

Intergroup Conflict Reflection Materials

Study 1

Instructions

We have collected headshots of people at the Occupy Central areas from the mass media. You will be presented with some of them in a slideshow. Please pay attention to the details in the pictures and try to form an impression of the people in the pictures.

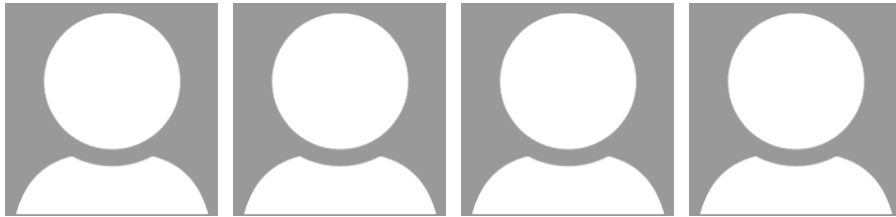


Figure S1. Reflection stimuli used in Study 1. Masked headshots of Umbrella Movement protesters were randomly sampled from online public platforms. Among the headshots, the number of male and female protesters was equal. The presentation order was randomized to minimize any gender or order effects.


Study 2

Materials adopted from actual news articles published at the time of the conflict ^{2,3}.

Instructions

In the following, you will be presented with a randomly selected news article from one of several current social issues. Please spend some time to read the information. You will then respond to some questions about the article.

RIOT ERUPTS IN BALTIMORE AFTER FUNERAL FOR FREDDIE GRAY



Rioters plunged part of Baltimore into chaos Monday, torching a pharmacy, setting police cars ablaze and throwing bricks at officers hours after thousands mourned the man who died from a severe spinal injury he suffered in police custody.

BALTIMORE — Rioters plunged part of Baltimore into chaos Monday, torching a pharmacy, setting police cars ablaze and throwing bricks at officers hours after thousands mourned the man who died from a severe spinal injury he suffered in police custody.

The governor declared a state of emergency and called in the National Guard to restore order. A weeklong, daily curfew was imposed beginning Tuesday from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., the mayor said. At least 15 officers were hurt, and some two dozen people were arrested. Two officers remained hospitalized, police said.

Officers wearing helmets and wielding shields occasionally used pepper spray to keep the rioters back. For the most part, though, they relied on line formations to keep protesters at bay.

Monday's riot was the [latest flare-up over the mysterious death of Freddie Gray](#), whose fatal encounter with officers came amid the national debate over police use of force. Tensions have escalated in the days since in a city with a history of friction between police and the communities they serve.

Emergency officials were constantly thwarted as they tried to restore calm. Firefighters trying to put out a blaze at a CVS store were hindered by someone who sliced holes in a hose connected to a fire hydrant, spraying water all over the street and nearby buildings.

The smell of burned rubber wafted in the air in one neighbourhood where youths were looting a liquor store. Police stood still nearby as people drank looted alcohol. Glass and trash littered the streets, and small fires were scattered about. One person from a church tried to shout something from a megaphone as two cars burned.

"Too many people have spent generations building up this city for it to be destroyed by thugs, who in a very senseless way, are trying to tear down what so many have fought for, tearing down businesses, tearing down and destroying property, things that we know will impact our community for years," said Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, a lifelong resident of the city. The service lasted nearly two hours, former Maryland representative and NAACP leader Kweisi Mfume and current Maryland Rep. John Sarbanes.

Erica Garner, 24, the daughter of Eric Garner, who died in New York police custody, attended Gray's funeral. She said she came after seeing video of Gray's arrest, which she said reminded her of her father's shouts that he could not breathe when he was being arrested on a city street.

"It's like there is no accountability, no justice," she said. "It's like we're back in the '50s, back in the Martin Luther King days. When is our day to be free going to come?"

With the Rev. Jesse Jackson sitting behind him, the Rev. Jamal Bryant gave a rousing and spirited eulogy for Freddie Gray, a message that received a standing ovation from the crowded church.



Figure S2. News excerpt used as reflection stimulus in Study 2.

Study 3

Materials adopted from an actual news article published at the time of the conflict ⁴.

Instructions

Please read the following excerpt taken from the CNN News and answer the questions that follow.

Hong Kong to mainland Chinese shoppers: 'Go home'

By Naomi Ng, CNN and Wilfred Chan, CNN

Updated 0252 GMT (1052 HKT) March 4, 2015

Hong Kong (CNN)"Go back home!"

