APPENDIX. A

As previously discussed, while I dichotomized my trust variable for my main regressions, the original survey question allowed respondents to choose from among five ordinal categories reflecting their feelings about the local government. To check the robustness of my main regression results, I estimated an ordered Probit by using the ordinal version of this trust variable.

The results in Table 8 and 9 predict the difference between voters and non-voters in terms of the probability of falling into each category of the ordinal trust-in-government variable. These specifications control for all the variables included in my main regressions. However, I only report average marginal effects estimates for the voting variable here. As an example of how to interpret these results, the sixth regression specification suggests that, compared to non-voters, voters are about 2.2 percentage points less likely to rate their trust level as "1", are about 2.9 percentage points less likely to rate their trust level as "2", are about 1.9 percentage points less likely to rate their trust level as "3", are about .8 percentage points more likely to rate their trust level as "4", and are about 6.2 percentage point more likely to rate their trust level as "5".

The results reported below suggest that there is a negative relationship between voting behavior and mistrust in the local government ("Not trustworthy at all", "Tend to not trust", and "Neural") and a positive association exists between voting behavior and trust in the local government ("Tend to trust" and "Very Trustworthy"). These differences are statistically significant across all specifications. Thus, these results are consistent with those of my main specifications.

Table 8. Ordered Probit average marginal effects regression estimates (1)

Regression Specifications	(1) Bivariate	(2) Demographical controls	(3) Economic controls
Average marginal effects of voting behavior on different trust levels			
Not trustworthy at all	-.028***	-.028***	-.027***
	(.002)	(.005)	(.004)
Tend to not trust	-.038***	-.038***	-.037***
	(.004)	(.002)	(.003)
Neural	-.024***	-.024***	-.023***
	(.002)	(.002)	(.001)
Tend to trust	.011***	.011***	.011***
	(.004)	(.004)	(.001)
Very trustworthy	.080***	.078***	.077***
	(.011)	(.002)	(.001)
Regional fixed effects	No	No	No
Observations	4657	4657	4657

*Notes: Robust standard errors are in parentheses. *** p<.01, ** p<.05, * p<.1. These specifications control for all the variables included in my main regressions.*

Table 9. Ordered Probit average marginal effects regression estimates (2)

Regression Specifications	(4) Political controls	(5) Regional fixed effects	(6) Other controls
Average marginal effects of voting behavior on different trust levels			
Not trustworthy at all	-.026***	-.022***	-.022***
	(.003)	(.001)	(.004)
Tend to not trust	-.034***	-.030***	-.029***
	(.004)	(.005)	(.004)
Neural	-.022***	-.019***	-.019***
	(.000)	(.002)	(.000)
Tend to trust	.010***	.008***	.008***
	(.001)	(.008)	(.001)
Very trustworthy	.072***	.063***	.062***
	(.000)	(.004)	(.001)
Regional fixed effects	No	Yes	Yes
Observations	4657	4657	4657

*Notes: Robust standard errors are in parentheses. *** p<.01, ** p<.05, * p<.1. These specifications control for all the variables included in my main regressions.*

APPENDIX. B

Table 10. Unweighted and unclustered Probit regression results (1)

Dependent variable	**Trust**			
	(1) Bivariate	(2) Demographical controls	(3) Economic controls	(4) Political controls
Key independent variable				
Vote	.287***	.289***	.283***	.268***
	(.04)	(.041)	(.041)	(.042)
Vote*Male				
Vote*Party				
Demographical controls				
Male		-.106***	-.09**	-.087**
		(.039)	(.041)	(.042)
Age		.004**	.003**	.002
		(.001)	(.002)	(.002)
Han		-.417***	-.412***	-.414***
		(.065)	(.065)	(.066)
Married		-.106*	-.105*	-.112**
		(.054)	(.055)	(.055)
Junior school		-.137***	-.145***	-.122***
		(.044)	(.044)	(.045)
Economic controls				
Log income			-.008	-.011
			(.008)	(.008)
Status below average			-.089**	-.098**
			(.04)	(.04)
Political controls				
CCP members				.092
				(.092)
Submissive				.486***
				(.05)
Competent				-.003
				(.049)
Complicated				.053
				(.045)
No influence				-.089**
				(.042)

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Table 10 – *Continued from the previous page*

