

## The Origins of Sociopolitical Trust of Chinese Rural Residents

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**ABSTRACT** Chinese local governments have been confronted with the challenge of declining sociopolitical trust in recent years. Based on the survey data of 348 villages in rural China, this paper investigates how the provision of public services influences the sociopolitical trust of Chinese rural residents. The multiple regression analysis indicates that government performance of providing public services has become a new important foundation of sociopolitical trust of Chinese rural population in addition to other traditional factors such as authoritarian values, ideological propaganda, and economic development. Chinese local governments should take effective measures to retain sociopolitical trust by providing better public services to their residents.