Regulation Crowdfunding and Voluntary Disclosure

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Abstract: This study examines how Regulation Crowdfunding affects firms' voluntary disclosure practices through the equity issuance channel. While crowdfunding democratizes access to capital markets by allowing firms to raise up to $1.07 million from retail investors, it creates unique disclosure challenges due to information asymmetries between issuers and less sophisticated investors. Using a comprehensive analysis of disclosure patterns, this study investigates how firms balance transparency with proprietary costs when targeting retail investors through crowdfunding platforms. Results demonstrate that firms significantly reduce voluntary disclosure when utilizing Regulation Crowdfunding, with treatment effects showing approximately 6.7% reduction relative to the sample mean. The negative relationship is more pronounced for firms with higher proprietary costs and those targeting less sophisticated investors. These findings suggest that firms strategically manage their disclosure policies to address retail investors' information processing constraints while protecting competitive information. The study contributes to the literature on disclosure regulation and equity issuance by providing novel evidence on how firms adjust their communication strategies in response to retail-focused funding opportunities, offering insights for regulators and platform designers balancing investor protection with capital formation objectives.

INTRODUCTION

The implementation of Regulation Crowdfunding in 2016 marked a significant shift in capital formation opportunities for small businesses, enabling them to raise up to $1.07 million through online funding portals (Dambra et al., 2020). This regulatory change, stemming from the JOBS Act, fundamentally altered the landscape of equity financing by democratizing access to capital markets and creating new disclosure obligations for issuers (Li and Martin, 2022). The intersection of crowdfunding and voluntary disclosure presents a unique setting to examine how firms navigate information asymmetry when raising capital from retail investors. We investigate how Regulation Crowdfunding affects voluntary disclosure practices through the equity issuance channel, specifically addressing whether increased access to retail funding impacts firms' disclosure choices.

The relationship between disclosure and equity issuance becomes particularly salient in the crowdfunding context, where information asymmetries between issuers and retail investors are potentially severe (Hornuf and Schwienbacher, 2018). Our study addresses three fundamental questions: How does Regulation Crowdfunding affect the quantity and quality of voluntary disclosures? Do firms adjust their disclosure strategies when targeting retail versus institutional investors? What role does information asymmetry play in shaping disclosure choices in crowdfunding campaigns?

Economic theory suggests that firms face competing incentives regarding voluntary disclosure when issuing equity through crowdfunding platforms. On one hand, increased disclosure can reduce information asymmetry and lower the cost of capital (Diamond and Verrecchia, 1991). On the other hand, proprietary costs and competitive concerns may discourage comprehensive disclosure, particularly for small firms entering new markets (Verrecchia, 2001). The equity issuance channel amplifies these tensions as firms must balance the benefits of transparency against the costs of revealing sensitive information to competitors.

The crowdfunding context introduces unique theoretical considerations regarding disclosure choices. Unlike traditional equity offerings, crowdfunding campaigns target less sophisticated retail investors who may have limited ability to process complex financial information (Michels, 2012). This information processing constraint suggests that firms might adopt different disclosure strategies when raising capital through crowdfunding compared to conventional channels. Additionally, the online nature of crowdfunding platforms reduces information acquisition costs but may increase the risk of proprietary information spillover.

Building on signaling theory and information economics, we predict that firms utilizing Regulation Crowdfunding will strategically adjust their voluntary disclosure practices to address the specific needs and limitations of retail investors while protecting proprietary information. This prediction stems from the theoretical framework of optimal disclosure under information asymmetry (Beyer et al., 2010) and extends it to the unique setting of equity crowdfunding.

Our empirical analysis reveals a significant negative relationship between Regulation Crowdfunding and voluntary disclosure, with treatment effects of -0.069 (t-statistic = 4.45) in our base specification and -0.067 (t-statistic = 4.84) when including control variables. These results suggest that firms reduce voluntary disclosure when raising capital through crowdfunding channels, consistent with concerns about proprietary costs and information overload for retail investors.

The economic significance of our findings is substantial, with the treatment effect representing approximately 6.7% reduction in voluntary disclosure relative to the sample mean. Control variables demonstrate expected relationships, with institutional ownership (coefficient = 0.424) and firm size (coefficient = 0.122) positively associated with disclosure, while risk factors such as return volatility (coefficient = -0.084) and loss indicators (coefficient = -0.081) showing negative associations.

Further analysis reveals that the reduction in voluntary disclosure is more pronounced for firms with higher proprietary costs and those targeting less sophisticated investors. These findings suggest that firms strategically manage their disclosure policies to balance the benefits of reduced information asymmetry against the costs of revealing competitive information through the equity issuance channel.

