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Letter: “Outside Lobbying” Over the Airwaves: A Randomized Field Experiment on Televised Issue Ads*

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Abstract

We present the first field experiment on how organized interest groups’ television ads affect issue opinions. We randomized 31,404 voters to 3 weeks of interest group ads about either immigration or transgender non-discrimination. We then randomly assigned voters to receive ostensibly unrelated surveys either while the ads aired, one day after they stopped, or three days afterwards. Voters recalled the ads, but three ads had minimal impacts on public opinion, while a fourth’s impacts decayed within one day. However, voters remembered a fact from one ad. Our results suggest issue ads can effect public opinion, but that not every ad persuades and that persuasive effects decay. Despite the vast sums spent on television ads, our results are the first field experiment on their persuasive power on issues, shedding light on the mechanisms underpinning—and limits on—both televised persuasion and interest group influence.

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Scholars argue that organized groups have substantial impacts on policy outcomes (e.g., Gilens and Page 2014). Scholars have posited multiple mechanisms to explain their influence. In this paper, we provide a unique test of one hypothesized mechanism: so-called “outside lobbying” (e.g., Kollman 1998), in which organized groups attempt to affect public opinion on a policy.¹ In particular, organized groups frequently deploy public advertising, especially on television, to try to advance their policy priorities. For instance, during the 108th Congress, Falk, Grizard and McDonald (2005) estimate that interest groups spent \$320 million on television issue advertising (2021 dollars). This sum is smaller than the \$1.3 billion that groups spent on television advertising in the 2020 presidential election (Ridout, Fowler and Franz 2021), but still substantial. However, the effects of such advertising on public opinion are difficult to ascertain.

We report what we believe to be the first field experiment on how television advertising affects public opinion on issues. Our experiment is highly unique: despite the enormous sums outside groups spend on television ads to influence voters’ views on candidates and issues, there is only one prior published field experiment on the effects of television ads on public opinion, which considers its effects on candidate choice (Gerber et al. 2011). We examine the effects of four television advertisements on voters’ issue attitudes, issue knowledge, and intent to engage in political activism. The advertisements cover immigration and LGBTQ non-discrimination, two salient topics subject to considerable “outside lobbying” over the last decade.

We find that television ads can have effects on public opinion while the ads are airing and that the ads can teach voters facts they remember, contrasting with prior findings on candidate campaign ads (Huber and Arceneaux 2007). However, we find that not all ads persuade, and that the ads that do persuade have effects that fade rapidly, consistent with findings from candidate campaigns (Gerber et al. 2011; Hill et al. 2013; Kalla and Broockman 2018). In short, we find that television advertising can allow groups to temporarily change public sentiment and to inform the

¹“Outside lobbying” is an academic term distinct from IRS definitions. The groups in this experiment were not engaged in IRS-defined lobbying.

public, but that not every ad is effective and that persuasive effects may be short-lived.

Advertising’s Persuasive Effects and Interest Group “Outside Lobbying”

Field experiments testing the effects of political television advertisements are rare. Despite the vast sum outside groups spend on television advertising for election campaigns and legislative fights, this experiment represents one of the only field experiments on persuasive political television advertising ever reported, outside of Gerber et al.’s (2011) pioneering study (see also natural experiments from, e.g., Huber and Arceneaux 2007; Spenkuch and Toniatti 2018). Moreover, prior literature on the effectiveness of television advertising in American politics has largely focused on its effects on candidate choice (but see Hall and Reynolds 2012). In this experiment, we build on this literature by testing the effect of television advertising on voters’ views on issues.

Prior theoretical and empirical work would suggest that television issue advertising may be more persuasive than candidate campaign advertising. First, issue advertising may be less likely to encounter “partisan resistance” than candidate ads (Zaller 1992): whereas candidates in partisan elections have a “D” or “R” next to their name, issue positions do not, and voter knowledge of which party is associated with various issue positions is imperfect. Furthermore, in outside lobbying campaigns, the public often only hears advertising from one side while candidate campaigns are more frequently two-sided (Falk, Grizard and McDonald 2005), potentially producing larger persuasive effects (Zaller 1992). Consistent with this expectation, in their meta-analysis of persuasion field experiments, Kalla and Broockman (2018) find that campaign outreach in the form of canvassing and direct mail is substantially more persuasive in ballot measures contests (i.e., on people’s views on issues) than in partisan candidate elections. Given this existing theoretical and empirical work, outside lobbying television advertising may be

expected to produce larger persuasive effects.²

On the other hand, there is ample room for pessimism: Gerber et al. (2011) found that television ads' persuasive effects on candidate choice rapidly decayed, and Huber and Arceneaux (2007) found no effects of Presidential ads on factual knowledge (although they do find evidence of persuasion).

Experimental Design

We test the effect of four advertisements in two issue domains, immigration and LGBTQ non-discrimination laws. Both issues have attracted significant public attention over the last several years, and featured heavily in the 2020 US Presidential campaign. Figure 1 and Table OA1 summarize the experimental design. We report more information on the experimental setting in the Online Appendix. Replication data are available in Kalla and Broockman (2021).

Baseline Survey

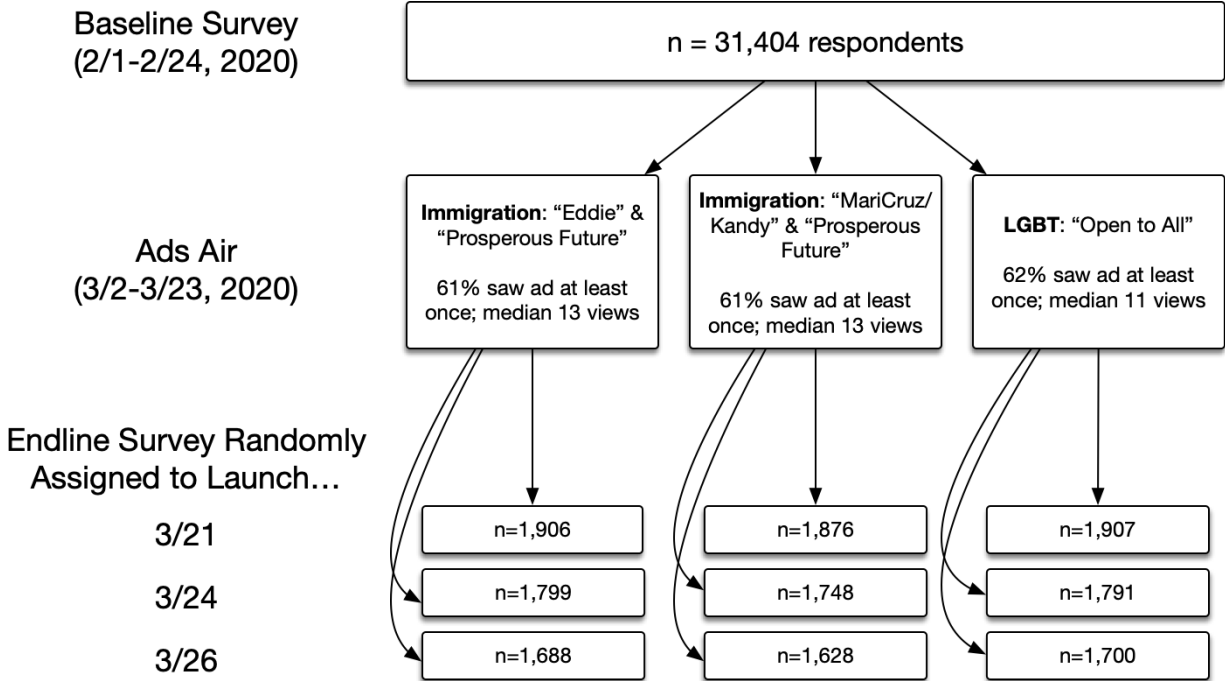
To measure the effects of these advertisements, we conducted a pre-registered randomized experiment and survey measurement using the design in Broockman, Kalla and Sekhon (2017).³ The experiment began by recruiting registered voters ($n = 1,082,605$) via mail for an ostensibly unrelated online baseline survey, presented as the first in a series of surveys about political and social topics. These registered voters all subscribed to particular TV providers with the technological ability to target television advertising at the household level. The experiment occurred in California, Colorado, Michigan, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Wisconsin.

$n = 32,923$ voters responded to this baseline survey, during which we gathered pre-treatment covariates for improved precision and respondents' email addresses to invite them to an endline

²Given space constraints, we cannot fully review the literature on campaign effects; see Jacobson (2015) and Kalla and Broockman (2018) for recent reviews and a meta-analysis.

³Pre-analysis plan is available at https://osf.io/gw8b7/?view_only=6c206c3d79694d93a9bf6322eb3eab4b.

Figure 1: Experimental Design



survey. From this survey, we constructed an index of respondents' baseline opinions related to immigration, LGBTQ issues, and partisan political views. Due to budget constraints, at this stage, we removed the $n = 1,501$ individuals who were already in the most supportive deciles of both the immigration and LGBTQ indices.

Experimental Conditions and Stimuli

We next block-randomly assigned baseline survey respondents at the household level to one of three conditions: (1) a group that received two immigration ads ("Eddie" and "Prosperous Future") ($n = 10,467$); (2) a group that received two immigration ads ("MariCruz/Kandy" and the same "Prosperous Future" ad) ($n = 10,468$); (3) a group that received an ad about LGBTQ rights ("Open to All") ($n = 10,469$).

Given space constraints, the Online Appendix describes the ads in detail. Briefly:

- The “Prosperous Future” immigration ad features a middle-aged white woman sharing how she used to think all immigrants should just “get in line” but then she learned how the immigration system is broken.
- The “Eddie” ad features a first-person narrative from an asylum seeker. He shares how he holds many American values (family, hard work, and freedom) and is a business owner. He discusses how he supports immigration and asylum reform.
- The “MariCruz/Kandy,” ad features two co-workers, one white (Kandy) and the other Latina (MariCruz). MariCruz shares how she came to the United States as an undocumented immigrant. The ad ends with Kandy sharing that she was surprised to learn that undocumented workers pay taxes. This fact is also displayed on screen.
- The “Open to All” ad features an older Christian couple. They describe themselves as small business owners who believe that treating people how they want to be treated is both good for business and required by their Christian faith. They state that nobody should be refused services for being LGBTQ.

The television advertisements were all created by immigration and LGBTQ organized groups and communication professionals.

Treatment Implementation and Outcome Measurement

The advertisements aired for three weeks, a length of time the partner organizations thought would be sufficient to test the ads’ persuasive power. The advertising firm did not stipulate particular networks or hours for the ads to run. Instead, they could run whenever the television was turned on. Across all voters, the average household was exposed to the ads 19.7 times. Put in terms of Gross Rating Points (GRPs), which are defined as 100 times the expected number of times an individual in the target audience viewed the ad, the intervention was therefore equivalent to

approximately 1,970 GRPs over the course of three weeks—a large volume. (By contrast, Gerber et al. (2011) randomized media markets to receive up to only 1,000 GRPs per week.) The firm was also able to collect data on how often each household was exposed to an advertisement for a non-random 51% of voters who have newer television technologies, allowing us to estimate treatment-on-treated (TOT) effects among this subgroup. We do not know who in a household may have seen the advertisement.

After the advertisements aired, we conducted an ostensibly unrelated post-treatment survey to measure their persuasive effects. This survey made no mention of the specific ads nor was it limited to immigration or LGBTQ issues, but instead included many unrelated questions to reduce the potential for demand.

To measure how quickly any effects decayed, we randomly assigned the timing of this post-treatment survey. We randomly assigned $\frac{1}{3}$ of respondents to receive an invitation via email to take the survey while the advertisements were still airing (starting two days before the advertising ended), $\frac{1}{3}$ to receive an invitation one day after the advertisements stopped airing, and $\frac{1}{3}$ to receive an invitation three days after the advertisements stopped airing. Respondents generally complied with their assignment to the survey timing: 57% completed the survey on the day they were invited and 92% within two days.

The advertisements sought to change public opinion towards LGBTQ people and immigrants along two dimensions within each issue domain: increasing support for more inclusionary government policies and decreasing prejudice.

To measure these constructs, the post-treatment survey included multiple items measuring immigration prejudice (8 items), immigration policy (3), LGBTQ prejudice (4), and LGBTQ policy (6). As we pre-registered, we combine these items into four indices as well as two overall LGBTQ and immigration indices containing all 11 immigration and 10 LGBTQ items. Following our pre-analysis plan, we formed these indices by taking the first dimension from a factor analysis of the appropriate items and recoded all indices such that positive values indicate the intended

effect of greater public support. We rescale all indices to have mean 0 and standard deviation 1.

