# Political Determinants of News Diets: Evidence from the U.S.

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# The Big Picture: News Diets

The **media matters**: political information/analysis/opinion affects

- Electoral outcomes (Gentzkow, 2006; DellaVigna and Kaplan, 2007; Gentzkow, Shapiro and Sinkinson, 2011; Durante and Knight, 2012; Cagé, 2020)
- Policy and distributional patterns (Strömberg, 2004; Knight, 2008; Snyder and Strömberg, 2011; Gavazza, Nardotto and Valletti, 2019)
- Salience of issues (Iyengar, 1994; Dunaway, 2008; Branton and Dunaway, 2009)

But what determines which media is available for citizens to consume?

- And, therefore, their ultimate **news diets**?

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**Event-study difference-in-differences** empirical strategy

- Staggered treatment as states redistrict
- Compare counties (within same state) that gained vs. lost importance

# What We Find

**Following redistricting, gaining counties**:

1. **Do not see differential entry or exit**

2. **See increases in newspaper circulation per capita**
   - With no change in nominal prices

3. **See changes in editorial board composition**
   - Shift to coverage of state-level politics (cf. very local politics)

4. **See increase in political content**
   - Surnames of legislators see an "officeholder premium" in coverage
   - Particularly pronounced in gaining counties, post-redistricting

# Background: Baker v. Carr

March 1962: Supreme Court rules that **reapportionment is justiciable**

- Federal courts could now hear redistricting cases
- Overturned precedent from *Colgrove v. Green* (1946)

No immediate impact, but **set important, new precedent**

- By 1964: additional rulings required congressional and state legislative districts to have **equal population** $\implies$ **"one person, one vote"**
- By 1967: all states had redrawn districts to comply with new standard

Before redistricting, many state legislatures were **badly malapportioned**

- Extreme case: Connecticut House of Representatives – population of largest district was 422 times that of the smallest district

Due to *Baker v. Carr* and its aftermath, **these imbalances were equalised**

- With implications for policy (e.g. Ansolabehere, Gerber and Snyder, 2002)

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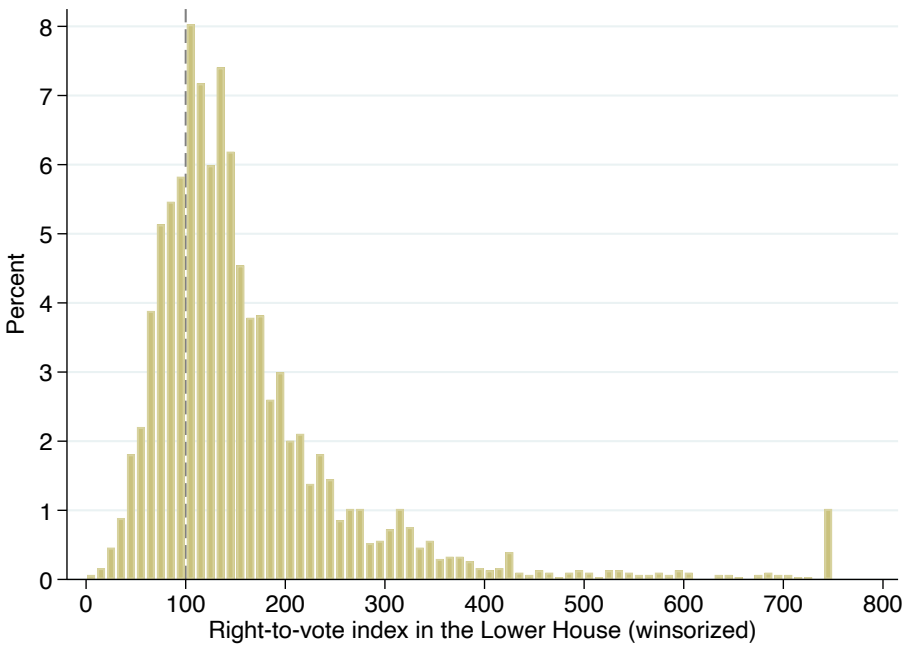


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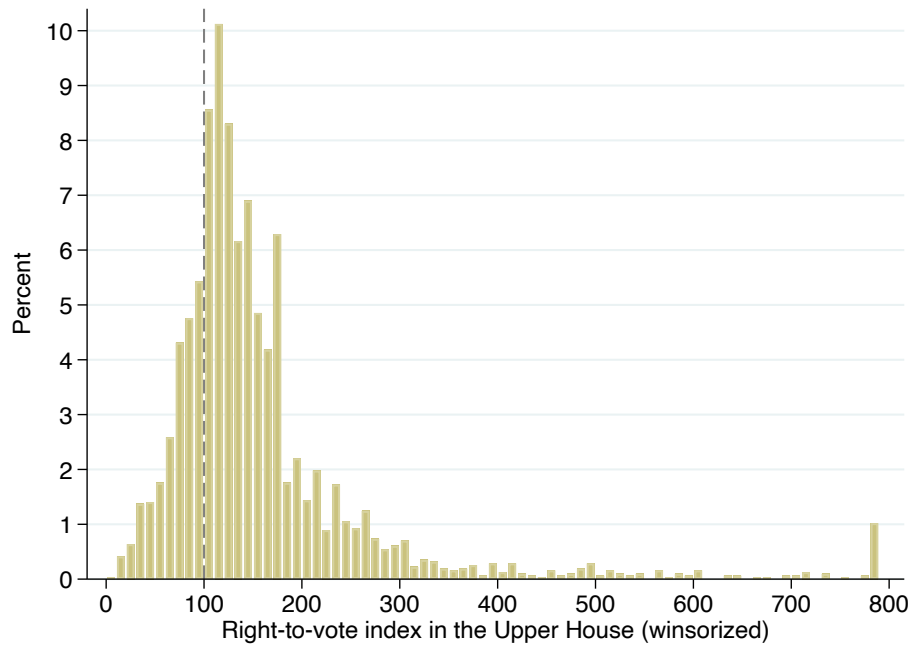