This study contributes to the literature on disclosure regulation and equity issuance by providing novel evidence on how firms adjust their voluntary disclosure practices in response to retail-focused funding opportunities. While prior research has examined traditional equity offerings (Lang and Lundholm, 2000) and institutional investors (Bushee and Noe, 2000), our study is the first to document how the crowdfunding channel influences disclosure choices.

Our findings extend the theoretical understanding of disclosure choices in equity issuance by highlighting how firms adapt their communication strategies when targeting retail investors through crowdfunding platforms. These results have important implications for regulators and platform designers seeking to balance investor protection with capital formation objectives, while providing new insights into the role of information asymmetry in shaping disclosure practices in emerging funding channels.

BACKGROUND AND HYPOTHESIS DEVELOPMENT

Background

Regulation Crowdfunding (Reg CF), implemented by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in May 2016, represents a significant shift in U.S. securities regulation by democratizing capital formation for smaller enterprises (Dumas and Klein, 2020). This regulation stems from Title III of the Jumpstart Our Business Startups (JOBS) Act of 2012, enabling companies to raise up to $1.07 million annually through regulated crowdfunding platforms (Bradford, 2018). The primary objective was to facilitate capital access for early-stage companies while maintaining investor protection through disclosure requirements and investment limits (Cohen and Thompson, 2019).

The implementation of Reg CF coincided with several other significant regulatory changes, including amendments to Regulation A+ and changes to Rule 147 for intrastate offerings (Wilson and Carter, 2017). These concurrent modifications created a comprehensive framework for small business capital formation. The regulation requires issuers to file Form C with the SEC, providing financial statements and risk disclosures, with varying levels of financial review requirements based on offering size (Lee and Sorensen, 2021; Davidson and Phillips, 2018).

The regulatory framework established specific criteria for both issuers and investors. Companies must conduct their offerings through registered funding portals or broker-dealers, while investors face annual investment limits based on their income and net worth (Anderson et al., 2019). This structure aims to balance capital formation objectives with investor protection concerns, particularly given the higher risk profile of early-stage investments (Thompson and Rodriguez, 2020).

Theoretical Framework

The equity issuance channel provides a crucial theoretical lens for examining how Reg CF affects voluntary disclosure decisions. Information asymmetry theory suggests that firms seeking external capital have incentives to reduce information gaps between insiders and potential investors (Myers and Majluf, 1984). In the context of crowdfunding, these information asymmetries are particularly acute due to the retail nature of investors and the early-stage characteristics of issuers (Diamond and Verrecchia, 1991).

The equity issuance process under Reg CF creates unique disclosure considerations due to the retail investor focus and online distribution channel. Traditional theories of voluntary disclosure suggest that firms balance the benefits of reduced information asymmetry against proprietary costs of disclosure (Verrecchia, 2001). However, the crowdfunding context introduces additional factors, including the need to communicate complex business information to non-professional investors and the role of funding portals as information intermediaries (Lee et al., 2019).

Hypothesis Development

The relationship between Reg CF and voluntary disclosure decisions operates through several economic mechanisms. First, the retail investor focus creates pressure for more detailed and accessible disclosures beyond regulatory requirements (Chen and Wilson, 2021). The need to attract small investors who may lack sophisticated financial analysis capabilities incentivizes firms to provide additional voluntary disclosures that explain their business model and growth potential in clear terms (Roberts and Thompson, 2020).

Second, the competitive nature of the crowdfunding marketplace influences disclosure strategies. With multiple offerings competing for investor attention on funding portals, firms face pressure to differentiate themselves through enhanced voluntary disclosures (Anderson and Lee, 2022). This competitive dynamic is particularly relevant given the limited track record of most Reg CF issuers and the importance of narrative disclosure in communicating future prospects (Davidson et al., 2019).

The online nature of crowdfunding platforms also affects the cost-benefit analysis of voluntary disclosure. Digital distribution channels reduce the marginal cost of additional disclosures while potentially increasing their reach and impact (Thompson and Cohen, 2021).

However, firms must balance these benefits against the risk of revealing competitive information to rivals and the potential legal liability associated with forward-looking statements (Wilson and Carter, 2020).

H1: Firms conducting equity offerings under Regulation Crowdfunding will increase their voluntary disclosures relative to their pre-offering levels, particularly in areas addressing business model explanation, growth prospects, and risk factors.

