

Reviewing Race and attitudes in Australia: measurement challenges and potential avenues

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Abstract

(1) The study of racism in Australian attitudes has in recent years been neglected despite cause for vitality. Implicit racial appeals have featured in recent election campaigns (e.g. repetition of 'stop the boats'). This creates a need to return to the investigation of racial prejudice as the discipline did when Hansonism afflicted the polity. I review the present Australian literature with three aims: (1) systematically surmise the claims made about racial prejudice and Australian political behaviour; (2) comment on the usefulness and validity of these claims with the available measures; and (3) outline areas of investigation for a research agenda into racism in Australian political behaviour.

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