"Locusts! You're not welcome here!"

These were just some of the insults hurled at mainland Chinese shoppers Sunday as hundreds of Hong Kong Chinese surged through the old neighborhood of Yuen Long, an area close to the city's border with China.

It was the latest in a series of angry protests that have seen brawls erupt in humdrum shopping malls, with demonstrators singling out the "parallel traders" who crowd into Hong Kong to purchase tax-free products and then resell them for a profit back in China. Local residents say the traders are not only disturbing the peace, but are driving up the price of food, rent, and gutting local neighborhoods of their character - the city has become a blur of jewelers, pharmacies and other businesses that cater primarily to mainland Chinese shoppers.

Growing tensions

Tensions have long been simmering between Hong Kong and the motherland, and parallel

trading is just one of the thorny issues brought about by the influx of mainlanders to the city.

A series of food scandals -- most notably in 2008 when melamine-tainted milk powder caused infant deaths across China -- led to shortages of baby milk formula in Hong Kong as mainlanders flocked to buy up the city's supplies.

The ensuing uproar led the government to introduce a law limiting the purchase to two tins per traveler leaving the city. Last year, 31 million mainlanders traveled to Hong Kong, accounting for 78% of all tourists. But the numbers hide that the visitors aren't all sightseeing tourists in the traditional sense.

There are the day-trippers, wheeling suitcases and carting boxes of goods and supplies across the border, but there is also an increasing number of wealthy mainlanders who are buying up luxury properties, and visit the city on a regular basis.

According to the Global Property Guide, developers say as much as 40% of new home buyers are from China. Residents blame them for causing a hike in real estate prices in what reports say is already the most expensive property market in the world.

Both Chinese and Hong Kong governments have encouraged mainland Chinese tourists to visit the city and boost the local economy.

Relaxed restrictions have made it easy for mainlanders to get a hold of individual multiple-entry permits -- some mainlanders enter hundreds of times a year on a single pass.

This has infuriated protestors, particularly the younger generation, who want the government to scrap the permits. But the permit controversy is just one symptom of a deeper conflict...

<http://edition.cnn.com/2015/03/03/china/hong-kong-china-conflict/>

Figure S3. News clipping used as reflection stimulus in Study 3.

Study 4

Materials adopted from an actual news article published at the time of the conflict ⁵.

Instructions

In the following, you will be randomly presented with a news article on a current social issue. Please spend some time to read the information. You will then respond to some questions regarding to the news.

The image is a screenshot of a news article from The New York Times. At the top, the newspaper's name is visible. Below it, the article title is "Supreme Court Ruling Makes Same-Sex Marriage a Right Nationwide" by Adam Liptak, dated June 26, 2015. The article text begins with "WASHINGTON — In a long-sought victory for the gay rights movement, the Supreme Court ruled by a 5-to-4 vote on Friday that the Constitution guarantees a right to same-sex marriage." It quotes Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, stating, "No longer may this liberty be denied," and describes the ruling as a "keystone of our social order." A photo shows a crowd celebrating with rainbow flags in front of the Supreme Court building. A slide show overlay reads "Celebrations Follow Supreme Court Ruling on Same-Sex Marriage". To the right is an FT Financial Times advertisement with the text "Giving you the foresight to stay ahead of tomorrow" and a "SUBSCRIBE NOW & SAVE 25" button. Below the ad is a "RELATED IN OPINION" section with two items: "Op-Ed Columnist: Our Wed Our Worth" and "Editorial: A Profound Ruling Justice on Gay Marriage".

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Supreme Court Ruling Makes Same-Sex Marriage a Right Nationwide

By ADAM LIPTAK JUNE 26, 2015

WASHINGTON — In a long-sought victory for the gay rights movement, the [Supreme Court ruled by a 5-to-4 vote on Friday](#) that the Constitution guarantees a right to [same-sex marriage](#).

"No longer may this liberty be denied," Justice Anthony M. Kennedy wrote for the majority in the historic decision. "No union is more profound than marriage, for it embodies the highest ideals of love, fidelity, devotion, sacrifice and family. In forming a marital union, two people become something greater than once they were."

Marriage is a "keystone of our social order," Justice Kennedy said, adding that the plaintiffs in the case were seeking "equal dignity in the eyes of the law."