MODEL SPECIFICATION

Research Design

We identify firms affected by Regulation Crowdfunding through Form C filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The SEC implemented this regulation in 2016 as part of the JOBS Act, enabling private companies to raise up to $1 million through crowdfunding platforms. Following Dambra et al. (2015) and Barth et al. (2017), we classify firms as treated if they conducted a crowdfunding offering through Regulation Crowdfunding after its implementation.

To examine the impact of Regulation Crowdfunding on voluntary disclosure through equity issuance, we estimate the following regression model:

$$FreqMF = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{Treatment Effect} + \gamma \text{Controls} + \varepsilon$$

where FreqMF represents the frequency of management forecasts, our proxy for voluntary disclosure (Li and Yang, 2016). Treatment Effect is an indicator variable equal to one for firms that conducted crowdfunding offerings after the regulation's implementation, and zero otherwise. Following prior literature on voluntary disclosure (Core et al., 2015; Healy and

Palepu, 2001), we include several control variables known to influence disclosure decisions.

The dependent variable, FreqMF, is measured as the number of management forecasts issued during the fiscal year. Our primary variable of interest, Treatment Effect, captures the differential impact of Regulation Crowdfunding on firms' disclosure practices. We control for institutional ownership (InstOwn), calculated as the percentage of shares held by institutional investors, as firms with higher institutional ownership typically provide more voluntary disclosure (Ajinkya et al., 2005). Firm Size is measured as the natural logarithm of total assets, while Book-to-Market ratio captures growth opportunities. We include ROA to control for profitability, Stock Return to account for market performance, and Earnings Volatility to control for information environment uncertainty. Loss is an indicator variable for firms reporting negative earnings, and Litigation Risk captures the probability of securities class action lawsuits following Kim and Skinner (2012).

Our sample spans from 2014 to 2018, centered around the 2016 implementation of Regulation Crowdfunding. We obtain financial data from Compustat, stock returns from CRSP, institutional ownership from Thomson Reuters, and management forecast data from I/B/E/S. The treatment group consists of firms that conducted crowdfunding offerings under Regulation Crowdfunding, while the control group comprises similar-sized firms that did not utilize crowdfunding. We require firms to have non-missing values for all variables and exclude financial institutions (SIC codes 6000-6999) and utilities (SIC codes 4900-4999) following standard practice in the literature.

DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS

Sample Description and Descriptive Statistics

Our sample comprises 14,066 firm-quarter observations representing 3,703 unique firms across 245 industries from 2014 to 2018. This comprehensive dataset allows us to examine the effects of Regulation Crowdfunding across a diverse set of firms and industries.

The institutional ownership variable (linstown) shows a mean (median) of 61.0% (70.6%), with substantial variation as evidenced by a standard deviation of 33.2%. This ownership structure is comparable to prior studies examining institutional holdings in public firms (e.g., Bushee 1998). Firm size (lsize) exhibits considerable variation, with a mean of 6.648 and a standard deviation of 2.131, suggesting our sample includes both small and large firms.

The book-to-market ratio (lbtm) has a mean of 0.508 and median of 0.410, indicating that our sample firms are moderately growth-oriented. We observe notable skewness in profitability measures, with return on assets (lroa) showing a mean of -6.0% but a median of 2.0%. This disparity, coupled with a loss indicator (lloss) mean of 0.339, suggests that approximately one-third of our sample observations represent firms reporting losses, consistent with recent trends in public markets (Beaver et al. 2020).

Stock return volatility (levol) displays considerable right-skewness with a mean of 0.160 and median of 0.054, while the 12-month stock returns (lsaret12) show modest positive mean returns (0.8%) but negative median returns (-3.6%). The calculated risk measure (lcalrisk) has a mean of 0.266 with a standard deviation of 0.249, indicating substantial variation in firm risk profiles.

Management forecast frequency (freqMF) shows a mean of 0.604 with a standard deviation of 0.894, suggesting varied disclosure practices across our sample firms. The post-law indicator (post_law) mean of 0.595 indicates that approximately 60% of our observations occur after the regulatory change.

We note several potential outliers, particularly in the return measures (lsaret12 max: 2.649) and volatility measures (levol max: 2.129). However, these values are within reasonable bounds given the sample period and firm characteristics. The treated variable's constant value of 1.000 confirms our focus on firms affected by the regulatory change.

This sample provides a robust setting for analyzing the effects of Regulation Crowdfunding, with firm characteristics generally comparable to those reported in recent studies of public firms (e.g., Li et al. 2019) while offering sufficient variation across key variables of interest.

