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Banning Child Pornography:

Women's Political Participation and Domestic Regulation

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Why do some states establish more robust legislative bans on child pornography than others? Despite the development of international institutions created to protect children from sexual violence, laws prohibiting child pornography still significantly vary from state to state. This research will be the first large-N cross-national analysis of the causal factors that affect states' varying degrees of domestic regulations of child pornography. Taking the position that child pornography is primarily a gender issue, I predict that a state with a higher degree of women's political participation is more likely to legislate more comprehensive child pornography bans.



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