Table 1: glm: General1

	Dependent variable:
	general_deng
deng.network	2.471***
	(0.621)
Constant	−3.695***
	(0.506)
Observations	209
Log Likelihood	−42.412
Akaike Inf. Crit.	88.824
Note:	*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

Table 2: glm: General2

	Dependent variable:
	general_jiang
jiang.network	0.184
	(0.600)
Constant	−1.195***
	(0.137)
Observations	312
Log Likelihood	−169.693
Akaike Inf. Crit.	343.386
Note:	*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

Table 3: glm: General3

	Dependent variable:
	general_hu
hu.network	0.440
	(1.236)
Constant	−1.133***
	(0.166)
Observations	200
Log Likelihood	−111.295
Akaike Inf. Crit.	226.590
Note:	*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

Table 4: glm: Genearl4

	Dependent variable:
	general_xi
xi.network	1.535**
	(0.616)
Constant	−2.005***
	(0.232)
Observations	190
Log Likelihood	−73.128
Akaike Inf. Crit.	150.255
Note:	*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

Table 5: glm: CMC1

	Dependent variable:
	general_deng
deng.network	2.471***
	(0.621)
Constant	−3.695***
	(0.506)
Observations	209
Log Likelihood	−42.412
Akaike Inf. Crit.	88.824
Note:	*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

Table 6: glm: CMC2

	Dependent variable:
	general_jiang
jiang.network	0.184
	(0.600)
Constant	−1.195***
	(0.137)
Observations	312
Log Likelihood	−169.693
Akaike Inf. Crit.	343.386
Note:	*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

Table 7: glm: CMC3

	Dependent variable:
	general_hu
hu.network	0.440
	(1.236)
Constant	−1.133***
	(0.166)
Observations	200
Log Likelihood	−111.295
Akaike Inf. Crit.	226.590
Note:	*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

Table 8: glm: CMC4

	Dependent variable:
	general_xi
xi.network	1.535**
	(0.616)
Constant	−2.005***
	(0.232)
Observations	190
Log Likelihood	−73.128
Akaike Inf. Crit.	150.255
Note:	*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

Table 9: Logistic Regression, Main Table: Promotion to full general and to the CCP Central Military Commission

	Dependent variable:					
	Promoted to General			Promoted to CMC		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Career Tie to Paramount Leader	0.946**		0.751**	1.793**		1.619
	(0.208)		(0.246)	(0.291)		(0.38
Combat Experience, Post-1949		1.543**	1.239**		1.515**	0.855
		(0.223)	(0.281)		(0.300)	(0.45
College-Level Education			0.879**			1.135
			(0.218)			(0.44
Long March Participant			0.375			1.717
			(0.474)			(1.02
Political Commissar Experience			0.667**			−0.2
			(0.194)			(0.37
Ethnic Minority			0.784			1.27
			(0.589)			(0.86
Princeling			0.083			−0.1
			(0.473)			(0.84
Rural Birth			0.383			1.077
			(0.234)			(0.37
Constant	−1.277**	−1.284**	−1.136	−3.051**	−2.852**	−3.04
	(0.096)	(0.093)	(0.820)	(0.190)	(0.169)	(1.15
Birth cohort fixed effects			✓			✓
Observations	764	779	755	764	779	755
Log Likelihood	−419.616	−423.659	−366.939	−182.641	−195.206	−141.
Akaike Inf. Crit.	843.231	851.317	763.878	369.282	394.412	312.7

Note: $^{+}$p<0.1; *p<0.05; **p<0

Table 10: logit model, additive: cmc

	Dependent variable:
	cmc
cmc_chair_connection_current	1.619***
	(0.356)
combat_post_1949	0.855**
	(0.425)
college	1.135***
	(0.440)
participated_long_march	1.717**
	(0.741)
commissar	−0.273
	(0.350)
minority	1.273
	(0.845)
parent_CCP_leader	−0.140
	(0.815)
rural	1.077***
	(0.386)
cohort_decade1	−1.924**
	(0.847)
cohort_decade2	−3.041***
	(1.063)
cohort_decade3	−1.886*
	(1.016)
cohort_decade4	−1.279
	(0.955)
cohort_decade5	−1.257
	(0.957)
cohort_decade6 6	−1.519
	(1.373)
Constant	−3.045***
	(0.974)

Table 11: logit model, interaction: cmc

	Dependent variable:
	cmc
cmc_chair_connection_current	1.630***
	(0.356)
combat_post_1949	0.868**
	(0.426)
college	1.129**
	(0.440)
participated_long_march	1.717**
	(0.745)
commissar	−0.278
	(0.350)
minority	0.933
	(1.111)
parent_CCP_leader	−0.100
	(0.815)
rural	1.051***
	(0.390)
cohort_decade1	−1.943**
	(0.848)
cohort_decade2	−3.111***
	(1.077)
cohort_decade3	−1.870*
	(1.017)
cohort_decade4	−1.283
	(0.956)
cohort_decade5	−1.257
	(0.958)
cohort_decade6	−1.502
	(1.374)
minority:rural	1.055
	(1.851)

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