Meta-analysis on Secondary Transfer Effects of Intergroup Contact

Dear colleagues,

Miles Hewstone, Oliver Christ, Tibor Zingora, Sarina Schäfer and I are conducting a meta-analysis on secondary transfer effects of intergroup contact, a phenomenon whereby contact with a primary outgroup (e.g., immigrants) promotes more positive attitudes towards secondary outgroups (e.g., gay people, elderly).

We are looking for studies that measured:

1) Contact with at least one primary outgroup
2) Attitudes towards at least one secondary outgroup

Contact must be measured on an individual level; it must be observed, manipulated (i.e., experiments or interventions), or reported by an individual. For example, we will not include studies that infer intergroup contact based on the proximity of groups. Contact can be direct and indirect (extended, vicarious, imagined). Direct contact refers to people having direct (face-to-face or online) contact with an outgroup member. Extended contact refers to knowing that a member of the ingroup has contact with an outgroup member. Vicarious contact refers to the observation of contact between an ingroup and an outgroup member. Imagined contact refers to imagining contact with an outgroup member.

Intergroup attitudes must be assessed in terms of affective, behavioural, or cognitive responses to outgroups. Affective responses are feelings toward the outgroup (e.g., liking). Behavioural responses are actions toward the outgroup. They include actual behaviour (e.g., solidarity-based collective action, outgroup avoidance, discrimination) as well as behavioural intentions. Cognitive responses refer to beliefs, evaluations, opinions, and thoughts about the outgroup (e.g., stereotypes). Attitudes can be measured on an explicit or implicit level (e.g., via the Implicit Association Task).

Please contact us if you have any unpublished work on this topic. We are looking forward to receiving information about any work, regardless of the study’s results. This includes work in progress, dissertations, unpublished studies, or just summary statistics from unpublished data.

Please send the study information to olivia.spiegler@psy.ox.ac.uk. A table with correlations is enough, but other representations of effect sizes are welcome, too.

If you have any question, please, do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,
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