In addition to these indices, we also asked respondents how likely they would be to take various political actions (e.g., contact your Congressperson) about each issue on a 1 (not at all likely) to 5 (extremely likely) scale.

We also asked two items as manipulation checks to assess whether the advertisements were successfully delivered and memorable. We asked whether respondents recalled seeing advertisements on television about several topics, with separate items for immigration and LGBTQ advertisements. We refer to these as measures of advertisement recall (see Figure OA1 for wording).

We also asked about factual knowledge of the immigration system. The “MariCruz/Kandy” immigration advertisement mentioned that undocumented workers pay taxes several times. To measure whether respondents learned this, we presented a list of potentially true facts and asked respondents which they believed to be completely true. One statement was about undocumented immigrants paying taxes. We refer to this as a measure of knowledge (see Figure OA2 for wording). (We did not ask similar questions for the other advertisements because they did not provide particular facts in the same way.)

To estimate the effect of the two immigration ad conditions, we use the LGBTQ ad condition as the comparison group. Similarly, to estimate the effect of the LGBTQ ad, we pool together the two immigration ad conditions and use these respondents as the comparison group. Implicit in this approach is the assumption that an LGBTQ ad has no effect on immigration attitudes and vice-versa. Coppock and Green’s (2021) results support this assumption, finding no spillover of causal effects on opinion between issue areas.

To estimate treatment effects, we regress the outcomes on the treatment indicators and pre-registered pre-treatment covariates, which we include to increase precision. Our analysis clusters standard errors at the household level. The treatment effects we estimate are intent-to-treat (ITT) effects among all individuals randomly assigned to receive the

advertisements. We also report treatment-on-treated (TOT) estimates by limiting our analysis to only those individuals in households with technology recording their viewership and who this technology indicates were shown the advertisements at least once.

The Online Appendix includes a discussion of ethical considerations, full question wordings, representativeness assessments (Table OA2), including baseline values showing this sample is not already at a ceiling, tests of design assumptions (Tables OA3-5), and treatment effect heterogeneity analyses, including by political knowledge and partisanship (Tables OA15-28; 38-39).

Results

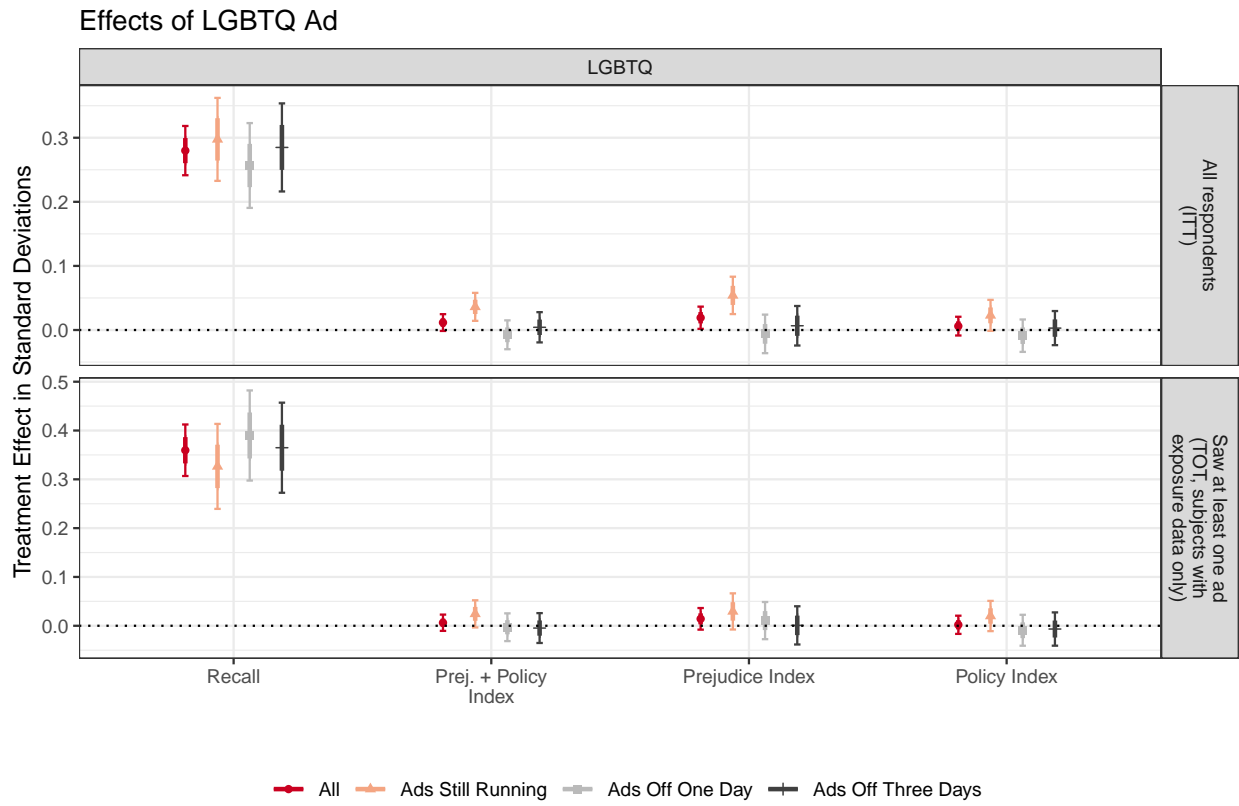
Effects of LGBTQ Ad

We report the main results for the effects of the LGBTQ ad in Figure 2. The top panel shows the intent-to-treat effects, which compare the entire treatment and control groups. The bottom panel shows the treatment-on-treated (TOT) effects among the non-random subset of households for which information on actual ad exposure is available.

We first find large effects on recall of seeing an ad about LGBTQ people. This confirms that the ads were delivered to the treatment group and demonstrates that the ads were memorable. In particular, among all post-treatment survey respondents (regardless of when they were surveyed), we estimate a statistically significant 5.9 percentage point ITT effect on recall ($SE = 0.4, p < 0.001$). This effect does not appear to decay; three days after the advertisement stopped airing, we still find a 6.0 percentage point increase in recall (ITT, $SE = 0.7, p < 0.001$). Figure 2 shows that both the ITT and TOT effects are meaningfully sized when expressed in terms of standard deviations.

We also find that the advertisements decrease prejudice against LGBTQ people and increase support for LGBTQ-inclusive policies while the advertisement is airing. However, these effects

Figure 2: Estimated Treatment Effects of LGBTQ Ad



Notes: Standard errors (thick lines) and 95% confidence intervals (thin) surround point estimates. See Tables OA29-32;41 for numerical estimates.

appear to rapidly decay once the advertisement stopped and are primarily driven by Democratic respondents (Table OA38). First, on the overall index that includes both the prejudice and the policy items, we estimate a statistically significant 0.036 standard deviation ITT treatment effect while the advertisement is airing ($SE = 0.011, p = 0.001$), (see Table OA37 for estimates by individual items), a result that is robust to multiple testing corrections (Table OA40).

However, these effects did not appear to persist after the ads stopped. One day after the ad stopped airing, we estimate a small, negative, and statistically insignificant effect (ITT, $d = -0.007, SE = 0.012, p = 0.52$). We estimate a similarly small effect three days after the advertisement stopped (ITT, $d = 0.004, SE = 0.012, p = 0.73$). The results are similar when

examining only the prejudice or only the policy outcome and in the TOT results.

Figures OA8-11 show heterogeneous effects by the number of exposures to the ads (i.e., dosage).

Finally, we find no statistically significant effects of the advertisement on respondents' self-reported likelihood to take political action, including among respondents in the baseline survey who were most supportive of LGBTQ rights. See Tables OA33-36 for these results.

In summary, the results of the LGBTQ ad suggest that issue ads can have effects on public opinion. However, similar to findings for candidate ads (Gerber et al. 2011; Hill et al. 2013), we find that these effects decay rapidly.

Effects of Immigration Ads

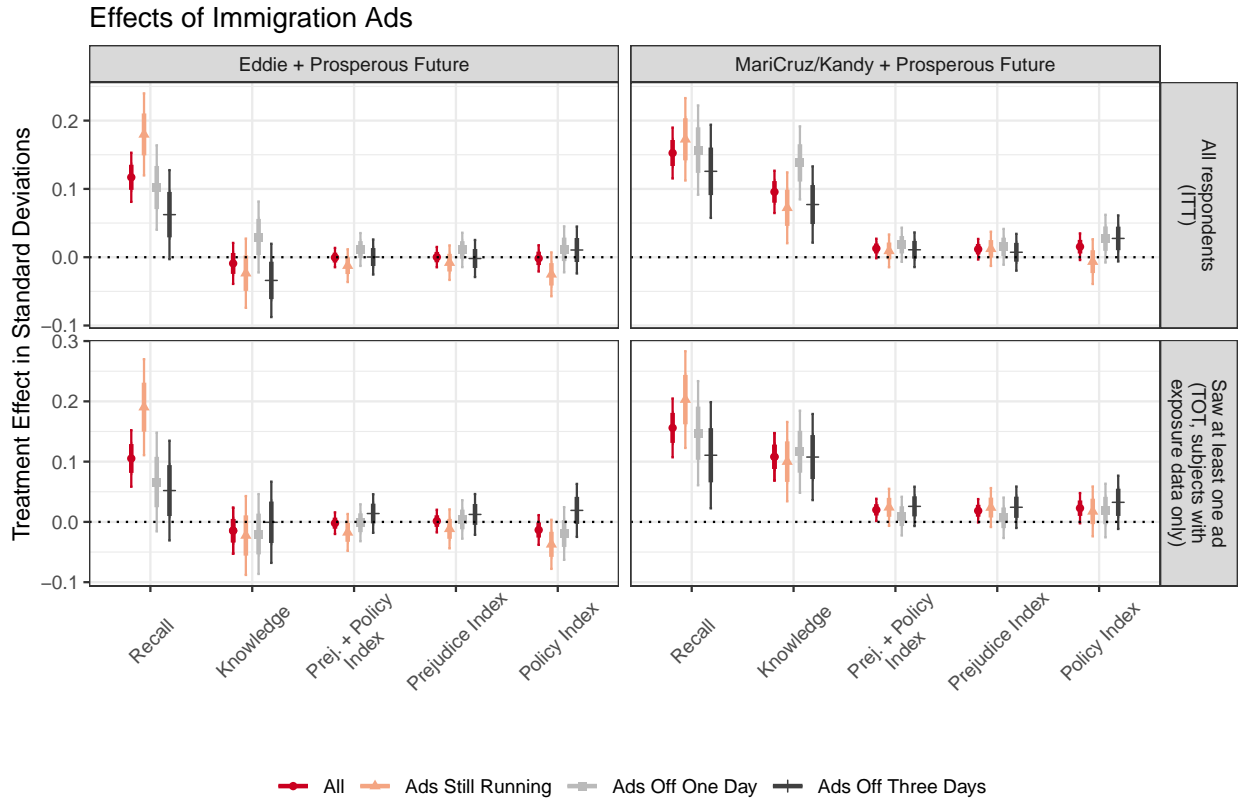
The main results of the immigration advertisements are reported in Figure 3.

First, like the LGBTQ advertisement, we find meaningful effects on ad recall. Among all post-treatment survey respondents, we find a statistically significant 3.7 percentage point increase in recall among those who were shown the “Eddie” and “Prosperous Future” advertisements (ITT, $SE = 0.6, p < 0.001$) and a statistically significant 4.8 percentage point increase in recall among those who were shown the “MariCruz/Kandy” and “Prosperous Future” advertisements (ITT, $SE = 0.6, p < 0.001$). These recall effects also do not appear to decay in either condition.

Second, we find that the “MariCruz/Kandy” advertisement taught viewers new information, specifically that undocumented immigrants pay taxes. We find a statistically significant increase in belief that this fact is true of 4.7 percentage points among respondents in the “MariCruz/Kandy” and “Prosperous Future” condition (ITT, $SE = 0.8, p < 0.001$). This effect also does not appear to decay. Unsurprisingly, given that neither of the other advertisements mentioned this fact, we see no effect on knowledge of this fact in the “Eddie” and “Prosperous Future” condition (-0.4 percentage points, $SE = 0.7, p = 0.55$).

