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PERCEIVED RACIAL DISCRIMINATION,
BLACK LIVES MATTER, AND
POLITICAL PARTICIPATION IN 2020

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ABOUT THE DATA

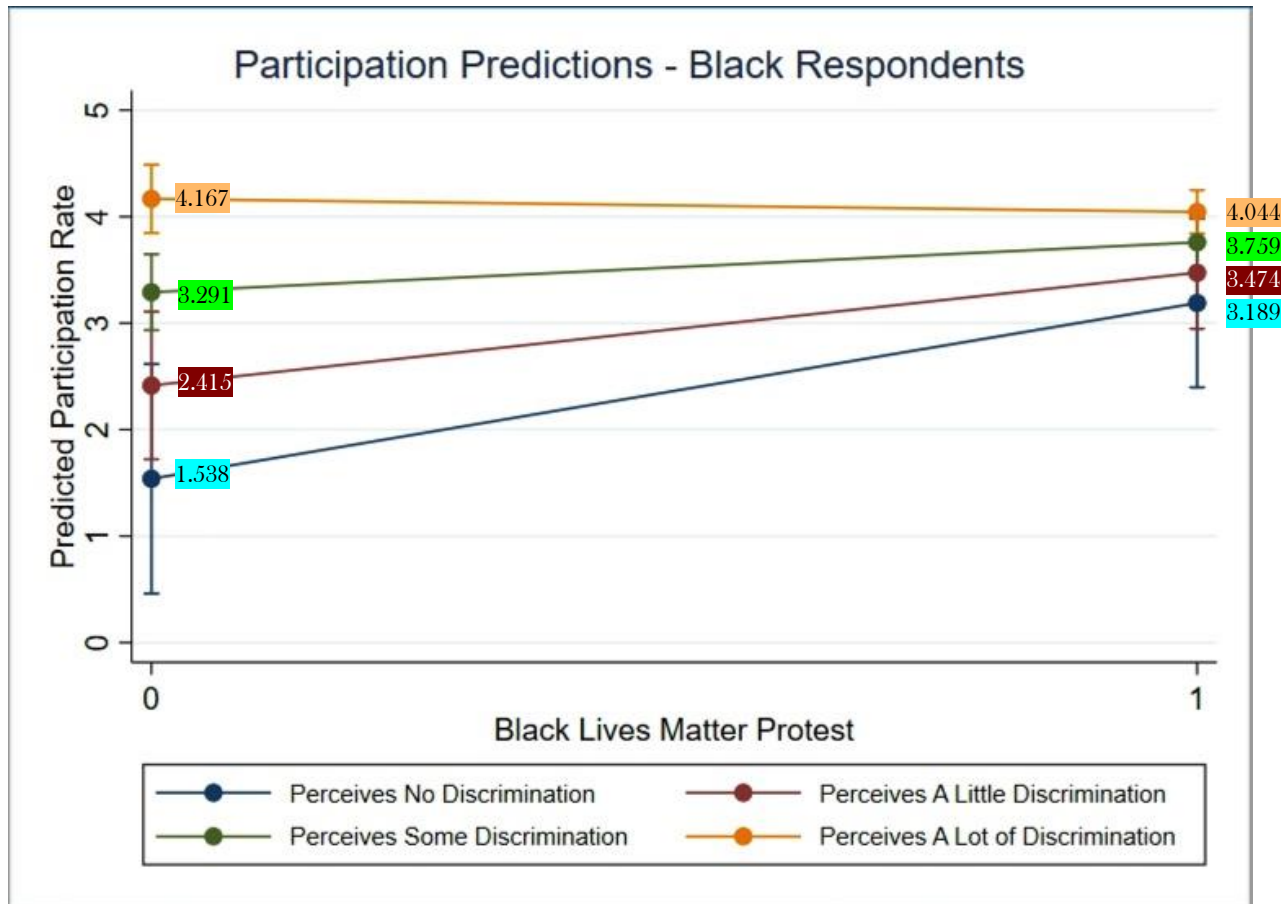
- “Tracking protests across the USA in the wake of George Floyd’s death” (USA Today)
 - Tracks cities that had Black Lives Matter protests in 2020
 - Ten swing states highlighted in this study: AZ, CO, FL, GA, MI, MN, NC, NV, OH, PA, TX, VA, WI
- Collaborative Multiracial Post-election Survey 2020
 - 3,242 survey responses utilized (1,046 Black respondents, 2,196 non-Black respondents)
 - Perceptions of discrimination against Black people: a lot (4), some (3), a little (2), or none (1)
 - Fourteen-category ordinal participation scale

