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Abstract

To assess changes to American's intolerance to various groups based on age and sex, we used Waves 3 to 6 of the World Values Survey (1995-2014). Approximately 1500 respondents in each wave indicated the extent to which they mentioned the following groups they would not want as neighbours: drug-users, immigrants, homosexuals, heavy drinkers, and people with AIDS or members of a different race. A multivariate analysis of variance based on 4 waves of data; males and females; and young, medium, and old age groups revealed greater intolerance among early wave respondents, males, and older individuals. We further uncovered both a wave x age and sex by age interaction; we outline those specific results in detail. Implications for future research are discussed.