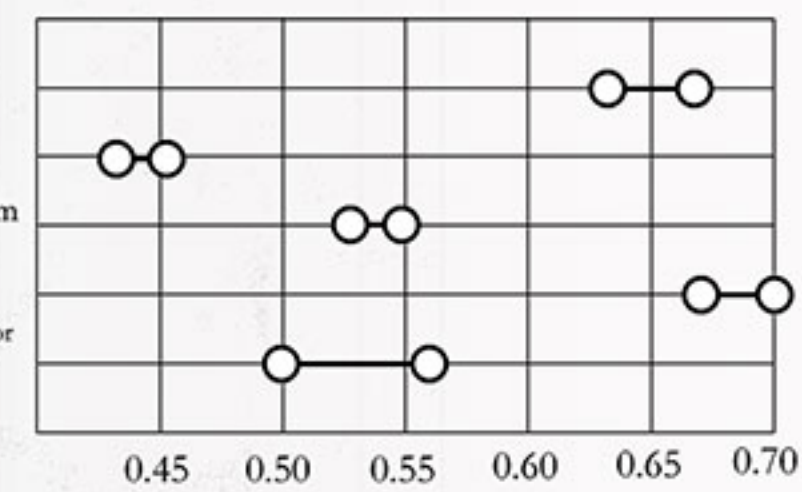


"We have this false idea that there is uniformity in progress and that things change in one big step. That is not the way history has worked," said Jelani Cobb, professor of history and director of the Institute for African-American Studies at the University of Connecticut. "When we've seen progress, we've also seen backlash."

"To cheapen the lives of any group of men, cheapens the lives of all men, even our own. This is a law of human psychology, or human nature. And it will not be repealed by our wishes, nor will it be merciful to our blindness."
 -- William Pickens

Conservatism
 Black Violent Stereotype
 Implicit Racism
 Symbolic Racism
 Support Permit for Concealed Handguns



Recent research shows a direct link between conservatism, the perception of African-Americans as violent and the likelihood of having a gun at home. "Specifically, for each 1 point increase in symbolic racism, there was a 50% greater odds of having a gun in the home, and there was a 28% increase in the odds of supporting permits to carry concealed handguns."
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