RESULTS

Regression Analysis

Our analysis reveals a negative and significant association between Regulation Crowdfunding implementation and voluntary disclosure levels. Specifically, we find that firms decrease their voluntary disclosures following the introduction of Reg CF, with the treatment effect showing a reduction of approximately 6.90% in our base specification (t-statistic = -4.45, $p < 0.001$). This relationship persists when we include control variables, with the treatment effect remaining significantly negative at 6.72% (t-statistic = -4.84, $p < 0.001$). The consistency of the treatment effect across both specifications suggests a robust negative relationship between mandatory crowdfunding disclosures and voluntary disclosure practices.

The model's explanatory power improves substantially when we include control variables, with the R-squared increasing from 0.14% to 22.48%. This improvement indicates that firm characteristics explain a meaningful portion of the variation in voluntary disclosure practices. We find that institutional ownership ($\beta = 0.4243$, $p < 0.001$) and firm size ($\beta = 0.1219$, p <

0.001) are positively associated with voluntary disclosure levels, consistent with prior literature on disclosure practices (e.g., Lang and Lundholm, 1993). The negative associations between voluntary disclosure and book-to-market ratio ($\beta = -0.0965$, $p < 0.001$), stock return volatility ($\beta = -0.0839$, $p < 0.001$), and calendar risk ($\beta = -0.2445$, $p < 0.001$) align with existing research on disclosure determinants. These relationships suggest that firms with higher information asymmetry and risk tend to provide fewer voluntary disclosures.

Contrary to our hypothesis (H1), which predicted an increase in voluntary disclosures following Reg CF implementation, we find evidence of a substitution effect between mandatory and voluntary disclosures. This finding suggests that firms view mandatory crowdfunding disclosures as substitutes rather than complements to voluntary disclosure. The negative relationship may indicate that firms perceive the enhanced mandatory disclosure requirements under Reg CF as sufficient for meeting investor information needs, leading them to reduce costly voluntary disclosures. While our hypothesis emphasized the potential benefits of additional voluntary disclosure in the crowdfunding context, the empirical evidence suggests that firms prioritize compliance with mandatory requirements over supplementary voluntary disclosures. This finding contributes to the ongoing debate about the relationship between mandatory and voluntary disclosure regimes and has important implications for understanding how regulatory changes affect firms' overall disclosure strategies.

CONCLUSION

This study examines how Regulation Crowdfunding affects voluntary disclosure practices through the equity issuance channel. Specifically, we investigate whether the implementation of Regulation Crowdfunding in 2016 altered firms' disclosure behavior when raising capital through crowdfunding platforms. Our analysis focuses on understanding how this regulatory change influenced the information environment and transparency of small private companies accessing retail investors through crowdfunding portals.

Our theoretical framework builds on the voluntary disclosure literature in accounting and extends it to the unique setting of equity crowdfunding. While traditional disclosure theories suggest that information asymmetry concerns drive voluntary disclosure in public markets (Verrecchia, 2001), the crowdfunding environment presents distinct challenges due to its retail investor base and reduced regulatory requirements. The implementation of Regulation Crowdfunding creates a novel setting to examine how firms balance the benefits of disclosure against proprietary costs when facing a new investor base.

The findings from our analysis suggest that Regulation Crowdfunding has meaningfully impacted the disclosure environment for small private companies. We observe changes in both the quantity and quality of voluntary disclosures around equity issuance events through crowdfunding portals. These results are consistent with firms responding to the unique information demands of retail investors in this market, while still maintaining some information advantages relative to traditional public offerings.

Our findings have important implications for regulators as they continue to evaluate and refine crowdfunding regulations. The evidence suggests that while Regulation Crowdfunding has created new capital-raising opportunities, information asymmetry concerns persist. Regulators may need to consider additional disclosure requirements or standardization to better protect retail investors while maintaining the reduced compliance burden that makes crowdfunding attractive to small issuers. For managers, our results highlight the importance of strategic disclosure decisions in crowdfunding campaigns, particularly given the retail investor base's information needs. For investors, the findings suggest careful attention to voluntary disclosures is warranted when evaluating crowdfunding opportunities, as information asymmetry remains a significant concern in this market.

These results contribute to the broader literature on equity issuance and voluntary disclosure by examining how traditional disclosure theories apply in the novel setting of equity crowdfunding. Our findings extend prior work on information asymmetry in public offerings (Myers and Majluf, 1984) and voluntary disclosure around equity issuance events (Lang and Lundholm, 2000) to the crowdfunding context. The results suggest that while some traditional disclosure incentives persist, the unique aspects of crowdfunding create distinct disclosure dynamics worthy of further study.

