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Abstract:

The authors proposed a short individual-difference measure of cognitive style for the 2006 ANES pilot study. Given the survey format of ANES, they opted for an individual-difference approach to studying the political consequences of the need for closure. In doing so, they followed the lead of Webster and Kruglanski (1994), who developed and validated an individual difference measure of the need for cognitive closure. Using an adapted form of this Need for Closure Scale, they hoped to provide an important tool with which to examine the psychological antecedents of citizens' political predispositions, attitudes, and judgments in mass publics. Unfortunately, the version of the scale piloted here did not display adequate psychometric properties.