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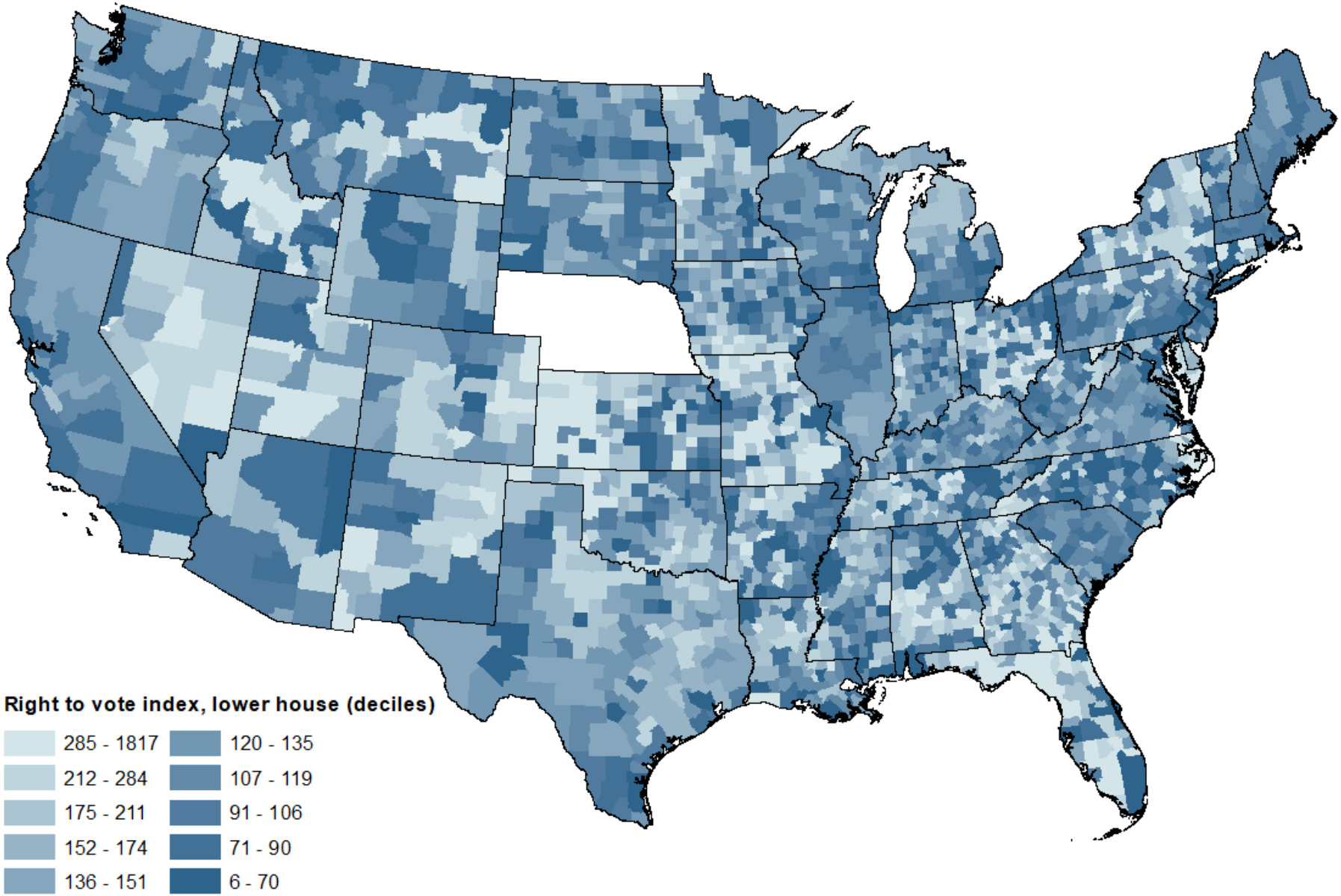

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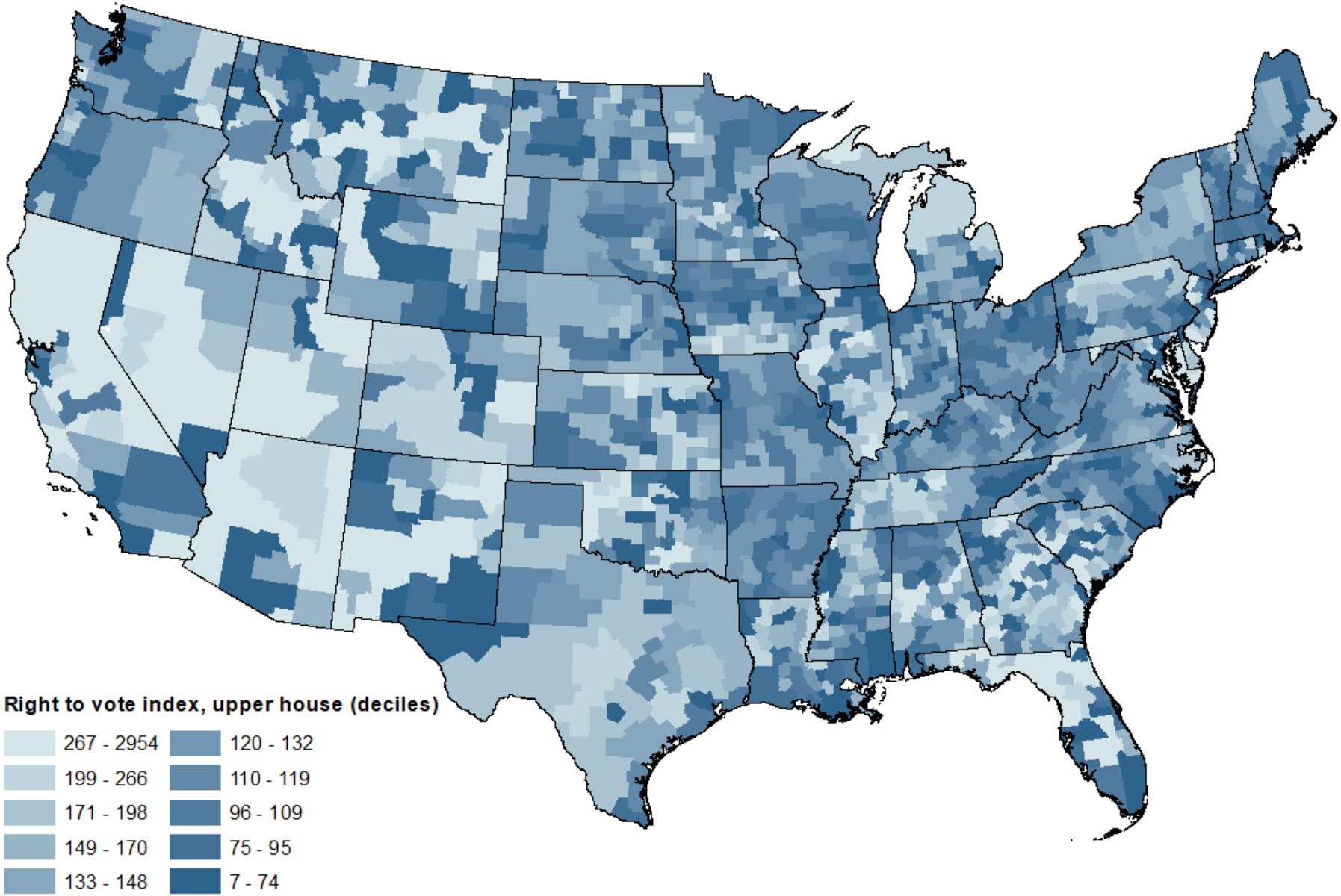

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  (but see Cagé, Cassan and Jensenius (2023) on India)

