# Do Race and Political Identity Influence Attitudes Toward Protesting the Government?

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## Research Question

- Does race have a significant effect on one’s attitude toward protests against the government?
- Does the racial difference depend on political views?

## Data and Sample

- **General Social Survey (GSS)**
- Collected in 2016 (N = 2,867)
- American adults aged 18 and older living in non-institutionalized households who speak English or Spanish

## Analytical Plan

- **Crosstabulation and Chi-square test using SPSS**

## Hypotheses

- Non-White respondents are more likely than White respondents to approve of protests against the government.
- Racial differences in attitudes toward protests against the government are greater among liberals than conservatives.

## Policy Implications & Future Research

- Most respondents approve of protesting the government.
- There was little racial difference in percentage of people who approve of protests.
- White liberals appear to be more likely to approve of protesting against the government than non-White liberals.
- Racial differences in approval may occur depending on a given issue and a kind of social movement.

## Summary of Findings

- NFL players and BLM should be allowed to protest racial oppression.
- Backlash due to recent protests may be due to variables such as age or attitudes toward other variables (Kneeling or sitting, identity of protester).
- There was little racial difference in percentage of people who approve of protests.

## References