

# The Causes and Consequences of Racial Intolerance in Comparative Perspective

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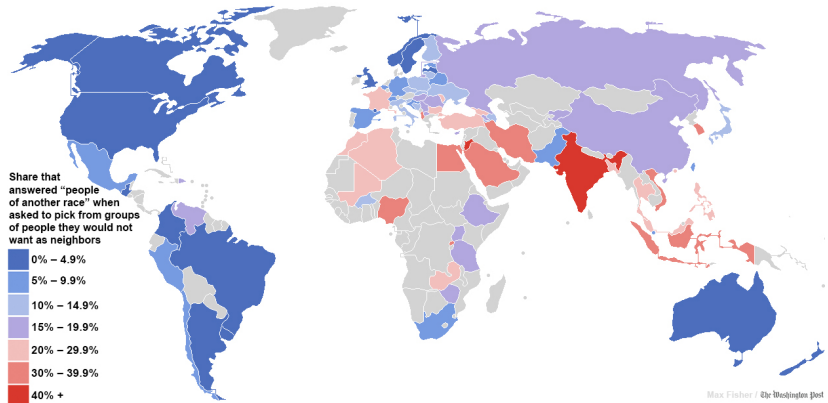
## Key Question

**What drives racial intolerance?**

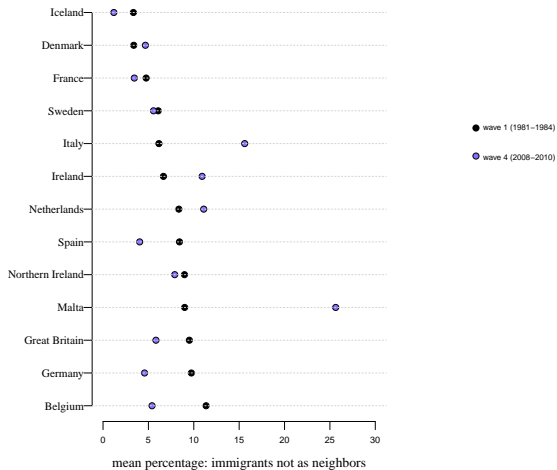
## Racial intolerance - conceptualization

Racial intolerance is generally understood as an objection toward ethnically, religiously, or culturally diverse groups.

## Map of racial intolerance (Washington Post, 2013)



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### Specific Research Goals

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2. comparison of racial intolerance over time
3. cross-country comparison
4. comparison of influence factors (individual and contextual factors)

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This research project will focus on the latter two points.

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  - ▶ people of a different race
  - ▶ immigrants / foreign workers
  - ▶ people of a different religion
  - ▶ people who speak a different language

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- ▶ **method:** hierarchical models

## Racial intolerance and the three B's of religion

	m1	m2	m3
	Est/se	Est/se	Est/se
<i>religious belonging</i>			
Catholic	0.022** (0.01)	0.022** (0.01)	0.002 (0.01)
Protestant	0.019** (0.01)	0.018** (0.01)	0.016* (0.00)
Orthodox	0.056*** (0.01)	0.069*** (0.01)	0.065*** (0.01)
Muslim	0.016 (0.01)	-0.027 (0.02)	-0.029* (0.02)
<i>religious behaving</i>	0.008* (0.00)	0.007* (0.00)	0.007* (0.00)
<i>religious believing</i>	-0.001 (0.00)	-0.003 (0.00)	-0.002 (0.00)
sex	-0.012*** (0.00)	-0.011** (0.00)	-0.012*** (0.00)
age	0.000* (0.00)	0.000** (0.00)	0.000** (0.00)
education	-0.013*** (0.00)	-0.013*** (0.00)	-0.013*** (0.00)
postmaterialism	-0.011*** (0.00)	-0.013*** (0.00)	-0.013*** (0.00)
human development index	-0.611* (0.27)	-0.502 (0.29)	-0.476* (0.28)
ethnic fractionalization	-0.032 (0.11)	-0.023 (0.12)	-0.018 (0.11)
percentage of Catholics		-0.104* (0.06)	-0.115* (0.06)
Catholic*percentage of Catholics			0.047** (0.02)
Intercept	0.717** (0.25)	0.658* (0.27)	0.642** (0.27)
contextual variance	0.010 (0.00)	0.011 (0.00)	0.011 (0.00)
individual variance	0.068 (0.00)	0.068 (0.00)	0.068 (0.00)
N	24072/28	25116/28	25116/28

\* p&lt;0.1, \*\* p&lt;0.05, \*\*\* p&lt;0.01

## General questions

- ▶ sample selection over different waves (combining time and space)
- ▶ operationalization of racial intolerance (additive Index, separate questions, factor analysis etc.)
- ▶ EVS vs. WVS



**Thank you for your attention!**

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