We are dog people!

How identities shape our political perceptions and actions

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Dogs vs Cats

- Social
- Family oriented
- Romance
- Dominant?

- Adventurous
- Independent
- Fantasy
Who am I?
People play a role in constructing both a sense who they think they are and the “reality” within which they live.
Political Science Majors

How my friends see me
How other poly sci majors see me
How society sees me

How my family sees me
How it really is.
Who are we?
I'M A TOLERANT LIBERAL!

AGREE WITH ME OR ELSE YOU RACIST, SEXIST, HOMOPHOBIC, ISLAMOPHOBIC, XENOPHOBIC, INBRED, REDNECK, BIBLE THUMPING, NASCAR LOVING, GUN TOTING, AMERICA LOVING BIGOTS!
Us versus Them
"Eso no es el puertorriqueño", expresó el presidente de la Cámara.
"NO VAMOS A TOLERAR QUE LOS DELINCUENTES SE APODEREN DE NUESTRA ISLA"

RICARDO ROSSELLÓ
Muchos Problemáticos

Pocos Policías

Solo los Guerreros Prevalecen

Gracias Policía de P.R.
A ese policía que tu insultas y desprecias, a ese que le tiras piedras, a ese que le escupes; ese policía fue el que estuvo turnos de 12 a 24 horas durante la emergencia del huracán María, este es el policía que va a ayudarte cuando te asaltan o roban en tu hogar! Me das vergüenza tú que les faltas el respeto, que atentas con la seguridad de ellos que lo que tratan de hacer es mantener el orden y que ustedes no vandalicen propiedad pública o privada! Ellos tienen hijos como tú, tal vez hasta sufren por las mismas injusticias que tú! Si no saben protestar con su debido orden y respeto, ahí tienen las consecuencias, fracasaron grandemente! Mis felicitaciones a la #PolicíadePuertoRico por tan extraordinaria labor!
Constructing the other

"Sañá Innecesaria y "Brutal" Contra Inocentes"

Apoyada por "RR" y Carrion III"
Disfrutando del Paro Nacional

Listos pa repartir gas y leña a los pelus del paro nacional. Viene que tenemos un pote y son $100 por cada cabeza que rompamos jajaja

#RealHastaLaMuerte
What we know so far
In Defense of Identity Politics

What Is the Left Without Identity Politics?

Anti-Semitism and the threat of identity politics

Identity politics traps the indigenous mind in cycle of grievance

Identity politics isn't just a tool of the left. The right has used it again and again.
Group based identity (GBI) can have a positive impact on the individual and on the community.

Belonging to a group is not sufficient condition for violence.

(GBI) is exploited by people seeking political/power objectives.

Scarcity of resources increases Us vs Them mentality.

Isolation or segregation allows the extreme characterization and helps with dehumanization.

Education seems to not have an independent effect.

Biased justice increases mistrust.
What questions need to be asked?
“Black people don’t have to be democrats.”

@chancetherapper

“Because you’re black does not mean you’re a Democrat. Period.”

“The fact that West has come out shows that it’s OK not to vote Democratic... Maybe other blacks will realize we don’t need to follow the thought police, that we can vote the way we truly want, think the way we want, and live the way they want.”

–Joy Villa

“The moment a black man stands up and says something contrary to the agenda of the left, he’s immediately met with swift and cruel punishment.”

–Kathy Barnette
Fox News
14 mins
Speaking to Eric Shawn today, Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton explained why he says The United States Department of Justice is reluctant to prosecute James Comey. https://bit.ly/2r98mcm

“Comey is a leaker and he’s a liar.”
— President Donald Trump

Fox News
7 hrs
A Seattle man who recently sought to end his monthly donation to a Hillary Clinton nonprofit group ran into a small roadblock: There was no way to cancel his contribution, according to a report.
Exactly when does an identity become salient in our political self?

Can we create a set of goals, rules, morality, values that are universal and are shared by everybody, not just the members of our group?

How can inform about the fact or events in a way that overcome our own biases and perceptions?

What role does social media play in the formation of group identity?
Can we bridge the gap?
Thank you!