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*Patriotism, Polarization, and War:
The Consequences of Divergent
Meanings of Patriotism in Russia and
the United States.*

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Why is this important?

Recent Events

The concept of
Patriotism

How the people vary in
their views



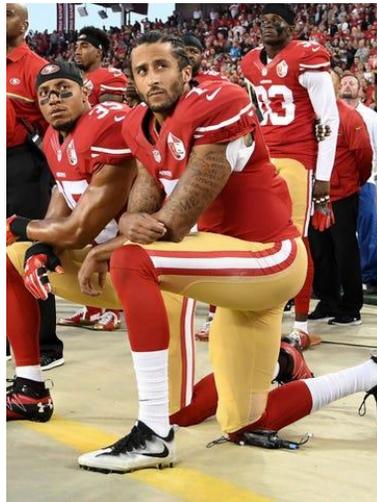
Russian Studies

- History
- Ancient Bloodlines
- Ideology



American Studies

- " The Senator from Wisconsin cannot frighten me by exclaiming, My Country, right or wrong. In one sense, I say so too. My Country, and my Country is the great American Republic. My Country right or wrong; if right to be kept right, if wrong to be set right," (US Senator Carl Schurz)



History

People

Ideology



Distinguishing and Operationalizing Civic Attachments

Nationalism

- Importance of language
- Attachment to country
- Importance of supporting the nation
- Superiority/Comparison
- Commonalities

Identity

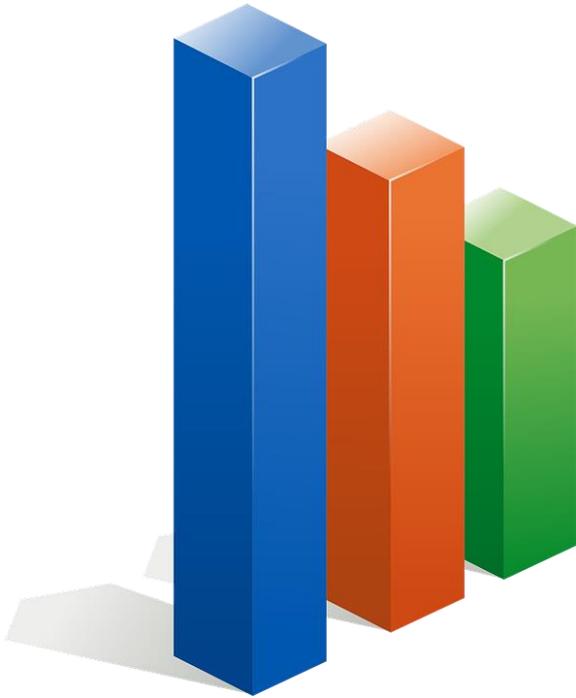
- Feel connected/close to nation
- Feeling attached to a group
- Identify with nation

Pride/Patriotism

- National Anthem
- Enthusiasm for sports and symbols
- Achievements
- Smaller ideas
- Commonalities



Methods and Data



International Social
Survey Program (ISSP)