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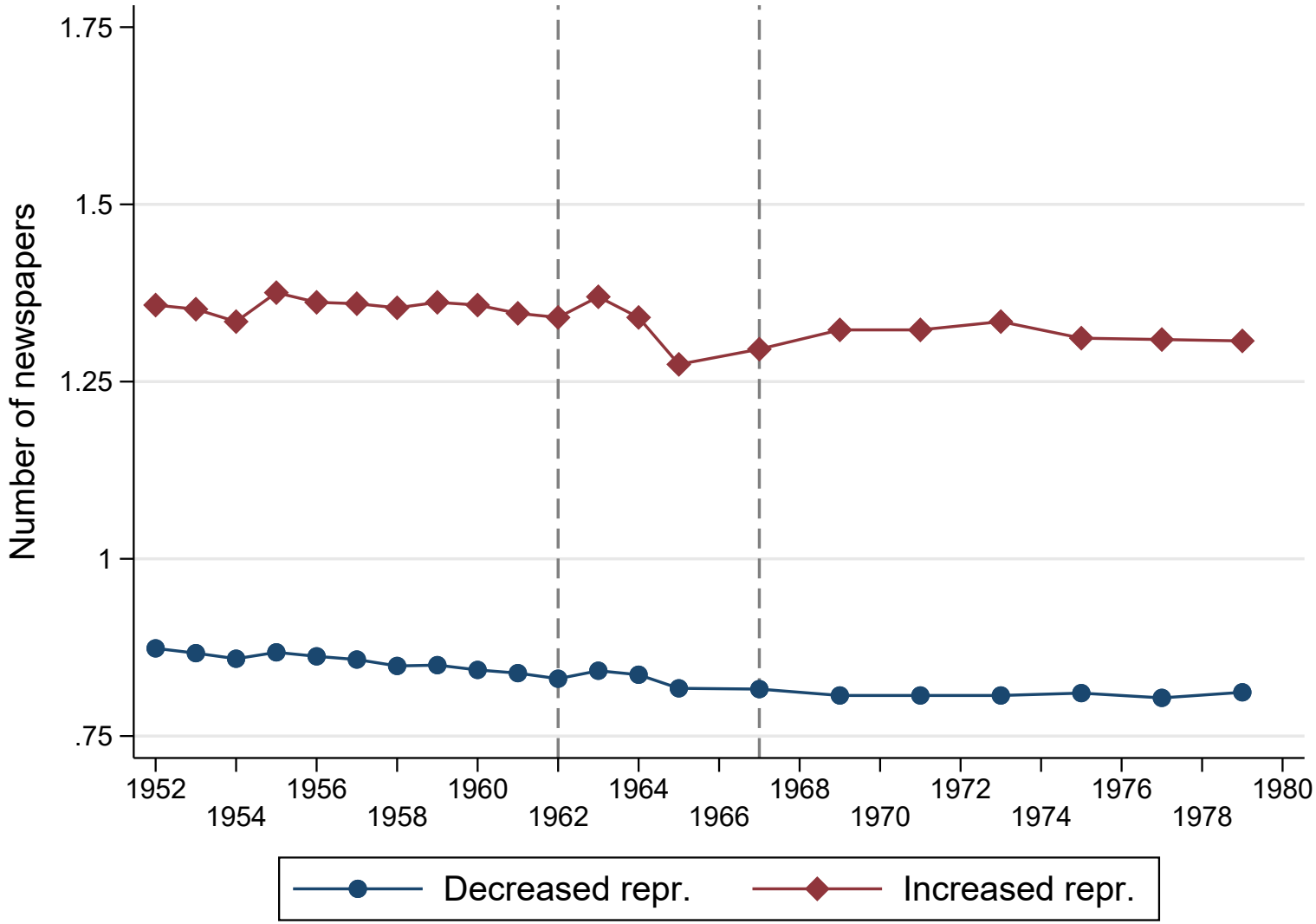
**2. Newspaper Archive** Example hit Example false positive

- Online archive of digitised newspaper content
- We gather mentions of state legislators, focus on lower house
  - Identify officeholders in any given year for each state
    (ICPSR 34297 and Ansolabehere and Snyder, 2008)
  - Systematic search for each officeholder in all newspapers in the state
    (Search all newspapers in a state for mention of surname of officeholder, 1950–1980; must appear together with the name of the chamber)
  - In total: 17m+ hits for 22,000+ legislators

# Winners/Losers: Number of Newspapers



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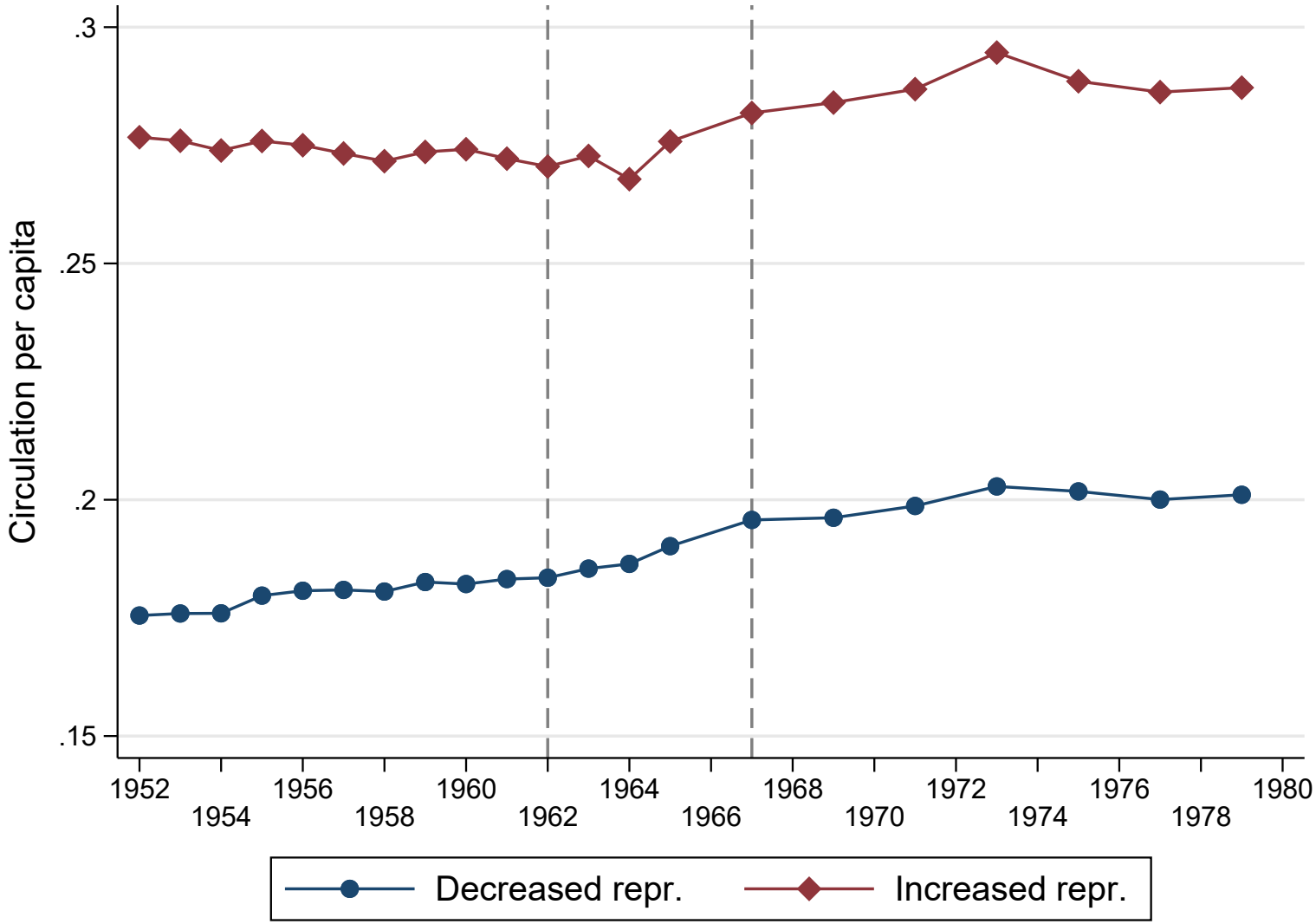