Despite the immigration advertisements being memorable and imparting new information, there is not clear evidence that these ads had persuasive effects on issue attitudes. On the overall

Figure 3: Treatment Effects of Immigration Ads



Notes: Standard errors (thick lines) and 95% confidence intervals (thin) surround point estimates. See Tables OA6-10;41 for numerical estimates.

index that includes both prejudice and policy items, we estimate statistically insignificant ITT treatment effects for both the “Eddie” and “Prosperous Future” condition ($d = 0.000, SE = 0.007, p = 0.94$) and the “MariCruz/Kandy” and “Prosperous Future” condition ($d = 0.013, SE = 0.007, p = 0.08$).⁴ Examining the TOT effects, the estimated effects on the “MariCruz/Kandy” and “Prosperous Future” condition are substantively small but statistically significant on the overall index (TOT $d = 0.02, SE = 0.0094, p = 0.03$). The TOT effects on the separate prejudice and policy indices just fall short of statistical significance (Table OA41). Overall, this suggests there is some possibility that the “MariCruz/Kandy” and

⁴False discovery rate adjusted q-value 0.22.

“Prosperous Future” condition may have had small effects, but we cannot say with confidence. Effects by respondent partisanship are noisy and inconclusive (Tables OA15-21). On the other hand, the 95% confidence intervals suggest it is unlikely that this condition had an effect any larger than $d = 0.04$ (top of 95% confidence interval for TOT).

Further consistent with these advertisements not having a persuasive effect, Figures OA3-7 show no evidence of larger effects at higher doses for either advertisement.

Finally, we find no statistically significant effects of the advertisements on respondents’ self-reported likelihood to take political action, including among respondents in the baseline survey who were most supportive of immigrant rights. See Tables OA11-14 for results.

Discussion

Our experiment finds that outside lobbying television advertising can have effects on public opinion and can impart information people remember. However, not every ad reliably persuades, and the persuasive effects that we observe appear to decay rapidly—within a day of the ads being taken off of the air.

Our results suggest several theoretical and substantive implications.

First, our substantive takeaways for television ads by organized groups render a mixed verdict. On the one hand, our findings suggest that issue ads can affect public opinion and can teach voters information. However, our results also suggest that not all ads work and that, given decay, groups must continue running the ads that do work as a controversy is ongoing. This result stands in contrast to prior experimental work finding that a single door-to-door conversation can produce long-term opinion change on these issues (Kalla and Broockman 2020). If an organized group seeks to durably change attitudes, television advertising may not produce effects as large or durable; however, given the low per-person cost of TV ads, our confidence intervals are too wide to form confident conclusions about the relative cost-effectiveness of TV advertising and personal

contact.

Theoretically, placing our findings within the receive-accept-sample framework of Zaller (1992), we found clear evidence that voters *received* the ads (as they did recall them). However, voters appeared to largely (although not entirely) reject *accepting* their messages, as their opinions usually did not durably change. Last, however, similar to Gerber et al. (2011), the transitory effect of the ads on opinion suggest an interpretation of the effects we do find as representing priming, whereby when voters *sampled* relevant considerations to form opinions, the ads led them to be more likely to sample considerations consistent with the ads if they had seen the ad very recently. By contrast, these evanescent effects are inconsistent with models of on-line processing; rather than finding voters' opinions changed even after they forgot the content of the ads, we found that voters remembered the ads even after their opinions returned to baseline. To be effective, ads may need to better reduce voters' resistance to accepting their messages, perhaps with more credible sources or with more ideologically congruent arguments.

On a practical level, in close political battles, the small and short-lived effects we found might be consequential. However, our results also cast doubt on claims that organized groups' ads have outsized influences on public opinion. It appears more apt to say that groups can have some influence on public opinion, but that their success is not guaranteed.

We hasten to note several limitations. First, this study examined the effect of organized group television advertising in isolation. During a full-fledged lobbying campaign, organized group outside lobbying might involve additional tactics and voters may pay more attention to any advertisements they do see, producing different effects. At the same time, our study participants were exposed to a large volume of advertising, suggesting that an artificially "low dose" of the ads is not to blame.

Second, this study only included four issue advertisements on two salient issues, both of which were advocating for policy change. It is possible that different advertisements on different

issues or advertising attempting to block policy change may have different effects.⁵ For instance, perhaps advertising might have effects on increasing issue salience on less well-known issues (e.g., Cooper and Nownes 2004). With this said, the null findings we observe cannot be readily explained by the issues included in the experiment. Other research using similar designs have found that conversations can have large and long-lasting effects on LGBTQQ and immigration attitudes (e.g., Kalla and Broockman 2020).

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Online Appendix

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Description of the Experimental Setting

Our analysis focuses on a television advertising campaign conducted by national LGBTQ and immigrant rights groups in Spring 2020.¹ These advertisements intended to educate the public about the issue of immigrant and transgender rights, increase support for these rights, and secondarily, to increase the likelihood that individuals would take political action (e.g., contacting an elected official) to advocate for these rights. The issues, advertisements, airing dates, airing volumes, states, and targeted households were all determined by the LGBTQ and immigrant rights groups. The partner organizations provided all funding for the surveys and advertising. Permission to publish was received at the start of the project, prior to results, in order to minimize the risk of publication bias.

While the advertisements ran, we are unaware of any other large television advertising campaigns about LGBTQ or immigration issues (either for or against). For example, 95% of respondents in the baseline survey did not recall seeing ads on television recently about “how businesses treat gay and lesbian people.” Similarly, 85% of respondents in the baseline survey did not recall seeing ads on television recently about “how the United States treats unauthorized immigrants and asylum seekers.” Other than the advertising from this experiment, it appears unlikely that many respondents were seeing other, unrelated advertising about immigration or LGBTQ rights. This is consistent of typical issue advertising campaigns. As Falk, Grizard and McDonald (2005) find, most issue advertising campaigns are one-sided. Rarely does an issue attract advertising both supporting and opposing it.

However, many respondents were seeing advertisements about the 2020 presidential election. In the post-treatment survey, 82% recalled seeing ads on television recently about “the 2020 presidential election” (we did not ask about this in the baseline survey). It is possible that respondents were seeing presidential advertising about immigration because 22% of Trump’s campaign ads mentioned the issue (Ridout et al. 2021, Table 4). LGBTQ rights was not a major theme in the advertisements of either the Trump or the Biden campaigns. However, it is unlikely that many survey respondents were seeing Trump’s immigration ads. First, Ridout et al. (2021, Figure 3) shows that Trump advertising did not become common until mid-July, several months after the experiment concluded. Second, a large percentage of participants in the experiment were outside of 2020 battleground states. 11% lived in California, 14% lived in Tennessee, and 18% lived in Colorado. These individuals were unlikely to receive much presidential advertising.

Overall, it therefore appears that the experiment was conducted in a political environment where there was a vacuum of opposing ads. Most likely the ads included in the experiment were the only supporting ads respondents were exposed to. The context is thus similar to that in Gerber et al. (2011), except about issues rather than a candidate. Gerber et al. (2011, p. 138) summarize their setting thus: “the manner in which ads were deployed closely approximates what Zaller (1996) describes as the ideal conditions for detecting media effects: well-measured, abrupt shifts in the quantity of advertising; a vacuum or profusion of opposing ads; a single ad that is deployed through the three-week experimental period, with no ads preceding or following it; and continuous tracking of opinion before, during, and after the flight of advertising. Although this experiment cannot tell us how media effects might play out under different conditions, it does speak with special clarity to the question of whether paid advertising is capable of producing noticeable shifts in voter support.”

¹This experiment was conducted early in the COVID-19 pandemic, a period of increased television viewership (<https://perma.cc/EVY3-KUYS>).

Overview of Experimental Design

Table OA1: Experimental Design

	Experimental Conditions		
	Immigration: Eddie & Prosperous Future	Immigration: MariCruz/Kandy & Prosperous Future	LGBTQ: Open to All
Baseline Survey (2/1-2/24, 2020)	$n = 10,467$	$n = 10,468$	$n = 10,469$
Ads Air (3/2-3/23)	61% saw ad at least once; median was 13 views.	61% saw ad at least once; median was 13 views.	62% saw ad at least once; median was 11 views.
Endline Survey Randomly Assigned to Launch...			
• 3/21	$n = 1,906$	$n = 1,876$	$n = 1,907$
• 3/24	$n = 1,799$	$n = 1,748$	$n = 1,791$
• 3/26	$n = 1,688$	$n = 1,628$	$n = 1,700$

Description of Ads

The “**Prosperous Future**” immigration ad features a middle-aged white woman sharing how she used to think all immigrants should just “get in line” but then she did her research and learned that “there is no line,” that the immigration system is broken. The ad ends with the woman urging immigration reform, though no particular policies are mentioned. This advertisement aimed to feature a messenger modeling opinion change, with the theory being that a white woman with no obvious pro-immigrant vested interest would be perceived as more relatable to the audience being reached. Both of the experimental conditions assigned to receive advertisements about immigration received this advertisement.

The “**Eddie**” advertisement features a first-person narrative from Eddie, a middle-aged Latino man who came to the United States through the asylum process. He shares how he holds dear many stereotypical American values: family, hard work, and freedom. Eddie shares that since coming to America, he became a business owner who gives back to his community. He then discusses how there are many people like him who are also seeking asylum today, but for whom the asylum process is broken. The ad ends with Eddie supporting immigration and asylum reform, though no particular policies are mentioned. This ad aimed to use narrative persuasion paired with moral reframing through American values to increase support for immigrants and asylum seekers.

The “**MariCruz/Kandy**” advertisement features two co-workers, Kandy, a middle-aged white woman, and MariCruz, a middle-aged Latina woman. MariCruz shares how she came to the United States as an undocumented immigrant to provide a better future for her son. MariCruz notes that she works and pays taxes. Kandy serves as a validator for MariCruz by noting that she is a hard worker. The ad ends with Kandy sharing that she was surprised to learn that undocumented workers pay over \$11 billion in federal taxes and \$12 billion to Social Security. These facts are also displayed as visuals on the screen. This ad uses both a more neutral messenger (like in Prosperous Future) and a personal narrative (like Eddie) while sharing a specific fact.

The “**Open to All**” LGBTQ advertisement features Howard and Pat, an older couple who present as white, heterosexual, and married. Howard and Pat describe themselves as small business owners and Christians. They note that treating people how they want to be treated is both good for business and what their Christian faith expects of them. Howard notes that he was surprised when he learned that there are people who will

not hire or do business with someone who is gay or transgender. Pat says that everyone should be treated equally under the law and that nobody should be refused services because of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

Representativeness

The below table shows how the representativeness of those who responded to the survey differ from those mailed an invitation to participate in the survey. These data come from the voter file.

Table OA2: Representativeness of Experiment at Each Stage

Sample	Starting	Pre-Treat Resp.	Post-Treat Resp.
Female	0.54	0.54	0.54
Age	54.44	57.43	57.9
AfAm	0.11	0.07	0.06
White	0.79	0.84	0.86
Latino	0.06	0.04	0.04
Voted 18	0.77	0.91	0.92
Voted 16	0.83	0.9	0.91
Voted 14	0.55	0.71	0.73
Voter 12	0.72	0.79	0.8
Reg Democrat	0.28	0.3	0.29
Reg Republican	0.46	0.46	0.46
CA	0.11	0.11	0.11
CO	0.14	0.17	0.18
MI	0.2	0.18	0.17
NC	0.25	0.17	0.17
TN	0.17	0.16	0.14
WI	0.13	0.21	0.23
N	1082605	31404	16043

Outcomes

The survey included dozens of political, social, and cultural questions, only some of which were related to immigration and LGBTQ rights. In our pre-analysis plan, we indicate which items constituted experimental outcomes and which outcomes were exploratory. Below we list these items and give their full text.

In our pre-analysis plan, we specified that we would combine multiple items into indices to test hypotheses. Combining outcomes into an index increases precision by decreasing survey measurement error and limits the potential for biases from multiple hypothesis testing (Broockman, Kalla, and Sekhon 2017). We formed these indices by taking the first dimension from a factor analysis in Stata. All indices and individual exploratory items are standardized to have mean 0 and standard deviation 1. We also code all indices such that positive values indicate the intended direction of the treatment effects.

In addition to the below indices, we also formed overall immigration, LGBTQ, and asylum indices with all of the items from each prejudice and policy index.

Except where otherwise noted, the questions came from matrix grids with five point scales where respondents were asked: “Do you agree or disagree with the below statements [example: about undocumented or illegal immigrants]?” Response options were: Strongly agree (coded as 5), Somewhat agree (coded as 4), Neither agree nor disagree (coded as 3), Somewhat disagree (coded as 2), Strongly disagree (coded as 1).

