Antimodernism as a predictor of cultural and political anti-Americanism

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Index of Antimodernism

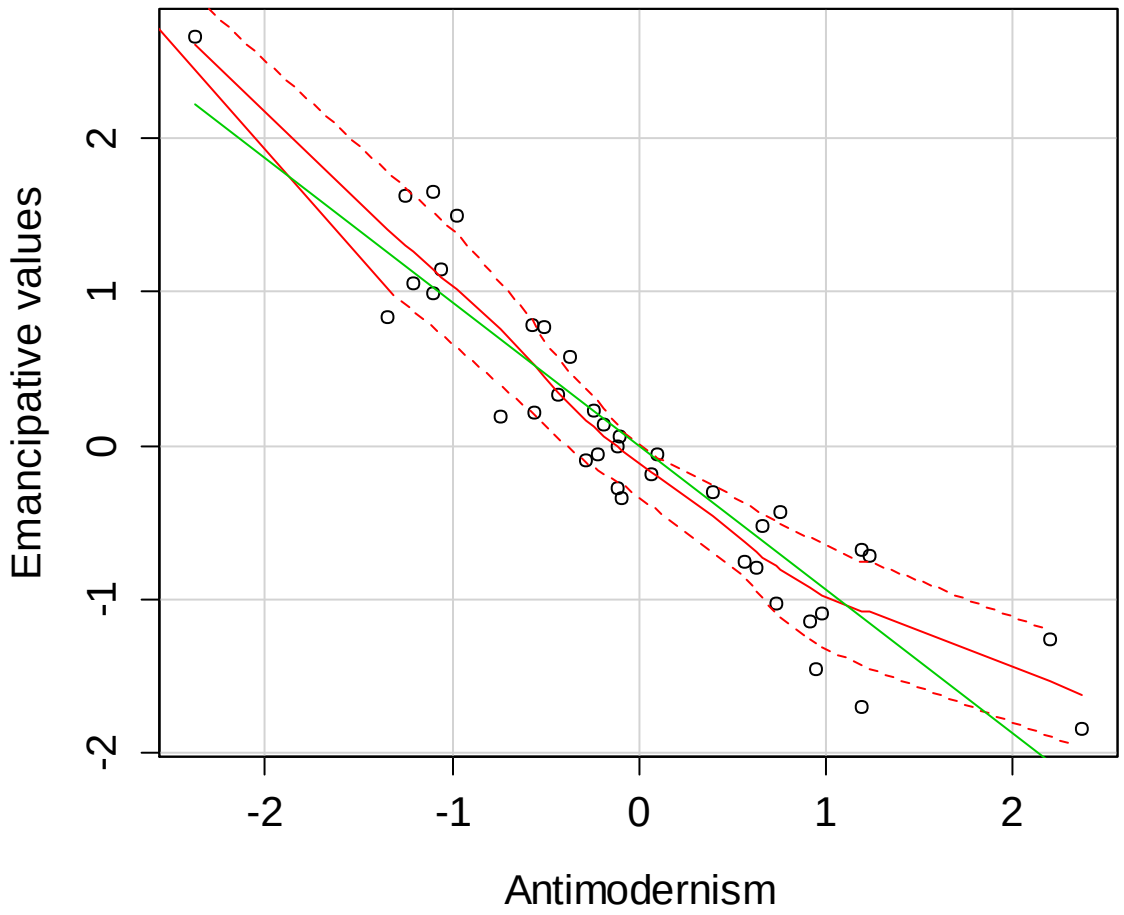
- Includes following items:
  - Homosexuality never justified
  - Divorce never justified
  - Disapproval of woman as single parent
  - Men should have more right to scarce job
  - Economic paternalism
  - Obedience as essential quality for children
- According to my results, antimodernism is most widespread in poor undemocratic countries with large proportion of Muslim population

Correlates
with indices
by Inglehart
and Welzel:

Emancipative values
ρ = -.93

Secular values
ρ = -.83

Graph: antimodernism
vs. emancipative values



Great thanks to Chris for country-level data!

Cultural Anti-Americanism

- Two different dimensions of anti-Americanism, *cultural* (dislike of the U.S. and American culture) and *political* (disagreement with certain U.S. policies)
- Predictors of cultural anti-Americanism:
  - Antimodernism
  - Dissatisfaction
  - High GDP per capita
  - Undemocratic political regime
- My index of antimodernism performed best (R^2 = .53 vs. R^2 = .46 with emancipative values)

Political Anti-Americanism

- Predictors of political anti-Americanism:
  - Emancipative values
  - Dissatisfaction
  - High GDP per capita
  - Percentage of Muslim population

- Here emancipative values do much better (R^2 = .62 vs. R^2 = .54 with my own index)

Multilevel Model

- I used Pew data on anti-Americanism on the 1st level and WVS indices on the 2nd level
- Results indicate that…

  …There is significant cross-country variation in the levels of anti-Americanism…

  …But it cannot be explained with country-level indices of modernization (any and all of them)…

  …And, furthermore, individual chances of being anti-American do not depend on the societal level of anti-Americanism!

Interpretations

- Individual-level anti-Americanism does not depend on any country-level indices…

  …But country-level anti-Americanism does!

- Double-check everything…

  …But by now I have tried all possible combinations of dependent and independent variables

- Informative graphics (e.g., in *R*) could help…