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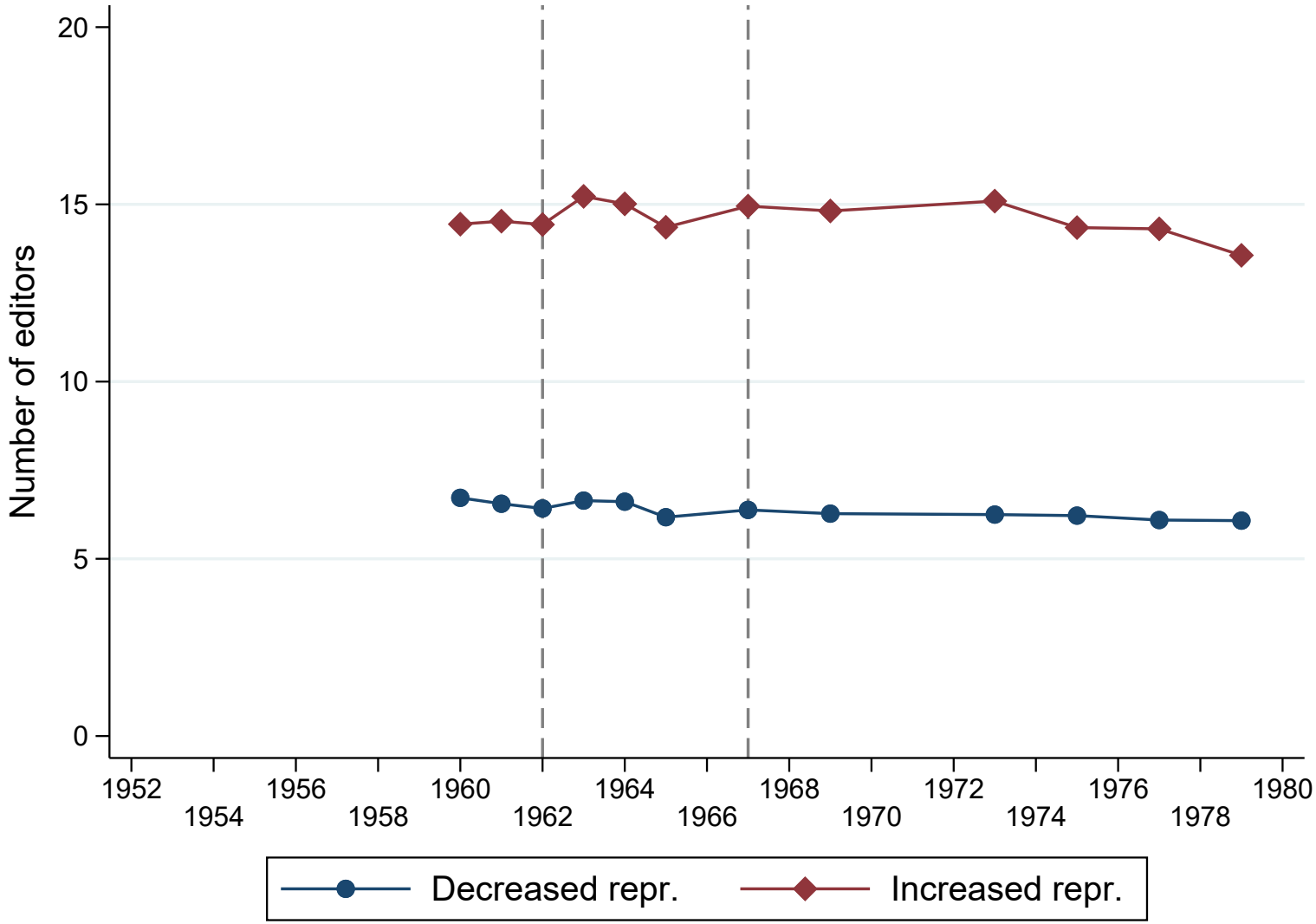

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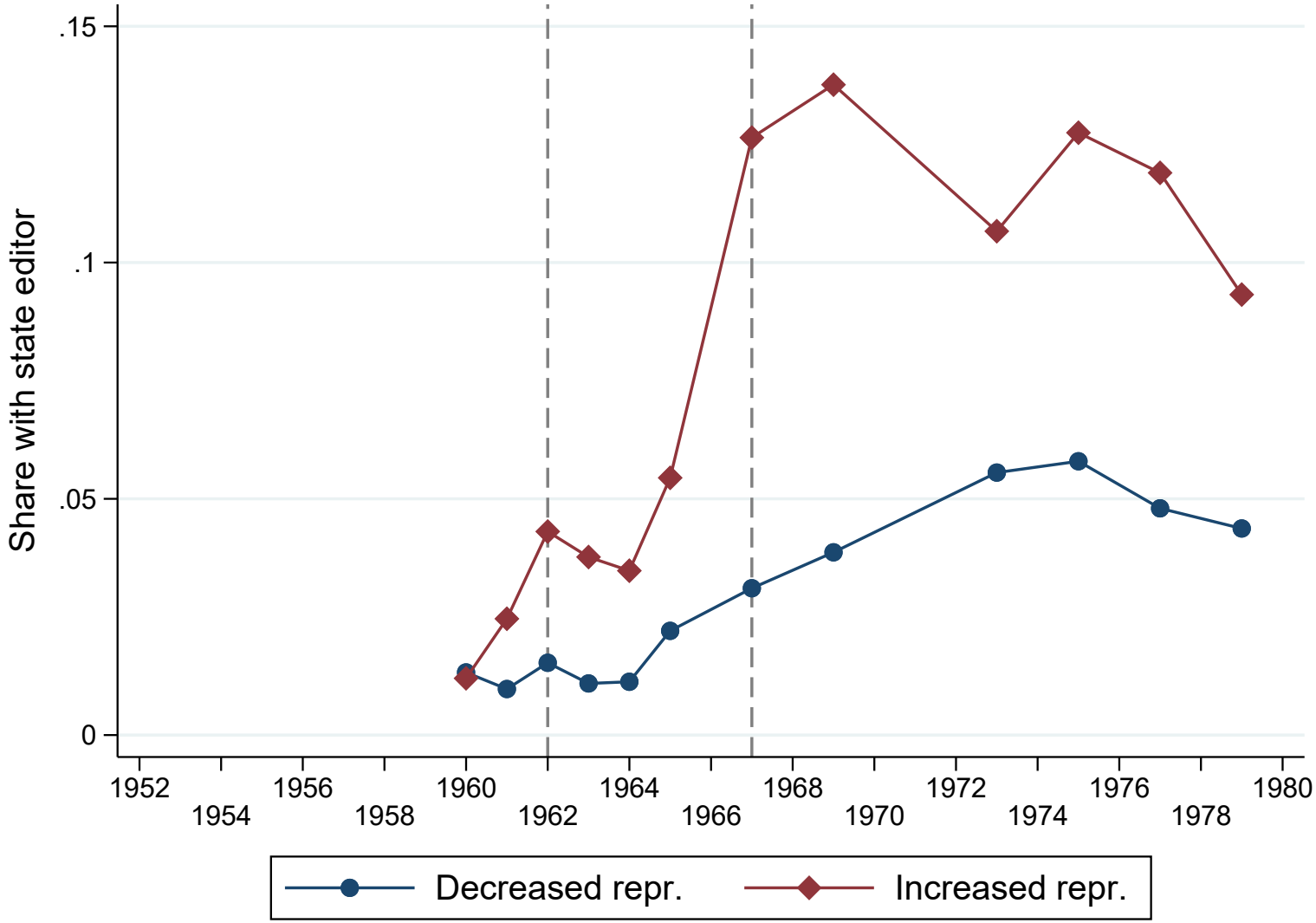
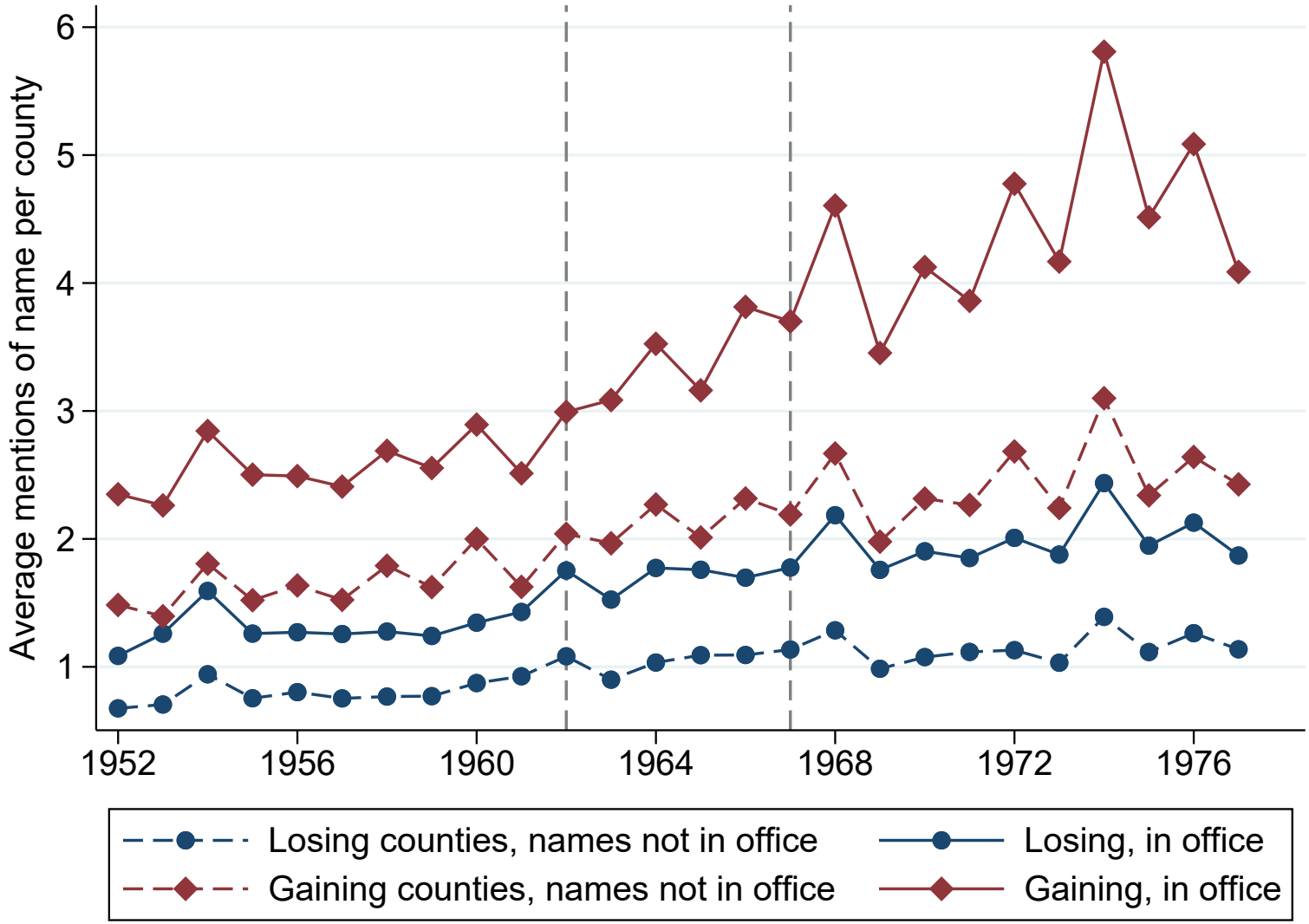