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

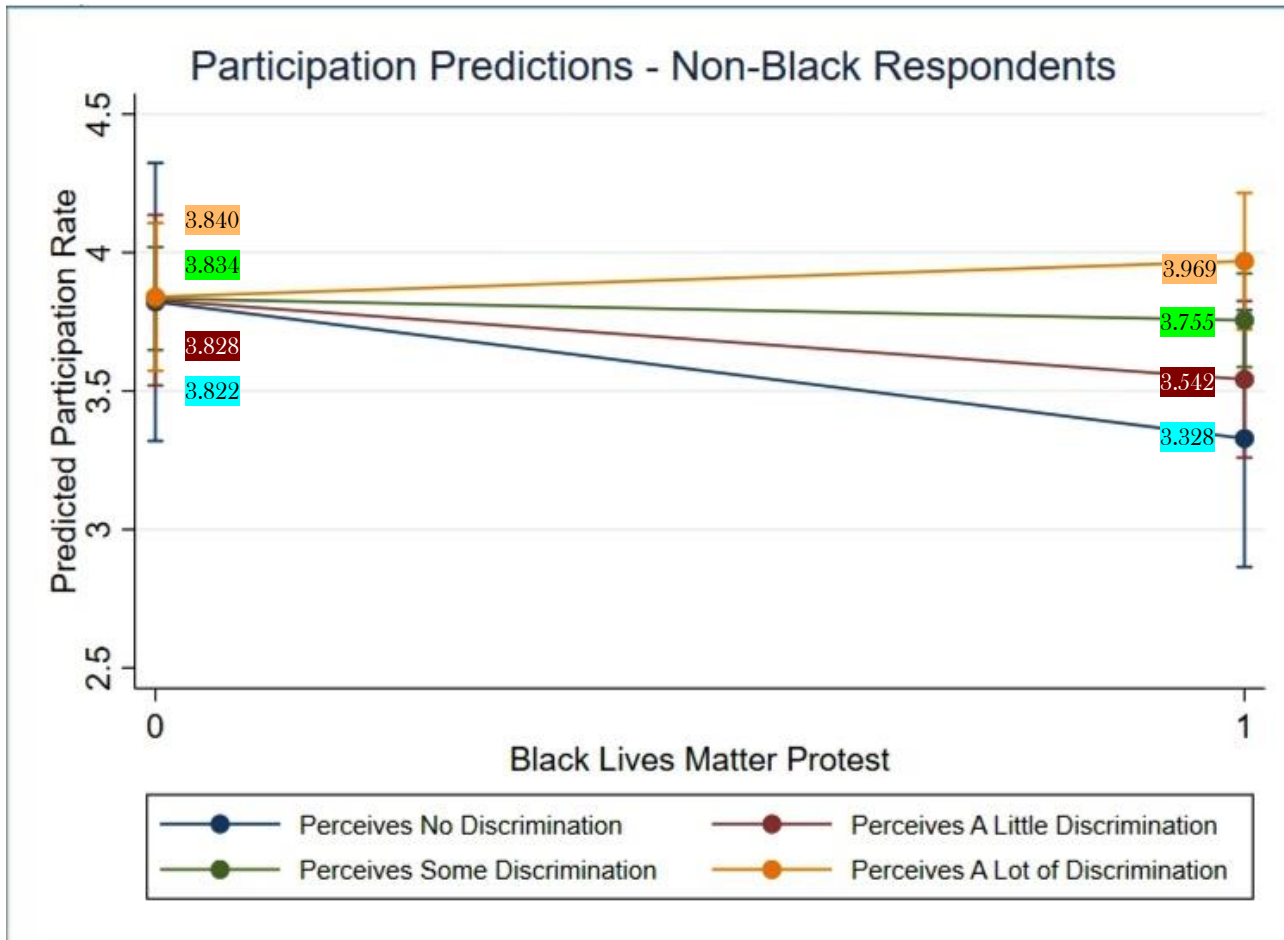
- Measure the influence of Black Lives Matter protests (IV) on individual-level political participation (DV)
- Measure the influence of individuals' perceptions of racial discrimination (IV) on political participation (DV)
- Study the interaction between Black Lives Matter protests and individual perceptions of discrimination
- Compare the effects of mobilization factors and racial attitudes for Black and non-Black individuals

RESEARCH QUESTION

- Regarding individual-level political participation in 2020...
 - How did the presence of Black Lives Matter protests affect participation rates?
 - How did individuals' perceptions of racial discrimination affect participation rates?
 - How did Black Lives Matter protests and perceptions of racial discrimination interact with one another?



Variable	Coefficient
BLM Protest	2.241 *
Perceived Discrimination	0.876 *
BLM Protest x Perceived Discrimination	-0.591 *



Variable	Coefficient
BLM Protest	-0.701
Perceived Discrimination	0.006
BLM Protest x Perceived Discrimination	0.207

