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"Social Credit System under Public Sphere Dominance: An Experimental Investigation"

(in English)

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Abstract:

Behaviors in the private sphere are observed solely through direct interaction, while behaviors in the public sphere are the object of public disclosure through a rating. In practice, the fraction of the public sphere has increased rapidly due to technological evolution, such as Closed Circuit Television, social networks or artificial intelligence. Therefore, a question has been raised: is it true that the expansion of public spheres combined with a social credit system can help standardize people's behaviors, i.e. making people behave more prosocially? According to the prediction of the model developed by Tirole (2020), the statement does not necessarily hold. First, individuals behave better in the public sphere than in the private sphere, and the former crowds out the latter. Second, an expansion in the public sphere reduces prosociality in both spheres. Thus, the overall effect on prosociality is still uncertain. To provide empirical evidence for the model, we propose to perform a laboratory experiment in order to elicit reactions of people when exposed to the expansive public environment.

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