

Acknowledgments

Thirty years ago, I published a book on public opinion and national security in Western Europe. The word *gender* never appeared in that book. This book, in contrast, focuses exclusively on the relationship between gender and attitudes toward security issues.

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and War," 1993). The article remains one of our discipline's most important contributions to the study of attitudes toward war. It is a model of theoretical development, survey design, and clear writing, and it convinced me that my future work would fall short were I to continue neglecting the importance of gender in my research. The second profound influence was Joshua Goldstein's magisterial book *War and Gender* (2001). Until Goldstein wrote his book, most early scholarship on gender focused on the reasons that women might hold certain opinions, but Goldstein makes the important argument that gender difference in attitudes toward issues of war and peace result in equal or greater part from the socialization and attitudes of men.

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