

Nationality (Justice and Crime Coverage)

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The variable provides information on whether the nationality of the (alleged) victims and/or perpetrator is mentioned in connection with crimes and offences. Research shows that minorities are disproportionately more often depicted as perpetrators than as victims (Hestermann, 2010; Vinson & Ertter, 2002).

FIELD OF APPLICATION/THEORETICAL FOUNDATION

The variable “nationality of the (alleged) victim or perpetrator” is of particular relevance in the context of debates on media ethics and legal philosophy. It is mainly used in the field of media effects research (stereotype and cultivation research, see Arendt, 2010).

EXAMPLE STUDY

Hestermann (2010)

INFO ABOUT VARIABLE

Variable name/definition: nationality [Nationalität]

Level of analysis: mentioned (alleged) victim and perpetrator in the report

Values: Nationality of the victim & perpetrator

- Nicht genannt
- Deutsch
- Ausländisch
- Ausdrücklich unbekannt
- Trifft nicht zu

Intercoder reliability: Nationality of the victim 0.94; Nationality of the perpetrator 0.98 (2 Coder). What exact coefficient has been calculated has not been reported.

Codebook: available at <https://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctv941tf9.12>

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