Economic Development and Anti-Americanism
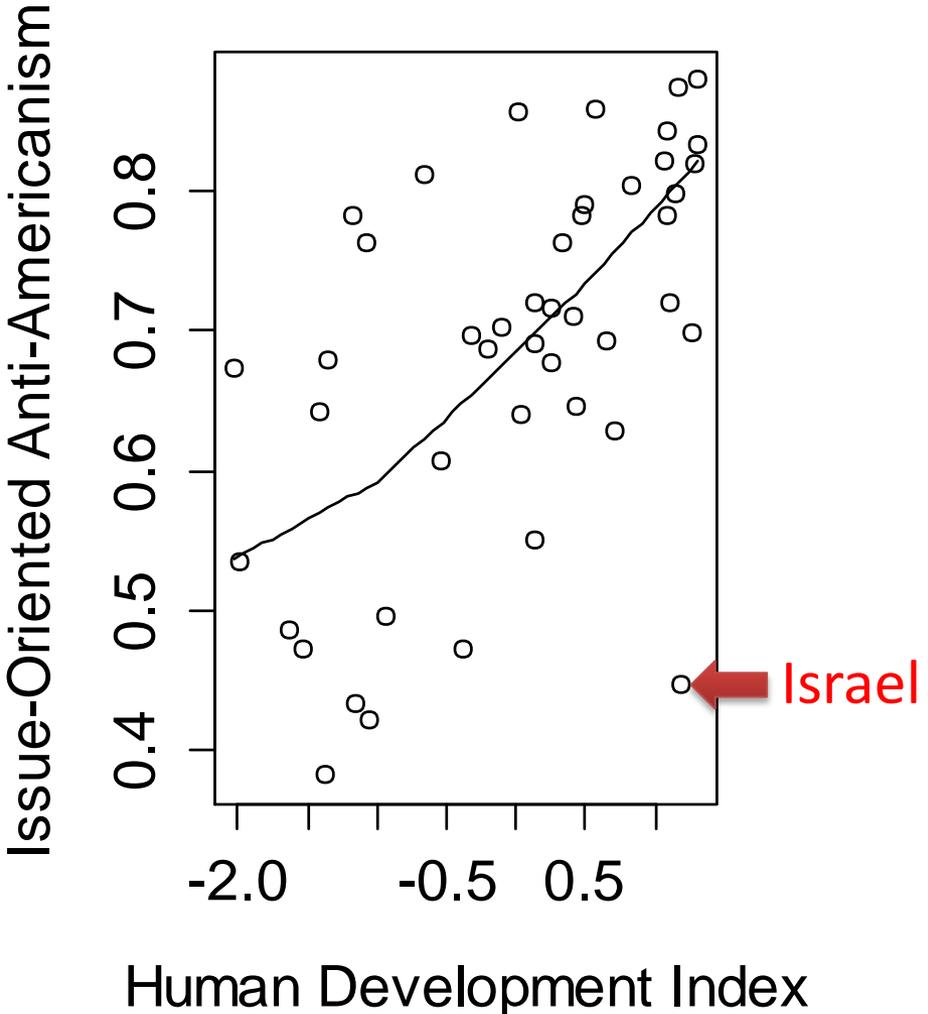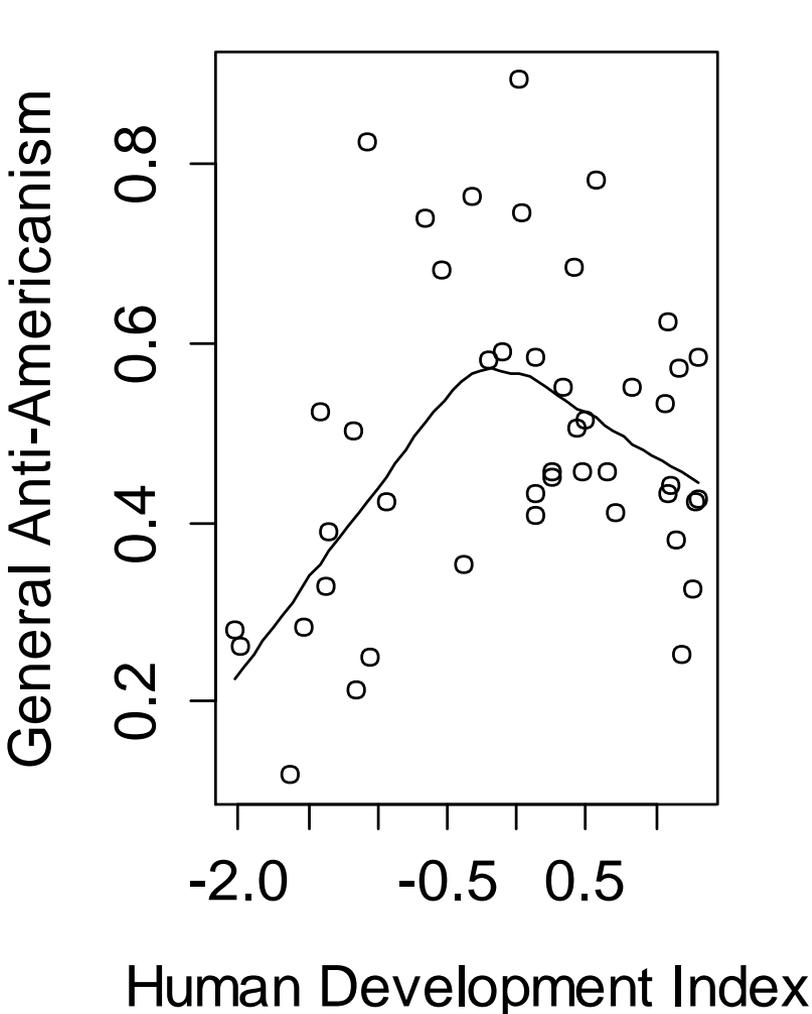
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What's New?

