Days of Future Past: Concerns for the Group’s Future Prompt Longing for Its Past (and Ways to Reclaim It)

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In a recent article in Current Directions in Psychological Science, Michael Wohl, a researcher at Carleton University, explores how collective angst can influence collective nostalgia. As the United States prepares for its next election, this research provides intriguing insights into how political rhetoric tends to capitalize on the relation between these emotions by promising to “bring back the good old days.” Listen to the APS podcast discussion with Michael on these findings and their potential impact on society and politics.