- Immigration Prejudice Index.
- `t1_immpraj_therm`: 0-100 feeling thermometer: Someone who is an illegal immigrant.
- `t1_immpraj_burdenoncomm`: Undocumented immigrants are a burden on our community.
- `t1_immpraj_contributepos`: Undocumented immigrants contribute positively to our communities.
- `t1_immpraj_holdsamevalues`: Undocumented immigrants hold similar values as me and my family.
- `t1_immpraj_noproblemlivingnear`: I would have no problem living in areas where undocumented immigrants live.
- `t1_immpraj_dontfitin`: Too many undocumented immigrants just don't want to fit into American society.
- `t1_immpraj_sufferingconcernsme`: The suffering of illegal immigrants concerns me.
- `t1_immpraj_deservecaresupport`: Undocumented immigrants deserve our care and support.
- Immigration Policy Index:
- `t1_immpraj_deportall`: The U.S. government should work to identify and deport all illegal immigrants, including in the workplace.
- `t1_immpraj_legalstatus`: The 11 million undocumented immigrants already living in the U.S. should be allowed to remain here and become citizens if they meet certain requirements over time.
- `t1_immpraj_donotdeserve`: Illegal immigrants have not contributed enough to deserve access to government programs.
- LGBTQ Prejudice Index:
- `t1_lgbtprej_trans_therm`: 0-100 feeling thermometer: Someone who is transgender.
- `t1_lgbtprej_gay_therm`: 0-100 feeling thermometer: Someone who is gay.
- `t1_lgbtprej_overcorrect`: Our country has over-corrected and gone too far in its attempts to give gay and transgender people equal rights.
- `t1_lgbtprej_workclose`: I would feel comfortable working closely with a gay or transgender person.
- LGBTQ Policy Index:
- `t1_lgbtpolicy_discrim`: A federal law that would protect gay and transgender people from discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations like stores and restaurants.
- `t1_lgbtpolicy_fire`: A law in [STATE] protecting gay and transgender people from being fired for being gay or transgender.
- `t1_lgbtpolicy_conflict`: A law in [STATE] that would exempt business owners from following non-discrimination laws if those laws conflict with their moral or religious beliefs.
- `t1_lgbtpolicy_refuse`: Business owners should be allowed to refuse to provide products or services to gay or transgender people if doing so violates their religious beliefs.
- `t1_lgbtpolicy_serveall`: When a business opens its doors to the public, it should serve everyone on the same terms and not discriminate.
- `t1_lgbtpolicy_moreimpt`: A 1-6 scale asking if respondents are closer to "It is more important for the law to protect gay and transgender people from discrimination, even if that means some people may have to go against their religious beliefs to accommodate gay and transgender people" (1) or "It is more important for the law to protect the rights of religious people to live according to their faith and beliefs, even if that means some businesses won't provide certain goods or services to gay and transgender people" (6).
- Asylum Prejudice Index (Exploratory):
- `t1_asyl_praj_therm`: 0-100 feeling thermometer: Someone who is seeking asylum in the U.S.
- `t1_asyl_praj_highcost`: Letting large numbers of asylum-seekers enter the U.S. comes at too high a cost for Americans.
- `t1_asyl_praj_contribute`: People who are seeking asylum in the U.S. will contribute to our country if given the chance.
- Asylum Policy Index (Exploratory):
- `t1_asyl_policy_asylum`: The U.S. should grant asylum to qualified individuals who are fleeing violence in their home countries.
- `t1_asyl_policy_asylumdeny`: The U.S. should require that any individual seeking asylum here has already applied for and been denied asylum in every country they've passed through to get here.
- Individual Exploratory Items Not In Index:
- `t1_explor_immpraj_followrules`: Unauthorized immigrants should have followed the rules by coming

the legal way.

- **t1_explor_implej_donewrong:** Anyone who is in the U.S. illegally did something wrong by coming here and/or staying here.
- **t1_action_imm_online:** These days people are busy and often don't have time to do many of the things they would like to. Suppose in the next month someone asked you to engage in the following activities. How likely would you be to say yes?... Post in support of undocumented immigrants on Facebook, Twitter, or other social media. This is coded as a 5-point scale from "Not at all likely" (1) to "Extremely likely" (5).
- **t1_action_asyl_congress:** Same intro as above... Contact your Congressperson to call for a more orderly, humane asylum process. Coded same as above.
- **t1_action_lgbt_online:** Same intro as above... Post in support of gay and transgender people on Facebook, Twitter, or other social media. Coded same as above. This was not included in our pre-analysis plan although we use the same analytical strategy as the other outcome measures.
- **t1_action_lgbt_congress:** Same intro as above... Contact your Congressperson and ask them to support protecting gay and transgender people from discrimination at the workplace. Coded same as above. This was not included in our pre-analysis plan although we use the same analytical strategy as the other outcome measures.

We also asked three manipulation check outcomes (see below images for full wording). The first two were included in our pre-analysis plan as manipulation checks while we failed to mention the third outcome. However, we analyze this item using the same procedure as in our pre-analysis plan.

- **t1_recall_imm:** Checked "How the United States treats unauthorized immigrants and asylum seekers."
- **t1_recall_lgbt:** Checked "How businesses treat gay and lesbian people."
- **t1_knowledge_imm_taxes:** Checked "COMPLETELY TRUE" for "Undocumented immigrants pay state and local taxes".

Do you recall seeing ads on television recently about the following? Check all that apply.

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> How the United States treats unauthorized immigrants and asylum seekers | <input type="checkbox"/> Coca-Cola |
| <input type="checkbox"/> How businesses treat gay and lesbian people | <input type="checkbox"/> The 2020 presidential election |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The all-new Toyota Camry | <input type="checkbox"/> Taking a vacation in Mexico |

Figure OA1: Wording of recall question

Tests of Design Assumptions

Covariate Balance

The below tables demonstrate that balance on pre-treatment observable attributes is maintained among the original universe of pre-survey respondents randomized to each group and the sub-sample that was successfully re-interviewed. Each table shows the mean value for the covariate under each condition as well as the p -value from a one-way ANOVA test with no multiple testing adjustment. All of these covariates were measured pre-treatment.

Below are seven facts about the American economy. **Some statements below are completely true. Others are at least partly false. Some are completely false.**

Which of the below statements do you think are completely true? If you think part of the statement is false, select false. It's alright if you don't know. If you don't know, just make your best guess.

	I think this is COMPLETELY TRUE	I think this is FALSE
Undocumented immigrants pay state and federal taxes.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The federal minimum wage is \$15 per hour.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The unemployment rate is 3.5%.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	I think this is COMPLETELY TRUE	I think this is FALSE
The United States is the world's largest economy.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More people are employed as yoga instructors than as coal miners.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The United States manufactures more cars than any other country.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Figure OA2: Wording of knowledge of taxes question

Table OA3: Covariate Balance among Pre-Survey Respondents.

	LGBTQ: Open to All	Immigration: Eddie	Immigration: MariCruz/Kandy	p-value
Imm. Policy	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.91
Imm. Prej.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.92
Asyl. Policy	-0.01	0.00	0.01	0.68
Asyl. Prej.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.97
LGBTQ Policy	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.98
LGBTQ Prej.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.83
Therm Transgender	55.91	56.04	55.82	0.86
Therm Gay	66.01	66.36	66.25	0.62
Therm Imm.	39.57	40.06	40.21	0.25
Therm Asyl.	59.62	59.91	59.40	0.34
Politics Factor	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.99
Economy Today	2.96	2.97	2.97	0.41
Economy Next Year	2.06	2.07	2.06	0.6
Economy Personal	2.90	2.92	2.91	0.42
Imm. Pay Taxes	0.36	0.35	0.37	0.17
College Educated	0.57	0.57	0.57	0.83
Ideology	3.69	3.70	3.69	0.81
PID-7	3.89	3.89	3.89	0.98
Trump Vote	2.95	2.96	2.96	0.97
US House	2.01	2.01	2.01	0.81
Employed Full-time	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.87
Employed Part-time	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.06
Urbanicity	0.28	0.28	0.27	0.06
Age	57.47	57.44	57.38	0.89
Voted '18	0.91	0.91	0.91	0.4

Voted '16	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.45
Voted '14	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.67
Voted '12	0.79	0.79	0.79	0.87
Reg. Dem.	0.30	0.30	0.29	0.13
Reg. Rep.	0.46	0.46	0.47	0.36
Female	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.55
White	0.84	0.84	0.84	0.55
Af-Am	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.34
Latino	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.44
CA	0.11	0.11	0.11	1
CO	0.17	0.17	0.17	1
MI	0.18	0.18	0.18	1
NC	0.17	0.17	0.17	1
TN	0.16	0.16	0.16	1
N	10469.00	10467.00	10468.00	-

Table OA4: Covariate Balance among Post-Treatment Respondents.

	LGBTQ: Open to All	Immigration: Eddie	Immigration: MariCruz/Kandy	p-value
Imm. Policy	-0.07	-0.08	-0.06	0.79
Imm. Prej.	0.07	0.08	0.06	0.61
Asyl. Policy	-0.07	-0.07	-0.05	0.35
Asyl. Prej.	0.08	0.10	0.08	0.73
LGBTQ Policy	-0.05	-0.09	-0.06	0.15
LGBTQ Prej.	-0.07	-0.10	-0.08	0.25
Therm Transgender	57.11	57.84	57.09	0.29
Therm Gay	67.45	68.12	67.69	0.38
Therm Imm.	40.82	41.68	41.36	0.3
Therm Asyl.	61.23	62.01	61.16	0.14
Politics Factor	-0.05	-0.08	-0.05	0.09
Economy Today	2.98	2.96	2.99	0.15
Economy Next Year	2.03	2.03	2.02	0.92
Economy Personal	2.96	2.96	2.97	0.85
Imm. Pay Taxes	0.39	0.38	0.39	0.56
College Educated	0.62	0.61	0.62	0.55
Ideology	3.77	3.82	3.75	0.07
PID-7	3.96	4.05	3.97	0.08
Trump Vote	2.86	2.79	2.86	0.11
US House	1.98	1.95	1.96	0.2
Employed Full-time	0.43	0.43	0.42	0.87
Employed Part-time	0.10	0.10	0.09	0.18
Urbanicity	0.26	0.27	0.26	0.95
Age	57.99	57.82	57.90	0.83
Voted '18	0.92	0.93	0.92	0.15
Voted '16	0.91	0.91	0.91	0.51
Voted '14	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.91
Voted '12	0.79	0.80	0.80	0.61
Reg. Dem.	0.29	0.30	0.27	0.02
Reg. Rep.	0.45	0.45	0.46	0.22
Female	0.54	0.54	0.53	0.35
White	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.36

Af-Am	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.08
Latino	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.39
CA	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.71
CO	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.89
MI	0.17	0.18	0.18	0.6
NC	0.17	0.17	0.16	0.26
TN	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.6
N	5398.00	5393.00	5252.00	-

Survey Attrition

Another design assumption is that the treatment does not affect the composition of the individuals who take each follow-up survey (Broockman, Kalla, and Sekhon 2017). We investigate this by regressing an indicator for responding to a post-treatment survey on indicators of treatment assignment. In the post-treatment survey, we find substantively small but borderline significant evidence of differential attrition. For this regression, the base condition is the LGBTQ ad.

Table OA5: Test for differential attrition

	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value
Post-Treatment Survey				
Immigration: Eddie	0.00	0.01	-0.06	0.96
Immigration: MariCruz/Kandy	-0.01	0.01	-2.01	0.04

Test of Differential Attrition by Covariates

The above subsection demonstrated that there may have been some small average differential attrition; now, we test for whether the treatment caused attrition to differ by covariates (for example, whether it encouraged already-supportive subjects to complete the post-survey but also discouraged unsupportive subjects from doing so) (Gerber and Green 2012). To test whether attrition patterns are similar by covariates in treatment and placebo, we use a linear regression of whether or not an individual responded to the follow-up survey on treatment, baseline covariates, and treatment-covariate interactions. We then perform a heteroskedasticity-robust F-test of the hypothesis that all the interaction coefficients are zero. This procedure is standard practice (Gerber and Green 2012).

The p-value on this F-test is 0.4, suggesting there does not appear to be evidence of asymmetrical attrition.

Results

Below we report the results in tabular form for each outcome measure. Each table includes two models: one in which we adjust for the pre-specified pre-treatment covariates to improve precision and a second unadjusted model. Note that we pre-registered a focus on the estimates with covariates (which were also pre-registered) since we expected these to be much more precise; the experimental design was intended to draw significant statistical power from the baseline survey. However, we also present results without covariates for completeness.