# Winners/Losers: Coverage of Legislators



# Empirical Strategy: Staggered Event Study

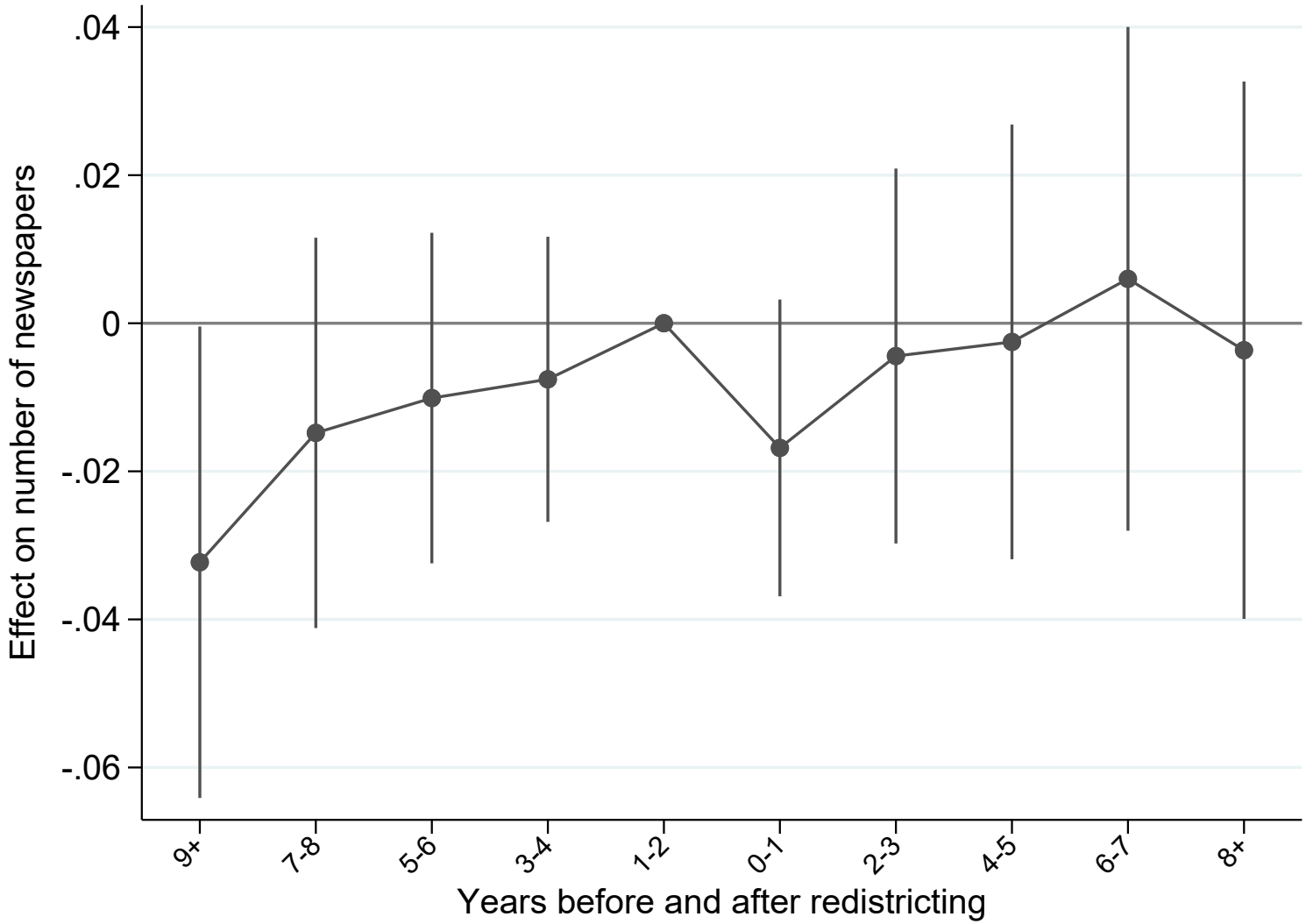
$$y_{ct} = \sum_{t=-10}^{10} \delta_t \times \mathbb{1}\{\text{Increase}\}_{ct} + \mathbf{X}'_{ct}\beta + \lambda_c + \gamma_{st} + \epsilon_{cst}$$

| | |
|---|---|
| $y_{ct}$ | outcome in county $c$ in year $t$ |
| $\mathbb{1}\{\text{Increase}\}_{ct}$ | treatment dummy = 1 if county gained from redistricting |
| $\lambda_c$ | county fixed effects |
| $\gamma_{st}$ | state-by-year fixed effects |
| $\mathbf{X}_{ct}$ | controls |
| Standard errors | clustered by county |

Two sets of controls

- Baseline: 1960 population, urban share, black share $\times$ year FE
- Additional: time-varying population, urban share, black share

