What Underlies Asian American Sympathy for the Alt-Right?

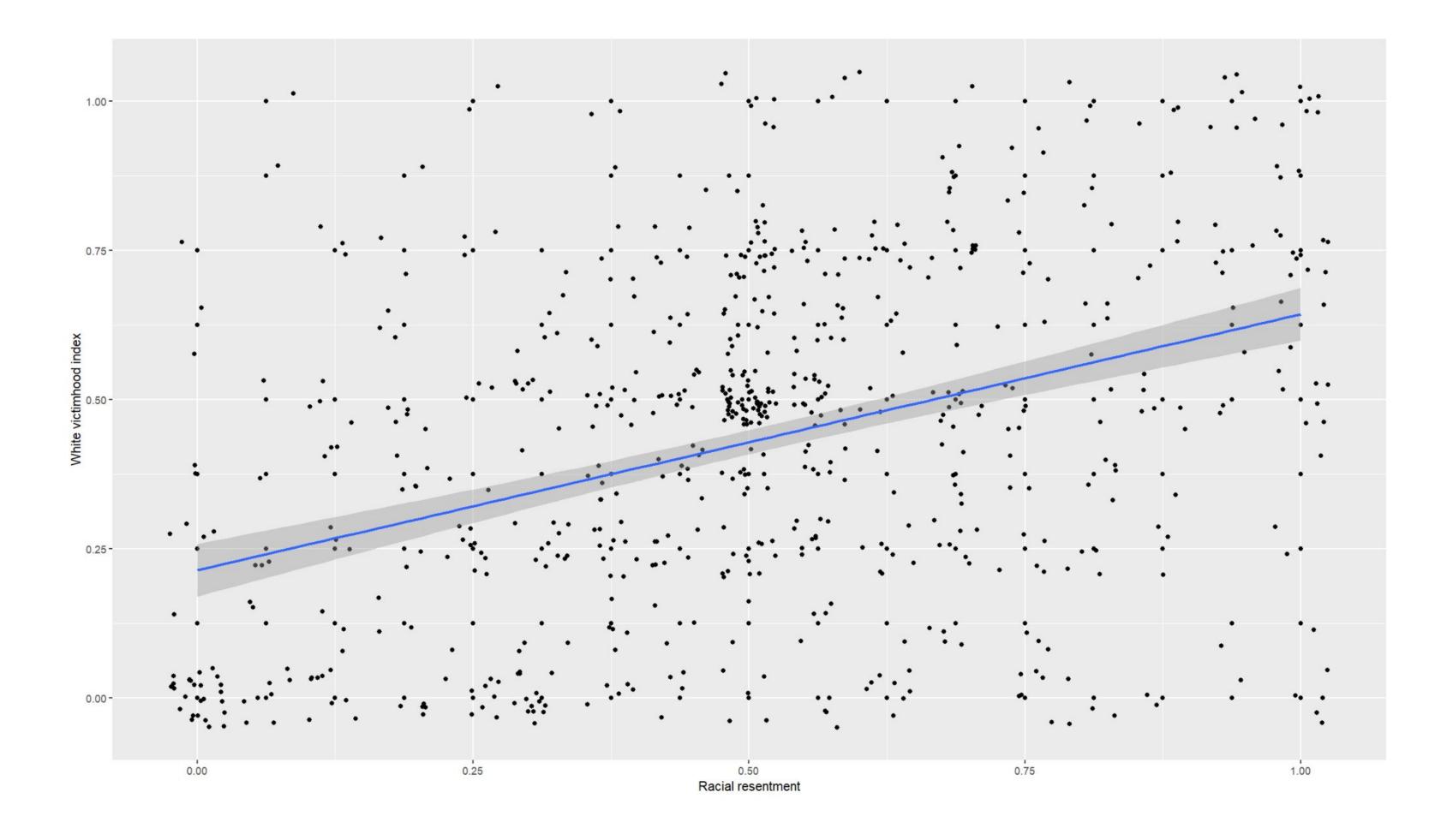
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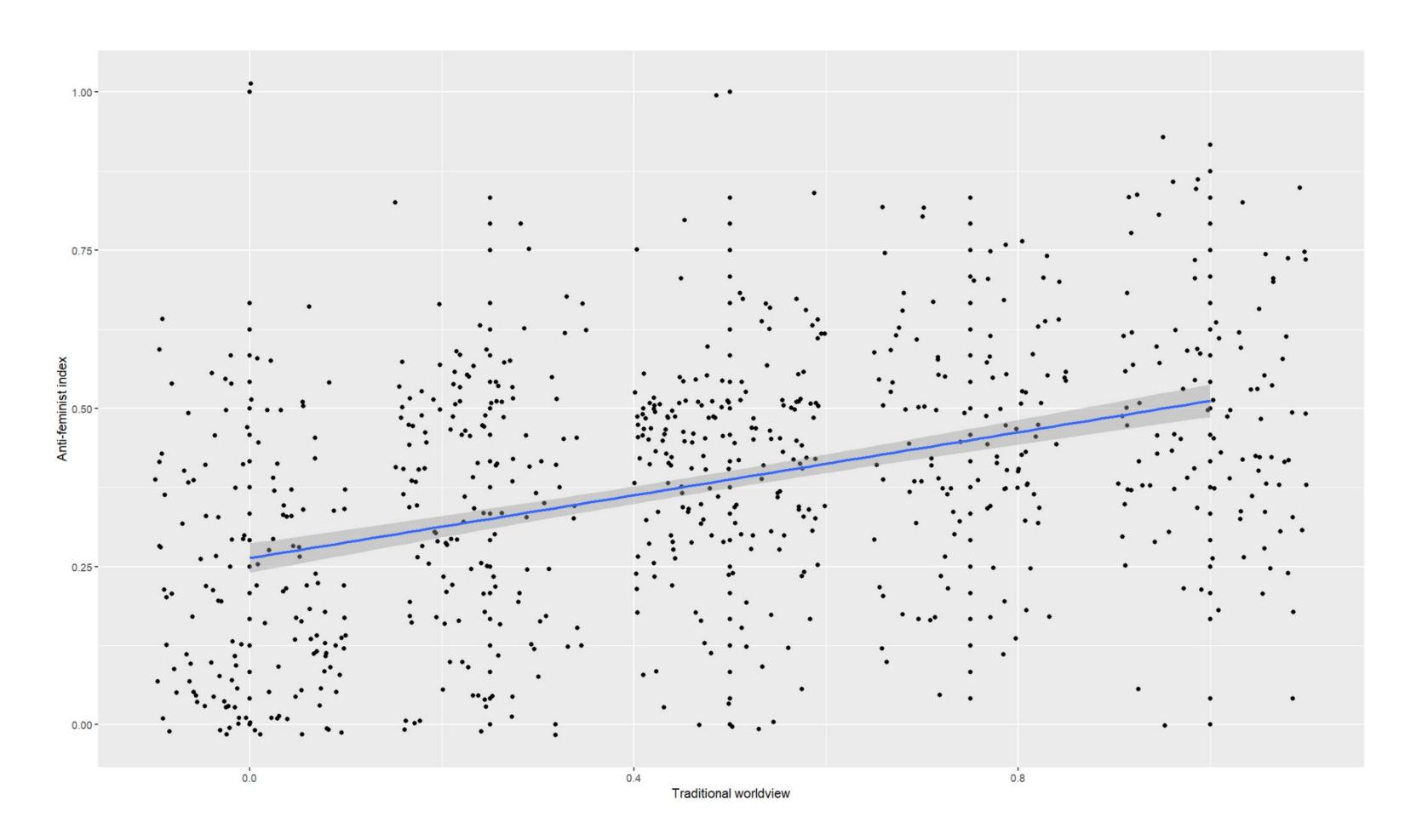
Question & Background