Levada Research center

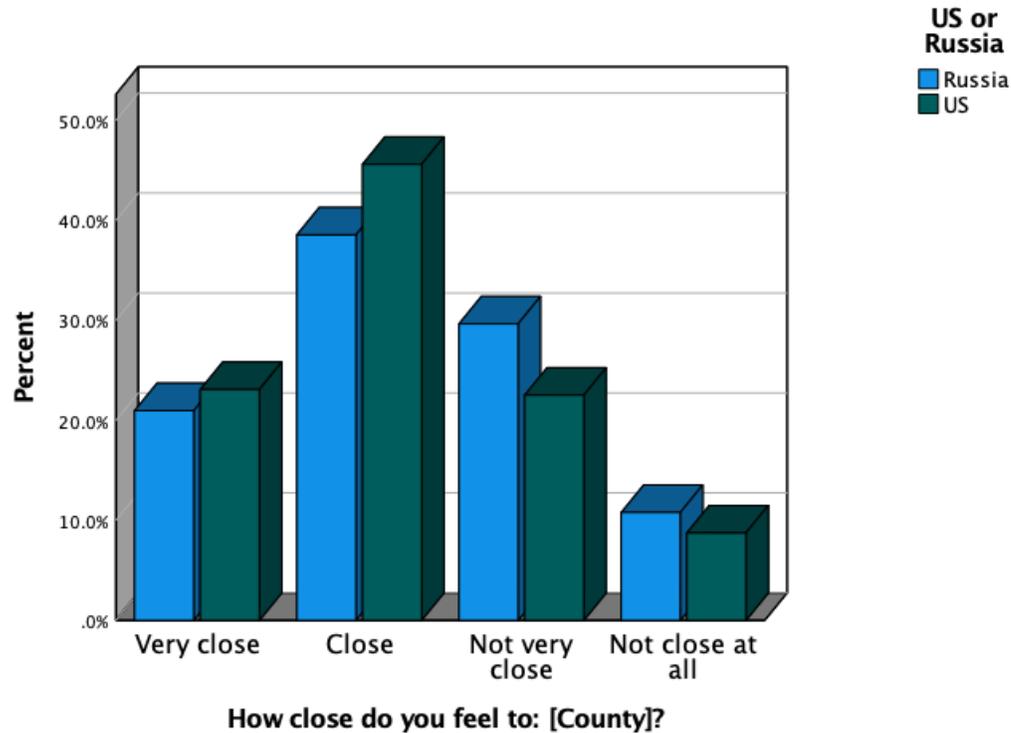
Questions used

Gustavsson Research

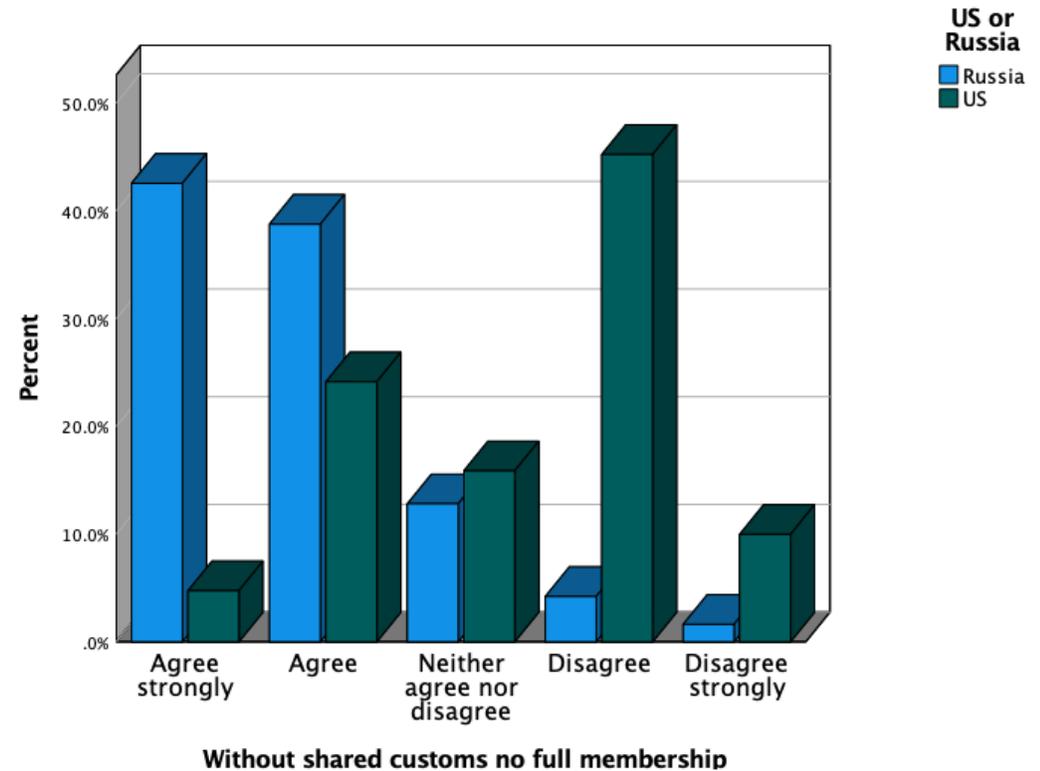


Measuring and comparing Identity

*How Close do you feel to (Country)