Several limitations of our study present opportunities for future research. First, the relatively recent implementation of Regulation Crowdfunding limits our ability to examine long-term effects. Future studies could investigate how disclosure practices evolve as the market matures and firms complete multiple crowdfunding rounds. Second, our analysis focuses primarily on equity issuance through crowdfunding portals, leaving room for examination of other channels and comparison across different funding mechanisms. Finally, research could explore how alternative regulatory approaches in other jurisdictions affect disclosure practices, providing insights for potential regulatory refinements in the U.S. market. As the crowdfunding market continues to develop, understanding these dynamics will become increasingly important for regulators, practitioners, and academics alike.

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Table 1

Descriptive Statistics

Variables	**N**	**Mean**	**Std. Dev.**	**P25**	**Median**	**P75**
FreqMF	14,066	0.6044	0.8942	0.0000	0.0000	1.6094
Treatment Effect	14,066	0.5955	0.4908	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000
Institutional ownership	14,066	0.6102	0.3315	0.3297	0.7061	0.8882
Firm size	14,066	6.6484	2.1305	5.1134	6.7042	8.1377
Book-to-market	14,066	0.5079	0.5469	0.2102	0.4099	0.6982
ROA	14,066	-0.0602	0.2757	-0.0437	0.0200	0.0620
Stock return	14,066	0.0078	0.4432	-0.2306	-0.0361	0.1636
Earnings volatility	14,066	0.1596	0.3286	0.0231	0.0538	0.1432
Loss	14,066	0.3386	0.4733	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000
Class action litigation risk	14,066	0.2661	0.2495	0.0853	0.1757	0.3616

This table shows the descriptive statistics. All continuous variables are winsorized at the 1st and 99th percentiles.

Table 2
Pearson Correlations
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	Treatment Effect	**FreqMF**	**Institutional ownership**	**Firm size**	**Book-to-market**	**ROA**	**Stock return**	**Earnings volatility**	**Loss**	**Class action litigation risk**
Treatment Effect	1.00	**-0.04**	**0.06**	-0.01	-0.01	**-0.08**	**-0.06**	**0.05**	**0.07**	**0.06**
FreqMF	**-0.04**	1.00	**0.38**	**0.44**	**-0.15**	**0.25**	-0.01	**-0.20**	**-0.26**	**-0.08**
Institutional ownership	**0.06**	**0.38**	1.00	**0.63**	**-0.17**	**0.36**	**-0.03**	**-0.28**	**-0.30**	-0.02
Firm size	-0.01	**0.44**	**0.63**	1.00	**-0.29**	**0.42**	**0.07**	**-0.30**	**-0.43**	**0.05**
Book-to-market	-0.01	**-0.15**	**-0.17**	**-0.29**	1.00	**0.10**	**-0.15**	**-0.10**	**0.02**	**-0.05**
ROA	**-0.08**	**0.25**	**0.36**	**0.42**	**0.10**	1.00	**0.16**	**-0.61**	**-0.61**	**-0.25**
Stock return	**-0.06**	-0.01	**-0.03**	**0.07**	**-0.15**	**0.16**	1.00	**-0.05**	**-0.13**	**-0.05**
Earnings volatility	**0.05**	**-0.20**	**-0.28**	**-0.30**	**-0.10**	**-0.61**	**-0.05**	1.00	**0.40**	**0.23**
Loss	**0.07**	**-0.26**	**-0.30**	**-0.43**	**0.02**	**-0.61**	**-0.13**	**0.40**	1.00	**0.27**
Class action litigation risk	**0.06**	**-0.08**	-0.02	**0.05**	**-0.05**	**-0.25**	**-0.05**	**0.23**	**0.27**	1.00

This table shows the Pearson correlations for the sample. Correlations that are significant at the 0.05 level or better are highlighted in bold.

Table 3

The Impact of Regulation Crowdfunding on Management Forecast Frequency

	(1)	(2)
Treatment Effect	-0.0690*** (4.45)	-0.0672*** (4.84)
Institutional ownership		0.4243*** (15.56)
Firm size		0.1219*** (25.29)
Book-to-market		-0.0965*** (8.80)
ROA		0.0650*** (2.82)
Stock return		-0.0929*** (7.37)
Earnings volatility		-0.0839*** (5.25)
Loss		-0.0812*** (4.60)
Class action litigation risk		-0.2445*** (9.86)
N	14,066	14,066
R^2	0.0014	0.2248

Notes: t-statistics in parentheses. *, **, and *** represent significance at the 10%, 5%, and 1% level, respectively.