: Liberal) |  |  |  |  |  |
|  Moderate | -0.382 | 0.454 | 0.138 | 2.497\* | 0.720 |
|  | (0.865) | (0.869) | (1.807) | (0.973) | (0.562) |
|  Conservative | -2.568\*\* | -1.965\* | -3.610+ | -0.565 | -2.055\*\*\* |
|  | (0.910) | (0.847) | (1.967) | (1.104) | (0.603) |
|  Missing | -4.703\* | -2.981\* | -3.848 | -0.857 | -2.688\* |
|  | (1.923) | (1.331) | (6.047) | (1.952) | (1.109) |
| N | 1519 | 1787 | 1243 | 1518 | 6067 |

Note. Standard errors in parentheses. All models are adjusted for the survey design and the variability among 100 imputed datasets. Coefficients for intercepts and control variables including geographic region, marital status and religion are not shown in the table.
a Hispanics in the 2000 ANES are included in the category for other racial/ethnic groups. The model controls for year fixed effects.
+ p<.01; \* p<.05; \*\* p<.01; \*\*\* p<.001.

Table A7. Poisson Regression of Important-matter Discussion Network Size on Sync Score (% in proximity)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) | (11) | (12) |
| Sample | GSS 1985 | GSS 1987 | GSS 2010 | Pooleda |
| Control | No | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes |
| Sync × Education | No | No | Yes | No | No | Yes | No | No | Yes | No | No | Yes |
| Sync (10%) | 1.034\* | 1.004 | 1.026 | 1.048\*\*\* | 1.010 | 0.985 | 1.064\*\* | 1.039+ | 1.025 | 1.049\*\*\* | 1.017\* | 1.013 |
|  | (0.014) | (0.011) | (0.023) | (0.010) | (0.009) | (0.020) | (0.023) | (0.021) | (0.033) | (0.009) | (0.009) | (0.017) |
| Education (ref.: ≥College) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  <High school |  | 0.695\*\*\* | 0.734\*\* |  | 0.741\*\*\* | 0.642\*\*\* |  | 0.766\*\* | 0.632\*\* |  | 0.728\*\*\* | 0.681\*\*\* |
|  |  | (0.033) | (0.070) |  | (0.035) | (0.055) |  | (0.075) | (0.103) |  | (0.027) | (0.046) |
|  High school |  | 0.795\*\*\* | 0.847\* |  | 0.863\*\*\* | 0.847\* |  | 0.899+ | 0.889 |  | 0.849\*\*\* | 0.866\* |
|  |  | (0.020) | (0.053) |  | (0.032) | (0.066) |  | (0.054) | (0.113) |  | (0.021) | (0.048) |
|  Some college |  | 0.918\* | 0.983 |  | 0.896\*\* | 0.806\* |  | 1.040 | 0.998 |  | 0.941\* | 0.920 |
|  |  | (0.032) | (0.091) |  | (0.031) | (0.067) |  | (0.066) | (0.131) |  | (0.025) | (0.059) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sync × <High school |  |  | 0.976 |  |  | 1.076\* |  |  | 1.121 |  |  | 1.037 |
|  |  |  | (0.042) |  |  | (0.032) |  |  | (0.087) |  |  | (0.030) |
| Sync × High school |  |  | 0.971 |  |  | 1.003 |  |  | 1.002 |  |  | 0.989 |
|  |  |  | (0.028) |  |  | (0.029) |  |  | (0.052) |  |  | (0.023) |
| Sync × Some college |  |  | 0.970 |  |  | 1.046 |  |  | 1.016 |  |  | 1.010 |
|  |  |  | (0.036) |  |  | (0.032) |  |  | (0.051) |  |  | (0.026) |
| N | 1519 | 1787 | 1243 | 4549 |

Note. Standard errors in parentheses. Incident rate ratios are reported. All models are adjusted for the survey design and the variability among 100 imputed datasets. Coefficients for intercepts and control variables including age, age squared, gender, race/ethnicity, geographic region, marital status, household income, religion, political party identification, and political ideology are not shown in the table.
a All models control for year fixed effects.
+ p<.01; \* p<.05; \*\* p<.01; \*\*\* p<.001.