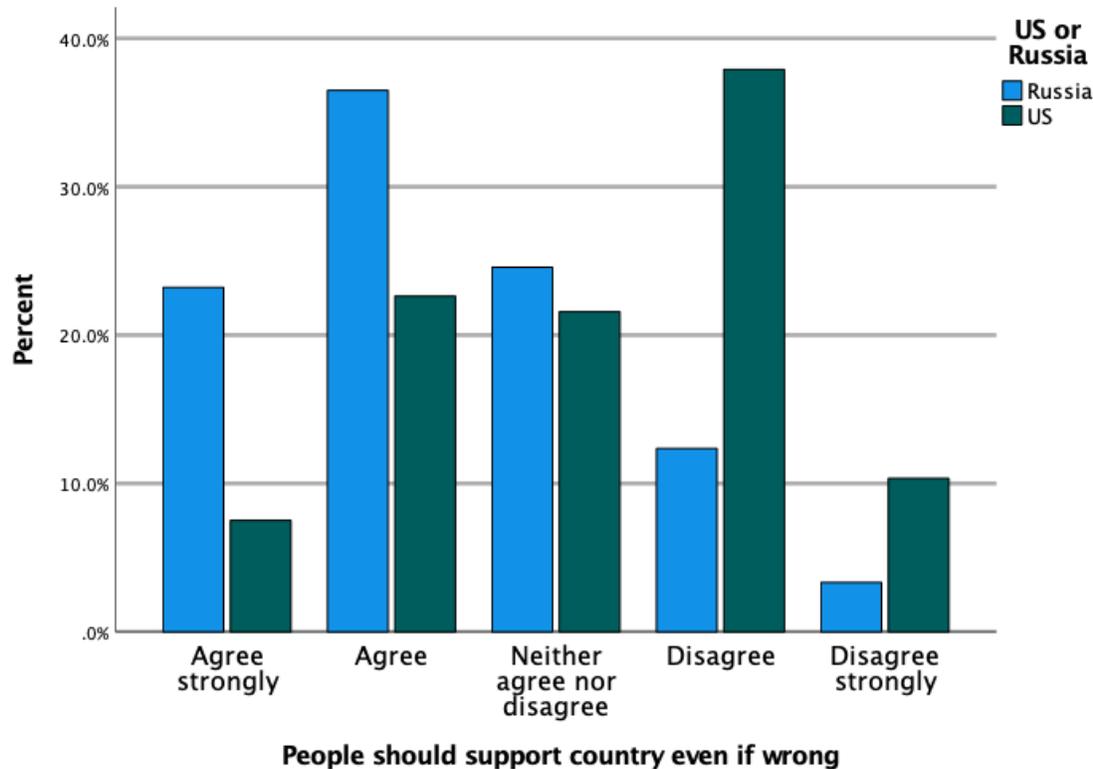


*Without shared customs there is no full membership



Measuring and comparing Nationalism

***People should support country even if wrong.**

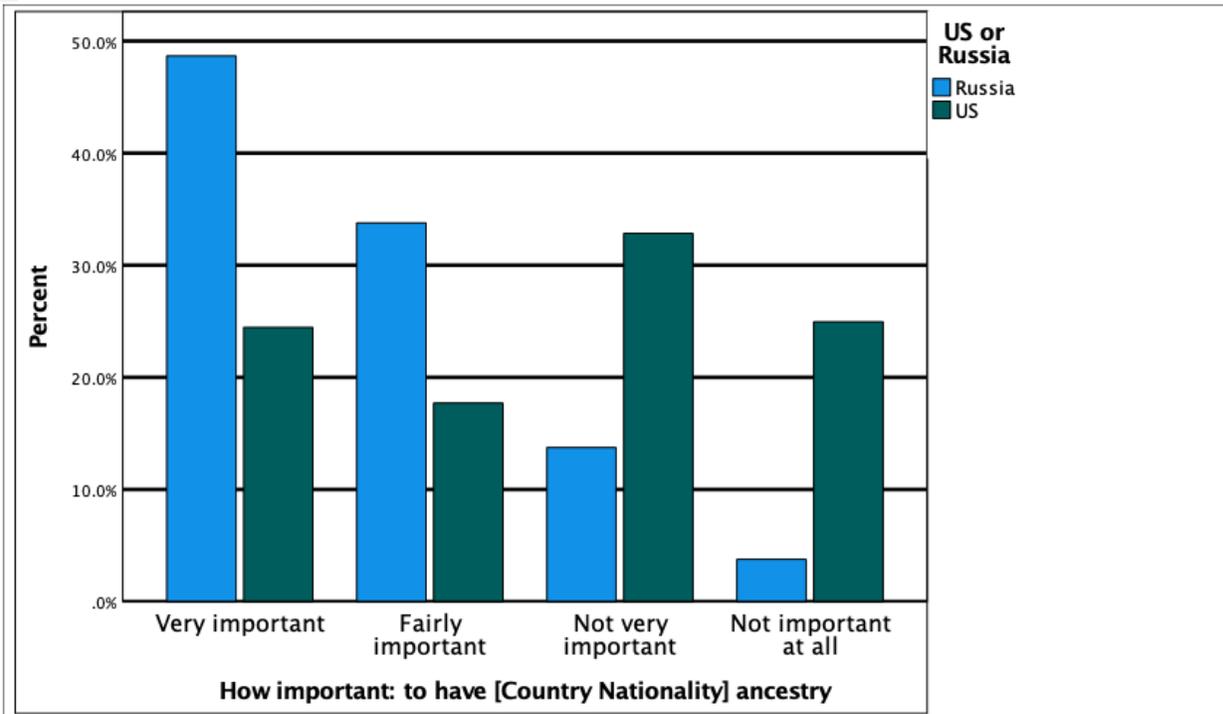


Female respondents	Russia	US
Agree strongly	24.3%	6.3%
Agree	37.0%	20.5%
Disagree	12.0%	39.5%
Disagree strongly	3.0%	8.0%
Male respondents	Russia	US
Agree strongly	21.2%	8.9%
Agree	35.8%	25.1%
Disagree	26.0%	16.9%
Disagree strongly	4.0%	13.1%



