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Identity Politics and Protest

February 2014 – How one identifies himself or herself has a vast and complex impact on the dynamics of protest. In the February 2014 issue of Political Psychology, P.G. Klandermans lays the groundwork for the identity processes in the contexts of protest participation.

Klandermans first establishes the broad scope of identity which includes: collective identity, politicized collective identity, dual identity, and multiple identities. Based on extensive, cross-linear, and cross-national survey data, he reveals three critical identity processes in the context of protest participation which involves (1) how group identification establishes the link between social identity on the individual level to collective identity on the group level, (2) how multiple identities and dual identities influence protest participation with majority groups having more numerous identifications than minority groups, and (3) how collective identity politicizes and radicalizes when devastating events such as terror attacks threaten the identities of both the liked ingroup and the hated out-group resulting in increased identification and differentiation.

Klandermans' article provides invaluable insights into the complexities of human identity and the antecedents of collective protest behavior, which should be of acute interest to policy analysts, decision makers, community leaders, and individuals alike.

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