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Disentangling Preferences for Multi-dimensional Policies: A Conjoint Experiment

This paper examines policy preferences towards multi-dimensional unemployment programs and asks two questions: Which elements of policy change gain wide acceptance in the population? Are there systematic differences in the dimensions that are relevant for different kinds of publics? We conduct a conjoint experiment asking respondents to choose between sets of alternative reforms of unemployment benefits. Our results first show that respondents care mostly about the distributive effects of policies: programs that increase protection for the most needy are preferred over those that target other publics. While income, labor market position, and risk situation have a surprisingly small influence on the importance given to features of unemployment programs, ideology and economic values turn out to affect the policy priorities of respondents. This evidence provides strong support for the growing literature that finds that ideology dominates interests when predicting attitudes towards redistributive and insurance programs.

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Aina Gallego is a researcher (Ramon y Cajal Programme) at the Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals since May 2014. Previously, she was a post-doctoral scholar at the Spanish High Research Council and at Stanford University. She defended her doctoral dissertation in Political Science at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. It analyzed the levels and reasons of unequal voter turnout in advanced industrial democracies, and she found that there is large variation in the extent to which education is related to voter turnout rates across countries. The differences in the size of these gaps can be partially explained by characteristics of the electoral and political system that make voting more costly. Her most recent research focuses on several aspects of democratic representation, including inequalities in voter turnout and political participation, the formation of political preferences, and the effects of electoral systems and income inequality on political behavior. She has been recently awarded a Marie Curie Career Integration Grant to study how contextual characteristics affect political behavior using a combination of experimental and observational data.

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