# No Effect on Number of Newspapers



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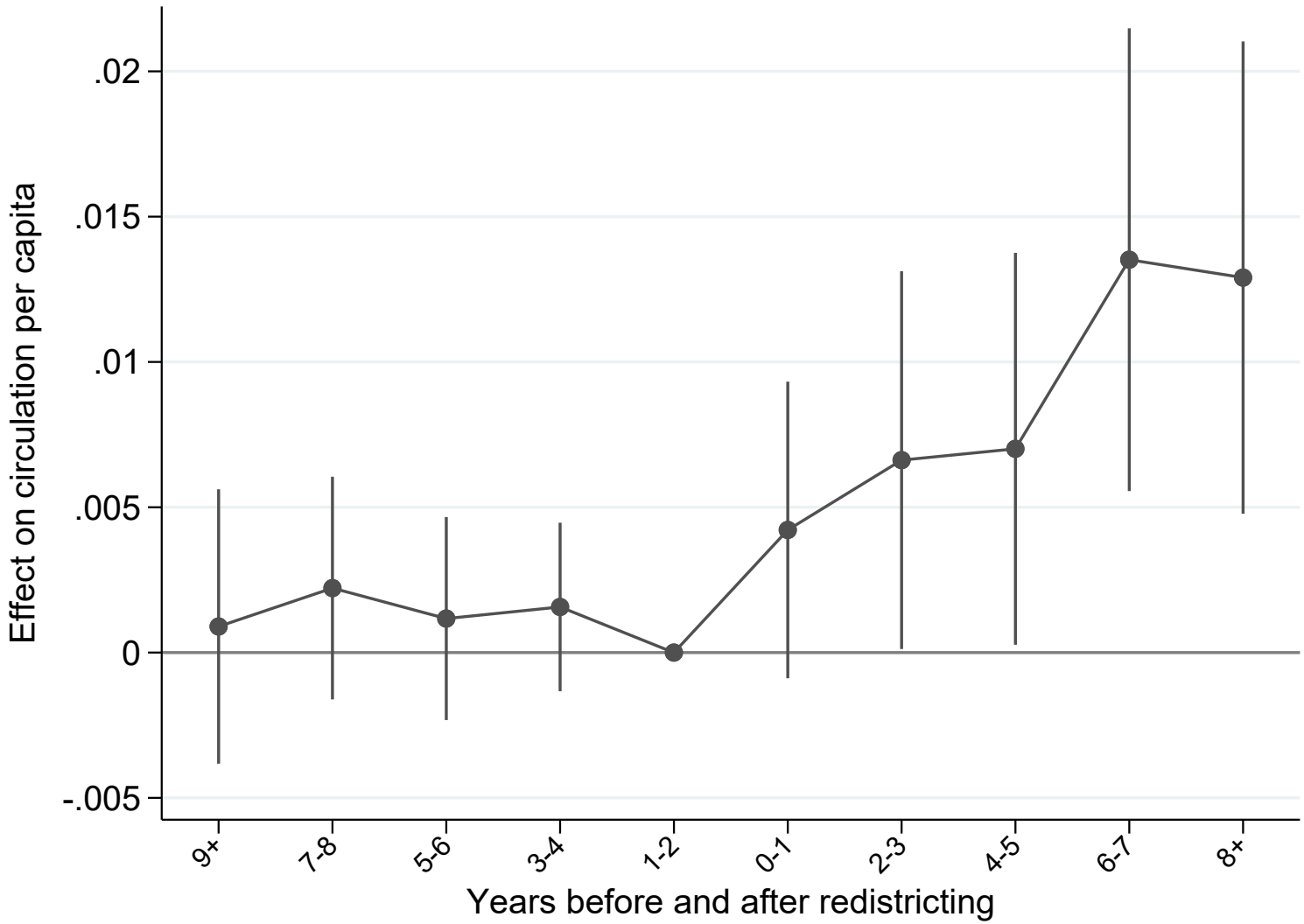


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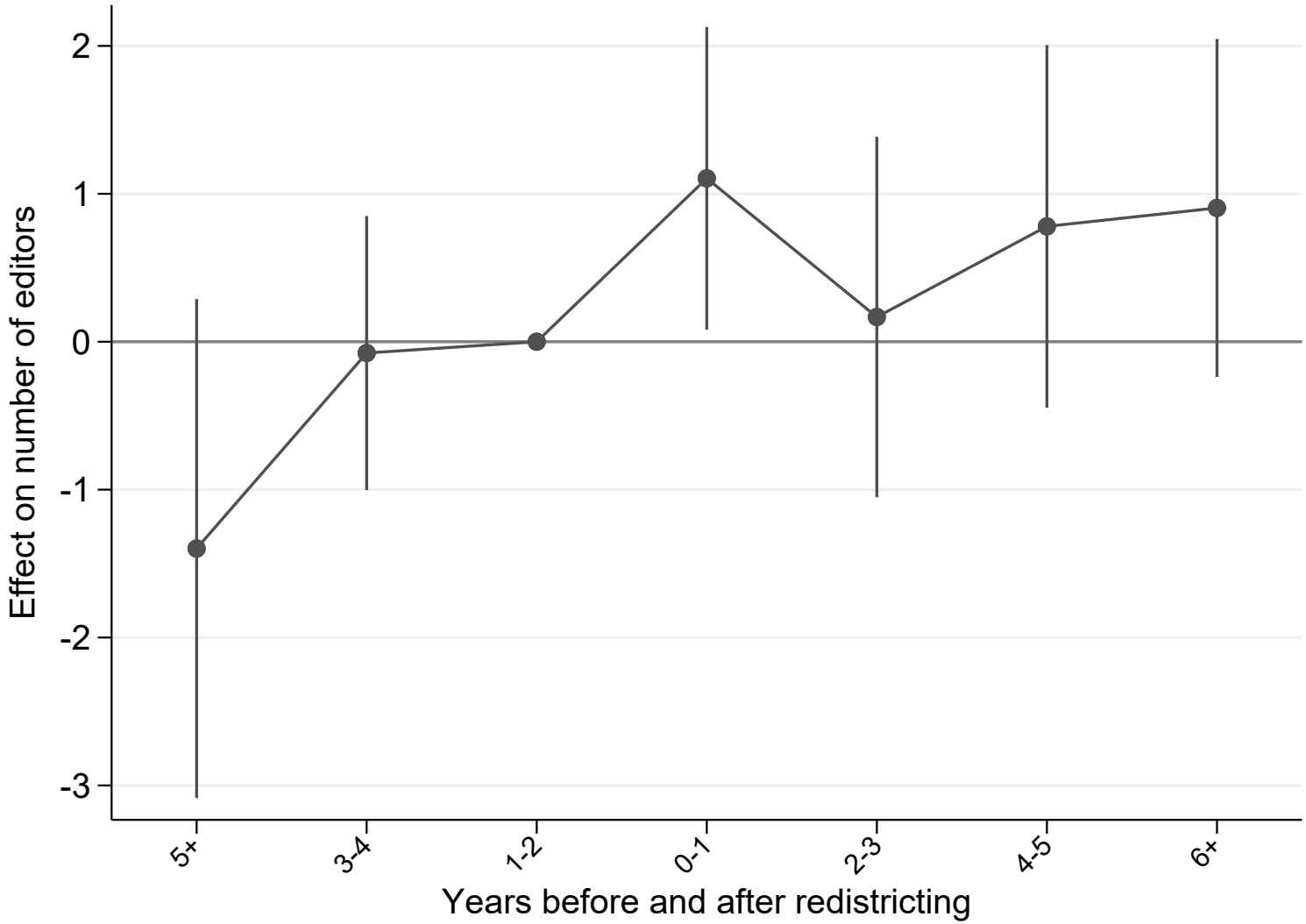
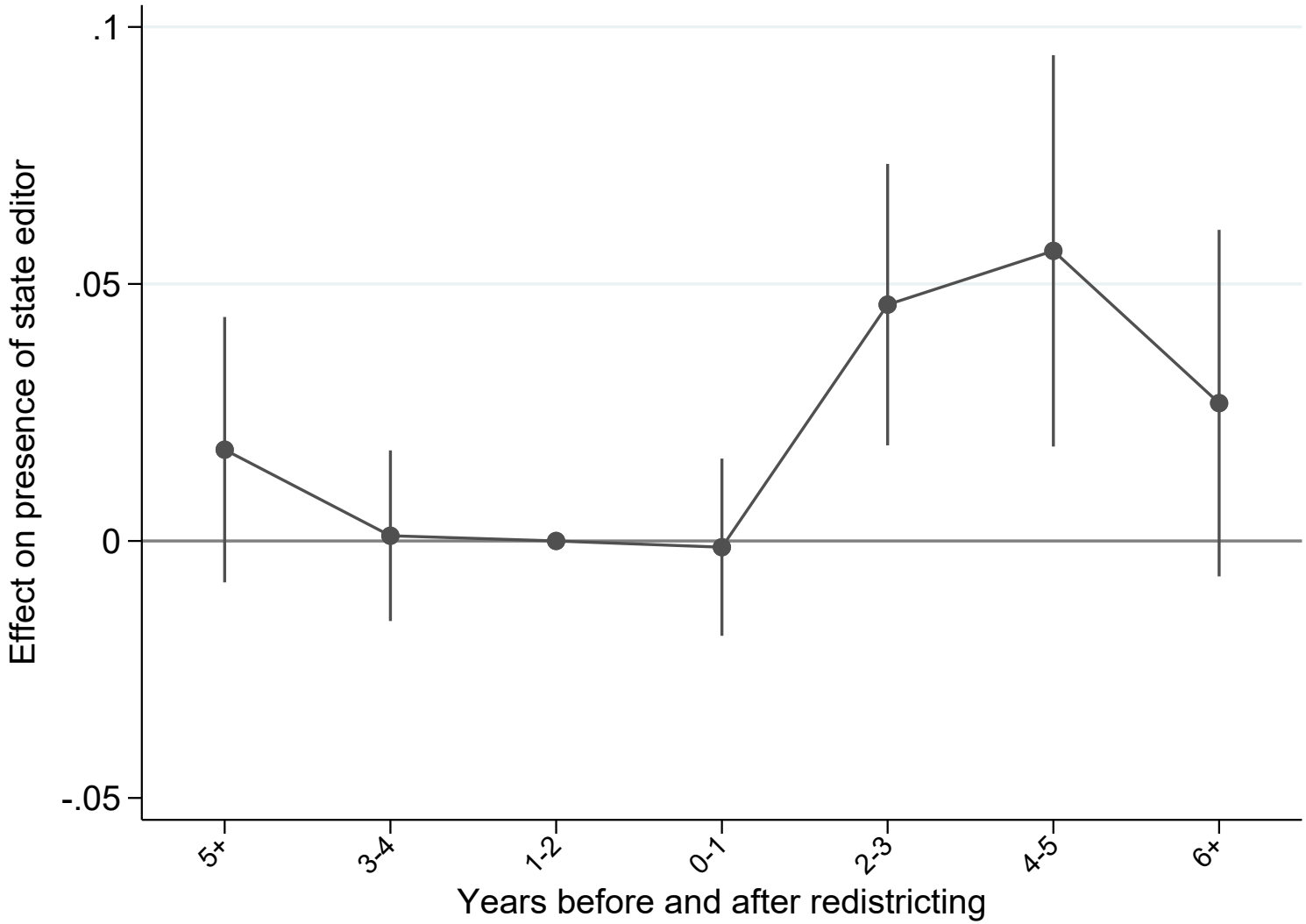
# Editorial Boards Do Not Change Size