When we report the effects of the immigration ads, the LGBTQ ad is the comparison condition. When we report the effects of the LGBTQ ad, the immigration ad is the comparison condition.

Effect of Immigration Ads

Below we estimate the ATE on ad recall.

Table OA6: ATE effects on immigration ad recall

	With Covariates				Without Covariates			
	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value
Main Effects								
Eddie	0.037	0.006	6.369	0.000	0.038	0.006	6.428	0.000
MariCruz/Kandy	0.048	0.006	8.026	0.000	0.049	0.006	8.108	0.000
By Survey Timing								
Eddie Timing 1	0.057	0.010	5.860	0.000	0.058	0.010	5.887	0.000
Eddie Timing 2	0.032	0.010	3.233	0.001	0.032	0.010	3.207	0.001
Eddie Timing 3	0.020	0.011	1.874	0.061	0.021	0.011	1.963	0.050
MariCruz/Kandy Timing 1	0.055	0.010	5.607	0.000	0.056	0.010	5.649	0.000
MariCruz/Kandy Timing 2	0.050	0.011	4.699	0.000	0.051	0.011	4.762	0.000
MariCruz/Kandy Timing 3	0.040	0.011	3.612	0.000	0.040	0.011	3.645	0.000

Below we estimate the ATE on knowledge of taxes.

Table OA7: ATE effects on knowledge of immigrants and taxes.

	With Covariates				Without Covariates			
	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value
Main Effects								
Eddie	-0.004	0.007	-0.593	0.553	-0.004	0.010	-0.418	0.676
MariCruz/Kandy	0.047	0.008	6.044	0.000	0.050	0.010	5.119	0.000
By Survey Timing								
Eddie Timing 1	-0.011	0.013	-0.905	0.365	-0.021	0.016	-1.318	0.187
Eddie Timing 2	0.014	0.013	1.116	0.264	0.020	0.017	1.224	0.221
Eddie Timing 3	-0.017	0.013	-1.240	0.215	-0.010	0.017	-0.614	0.539
MariCruz/Kandy Timing 1	0.035	0.013	2.732	0.006	0.027	0.016	1.686	0.092
MariCruz/Kandy Timing 2	0.067	0.013	5.054	0.000	0.070	0.017	4.160	0.000
MariCruz/Kandy Timing 3	0.038	0.014	2.704	0.007	0.053	0.017	3.070	0.002

Below we estimate the ATE on the overall index.

Table OA8: ATE effects on immigration overall index

	With Covariates				Without Covariates			
	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value
Main Effects								
Eddie	0.000	0.007	-0.071	0.944	0.011	0.020	0.564	0.573
MariCruz/Kandy	0.013	0.007	1.752	0.080	0.007	0.020	0.321	0.748
By Survey Timing								
Eddie Timing 1	-0.012	0.012	-1.008	0.314	-0.027	0.034	-0.797	0.426
Eddie Timing 2	0.011	0.012	0.918	0.359	0.042	0.035	1.217	0.224
Eddie Timing 3	0.000	0.013	0.023	0.982	0.022	0.036	0.610	0.542
MariCruz/Kandy Timing 1	0.009	0.012	0.756	0.450	-0.020	0.034	-0.585	0.559
MariCruz/Kandy Timing 2	0.018	0.013	1.431	0.152	0.007	0.035	0.209	0.835
MariCruz/Kandy Timing 3	0.011	0.013	0.841	0.400	0.036	0.036	0.992	0.321

Below we estimate the ATE on the overall prejudice index.

Table OA9: ATE effects on immigration prejudice index

	With Covariates				Without Covariates			
	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value
Main Effects								
Eddie	0.000	0.008	0.020	0.984	0.012	0.020	0.589	0.556
MariCruz/Kandy	0.012	0.008	1.522	0.128	0.005	0.020	0.264	0.792
By Survey Timing								
Eddie Timing 1	-0.008	0.013	-0.617	0.537	-0.024	0.034	-0.717	0.474
Eddie Timing 2	0.011	0.013	0.831	0.406	0.042	0.034	1.216	0.224
Eddie Timing 3	-0.002	0.014	-0.136	0.892	0.021	0.036	0.575	0.565
MariCruz/Kandy Timing 1	0.012	0.013	0.960	0.337	-0.018	0.034	-0.521	0.602
MariCruz/Kandy Timing 2	0.015	0.013	1.133	0.257	0.004	0.035	0.125	0.901
MariCruz/Kandy Timing 3	0.007	0.014	0.526	0.599	0.033	0.036	0.906	0.365

Below we estimate the ATE on the policy index.

Table OA10: ATE effects on immigration policy index

	With Covariates				Without Covariates			
	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value
Main Effects								
Eddie	-0.002	0.010	-0.172	0.864	0.009	0.020	0.462	0.644
MariCruz/Kandy	0.015	0.010	1.542	0.123	0.010	0.020	0.496	0.620
By Survey Timing								
Eddie Timing 1	-0.025	0.016	-1.526	0.127	-0.032	0.033	-0.945	0.345
Eddie Timing 2	0.012	0.017	0.670	0.503	0.036	0.035	1.056	0.291
Eddie Timing 3	0.011	0.018	0.602	0.547	0.026	0.036	0.727	0.467
MariCruz/Kandy Timing 1	-0.006	0.017	-0.386	0.699	-0.029	0.034	-0.853	0.394
MariCruz/Kandy Timing 2	0.027	0.018	1.524	0.128	0.017	0.035	0.483	0.629
MariCruz/Kandy Timing 3	0.028	0.017	1.597	0.110	0.047	0.036	1.312	0.189

Below we estimate the ATE on the immigration action-taking item.

Table OA11: ATE effects on immigration action-taking item.

	With Covariates				Without Covariates			
	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value
Main Effects								
Eddie	-0.004	0.017	-0.222	0.824	0.007	0.020	0.375	0.707
MariCruz/Kandy	0.004	0.017	0.248	0.804	0.001	0.020	0.073	0.942
By Survey Timing								
Eddie Timing 1	0.024	0.028	0.837	0.403	0.015	0.033	0.437	0.662
Eddie Timing 2	-0.007	0.030	-0.230	0.818	0.013	0.034	0.365	0.715
Eddie Timing 3	-0.031	0.029	-1.072	0.284	-0.006	0.034	-0.181	0.857
MariCruz/Kandy Timing 1	0.044	0.029	1.556	0.120	0.021	0.034	0.631	0.528
MariCruz/Kandy Timing 2	0.000	0.030	0.011	0.992	0.000	0.034	-0.004	0.997
MariCruz/Kandy Timing 3	-0.038	0.030	-1.238	0.216	-0.020	0.035	-0.563	0.573

Below we estimate the ATE on the immigration action-taking item, limiting our analysis to those respondents

who in the baseline survey were in the top tercile of support for undocumented immigrants. For example, among this subset, the average feeling thermometer rating towards undocumented immigrants was 67.

Table OA12: ATE effects on immigration action-taking item, top tercile.

	With Covariates				Without Covariates			
	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value
Main Effects								
Eddie	0.004	0.038	0.102	0.919	-0.001	0.040	-0.021	0.984
MariCruz/Kandy	0.024	0.039	0.610	0.542	0.006	0.041	0.152	0.879
By Survey Timing								
Eddie Timing 1	0.012	0.063	0.193	0.847	-0.017	0.068	-0.250	0.803
Eddie Timing 2	0.017	0.067	0.251	0.802	0.001	0.071	0.015	0.988
Eddie Timing 3	-0.020	0.067	-0.292	0.770	0.017	0.070	0.244	0.808
MariCruz/Kandy Timing 1	0.122	0.065	1.864	0.062	0.089	0.070	1.282	0.200
MariCruz/Kandy Timing 2	-0.012	0.067	-0.177	0.860	-0.031	0.072	-0.433	0.665
MariCruz/Kandy Timing 3	-0.051	0.069	-0.737	0.461	-0.048	0.073	-0.659	0.510

Below we estimate the ATE on the asylum action-taking item.

Table OA13: ATE effects on asylum action-taking item.

	With Covariates				Without Covariates			
	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value
Main Effects								
Eddie	-0.006	0.016	-0.342	0.733	0.006	0.020	0.298	0.766
MariCruz/Kandy	0.007	0.017	0.444	0.657	0.004	0.020	0.187	0.852
By Survey Timing								
Eddie Timing 1	-0.005	0.028	-0.184	0.854	-0.009	0.033	-0.255	0.799
Eddie Timing 2	-0.005	0.029	-0.163	0.870	0.017	0.034	0.488	0.626
Eddie Timing 3	-0.007	0.029	-0.247	0.805	0.011	0.035	0.301	0.764
MariCruz/Kandy Timing 1	0.040	0.028	1.450	0.147	0.023	0.034	0.685	0.493
MariCruz/Kandy Timing 2	-0.014	0.029	-0.479	0.632	-0.013	0.034	-0.376	0.707
MariCruz/Kandy Timing 3	-0.008	0.030	-0.272	0.785	-0.001	0.035	-0.036	0.972

Below we estimate the ATE on the asylum action-taking item, limiting our analysis to those respondents who in the baseline survey were in the top tercile of support for undocumented immigrants.

Table OA14: ATE effects on asylum action-taking item, top tercile.

	With Covariates				Without Covariates			
	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value
Main Effects								
Eddie	-0.003	0.031	-0.089	0.929	0.004	0.034	0.116	0.907
MariCruz/Kandy	0.020	0.032	0.618	0.536	0.008	0.034	0.227	0.820
By Survey Timing								
Eddie Timing 1	-0.017	0.052	-0.328	0.743	-0.030	0.056	-0.534	0.593
Eddie Timing 2	0.007	0.053	0.131	0.896	0.019	0.059	0.320	0.749
Eddie Timing 3	0.004	0.056	0.066	0.948	0.028	0.060	0.471	0.638
MariCruz/Kandy Timing 1	0.087	0.053	1.647	0.100	0.071	0.057	1.253	0.210
MariCruz/Kandy Timing 2	0.000	0.056	0.004	0.997	-0.015	0.061	-0.250	0.802
MariCruz/Kandy Timing 3	-0.037	0.057	-0.636	0.524	-0.039	0.061	-0.640	0.522

Treatment Effect Heterogeneity by Respondent Partisanship

Below we report treatment effects by respondent partisanship, as measured in the initial baseline survey. We classify respondents as Democrats (including leaners), Republicans (including leaners), and Independents.

Table OA15: HTE effects on immigration ad recall by respondent partisanship.

	Democrats				Republicans				Independents			
	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value
Eddie	0.023	0.009	2.487	0.013	0.050	0.008	6.04	0	0.046	0.02	2.337	0.020
MariCruz/Kandy	0.040	0.010	4.236	0.000	0.053	0.008	6.36	0	0.064	0.02	3.117	0.002

Table OA16: HTE effects on knowledge of immigrants and taxes by respondent partisanship.

	Democrats				Republicans				Independents			
	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value
Eddie	0.004	0.011	0.366	0.715	-0.012	0.011	-1.157	0.248	-0.006	0.027	-0.217	0.828
MariCruz/Kandy	0.045	0.012	3.857	0.000	0.048	0.011	4.334	0.000	0.057	0.027	2.098	0.036

Table OA17: HTE effects on immigration overall index by respondent partisanship.

	Democrats				Republicans				Independents			
	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value
Eddie	-0.014	0.010	-1.344	0.179	0.006	0.011	0.585	0.558	0.011	0.025	0.443	0.658
MariCruz/Kandy	0.008	0.011	0.754	0.451	0.015	0.011	1.365	0.172	0.024	0.026	0.929	0.353

Table OA18: HTE effects on immigration prejudice index by respondent partisanship.

	Democrats				Republicans				Independents			
	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value
Eddie	-0.010	0.011	-0.922	0.357	0.005	0.012	0.440	0.660	0.004	0.027	0.138	0.890
MariCruz/Kandy	0.006	0.011	0.530	0.596	0.015	0.012	1.326	0.185	0.020	0.028	0.693	0.488

Table OA19: HTE effects on immigration policy index by respondent partisanship.

	Democrats				Republicans				Independents			
	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value
Eddie	-0.027	0.013	-2.016	0.044	0.013	0.015	0.810	0.418	0.040	0.034	1.178	0.239
MariCruz/Kandy	0.013	0.014	0.957	0.338	0.014	0.015	0.898	0.369	0.036	0.036	1.018	0.309

Table OA20: HTE effects on immigration action-taking item by respondent partisanship.

