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**Dehumanization, Prejudice, and Social Policy Beliefs about People with Developmental Disabilities**  

The current study examines the nature of prejudice toward people with autism and Down Syndrome, whether dehumanization is an antecedent of prejudice, and implications for social policy beliefs. Based on a large mturk survey of 312 participants, we examined a pathway in which we expected dehumanization to negatively impact social policy support with this process being mediated by one’s prejudice toward the developmentally disabled (DD). We expected both hostile and benevolent components of attitudes to exist; however no evidence of benevolent attitudes toward the DD was obtained. This suggests that participants’ attitudes appeared to vary on a negative dimension only. Results show that our hypothesized pathway involving dehumanization, social policy support, and prejudice does exist and holds for both the autism and Down Syndrome conditions.