A Loyal Base: Support for Authoritarianism in Times of Crisis

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Puzzle, Question, and Argument

- Puzzle:
  - → Comparatively to democracy, we know less ab
    ideals, norms, and principles of non- democrati
- Question:
  - → Are voters who share the ideals of non-demod
    to abandon the incumbent during economic do
- Argument:
  - → In times of economic crises, *instrumental supp*
    and will result in a decrease in electoral support
    level decrease in support *is conditional on the in*
    normative support is more likely to condition the
    performance rather than instrumental support
    3b)

Data

- Two surveys fielded in Turkey between May 9 an

- Respondents were recruited via Facebook advert
  survey)

  → Slightly imbalanced samples (female and n
     respondents), so they use post-stratification
     this

- Use CSES 2018 data collection in Turkey to cros

Research Design

- DV: They develop context-specific items
  - → 10 items to measure general normative sup
  - → 4 times to measure normative support for t
  - → 6 items to measure instrumental support fo
- Create three indices (scales) with these items
  - → One with all of them
  - → One only with normative items
  - → One only with instrumental items
- The dimensionality was tested using EFA
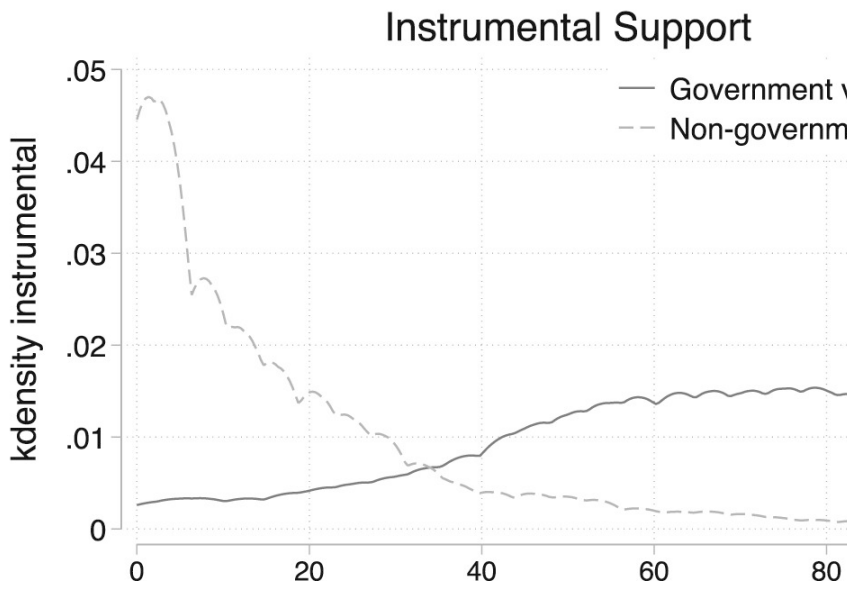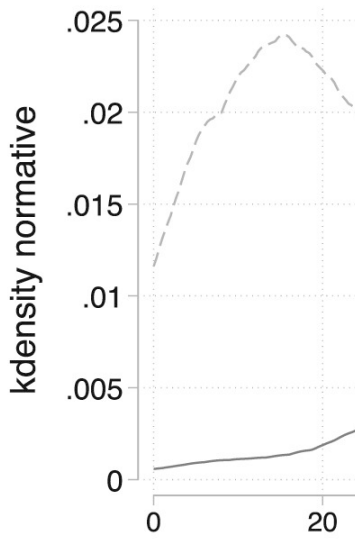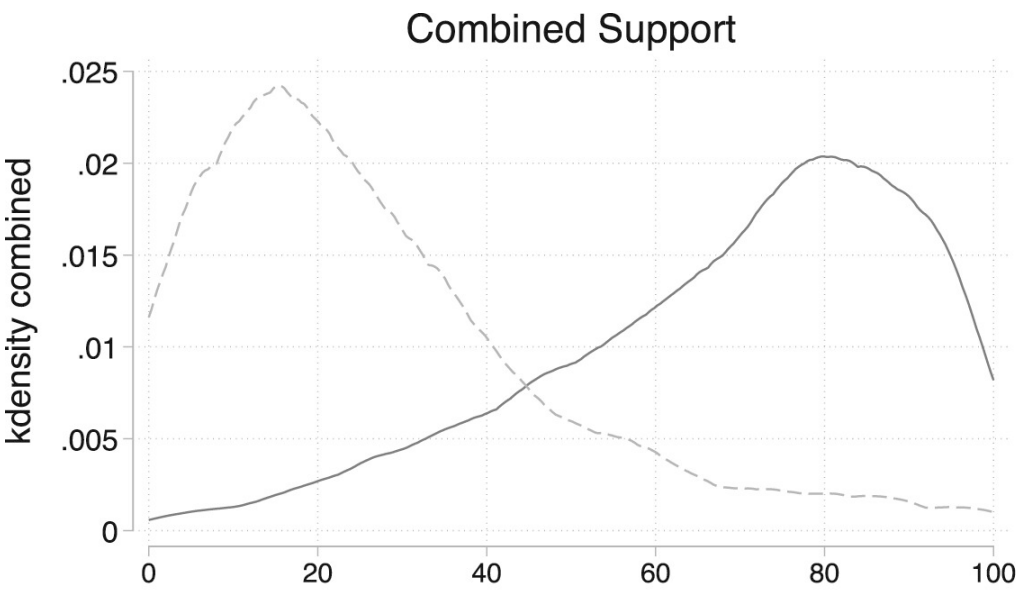- Estimate treatment effect using OLS without con