	Democrats				Republicans				Independents			
	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value
Eddie	-0.004	0.032	-0.119	0.905	0.011	0.014	0.793	0.428	-0.077	0.054	-1.433	0.152
MariCruz/Kandy	0.028	0.033	0.870	0.384	-0.006	0.014	-0.472	0.637	-0.006	0.056	-0.114	0.909

Table OA21: HTE effects on asylum action-taking item by respondent partisanship.

	Democrats				Republicans				Independents			
	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value
Eddie	-0.008	0.027	-0.305	0.761	0.012	0.02	0.586	0.558	-0.083	0.057	-1.454	0.146
MariCruz/Kandy	0.018	0.028	0.629	0.529	0.012	0.02	0.616	0.538	-0.045	0.059	-0.765	0.444

Treatment Effect Heterogeneity by Respondent Political Knowledge

Below we report treatment effects by respondent political knowledge, as measured in the initial baseline survey. Specifically, we asked respondents six true/false questions:

- Undocumented immigrants pay state and federal taxes. (correct answer is true.)
- The federal minimum wage is \$15 per hour. (correct answer is false.)
- The unemployment rate is 3.5%. (correct answer is true.)
- The United States is the world's largest economy. (correct answer is true.)
- More people are employed as yoga instructors than as coal miners. (correct answer is true.)
- The United States manufactures more cars than any other country. (correct answer is false.)

We then averaged respondents' answers to create a political knowledge scale. We then coded respondents as a 1 if they were above the median on this scale or a 0 if they were at or below the median. (This analysis was not pre-registered but was recommended by an anonymous reviewer.)

Table OA22: HTE effects on immigration ad recall by respondent political knowledge

	Above Median				At or Below Median			
	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value
Eddie	0.045	0.012	3.842	<0.001	0.034	0.007	5.029	<0.001
MariCruz/Kandy	0.063	0.012	5.316	<0.001	0.043	0.007	6.106	<0.001

Table OA23: HTE effects on knowledge of immigrants and taxes by respondent political knowledge

	Above Median				At or Below Median			
	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value
Eddie	0.006	0.015	0.44	0.66	-0.008	0.009	-0.923	0.356
MariCruz/Kandy	0.056	0.014	3.86	<0.001	0.043	0.009	4.704	<0.001

Table OA24: HTE effects on immigration overall index by respondent political knowledge

	Above Median				At or Below Median			
	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value
Eddie	0.001	0.013	0.101	0.919	0.000	0.009	-0.048	0.962
MariCruz/Kandy	0.013	0.013	1.025	0.306	0.012	0.009	1.407	0.159

Table OA25: HTE effects on immigration prejudice index by respondent political knowledge

	Above Median				At or Below Median			
	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value
Eddie	0.005	0.014	0.328	0.743	-0.001	0.009	-0.058	0.954
MariCruz/Kandy	0.013	0.014	0.963	0.336	0.011	0.009	1.168	0.243

Table OA26: HTE effects on immigration policy index by respondent political knowledge

	Above Median				At or Below Median			
	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value
Eddie	-0.013	0.018	-0.706	0.48	0.003	0.012	0.216	0.829
MariCruz/Kandy	0.010	0.018	0.520	0.603	0.018	0.012	1.489	0.137

Table OA27: HTE effects on immigration action-taking item by respondent political knowledge

	Above Median				At or Below Median			
	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value
Eddie	-0.021	0.035	-0.597	0.55	0.001	0.019	0.068	0.945
MariCruz/Kandy	0.022	0.035	0.620	0.535	-0.003	0.019	-0.140	0.888

Table OA28: HTE effects on asylum action-taking item by respondent political knowledge

	Above Median				At or Below Median			
	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value
Eddie	-0.052	0.033	-1.581	0.114	0.009	0.019	0.498	0.619
MariCruz/Kandy	-0.023	0.033	-0.704	0.482	0.017	0.019	0.897	0.37

Effect of LGBTQ Ad

Below we estimate the ATE on ad recall.

Table OA29: ATE effects on LGBTQ ad recall

	With Covariates				Without Covariates			
	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value
Main Effects								
LGBTQ	0.0592	0.0041	14.2765	<0.001	0.0590	0.0042	14.1924	<0.001
By Survey Timing								
LGBTQ Timing 1	0.0629	0.0070	9.0065	<0.001	0.0630	0.0070	8.9807	<0.001
LGBTQ Timing 2	0.0543	0.0071	7.6025	<0.001	0.0539	0.0072	7.5218	<0.001
LGBTQ Timing 3	0.0603	0.0074	8.1264	<0.001	0.0600	0.0074	8.0533	<0.001

Below we estimate the ATE on the overall index.

Table OA30: ATE effects on LGBTQ overall index

	With Covariates				Without Covariates			
	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value
Main Effects								
LGBTQ	0.0116	0.0067	1.7370	0.0824	-0.0056	0.0176	-0.3172	0.7511
By Survey Timing								
LGBTQ Timing 1	0.0361	0.0111	3.2408	0.0012	0.0472	0.0300	1.5763	0.115
LGBTQ Timing 2	-0.0075	0.0115	-0.6504	0.5154	-0.0320	0.0305	-1.0482	0.2946
LGBTQ Timing 3	0.0042	0.0120	0.3522	0.7247	-0.0370	0.0311	-1.1915	0.2335

Below we estimate the ATE on the overall prejudice index.

Table OA31: ATE effects on LGBTQ prejudice index

	With Covariates				Without Covariates			
	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value
Main Effects								
LGBTQ	0.0191	0.0088	2.1621	0.0306	0.0053	0.0175	0.3005	0.7638
By Survey Timing								
LGBTQ Timing 1	0.0540	0.0149	3.6280	3e-04	0.0684	0.0295	2.3172	0.0205
LGBTQ Timing 2	-0.0061	0.0153	-0.3966	0.6917	-0.0239	0.0303	-0.7895	0.4298
LGBTQ Timing 3	0.0066	0.0157	0.4213	0.6735	-0.0349	0.0311	-1.1235	0.2612

Below we estimate the ATE on the policy index.

Table OA32: ATE effects on LGBTQ policy index

	With Covariates				Without Covariates			
	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value
Main Effects								
LGBTQ	0.0061	0.0075	0.8111	0.4173	-0.0113	0.0175	-0.6462	0.5182
By Survey Timing								
LGBTQ Timing 1	0.0228	0.0123	1.8503	0.0643	0.0316	0.0298	1.0622	0.2881
LGBTQ Timing 2	-0.0089	0.0129	-0.6878	0.4916	-0.0352	0.0304	-1.1584	0.2467
LGBTQ Timing 3	0.0030	0.0136	0.2193	0.8264	-0.0343	0.0309	-1.1113	0.2664

Below we estimate the ATE on the social media action-taking item.

Table OA33: ATE effects on LGBTQ social media action-taking item

	With Covariates				Without Covariates			
	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value
Main Effects								
LGBTQ	0.0039	0.0148	0.2604	0.7945	-0.0038	0.0171	-0.2223	0.8241
By Survey Timing								
LGBTQ Timing 1	0.0042	0.0247	0.1691	0.8657	0.0167	0.0287	0.5813	0.5611
LGBTQ Timing 2	0.0168	0.0260	0.6456	0.5186	0.0073	0.0298	0.2454	0.8061
LGBTQ Timing 3	-0.0103	0.0263	-0.3926	0.6946	-0.0387	0.0303	-1.2773	0.2015

We also replicate this table, estimating the ATE on the social media action-taking item among those respondents who, at baseline, were in the top tercile of LGBTQ support. These respondents were supportive of LGBTQ rights at baseline. For example, their average feeling thermometer rating towards someone who is gay was 86.

Table OA34: ATE effects on LGBTQ social media action-taking item, top tercile

	With Covariates				Without Covariates			
	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value
Main Effects								
LGBTQ	-0.0190	0.0313	-0.6087	0.5427	0.0032	0.0332	0.0958	0.9237
By Survey Timing								
LGBTQ Timing 1	-0.0001	0.0521	-0.0019	0.9985	0.0292	0.0549	0.5323	0.5946
LGBTQ Timing 2	-0.0018	0.0549	-0.0324	0.9742	0.0244	0.0585	0.4161	0.6774
LGBTQ Timing 3	-0.0615	0.0558	-1.1014	0.2708	-0.0526	0.0596	-0.8826	0.3775

Below we estimate the ATE on the Congress action-taking item.

Table OA35: ATE effects on LGBTQ Congress action-taking item

	With Covariates				Without Covariates			
	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value
Main Effects								
LGBTQ	0.0073	0.0138	0.5267	0.5984	-0.0020	0.0172	-0.1183	0.9058
By Survey Timing								
LGBTQ Timing 1	0.0238	0.0234	1.0184	0.3085	0.0361	0.0294	1.2270	0.2199
LGBTQ Timing 2	0.0196	0.0239	0.8223	0.4109	0.0029	0.0297	0.0967	0.9229
LGBTQ Timing 3	-0.0243	0.0244	-0.9957	0.3194	-0.0500	0.0302	-1.6560	0.0977

We also replicate this table, estimating the ATE on the Congress action-taking item among those respondents who, at baseline, were in the top tercile of LGBTQ support.

Table OA36: ATE effects on LGBTQ Congress action-taking item, top tercile

	With Covariates				Without Covariates			
	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value
Main Effects								
LGBTQ	0.0213	0.0278	0.7665	0.4434	0.0306	0.0294	1.0415	0.2977
By Survey Timing								
LGBTQ Timing 1	0.0372	0.0460	0.8097	0.4181	0.0454	0.0484	0.9377	0.3484
LGBTQ Timing 2	0.0428	0.0483	0.8878	0.3747	0.0557	0.0519	1.0738	0.283
LGBTQ Timing 3	-0.0262	0.0503	-0.5205	0.6027	-0.0194	0.0529	-0.3671	0.7136

Finally, we look at the effect of the LGBTQ ad on individual items while the ads were still running. This is an exploratory analysis. Note that all estimates are intent-to-treat effects on standardized outcome measures. We have coded all variables so that positive effects are in the pro-LGBTQ direction.

Table OA37: Effect on individual LGBTQ policy and prejudice items

	With Covariates			
	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value
t1_lgbtprej_trans_therm	0.059	0.017	3.417	0.001
t1_lgbtprej_gay_therm	0.059	0.018	3.211	0.001
t1_lgbtprej_overcorrect	0.040	0.016	2.519	0.012
t1_lgbtprej_workclose	-0.013	0.023	-0.551	0.581
t1_lgbtpolicy_discrim	0.020	0.020	0.991	0.322
t1_lgbtpolicy_fire	0.018	0.023	0.786	0.432
t1_lgbtpolicy_conflict	0.017	0.017	0.989	0.323
t1_lgbtpolicy_refuse	0.023	0.015	1.534	0.125
t1_lgbtpolicy_serveall	0.000	0.020	-0.008	0.994
t1_lgbtpolicy_moreimpt	0.029	0.019	1.556	0.120

Treatment Effect Heterogeneity by Respondent Partisanship

Below we report treatment effects by respondent partisanship, as measured in the initial baseline survey. We classify respondents as Democrats (including leaners), Republicans (including leaners), and Independents.

Table OA38: HTE effects on LGBTQ outcomes by respondent partisanship

	Democrats				Republicans				Independents			
	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value
Effect on LGBTQ ad recall												
LGBTQ	0.085	0.007	12.639	0.000	0.036	0.005	6.641	0.000	0.043	0.014	3.104	0.002
Effect on LGBTQ overall index												
LGBTQ	0.017	0.009	1.884	0.060	0.009	0.010	0.856	0.392	0.004	0.024	0.148	0.882
Effect on LGBTQ prejudice index												
LGBTQ	0.032	0.013	2.429	0.015	0.011	0.013	0.805	0.421	0.012	0.032	0.385	0.701
Effect on LGBTQ policy index												
LGBTQ	0.006	0.010	0.655	0.512	0.008	0.012	0.634	0.526	-0.001	0.026	-0.052	0.959
Effect on LGBTQ social media action-taking item												
LGBTQ	-0.012	0.027	-0.456	0.649	0.001	0.015	0.090	0.929	0.082	0.051	1.613	0.107
Effect on LGBTQ Congress action-taking item												
LGBTQ	0.009	0.024	0.354	0.723	-0.003	0.016	-0.207	0.836	0.056	0.048	1.179	0.239

Treatment Effect Heterogeneity by Respondent Political Knowledge

Below we report treatment effects by respondent political knowledge. We classify respondents as above median or at or below median. Above we describe in detail how we measured political knowledge. (We did not pre-register this analysis. It was recommended by an anonymous reviewer.)