- 45 countries

- Only Pew 2007 data
  - No WVS ☹

- New indicators of economic development
  - Structure of economy, fuel exports, growth, globalization

- Two approaches to measuring political development
  - Liberal democracy and quality of governance

- Indicators of sociocultural modernization
  - Urbanization, religiosity, gender equality

Two Forms of Anti-Americanism

Variable	1	2
Negative attitude to the U.S.	**1.059**	
Negative attitude to Americans	**0.953**	-0.244
Negative attitude to spread of American ideas and customs	**0.596**	0.293
The U.S. promotes democracy mostly where it serves its interests	-0.247	**1.073**
U.S. policies increase the gap between rich and poor countries	0.163	**0.721**
The U.S. does not take into account the interests of other countries in making international policy decisions	0.173	**0.688**

Correlation of factors is ≈ .6

Puzzle: Anti-Americanism and HDI

GDP per capita vs. HDI

- **GDP per capita**

  - Straightforward measure, not an index

  - Precondition to human development

- **HDI**

  - No log transformation needed

  - Explains anti-Americanism better

- What should I use?

Economic Predictors

GDP per capita (polynomial)						
Linear term	0.229 (0.148)	0.229 (0.134)	0.120 (0.252)	0.270 (0.141)	0.327 (0.294)	0.307 (0.145)
Quadratic term		**- 0.411 (0.134)**	**- 0.385 (0.173)**	**- 0.411 (0.141)**	**- 0.440 (0.135)**	**- 0.399 (0.143)**
Industrialization			0.142 (0.178)			
Postindustrialization				- 0.137 (0.148)		
Globalization					- 0.110 (0.294)	
Economic growth						0.222 (0.145)
Fuel exports						0.006 (0.143)
R^2	.05	.25	.25	.26	.25	.29

Political and Sociocultural Predictors

GDP per capita (polynomial)

Linear term	0.229 (0.134)	**0.603 (0.177)**	**0.586 (0.171)**	**0.561 (0.158)**	**0.479 (0.126)**
Quadratic term	**- 0.411 (0.134)**	**- 0.385 (0.173)**	**- 0.411 (0.141)**	**- 0.440 (0.135)**	**- 0.399 (0.143)**
Liberal Democracy	0.142 (0.178)				
Government Effectiveness	0.142 (0.178)				
Gender Gap		0.142 (0.178)			
Religiosity		**0.481 (0.177)**	**0.512 (0.177)**	0.142 (0.178)	
Muslim population				**0.460 (0.177)**	**0.543 (0.177)**
R²	.29	.38	.38	.49	.48

Issue-Oriented AA

- Very good linear relationship with HDI or GDP per capita

- Correlation is .6 with Israel, .7 without

- No other significant predictors

- (?) People in rich societies think about international politics and are critical about the U.S. policies (?)

Conclusions

- Strong evidence for the two theories of general anti-Americanism:

  - *Ressentiment*: Least developed countries not "infected" yet, while most developed already "recovered"

  - Cultural gap: Muslim societies are very anti-American

- Issue-oriented anti-Americanism is widespread in the most developed societies

  - Interest in world politics as a good indicator of postmaterialist values?

Questions and Future

- Better operationalization of the structure of economy?

- I am possibly done on the country level, so multilevel model is on the way

- Any suggestions for the individual-level predictors of anti-Americanism?