Dependent variable	**Trust**			
	(1) Bivariate	(2) Demographical controls	(3) Economic controls	(4) Political controls
Other controls				
Religious				
Healthy				
Seldom reader				
Internet usage				
Often watched TV				
Regional FE	No	No	No	No
Constant	.251***	.655***	.756***	.481***
	(.032)	(.11)	(.128)	(.137)
F-statistics and p-values				
H_0: vote + vote*male = 0 or				
H_0: vote + vote*party= 0				
Sensitivity	100%	99.26%	98.81%	94.25%
Specificity	0%	1.68%	2.14%	14.96%
Observations	4657	4657	4657	4657

*Notes: Robust standard errors are in parentheses. *** p<.01, ** p<.05, * p<.1.*

Table 11. Unweighted and unclustered Probit regression results (2)

Dependent variable	**Trust**			
	(5) Regional fixed effects	(6) Other controls	(7) Gender interaction	(8) Party interaction
Key independent variable				
Vote	.214***	.215***	.184***	.215***
	(.042)	(.042)	(.057)	(.043)
Vote*Male			.066	
			(.082)	
Vote*Party				-.010
				(.236)
Demographical controls				
Male	-.074*	-.083*	-.125*	-.083*
	(.042)	(.043)	(.068)	(.043)
Age	.003**	.003*	.003*	.003*
	(.002)	(.002)	(.002)	(.002)
Han	-.348***	-.377***	-.377***	-.377***
	(.068)	(.07)	(.07)	(.070)
Married	-.103*	-.102*	-.102*	-.102*
	(.056)	(.057)	(.057)	(.057)
Junior school	-.114**	-.106**	-.105**	-.106**
	(.046)	(.047)	(.047)	(.047)
Economic controls				
Log income	-.017**	-.016**	-.016**	-.016**
	(.008)	(.008)	(.008)	(.008)
Status below average	-.124***	-.12***	-.119***	-.120***
	(.041)	(.042)	(.042)	(.042)
Political controls				
CCP members	.111	.11	.107	.118
	(.093)	(.094)	(.094)	(.215)
Submissive	.48***	.478***	.478***	.478***
	(.05)	(.051)	(.051)	(.051)
Competent	-.004	-.004	-.005	-.004
	(.05)	(.05)	(.05)	(.050)
Complicated	.047	.045	.045	.045
	(.045)	(.045)	(.045)	(.045)
No influence	-.074*	-.074*	-.075*	-.074*
	(.043)	(.043)	(.043)	(.043)
Other controls				
Religious		-.103*	-.104*	-.103*
		(.059)	(.059)	(.059)
Healthy		.072*	.072*	.072*
		(.043)	(.043)	(.043)

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Table 11 – *Continued from the previous page*

Dependent variable	**Trust**			
	(5) Regional fixed effects	(6) Other controls	(7) Gender interaction	(8) Party interaction
Seldom reader		.018	.018	.019
		(.057)	(.057)	(.057)
Internet usage		-.075	-.073	-.075
		(.07)	(.07)	(.070)
Often watched TV		-.105**	-.104**	-.105**
		(.049)	(.049)	(.049)
Regional FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Constant	.334**	.428***	.445***	.428***
	(.145)	(.164)	(.166)	(.164)
F-statistics and p-values				
H_0: vote + vote*male = 0 or			17.04***	.78
H_0: vote + vote*party= 0			(.000)	(.377)
Sensitivity	93.48%	93.19%	93.09%	93.19%
Specificity	18.65%	18.46%	18.85%	18.46%
Observations	4657	4657	4657	4657

*Notes: Robust standard errors are in parentheses. *** p<.01, ** p<.05, * p<.1.*

APPENDIX. C

Table 12. Weighted and clustered Probit regression results without imputed values (1)