The decision, which was the culmination of decades of litigation and activism, [set off jubilation and tearful embraces across the country](#), the first [same-sex marriages](#) in several states, and resistance — or at least stalling — in others. It came against the backdrop of fast-moving changes in public opinion, with polls indicating that most Americans now approve of the unions.

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Figure S4. News clipping used as reflection stimulus in Study 4. Blue circles and ovals have been added to protect anonymity.

Study 5

Materials adopted from a Wikipedia page and an actual news article published at the time of the conflict ^{6,7}.

Instructions

In the following, you will be randomly presented with a news blog on a current social issue. Please spend some time to read the information. You will then respond to some questions regarding to the news.

S O C I E T Y

Should gay marriage be (il)legal?



This summer, New York became the latest US state to legalize same-sex marriage. As of July 24, six states and the District of Columbia issue marriage licenses to gay and lesbian couples. Across the states, the battle over same-sex couples marrying continues, as many states have passed laws restricting marriage to heterosexual couples. Gay and lesbian activists across the globe insist the federal government should do more to make same sex marriage legal nationwide. Meanwhile House lawmakers, led by Speaker John Boehner looked into how Congress could use the Bipartisan Legal Advisory Group to defend The Defense of Marriage Act, which allows states to refuse to recognize same-sex marriages under the laws of other states).

The same-sex marriage debate is not solely an American phenomenon. In Canada, although the Canadian Parliament passed legislation making same-sex marriage legal nationwide in 2005, the Conservative Party of Canada has been urging the Parliament to reconsider the issue. The debate over gay marriage remains very controversial nowadays in Canadian society. Due to the differences in values and beliefs, it is also not uncommon to see conflicts between the two sides emerging on a day-to-day basis. Among many, there was a publicized case of a lesbian couple in Vancouver, who were refused to rent a hall for their wedding reception from the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic men's service group. The couple complained to the Human Rights Tribunal, citing discrimination: "We just wanted to have a beautiful day, a celebration of our love...this does not feel very right." But on the other side, the Knights argue against discrimination; they say that the Catholic Church owns the hall, and membership is limited to practicing Catholics. He explained, "if it's lawful to say no to performing a same-sex marriage, it's lawful to say no to

celebrating the event. To celebrate an event against your religious belief is the same as conducting the event yourself."

Overall, there are several arguments for both sides of the debate. The side for legalizing gay marriage is largely represented by homosexuals and human rights organizations. They claim that denying same-sex couples the right to marry also denies them the rights and responsibilities that come with marriage. For instance, it allows employers and states to refuse spousal medical care and other normal benefits, exposing homosexuals and their relationships to greater health and well-being risks, while simultaneously devaluing the importance of loyalty and obligation within same-sex relationships. Same-sex marriage proponents argue that such an arrangement makes same-sex couples "second-class citizens", and is therefore discriminatory and unconstitutional. They claim that Americans do not want to see their neighbors, workmates, family members, and friends treated differently from themselves.



The religious community is deeply divided over the issue of same-sex marriage. Among many, the Catholic Church and evangelical Christian groups have played a leading role in public opposition to gay marriage, while mainline Protestant churches and other religious groups wrestle with whether to ordain gay clergy and perform same-sex marriage ceremonies. Many Christian leaders consider the legalization of same-sex marriage an instance of government forcing secular values on churches and religious people's lives. Aside from the ethical argument that national legalization of same-sex marriage symbolizes the abandonment of moral principles, conscience, and the Church in general, most Christian leaders are worried that they will get sued if they do not provide same-sex wedding ceremonies at church; moreover, they claim that religious groups will be forced to provide LGBT education in their affiliated schools and to hire employees that engage in homosexual conduct, and provide benefits to their partners.