What characterizes Asian
Americans who embrace alt-right
sentiment? How are they different
from Asian Americans who do not
embrace alt-right
sentiment?

- Rising alt-right forces in the US
 White victimhood, anti-feminism,
 & Christian nationalism
- Increasing numbers of Asian
 Americans, a diverse group

 Asian Americans have "risk factors" for alt-right sympathy:
- Proximity to whiteness
- Anti-blackness
- Stronger cultural ties to traditionalism





Methodology

- Original 80-question nationwide survey administered to 715 Asian American adults
- Oversampled conservatives for statistical validity
- Multivariate linear regressions were performed between:
- Racial resentment,
- Traditional worldview, and
- Alt-right indexes.

Table 1: OLS Regression: Explaining White Victimhood with Racial Resentment Param. Est. (Std. Error) Intercept 0.214

Intercept Racial Resentment	0.214
	(0.02)
	0.430***
	(0.04)
Num.Obs.	674
R2	0.147
R2 Adj.	0.146

Results

- Asian Americans are driven by a sense of anti-Blackness to agree with white victimhood.
- Asian Americans are driven by a traditional worldview to agree with anti-feminist thought.
- Other factors that affect Asian American agreement with alt-right sentiment: Length of stay, age, political ideology, and country of origin.
- Further research: Proportion of Asian Americans in agreement with alt-right ideology, more nuanced study of differing countries of origin