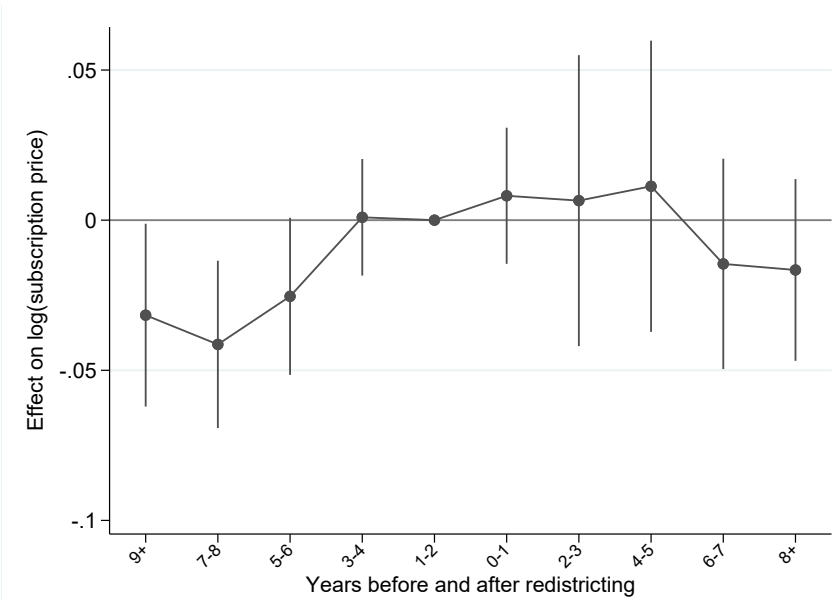


# But Editors Focus More on State Politics

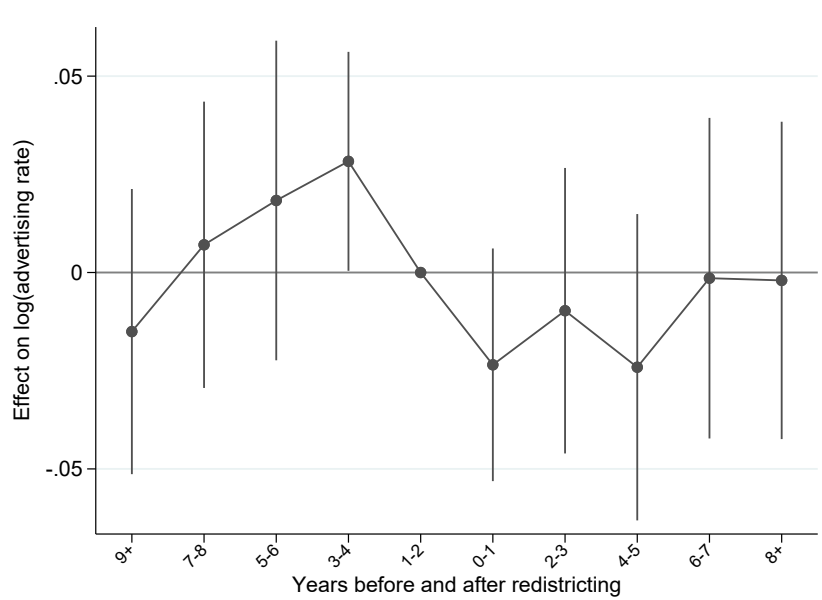


# Despite This: Nominal Prices Unchanged

## Subscription Price




## Advertising Rate



# Coverage of Legislators

**Are state legislators covered by the press?**

- Use dataset of content to construct a surname-county-year panel
- Recall: we systematically gathered mentions of legislators' surnames for all newspapers in Newspaper Archive database

Test for differential **"officeholder premium"** in mentions of surname:

$$\text{Mentions}_{ncst} = \sum_{t=-10}^{10} \phi_t \, \mathbb{1}\{\text{Increase}\}_c \times \mathbb{1}\{\text{In office}\}_{nst} + \Pi_{nst} + \Omega_{ct} + \epsilon_{ncst}$$