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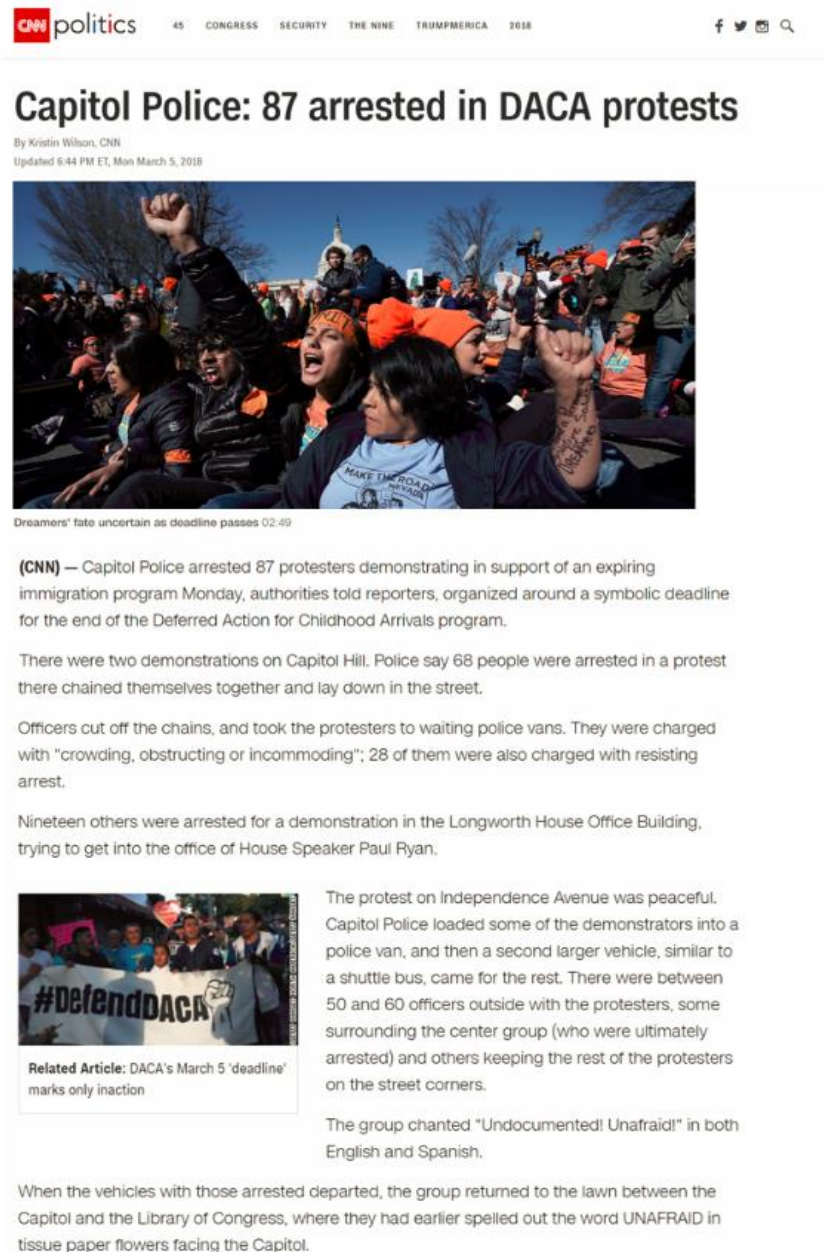
Figure S5. News summary used as reflection stimulus in Study 5. Blue circles and ovals have been added to protect anonymity.

Study 6

Materials adopted from actual news articles published at the time of the conflict ^{8,9}.

Instructions for the American Sample

In the following, you will be randomly presented with a news article on a current social issue. Please spend some time to read the information. You will then respond to some questions regarding to the news.



The image is a screenshot of a CNN news article. At the top, the CNN logo and 'politics' are visible, along with navigation links for '45 CONGRESS SECURITY THE NINE TRUMP/ERICA 2018' and social media icons. The main headline is 'Capitol Police: 87 arrested in DACA protests'. Below the headline, it says 'By Kristin Wilson, CNN' and 'Updated 6:44 PM ET, Mon March 5, 2018'. The main image shows a large group of protesters, many wearing orange hats, with some raising their fists. Below the image is a caption: 'Dreamers' fate uncertain as deadline passes 02:49'. The article text begins with '(CNN) — Capitol Police arrested 87 protesters demonstrating in support of an expiring immigration program Monday, authorities told reporters, organized around a symbolic deadline for the end of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.' It continues with details about two demonstrations on Capitol Hill, where 68 people were arrested for chaining themselves together and lying down. It also mentions 19 arrests at the Longworth House Office Building. A smaller image shows protesters holding a '#DefendDACA' sign. A 'Related Article' link is provided: 'DACA's March 5 'deadline' marks only inaction'. The article concludes with a paragraph about the group returning to the lawn between the Capitol and the Library of Congress, where they had spelled out 'UNAFRAID' in tissue paper flowers.

Figure S6. News clipping used as reflection stimulus in Study 6 for the American sample. Blue circles have been added to protect anonymity.

