IS CIVIC NATIONALISM NECESSARILY INCLUSIVE?
CONCEPTIONS OF NATIONHOOD AND ANTI-MUSLIM ATTITUDES IN EUROPE
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BART BONIKOWSKI demonstrates that varieties of national self-understanding are predictive of anti-Muslim attitudes, above and beyond dispositions toward immigrants. Consistent with expectations, anti-Muslim attitudes are associated with “thicker” conceptions of nationhood in most countries. In Northwestern Europe, however, it is civic nationalism that is linked to greater antipathy toward Muslims. Bonikowski suggests that in this region, elective criteria of belonging have become fused with exclusionary notions of national culture that portray Muslims as incompatible with European liberal values, effectively legitimating anti-Muslim sentiments in mainstream political culture.

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