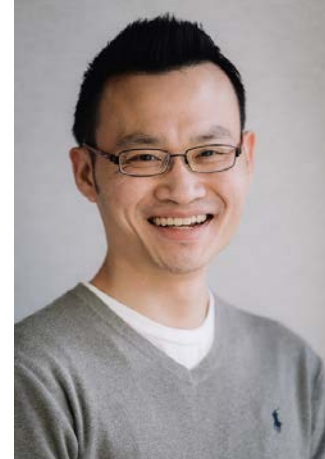


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CASTE DISCRIMINATION IN INDIA – EXPERIMENTAL EVIDENCE FROM THE HEALTHCARE MARKET



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Abstract

In order to understand caste discrimination against physicians in India, we develop a simple model that provides predictions that allow us to distinguish between taste-based discrimination and statistical discrimination. We then test the model by conducting a field experiment that elicits patients' rankings of physicians of different castes and years of experience. We find that 45 to 80 percent of patients statistically discriminate physicians. The overwhelming size of statistical discrimination has important implications for the use of affirmative action policy.

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