Table A8. Poisson Regression of Political-matter Discussion Network Size on Sync Score (% in proximity)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) |
| Sample | GSS 1987 | ANES 2000 | Pooleda |
| Control | No | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes |
| Sync × Education | No | No | Yes | No | No | Yes | No | No | Yes |
| Sync (10%) | 1.065\*\* | 1.004 | 0.970 | 1.002 | 0.980 | 0.940\* | 1.031\* | 0.996 | 0.958\* |
|  | (0.022) | (0.019) | (0.031) | (0.020) | (0.017) | (0.022) | (0.014) | (0.013) | (0.017) |
| Education (ref.: ≥College) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  <High school |  | 0.576\*\*\* | 0.460\*\*\* |  | 0.545\*\*\* | 0.457\*\*\* |  | 0.567\*\*\* | 0.459\*\*\* |
|  |  | (0.051) | (0.073) |  | (0.065) | (0.095) |  | (0.037) | (0.051) |
|  High school |  | 0.766\*\*\* | 0.713\* |  | 0.784\*\*\* | 0.713\*\*\* |  | 0.763\*\*\* | 0.697\*\*\* |
|  |  | (0.055) | (0.099) |  | (0.047) | (0.069) |  | (0.033) | (0.050) |
|  Some college |  | 0.909 | 0.849 |  | 0.976 | 0.858+ |  | 0.934\* | 0.842\*\* |
|  |  | (0.061) | (0.112) |  | (0.036) | (0.073) |  | (0.031) | (0.055) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sync × <High school |  |  | 1.122+ |  |  | 1.094 |  |  | 1.113\* |
|  |  |  | (0.069) |  |  | (0.088) |  |  | (0.051) |
| Sync × High school |  |  | 1.029 |  |  | 1.048 |  |  | 1.041 |
|  |  |  | (0.049) |  |  | (0.048) |  |  | (0.032) |
| Sync × Some college |  |  | 1.027 |  |  | 1.065+ |  |  | 1.048+ |
|  |  |  | (0.049) |  |  | (0.039) |  |  | (0.029) |
| N | 1787 | 1518 | 3305 |

Note. Standard errors in parentheses. Incident rate ratios are reported. All models are adjusted for the survey design and the variability among 100 imputed datasets. Control variables including age, age squared, gender, race/ethnicity, geographic region, marital status, household income, political party identification, and political ideology are not shown in the table.
a Hispanic category in the 2000 ANES is combined with the category for other racial/ethnic groups. Network size in the 2000 ANES is top-coded at 3. All models control for year fixed effects.
+ p<.01; \* p<.05; \*\* p<.01; \*\*\* p<.001.

Table A9. Regression of Sync Score (% in proximity) and Network size with the Level of Moderate Opinions

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| Outcome | Sync score | Important-matter NS | Political-matter NS |
| Model | OLS | Poissona | Poissona |
| Sample | All datasetsb | All GSS datasets | GSS 1987 + ANES 2000bc |
| Sync × Education | No | No | Yes | No | Yes |
| Sync (10%) |  | 1.019\* | 1.015 | 0.997 | 0.959\* |
|  |  | (0.009) | (0.017) | (0.014) | (0.018) |
| Education (ref.: ≥College) |  |  |  |  |  |
|  <High school | -4.049\*\*\* | 0.726\*\*\* | 0.681\*\*\* | 0.566\*\*\* | 0.459\*\*\* |
|  | (0.799) | (0.027) | (0.046) | (0.037) | (0.051) |
|  High school | -2.873\*\*\* | 0.848\*\*\* | 0.866\* | 0.762\*\*\* | 0.696\*\*\* |
|  | (0.590) | (0.021) | (0.048) | (0.033) | (0.050) |
|  Some college | -1.053 | 0.939\* | 0.919 | 0.934\* | 0.842\*\* |
|  | (0.655) | (0.025) | (0.059) | (0.031) | (0.055) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sync × <High school |  |  | 1.036 |  | 1.113\* |
|  |  |  | (0.030) |  | (0.051) |
| Sync × High school |  |  | 0.989 |  | 1.041 |
|  |  |  | (0.023) |  | (0.032) |
| Sync × Some college |  |  | 1.009 |  | 1.049+ |
|  |  |  | (0.026) |  | (0.029) |
| Moderate opinions | 3.189\*\*\* | 0.990 | 0.990 | 0.993 | 0.993 |
|  | (0.228) | (0.011) | (0.011) | (0.018) | (0.018) |
| N | 6067 | 4549 | 3305 |

Note. Standard errors in parentheses. All models are adjusted for the survey design and the variability among 100 imputed datasets. Control variables including age, age squared, gender, race/ethnicity, geographic region, marital status, household income, political party identification, and political ideology are not shown in the table. All models control for year fixed effects.
a Incident rate ratios are reported; b Hispanic category in the 2000 ANES is combined with the category for other racial/ethnic groups; c Network size in the 2000 ANES is top-coded at 3.
+ p<.01; \* p<.05; \*\* p<.01; \*\*\* p<.001; NS *Network size*.