Table OA39: HTE effects on LGBTQ outcomes by respondent political knowledge

	Above Median				At or Below Median			
	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value	Effect	SE	t.stat	p-value
Effect on LGBTQ ad recall								
LGBTQ	0.066	0.008	7.965	0.000	0.057	0.005	11.906	0.000
Effect on LGBTQ overall index								
LGBTQ	0.021	0.012	1.808	0.071	0.008	0.008	0.973	0.331
Effect on LGBTQ prejudice index								
LGBTQ	0.036	0.016	2.264	0.024	0.013	0.011	1.210	0.226
Effect on LGBTQ policy index								
LGBTQ	0.011	0.013	0.829	0.407	0.004	0.009	0.437	0.662
Effect on LGBTQ social media action-taking item								
LGBTQ	0.002	0.029	0.065	0.948	0.005	0.017	0.296	0.767
Effect on LGBTQ Congress action-taking item								
LGBTQ	0.003	0.027	0.104	0.917	0.010	0.016	0.654	0.513

Multiple Testing

Our pre-analysis plan did not specify adjusting p-values for multiple testing. However, an anonymous reviewer suggested we assess whether the positive persuasive effects we observe of the LGBTQ ad while the advertisement was still running was a false positive.

Because we did not pre-register a multiple testing procedure, we follow David McKenzie's advice² for economists to control the Familywise Error Rate using the `wyoung` package in Stata (Jones et al. 2019), which implements the free step-down resampling methodology of Westfall and Young (1993), and to control the False Discovery Rate using Anderson (2008)'s Stata code for sharpened q-values, which implements the sharpened two-stage q-values from Benjamini, Krieger, and Yekutieli (2006).

²<https://blogs.worldbank.org/impac evaluations/overview-multiple-hypothesis-testing-commands-stata>

In calculating the sharpened q-values, we include all p-values on our main outcome indices, both from main effects and treatment-by-survey timing interactions. In total, this results in 68 p-values. There are six LGBTQ outcomes (recall, overall index, prejudice index, policy index, Congressional action-taking, and online action-taking), one main effect across all observations, and three subgroups for each survey wave. This results in 24 p-values of LGBTQ outcomes. Similarly, there are six immigration outcomes (recall, overall index, prejudice index, policy index, online action-taking, and tax knowledge), two treatments, one main effect across all observations, and three subgroups for each survey wave. We exclude any p-values (4) from the effect of the Eddie ad on tax knowledge because the Eddie ad did not mention this fact and therefore no effect was expected. This results in 44 p-values of immigration outcomes.

In calculating the Westfall and Young p-values, we limit our analysis to the family of p-values encompassing the effect of the LGBTQ ad while the ad was still airing. This results in six hypothesis tests: one for each of the LGBTQ outcomes listed above. We define this as a distinct family because we expected the effects of the ads to potentially be different depending on whether the ads were still airing or they had already come off the air (i.e., based on prior research, we expected to see decay).

The below table presents the adjusted p-values assessing the robustness of the finding of positive persuasive effects when the LGBTQ ad was still running to multiple testing adjustments. Overall, we find that the statistically significant results remain significant even after adjusting for multiple testing.

Table OA40: Multiple Testing Adjustment: LGBTQ Ad While Ad Still Airing

Outcome	Treatment Effect Coefficient	Covariate-adjusted p-value (no multiple testing correction)	Sharpened q-value	Westfall-Young adjusted p-value
Ad Recall	0.063	< 0.001	0.001	<0.001
Prejudice + Policy Index	0.036	0.001	0.005	0.004
Prejudice Index	0.054	< 0.001	0.002	0.002
Policy Index	0.023	0.064	0.183	0.168

Complier Average Causal Effects

Just because a household was randomly assigned to receive an ad does not mean that household watched the ad. For example, during the period of the experiment, that household may have never turned on their television. However, the advertising firm we partnered with on running the TV ads was able to collect data on how often a household saw an advertisement for 16,043 (51%) voters in the experiment. The remaining 49% have older television technologies that do not record this data, even if they view the advertisement. We exclude those voters with the older technology from the analyses presented in this section.

Among the 51% of voters with this technology, we do not know for certain whether someone saw the ad – perhaps they left the TV to go to the bathroom – but we at least know the television was on and the ad aired. We can therefore limit our analysis to these so-called compliers. Furthermore, the advertising firm also knows how many times each ad ran for each household. Note that this was not randomly assigned: however, we can measure observationally whether treatment effects vary with the number of exposures (dosage effects). This data is also only available for a subset of households.

Due to data privacy reasons, we are unable to share the data on which households were compliers. We pre-wrote code for this section that the advertising firm then executed for us.

The main descriptive findings on exposures are:

- LGBTQ Ad: 62% were exposed to the ad at least once. Of those exposed at least once, the median person was exposed 11 times (mean = 11.7; se = 0.13).

- Eddie Immigration Ad: 61% were exposed to the ad at least once. Of those exposed at least once, the median person was exposed 13 times (mean = 14.1; se = 0.17).
- MariCruz/Kandy Immigration Ad: 61% were exposed to the ad at least once. Of those exposed at least once, the median person was exposed 13 times (mean = 13.9; se = 0.17).

Below we report treatment effects among those with exposure data who were exposed to the ad at least once (i.e., compliers).

Table OA41: Effects of Immigration Ads Among Compliers (Those with Exposure Data Only)

Effect	SE	dv	Ad	Timing
0.1052	0.0239	Recall	Eddie + Prosperous Future	All
0.1560	0.0249	Recall	MariCruz/Kandy + Prosperous Future	All
0.1903	0.0406	Recall	Eddie + Prosperous Future	Ads Still Running
0.2029	0.0410	Recall	MariCruz/Kandy + Prosperous Future	Ads Still Running
0.0662	0.0418	Recall	Eddie + Prosperous Future	Ads Off One Day
0.1471	0.0441	Recall	MariCruz/Kandy + Prosperous Future	Ads Off One Day
0.0520	0.0422	Recall	Eddie + Prosperous Future	Ads Off Three Days
0.1106	0.0449	Recall	MariCruz/Kandy + Prosperous Future	Ads Off Three Days
-0.0145	0.0195	Knowledge	Eddie + Prosperous Future	All
-0.0145	0.0195	Knowledge	Eddie + Prosperous Future	All
0.1080	0.0201	Knowledge	MariCruz/Kandy + Prosperous Future	All
0.1080	0.0201	Knowledge	MariCruz/Kandy + Prosperous Future	All
-0.0225	0.0334	Knowledge	Eddie + Prosperous Future	Ads Still Running
0.1000	0.0336	Knowledge	MariCruz/Kandy + Prosperous Future	Ads Still Running
-0.0201	0.0338	Knowledge	Eddie + Prosperous Future	Ads Off One Day
0.1164	0.0348	Knowledge	MariCruz/Kandy + Prosperous Future	Ads Off One Day
-0.0006	0.0344	Knowledge	Eddie + Prosperous Future	Ads Off Three Days
0.1076	0.0365	Knowledge	MariCruz/Kandy + Prosperous Future	Ads Off Three Days
-0.0021	0.0092	Prej. + Policy Index	Eddie + Prosperous Future	All
0.0200	0.0094	Prej. + Policy Index	MariCruz/Kandy + Prosperous Future	All
-0.0174	0.0156	Prej. + Policy Index	Eddie + Prosperous Future	Ads Still Running
0.0242	0.0157	Prej. + Policy Index	MariCruz/Kandy + Prosperous Future	Ads Still Running
-0.0014	0.0157	Prej. + Policy Index	Eddie + Prosperous Future	Ads Off One Day
0.0096	0.0164	Prej. + Policy Index	MariCruz/Kandy + Prosperous Future	Ads Off One Day
0.0139	0.0164	Prej. + Policy Index	Eddie + Prosperous Future	Ads Off Three Days
0.0258	0.0167	Prej. + Policy Index	MariCruz/Kandy + Prosperous Future	Ads Off Three Days
0.0014	0.0096	Prejudice Index	Eddie + Prosperous Future	All
0.0185	0.0099	Prejudice Index	MariCruz/Kandy + Prosperous Future	All
-0.0115	0.0165	Prejudice Index	Eddie + Prosperous Future	Ads Still Running
0.0238	0.0165	Prejudice Index	MariCruz/Kandy + Prosperous Future	Ads Still Running
0.0041	0.0163	Prejudice Index	Eddie + Prosperous Future	Ads Off One Day
0.0068	0.0172	Prejudice Index	MariCruz/Kandy + Prosperous Future	Ads Off One Day
0.0124	0.0173	Prejudice Index	Eddie + Prosperous Future	Ads Off Three Days
0.0243	0.0176	Prejudice Index	MariCruz/Kandy + Prosperous Future	Ads Off Three Days
-0.0134	0.0126	Policy Index	Eddie + Prosperous Future	All
0.0228	0.0128	Policy Index	MariCruz/Kandy + Prosperous Future	All
-0.0372	0.0208	Policy Index	Eddie + Prosperous Future	Ads Still Running
0.0174	0.0211	Policy Index	MariCruz/Kandy + Prosperous Future	Ads Still Running
-0.0192	0.0223	Policy Index	Eddie + Prosperous Future	Ads Off One Day
0.0189	0.0227	Policy Index	MariCruz/Kandy + Prosperous Future	Ads Off One Day
0.0191	0.0224	Policy Index	Eddie + Prosperous Future	Ads Off Three Days
0.0325	0.0226	Policy Index	MariCruz/Kandy + Prosperous Future	Ads Off Three Days

Table OA42: Effects of LGBTQ Ad Among Compliers (Those with Exposure Data Only)

Effect	SE	dv	Timing
0.3596	0.0269	Recall	All
0.3265	0.0444	Recall	Ads Still Running
0.3898	0.0471	Recall	Ads Off One Day
0.3648	0.0471	Recall	Ads Off Three Days
0.0062	0.0085	Prej. + Policy Index	All
0.0244	0.0142	Prej. + Policy Index	Ads Still Running
-0.0030	0.0145	Prej. + Policy Index	Ads Off One Day
-0.0047	0.0156	Prej. + Policy Index	Ads Off Three Days
0.0142	0.0113	Prejudice Index	All
0.0294	0.0189	Prejudice Index	Ads Still Running
0.0106	0.0194	Prejudice Index	Ads Off One Day
0.0008	0.0200	Prejudice Index	Ads Off Three Days
0.0020	0.0095	Policy Index	All
0.0200	0.0158	Policy Index	Ads Still Running
-0.0092	0.0162	Policy Index	Ads Off One Day
-0.0067	0.0174	Policy Index	Ads Off Three Days

Dosage Effects

Below we report dose-response relationships where we estimate separate treatment effects for the number of advertising exposures a household had, again only among the non-random subset of households where household-level records on the number of times the ad was shown to that household are available. Note that the number of exposures was not randomly assigned, so this dose-response analysis is observational, rather than causal (i.e., we can only estimate the effect for people who received different doses, but the number of doses itself is not randomly assigned).

The below figures show the dose response relationships. In each figure, the dotted red line is the intent-to-treat effect among all respondents. The solid blue line is the complier average causal effect among respondents who live in households that were exposed to the ad at least once. Each circle is the complier average causal effect for a particular number of ad exposures. The black line is a linear model across the number of exposures, weighted by the precision at each number of exposures.

Immigration

The below figures examine the effects of the immigration ads. The figures reports that we find no increase in the ad's effectiveness among those respondents who live in households that were exposed to a greater number of advertisements. Using a linear model, on the overall index, we find a statistically insignificant decrease of -0.0009 standard deviations for each additional exposure to the Eddie and Prosperous Future advertisements (SE = 0.001, $p = 0.48$) and a similarly statistically insignificant increase of 0.0009 standard deviations for each additional exposure to the MariCruz/Kandy and Prosperous Future advertisements (SE = 0.001, $p = 0.51$). We also find no dosage effect on the other outcomes.

