### Anti-Semitism in Greece

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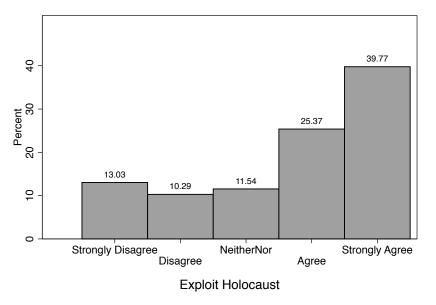
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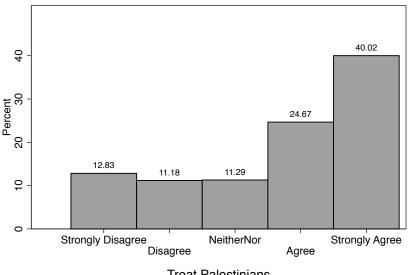
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• Exploit Holocaust + treat Palestinians

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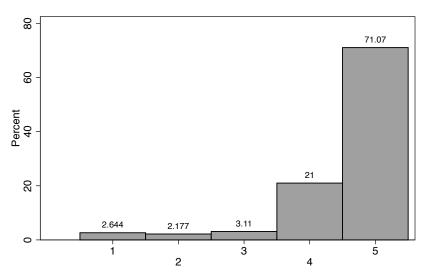


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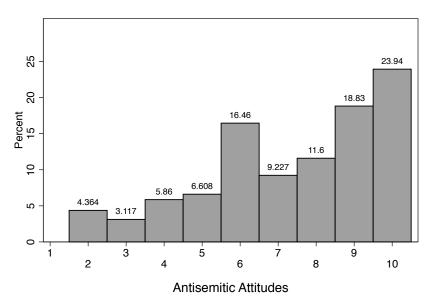
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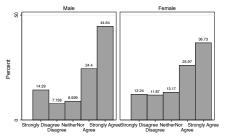
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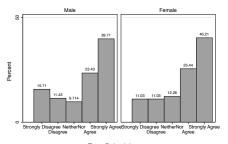


**Demographic Determinants of anti-Semitism** 

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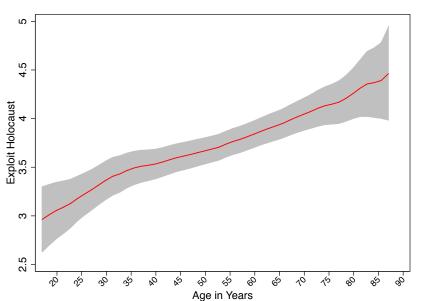
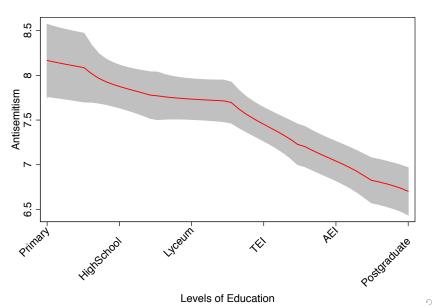


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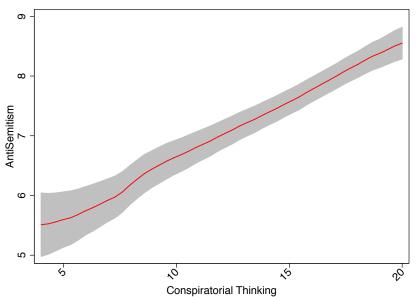


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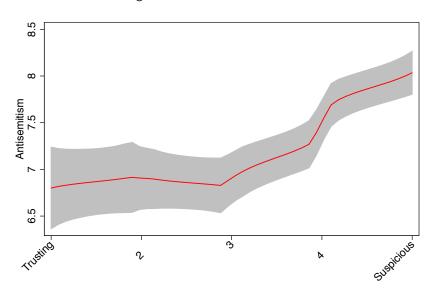


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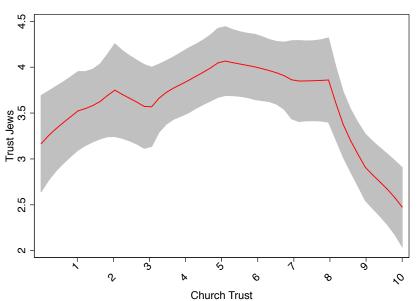


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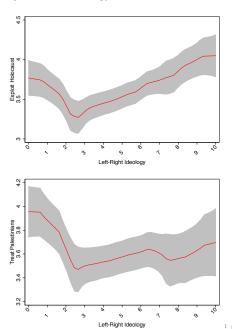
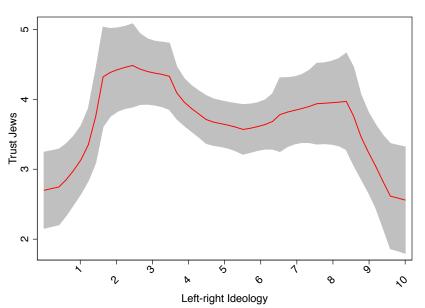


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A 'New' Explanation of anti-Semitism

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A combination of works in Social Psychology and History

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- Upward comparisons (i.e. when the out-group has suffered more) induces genocide envy, stereotyping and prejudice
- The Holocaust is considered the ultimate benchmark of suffering and thus any comparison drive anti-Semitism
- Demands for international recognition of suffering exacerbates the relationship

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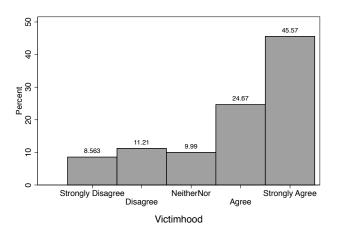
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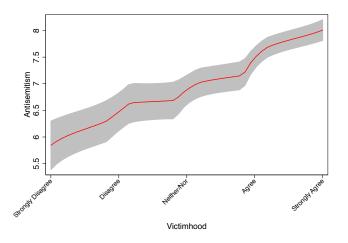


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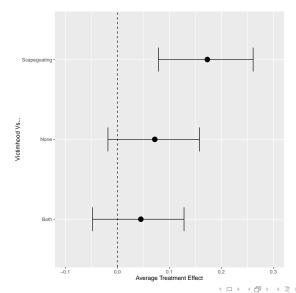
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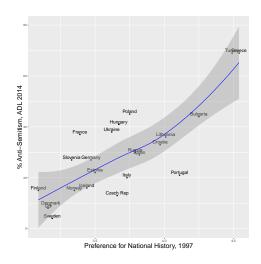
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