Research Design

- Two surveys:

  1. Priming was administered *before* asking the

     → Hypothesis 1

  2. Priming was administered *after* asking the su

     → Hypotheses 2 and 3

Empirical Results

1. Descriptive Analysis

- The unidimensional understanding of normative
  support in Turkey
- Average level of normative support greater than i

  → Important differences in the level of instrum
     support conditioning on the government vote

Combined Support

Instrumental Support

Empirical Results

2. Experiment

- Hypothesis 1:
  - → treated group, and government voters, have lower levels
    similar levels of normative support
  - → Treatment "ineffective" for non-government voters (alrea
    and normative support)
- Hypothesis 2:
  - → Added income as a control given the imbalance in the s
  - → Stronger effect in government voters, where being prom
    reduces the probability to vote and to mobilize for the go
    control group
- Hypothesis 3:
  - → People with higher support for the government are less
  - → Replication with CSES still shows that people who stron
    defecting from it given the poor economic situation

Replication

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Limits

1. Potential heterogeneity for income levels and occupation give untested

2. The adaptation of the items in the context of Turkey leads to a but potentially low external validity.

3. Exploratory factor analysis (appendix)

   - Used the Kaiser criterion to retain the number of factors, criticized (Timmerman, Lorenzo-Seva, and Ceulemans 2

   - No scree plot

4. Measurement invariance:

   - The too often sad reality of measurement and scale cons

5. Bifactor model:

   - What is this unidimensional structure composed of both preferences?

   - Could they be two distinct components of a larger mean

The Vignette

"Turkey is dealing with an economic crisis for severa[l]
beginning of 2020, the value of the dollar has increas[ed]
Liras) to 8.3 TL as the Turkish lira's value decreased [a]
result of these economic problems, the Turkish econo[my]
places in the ranking of the world's biggest economi[es]
problems reveal themselves in daily life too. Many ci[tizens]
the continuous increase in prices. Another issue is u[nemployment]
especially common among the youth."

Future Research

- The difficult task to recover "true" public preferen[ces]
  regimes

  $\rightarrow$ Bayesian IRT

- Predicting defection more accurately:

  $\rightarrow$ Machine learning approach to estimate the
  expect people to defect in elections using rid[ge]
  fold cross−validation on larger samples

  $\rightarrow$ A descriptive approach might yield greater i[nsight]
  "real−world situation" where we can expect c[...]
  (Gerring 2012)

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