Along the lines of nationalism

***How important: to have (Country Nationality) ancestry**

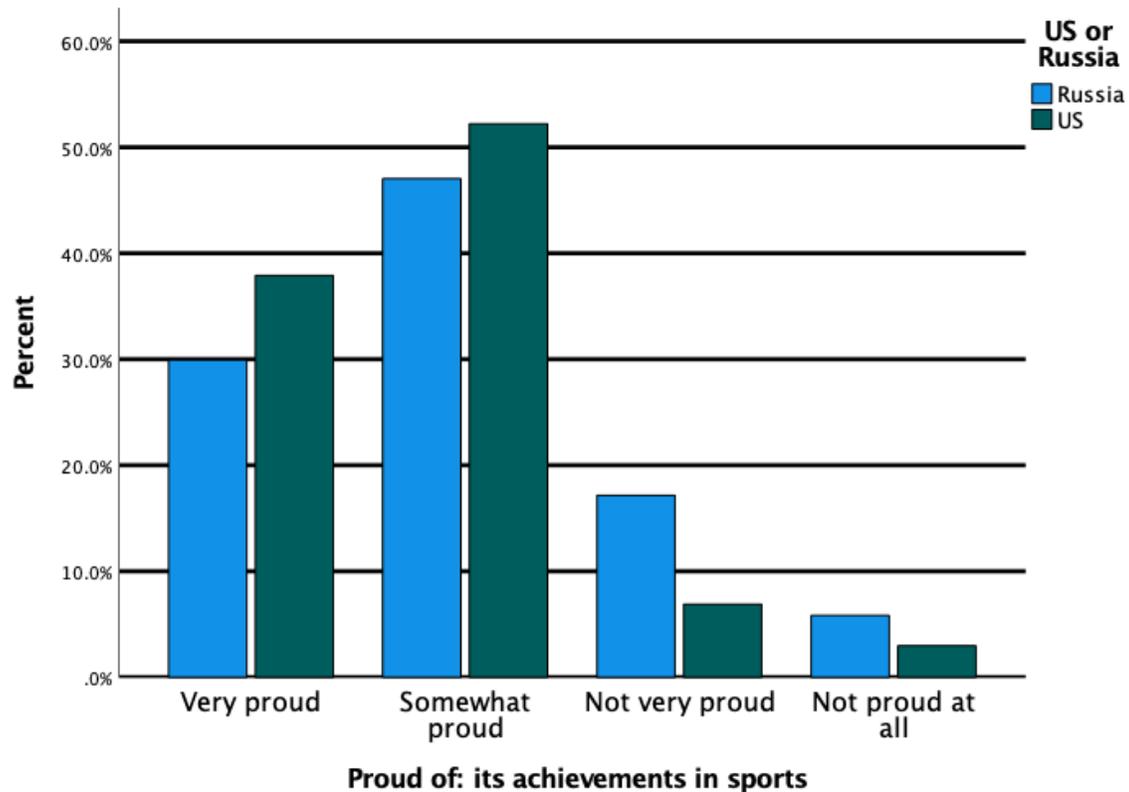


Female	Russia	US
Very important	48.5%	27.1%
Fairly important	34.7%	19.3%
Not very important	13.2%	32.9%
Not important at all	3.6%	20.8%
Male	Russia	US
Very important	49.1%	21.5%
Fairly important	32.1%	15.9%
Not very important	14.7%	32.8%
Not important at all	4.2%	29.8%



Measuring and comparing Pride/Patriotism

***Proud of: It's achievements in sports**



Female respondents	Russia	US
Very proud	31.4%	34.2%
Somewhat proud	46.8%	56.4%
Not very proud	16.3%	6.4%
Not proud at all	5.5%	3.1%

Male respondents	Russia	US
Very proud	27.4%	42.2%
Somewhat proud	47.4%	47.5%
Not very proud	18.7%	7.5%
Not proud at All	6.5%	2.8%



Final Analysis

Regression Analysis: US and Russia Influences on Nationalism, Patriotism and Identity

Independent Variables	Nationalism	Patriotism	Identity
US or Russia	-1.220 (.105)	1.025 (.046) *	-.512 (.137)
Gender	-.076 (.103)	.030 (.045) *	-.384 (.135)
Age of Respondent	.006 (.003) *	.006 (.001) **	.031 (.004) *
Education: Years of schooling	-.108 (.017)	.001 (.008) *	-.120 (.022) *
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Number of Cases			

Note: Entries are linear regression coefficients with standard errors in parentheses.

* $p < 0.05$ / ** $p < 0.001$

Source: Nationalities Papers (2019): Dynamics of National Pride Attitudes in Post-Soviet Russia, 1996–2015

Dynamics of National Pride Attitudes in Post-Soviet Russia, 1996–2015 Data set.



Conclusion



- The scale tips in opposing directions with different contexts
- Progressive Patriotism in the US
- Ethnic Nationalism in Russia



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