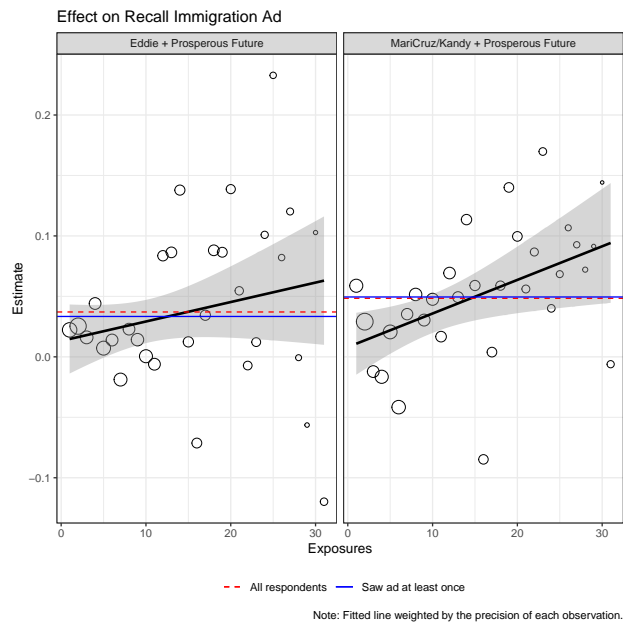


Figure OA3: Recall of Immigration Ad

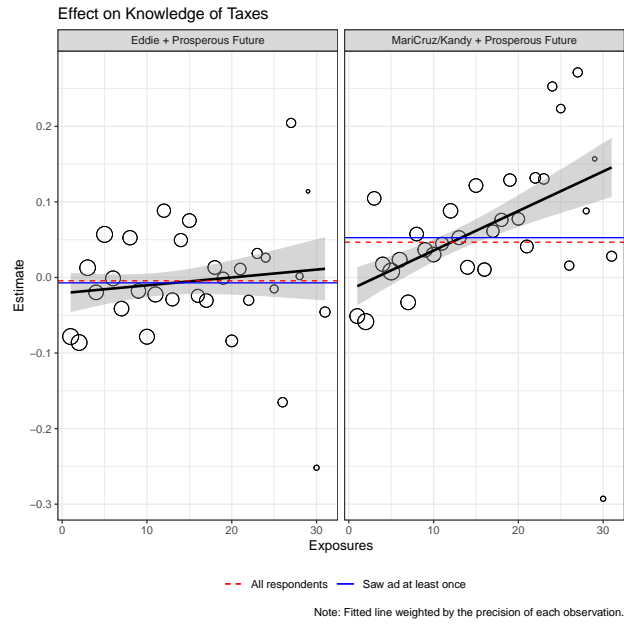


Figure OA4: Knowledge that Immigrants Pay Taxes

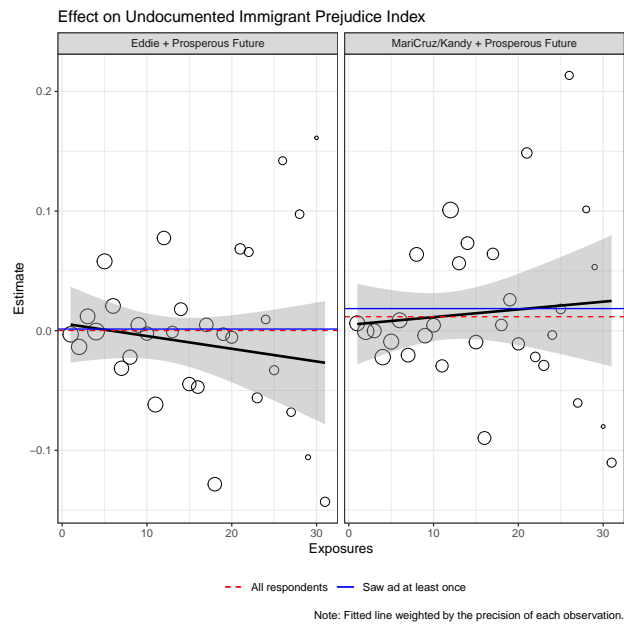


Figure OA5: Effect on Immigration Prejudice Index

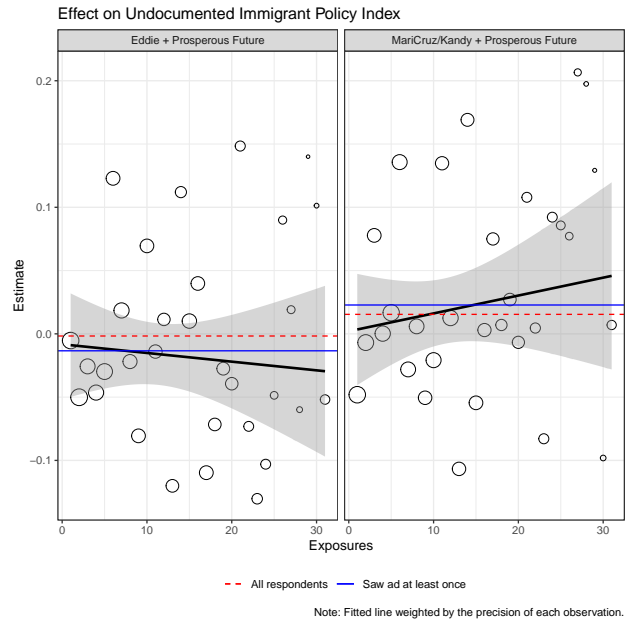


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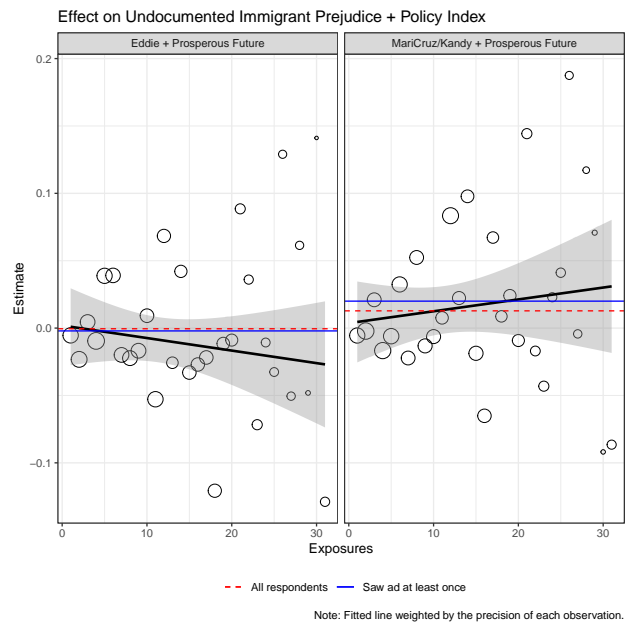


Figure OA7: Effect on Immigration Overall Index

LGBTQ

The below figures examine the effects of the LGBTQ ad. The figures reports that we find no increase in the ad's effectiveness among those respondents who live in households that were exposed to a greater number of advertisements. Using a linear model, we find a statistically insignificant increase of 0.0004 standard deviations on the overall index for each additional ad exposure (SE = 0.001, $p = 0.77$). We similarly find a lack of a dosage effect on the prejudice ($d = 0.002$, SE = 0.002, $p = 0.29$) and policy indexes ($d = -0.0004$, SE = 0.002, $p = 0.80$). However, on recall, we do find a meaningful dosage effect ($d = 0.005$, SE = 0.001, $p < 0.001$).

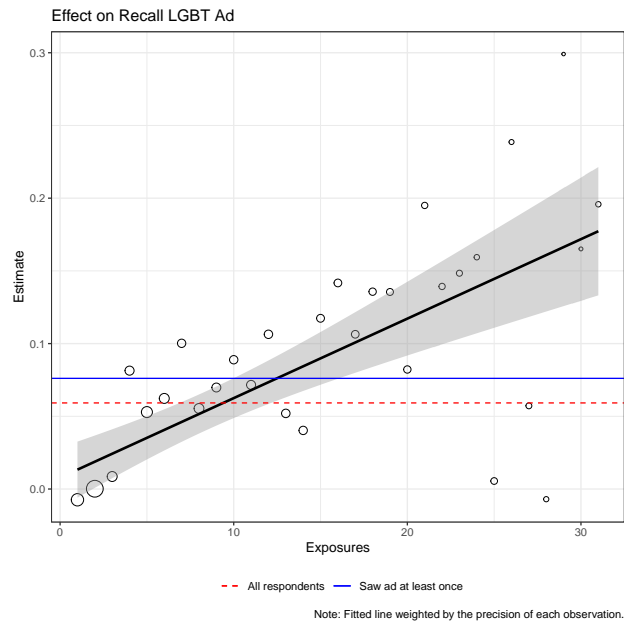


Figure OA8: Recall of LGBTQ Ad

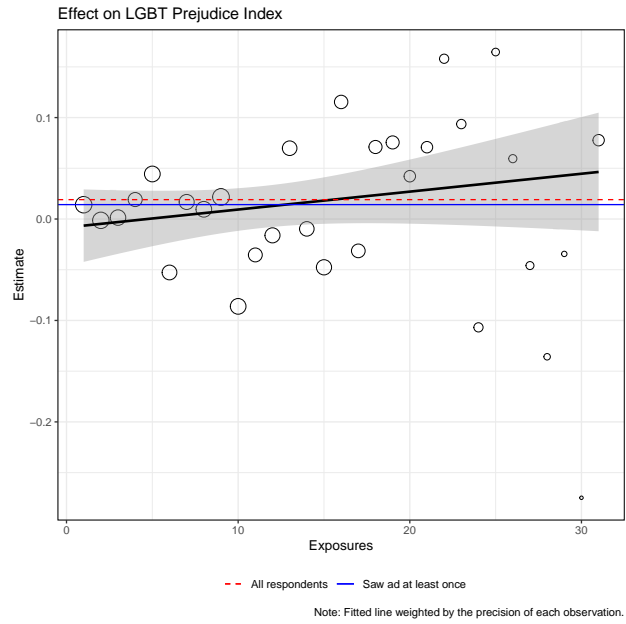


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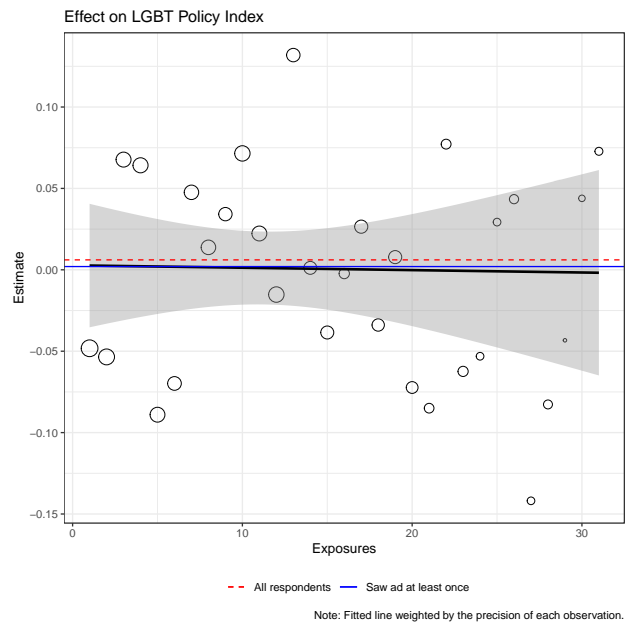


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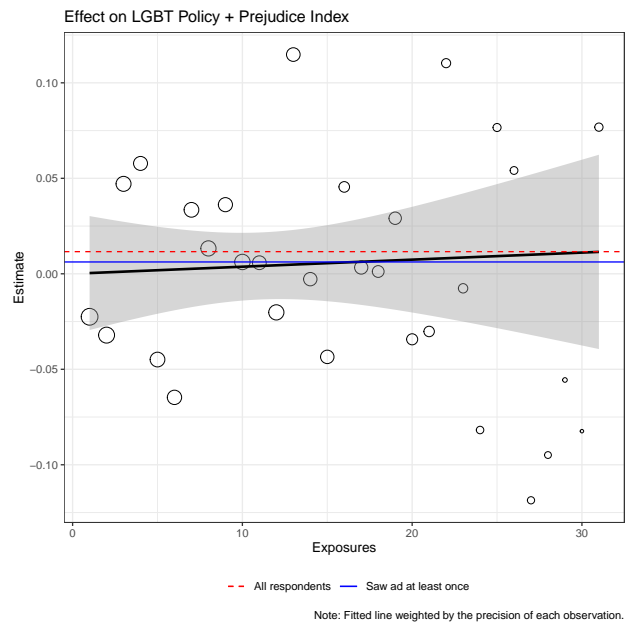


Figure OA11: Effect on LGBTQ Overall Index

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