Summary of *Macroeconomic Attention and Announcement Risk Premia*

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1. **What are the research questions?**

   - What drives MAI?

   - Can MAI contribute to explaining announcement premium?

2. **Why are the research questions interesting?**

   - The empirical relationships between macroeconomic attention, fundamentals, and announcement returns and volatility is intriguing.

3. **What is the paper's contribution?**

   - A new index

     - Former index: EPU measures uncertainty.

     - Extension：MAI measures attention on certain macroeconomic fundamentals.

   - the literature on announcement risk premiums

     - Existing literature：focus on average returns on macroeconomic announcement days.

     - Extension：show that pre-announcement attention predicts announcement risk premiums and changes in VIX.

   - future research on endogenous attention and announcement risk premiums

     - Existing literature：combining endogenous attention and macroeconomic announcement premiums based on asymmetric information.

     - Suggestion：extend theories of announcement risk premiums to include the idea of future information risk.

4. **What hypotheses are tested in the paper?**

   - Macroeconomic announcements and changes in macroeconomic fundamentals are drives of MAI.

   - Pre-announcement MAI predicts the announcement premium and VIX.

   a) **Do these hypotheses follow from and answer the research questions?**

   - Yes, they are examining empirical relations among macroeconomic attention, fundamentals, and announcement returns and volatility.

   b) **Do these hypotheses follow from theory? Explain logic of the hypotheses.**

   - They follow the existing theories of endogenous attention and announcement risk premiums.

5. **Sample: comment on the appropriateness of the sample selection procedures.**

   - The construction of the MAI only considered two magzines.

6. **Dependent and independent variables: comment on the appropriateness of variable definition and measurement.**

   - Useful indicators are constructed as independent variables.

7. **Regression/prediction model specification: comment on the appropriateness of the regress/predict model specification.**

   - It is a simple regression without considering controls or fix effect.

8. **What difficulties arise in drawing inferences from the empirical work?**

   - It is tenable to draw inference that MAI helps to explain the announcement premium.

9. **Describe at least one publishable and feasible extension of this research.**

   - The MAI may be constructed using CCTV news and Peoples' Daily as a Chinese index. Also, the pre-announcement effect on bond market can be tested through similar methods, since bonds price is more sensitive to macronews than stock price.