

Assignment 1

The Goal is to replicate some of the results from Baumann, M., M. Debus and J. Müller. 2015. "Personal Characteristics of MPs and Legislative Behavior in Moral Policymaking." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 40(2): 179-211.

The article deals with MPs' legislative behavior in moral policy making.

- Legislative behavior: taking positions in speeches and voting
- Behavior is influenced by personal characteristics and features of the MPs constituency

Assignment 1: Tasks

You will work with two data sets used in the article:

- MPs' demographics (mpData.dta)
- German Longitudinal Election Study (ZA5302_en_v6-0-0.dta)

You have two main tasks:

Create and describe variables

- Church Attendance in Constituency is not in mpData.dta
- Use the GLES data to construct your own mean constituency church attendance (vndkirchg) and merge it with the MP level data
- Provide descriptive statistics for your variable

Replicate results

- OLS regression explaining MPs' positions (Table 3)
- Logit model explaining roll-call voting behavior (Table 4)

Assignment 1: Deliverables

Short essay:

- Briefly explain what you are doing
- Provide your output tables
- Max. 2 pages
- Code: .r file that must reproduce your results
- Due on 15 March (in class)