



Sociology Department Seminar Series

Wednesday, April 2nd at 12:15 ET

Location: PH 347

Food and beverages will be served

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Politics and Viruses: Party identification and COVID-19 Infections in the United States

In this talk, I will first introduce the project on “Life Experience and Community during COVID-19 in the US” (LECC-US), a three-wave panel survey of nationally representative samples of American adults we conducted during and after the pandemic, and then focus on one article investigating the association between party identification and COVID-19 infections in the United States over time. Results show that, compared with non-Republicans (Democrats and Independents), Republicans were less likely to be infected with COVID-19 initially, but the pattern was reversed subsequently. The fact that Republicans were less likely to get vaccinated and always wear a mask in public places when compared to non-Republicans can explain approximately 30% difference in infection rates between the two groups. These findings show how politics were intertwined with the COVID-19 pandemic crisis in the United States.

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All are welcome!