

Judicial Favoritism of Politicians: Evidence from Small Claims Courts

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Abstract

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| | N | Mean | St. Dev. | Min | Max |
|--------------------------------|-------|--------|----------|--------|------------|
| <i>Case Level</i> | | | | | |
| Case Duration (in days) | 5,262 | 361 | 433 | 1 | 5,416 |
| Amount Claimed (in R\$) | 5,262 | 11,830 | 10,671 | 35 | 40,000 |
| <i>Judge Level</i> | | | | | |
| Male | 518 | .610 | .488 | 0 | 1 |
| Tenure (in days) | 518 | 4,378 | 2,882 | 13 | 12,987 |
| Wage (in R\$) | 518 | 35,110 | 10,772 | 13,156 | 145,616 |
| <i>Candidate Level</i> | | | | | |
| Age | 2,969 | 44 | 10.3 | 18 | 78 |
| Male | 2,969 | .901 | .298 | 0 | 1 |
| Political Experience | 2,969 | .246 | .430 | 0 | 1 |
| Elected to Office | 2,969 | .486 | .500 | 0 | 1 |
| Campaign Expenditures (in R\$) | 2,969 | 54,963 | 621,757 | 11 | 29,958,454 |

Figure 1: Interquartile Range of Candidate Age by Judge

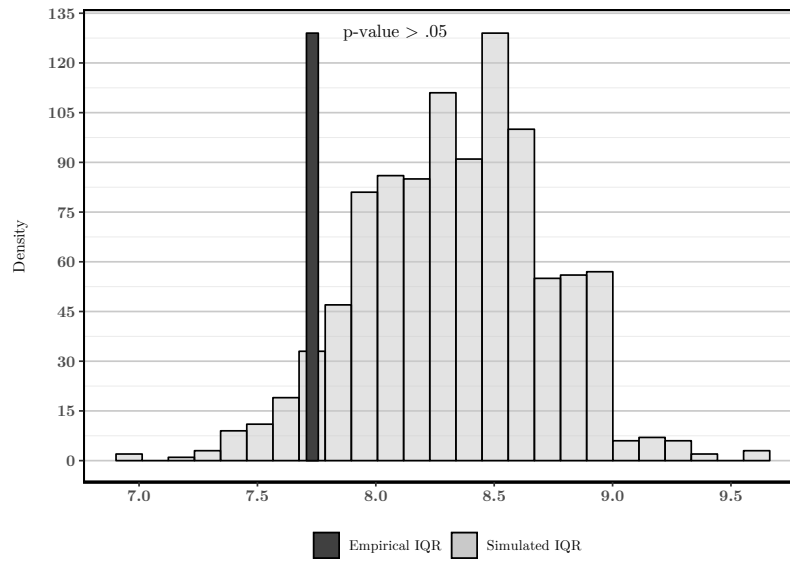


Figure 2: Interquartile Range of Favorable Ruling by Judge

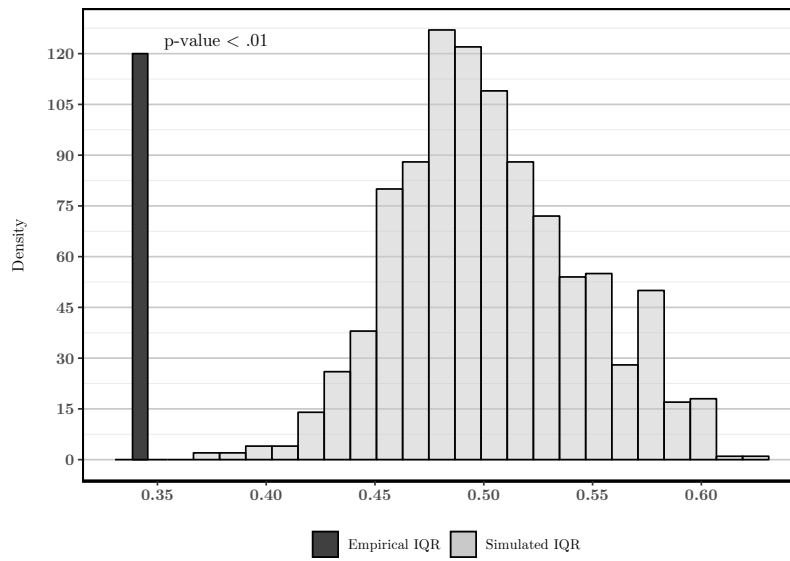


Figure 3: RD Point Estimates and 95% CIs

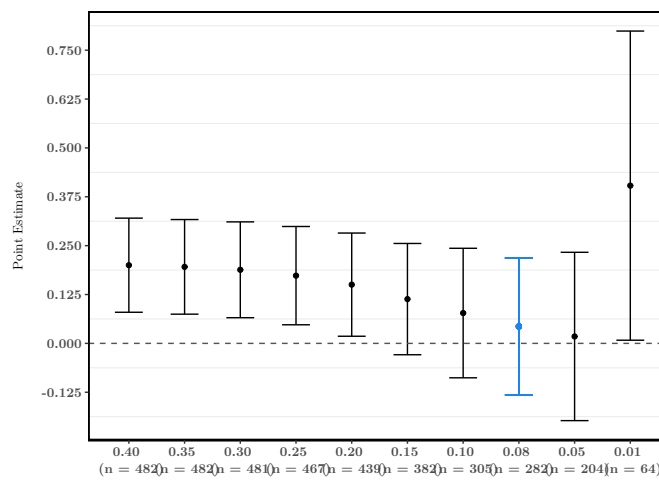


Figure 4: Mean Candidate Age by Judge

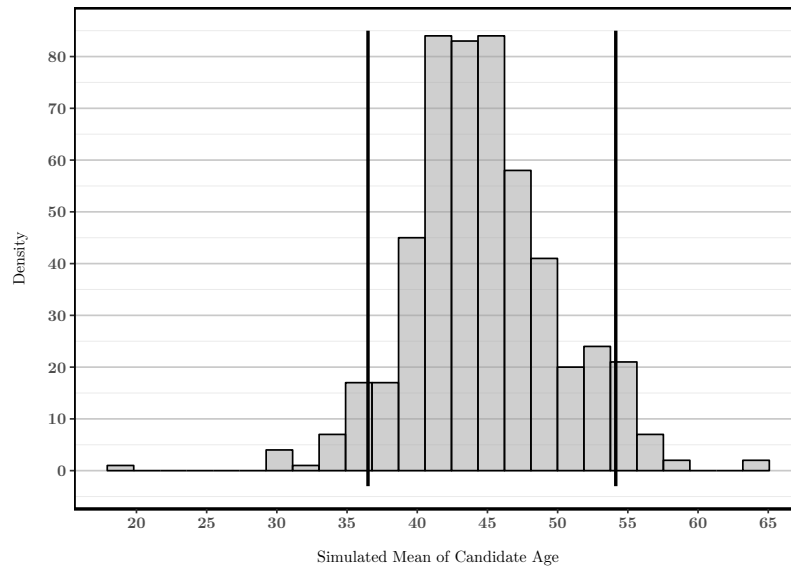


Figure 5: Mean Favorable Ruling by Judge

