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From Barrios to Condos: The Effects of Gentrification on Minority Descriptive Representation

Academics, practitioners, and activists have hotly debated the effects, both positive and negative, of gentrification. This talk explores how gentrification affects minority political power, examining minority representation in local politics across the 40 largest US cities. We find evidence that gentrification, which results in a growing white population, negatively affects the election of black councilmembers but does not affect Latino councilmembers. This suggests that gentrification resulting in demographic shifts has varying effects on minority political power, depending on the race and ethnicity of the councilmember and neighborhood.

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