Dependent variable	**Trust**			
	(1) Bivariate	(2) Demographical controls	(3) Economic controls	(4) Political controls
Key independent variable				
Vote	.262***	.269***	.262***	.250***
	(.054)	(.063)	(.068)	(.070)
Vote*Male				
Vote*Party				
Demographical controls				
Male		-.075*	-.052	-.052
		(.041)	(.039)	(.034)
Age		.002	.001	0
		(.001)	(.001)	(.001)
Han		-.394***	-.390***	-.399***
		(.058)	(.055)	(.045)
Married		-.151***	-.141***	-.130***
		(.035)	(.041)	(.045)
Junior school		-.166***	-.175***	-.149***
		(.010)	(.043)	(.044)
Economic controls				
Log income			-.012***	-.016***
			(.003)	(.003)
Status below average			-.107**	-.118**
			(.052)	(.051)
Political controls				
CCP members				.053*
				(.032)
Submissive				.508***
				(.020)
Competent				.029
				(.032)
Complicated				.042
				(.059)
No influence				-.060**
				(.030)

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Table 12 – *Continued from the previous page*

Dependent variable	**Trust**			
	(1) Bivariate	(2) Demographical controls	(3) Economic controls	(4) Political controls
Other controls				
Religious				
Healthy				
"Seldom" reader				
Internet usage				
Often watched TV				
Regional FE	No	No	No	No
Constant	.240***	.764***	.904***	.580***
	(.014)	(.010)	(.012)	(.046)
F-statistics and p-values				
H_0: vote + vote*male = 0 or				
H_0: vote + vote*party= 0				
Sensitivity	100%	100%	98.30%	93.69%
Specificity	0%	0%	3.46%	16.23%
Observations	4143	4143	4143	4143

*Notes: Robust standard errors are in parentheses. *** p<.01, ** p<.05, * p<.1.*

Table 13. Weighted and clustered Probit regression results without imputed values (2)

Dependent variable	**Trust**			
	(5) Regional fixed effects	(6) Other controls	(7) Gender interaction	(8) Party interaction
Key independent variable				
Vote	.207***	.204***	.170**	.207***
	(.077)	(.073)	(.084)	(.068)
Vote*Male			.067***	
			(.022)	
Vote*Party				-.105
				(.161)
Demographical controls				
Male	-.047*	-.057**	-.100***	-.057**
	(.027)	(.027)	(.014)	(.027)
Age	.001	.001	.001	.001
	(.001)	(.002)	(.002)	(.002)
Han	-.329***	-.374***	-.374***	-.373***
	(.060)	(.034)	(.033)	(.032)
Married	-.117***	-.121***	-.122***	-.121***
	(.034)	(.031)	(.032)	(.032)
Junior school	-.135***	-.127***	-.126***	-.127***
	(.037)	(.037)	(.037)	(.037)
Economic controls				
Log income	-.02***	-.02***	-.020***	-.020***
	(.004)	(.004)	(.004)	(.004)
Status below average	-.144***	-.146***	-.145***	-.146***
	(.055)	(.050)	(.049)	(.051)
Political controls				
CCP members	.068**	.064*	.058*	.152
	(.028)	(.037)	(.035)	(.172)
Submissive	.500***	.497***	.498***	.497***
	(.019)	(.019)	(.018)	(.019)
Competent	.022	.019	.019	.020
	(.032)	(.042)	(.041)	(.043)
Complicated	.030	.030	.030	.030
	(.057)	(.057)	(.056)	(.056)
No influence	-.046*	-.048*	-.049*	-.048*
	(.026)	(.027)	(.026)	(.026)
Other controls				
Religious		-.149**	-.150**	-.150**
		(.068)	(.068)	(.068)
Healthy		.047	.047	.046
		(.065)	(.065)	(.065)

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Table 13 – *Continued from the previous page*

Dependent variable	**Trust**			
	(5) Regional fixed effects	(6) Other controls	(7) Gender interaction	(8) Party interaction
"Seldom" reader		.048	.048	.048
		(.052)	(.054)	(.052)
Internet usage		-.119***	-.117***	-.119***
		(.041)	(.042)	(.040)
Often watched TV		-.090***	-.090***	-.089***
		(.017)	(.017)	(.016)
Regional FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Constant	.411**	.571***	.589***	.569***
	(.176)	(.079)	(.085)	(.075)
F-statistics and p-values				
H_0: vote + vote*male = 0 or			14.70***	.20
H_0: vote + vote*party= 0			(.000)	(.654)
Sensitivity	93.25%	93.43%	93.29%	93.40%
Specificity	18.40%	18.98%	18.98%	19.05%
Observations	4143	4143	4143	4143

*Notes: Robust standard errors are in parentheses. *** p<.01, ** p<.05, * p<.1.*