Instructions for the UK sample

In the following, you will be randomly presented with a news article on a current social issue. Please spend some time to read the information. You will then respond to some questions regarding to the news.

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EU immigration to continue until 2021 reveals David Davis - despite Downing Street claims that free movement will end when Britain leaves the EU

- Downing Street has insisted free movement will end when Britain leaves the EU
- They said that European citizens arriving after that date will have to register
- But Mr Davis said yesterday the registration scheme would have 'no bearing on people's ability to work or visit'

By JASON GROVES POLITICAL EDITOR FOR THE DAILY MAIL
 PUBLISHED: 21:20 EST, 26 January 2018 | UPDATED: 08:18 EST, 27 January 2018

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The free movement of EU citizens in Britain will continue in all but name until at least 2021, David Davis said yesterday as he set out details of a two-year **Brexit** transition.

Downing Street has repeatedly insisted free movement will end when Britain leaves the EU in March next year, saying European citizens arriving after that date will have to register.

But Mr Davis said yesterday the registration scheme would have 'no bearing on people's ability to work or visit' and that it would simply 'allow us to better plan for our future public services and prepare for our future **immigration** system'.



David Davis, pictured, said a proposed registration scheme would have 'no bearing on people's ability to work or visit'

His comments will fuel concern that the transition deal will simply extend the UK's membership of the EU in all but name.

The Brexit Secretary also confirmed that the UK will have to continue implementing new EU laws during the transition period, even though it will no longer have a say in drawing them up.

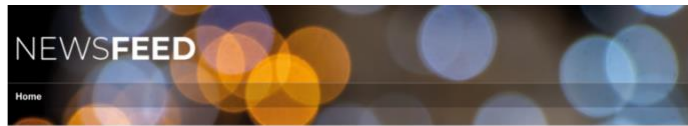
Figure S7. News clipping used as reflection stimulus in Study 6 for the UK sample.

Study 7

Materials adopted from actual news articles published at the time of the conflict ^{10,11}.

Instructions

In the following, you will read a randomly selected news clip. Later, we will ask you questions about the article. Please read the article carefully.



China Hails Its Virus Triumphs, and Glosses Over Its Mistakes

Trying to win a propaganda tug of war, Beijing staunchly defended its actions, saying it didn't hide the emergence of the outbreak.



Medical staff celebrated after all patients were discharged at a temporary hospital in Wuhan, China, in March. Agence France-Presse — Getty Images

The coronavirus pandemic that rages across the globe is a fire [China lit](#). And now, while Beijing grasps a fire hose with two hands, it's also planting a boot on the world's neck.

The [Chinese government spent weeks denying and downplaying](#) the severity of its growing coronavirus outbreak that eventually spread to the rest of the world. That obfuscation [cost nations crucial time](#) in preparing for and potentially curbing the damage of Covid-19 which caused more than [3 million infections and 200,000 deaths](#) worldwide.

But China isn't letting the crisis go to waste. Instead of looking to make amends, Beijing is taking advantage of the chaos to pursue its long-term goals more aggressively. "When it sees opportunities, China moves to exploit them," said Bonnie Glaser, director at the CSIS think tank in Washington, DC. "And we are in a moment where the Chinese definitely see opportunities."

China has capitalized on the world's distraction to [claim sovereignty over disputed islands](#) in the South China Sea, intimidate Taiwan, and [assert more authority over Hong Kong](#) in an attempt to quash the pro-democracy movement there. It's taken advantage of [vulnerable African countries](#) struggling to cope with Covid-19 by offering much-needed debt relief—but only if those countries provide [lucrative national assets as collateral](#).

And after [the US suspended funding to the World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#) the Chinese government pledged [millions of dollars](#) in additional support for the organization, giving China even more influence in the global health agency and allowing the country to portray itself as the new champion of multilateralism.

Amid all this, [China has launched a global disinformation campaign](#) to deflect blame for the virus onto other countries—for instance, alleging the virus really [originated in the US](#). It also [sent needed medical equipment and doctors](#) to heavily impacted countries [where it seeks to expand its influence](#), allowing Beijing to play the hero instead of the villain.

Experts say this is all part of Xi's broader strategy to dislodge America as the world's sole superpower and expand China's reach around the world. In other words, he's merely exploiting the coronavirus crisis to achieve his aims [even faster](#).

Figure S8. News clipping used as reflection stimulus in Study 7.