POPULISM IN PAN-AMERICAN POLITICS

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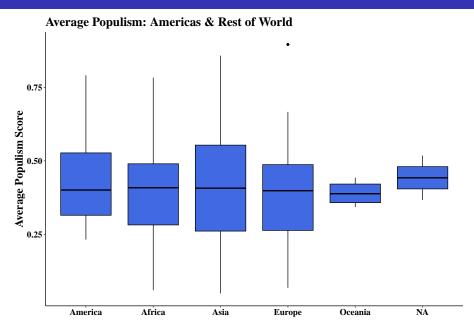
Introduction

- Central Question: Does the average viable political party in the Americas engage in more populist rhetoric than the average viable political party in other countries?
- Motivation:
 - Understanding political dynamics unique to the Americas
 - Uncovering structural similarities between Anglo-American and Latin American political systems
- Conclusion: Although the average populism score of pan-American parties was higher in some regions of the world, the difference was not statistically significant.

DATA

- Drawn from the V-Dem (Varieties of Democracy)V-Party database
- v2xpa_popul: a measure of populist rhetoric by a political party
 - Aggregate of a score of anti-elite rhetoric and rhetoric identifying "the people" as a homogenous sovereign interest group
- v2paseatshare: the share of seats in parliament at the last election
 - Used to filter out parties with less than 10% of seats
- country_name: used to create a new variable identifying what continent a country is on.

COMPARING POPULIST RHETORIC



SUCCESS OF POPULIST PARTIES IN THE AMERICAS