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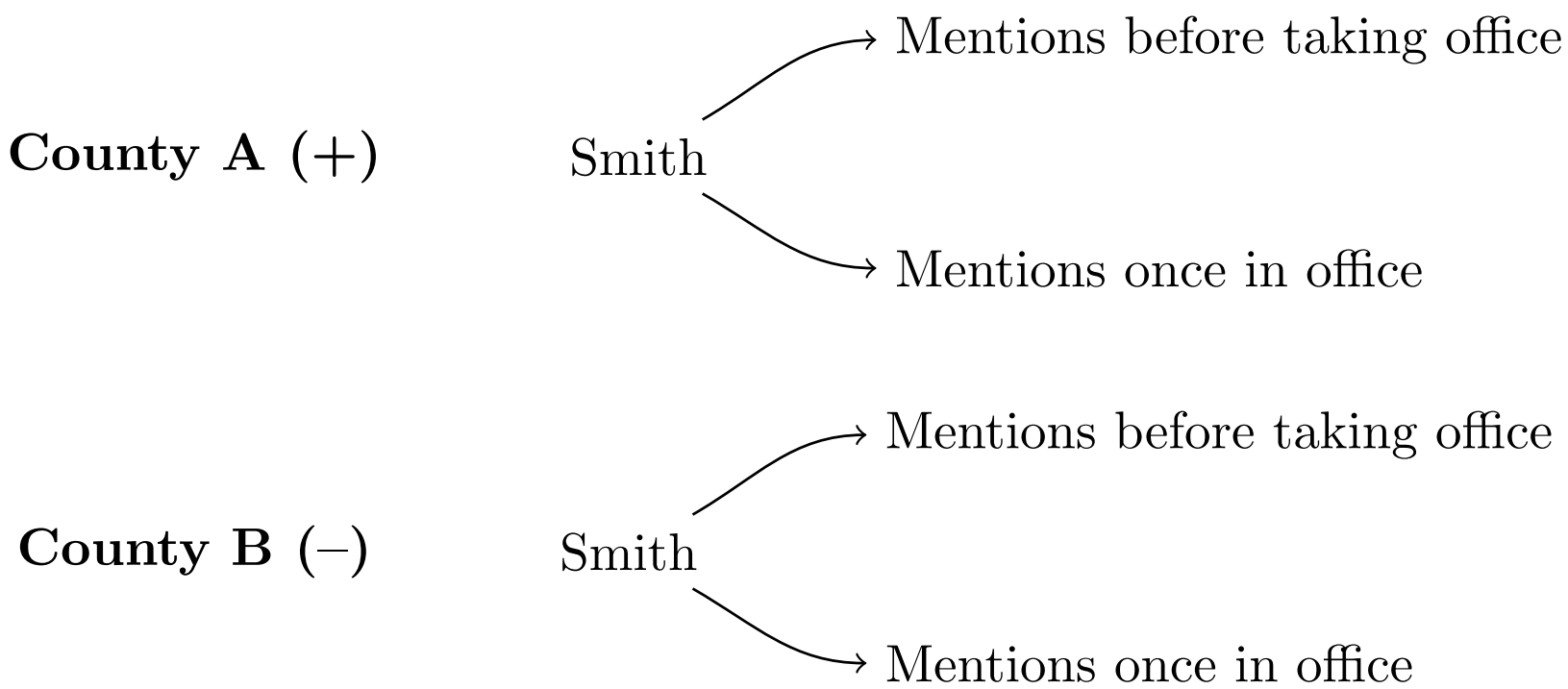

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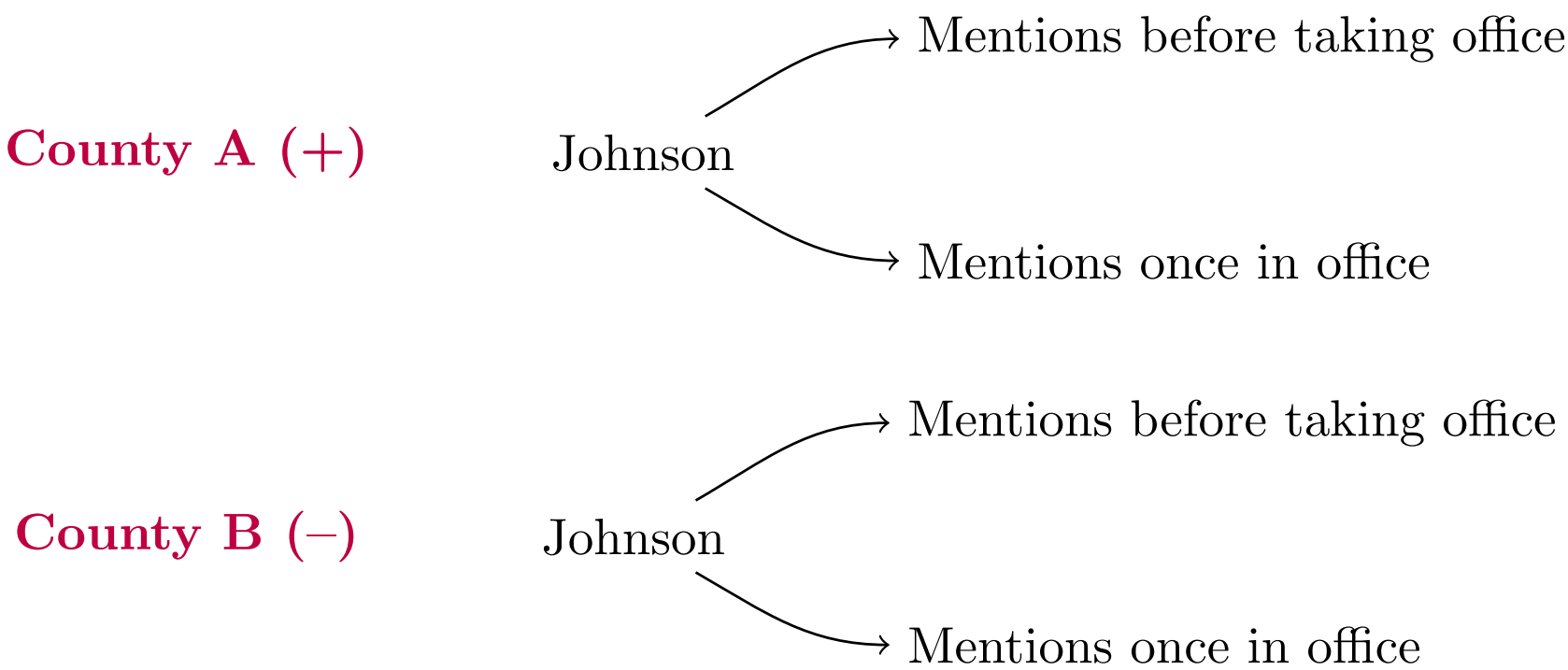

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| | Dependent variable: mentions of legislator surname | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| Post-redist. × incr. rep. | 0.334*** | | | |
| | (0.059) | | | |
| In office | 0.512*** | 0.508*** | | |
| | (0.016) | (0.016) | | |
| In office × incr. rep. | 0.557*** | 0.571*** | 0.251*** | 0.078*** |
| | (0.047) | (0.046) | (0.036) | (0.024) |
| In office × post-redist. | 0.221*** | 0.243*** | | |
| | (0.024) | (0.024) | | |
| In office × post-redist. × incr. rep. | 0.569*** | 0.498*** | 0.512*** | 0.337*** |
| | (0.091) | (0.086) | (0.081) | (0.050) |
| County FE | ✓ | | | |
| State × year FE | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| State × name × year FE | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| County × year FE | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| County × name FE | | | | ✓ |
| Observations | 9,744,769 | 9,744,769 | 9,744,769 | 9,744,769 |
| Outcome mean | 1.592 | 1.592 | 1.592 | 1.592 |
| Share treated | 0.312 | 0.312 | 0.312 | 0.312 |
| Share in office | 0.260 | 0.260 | 0.260 | 0.260 |

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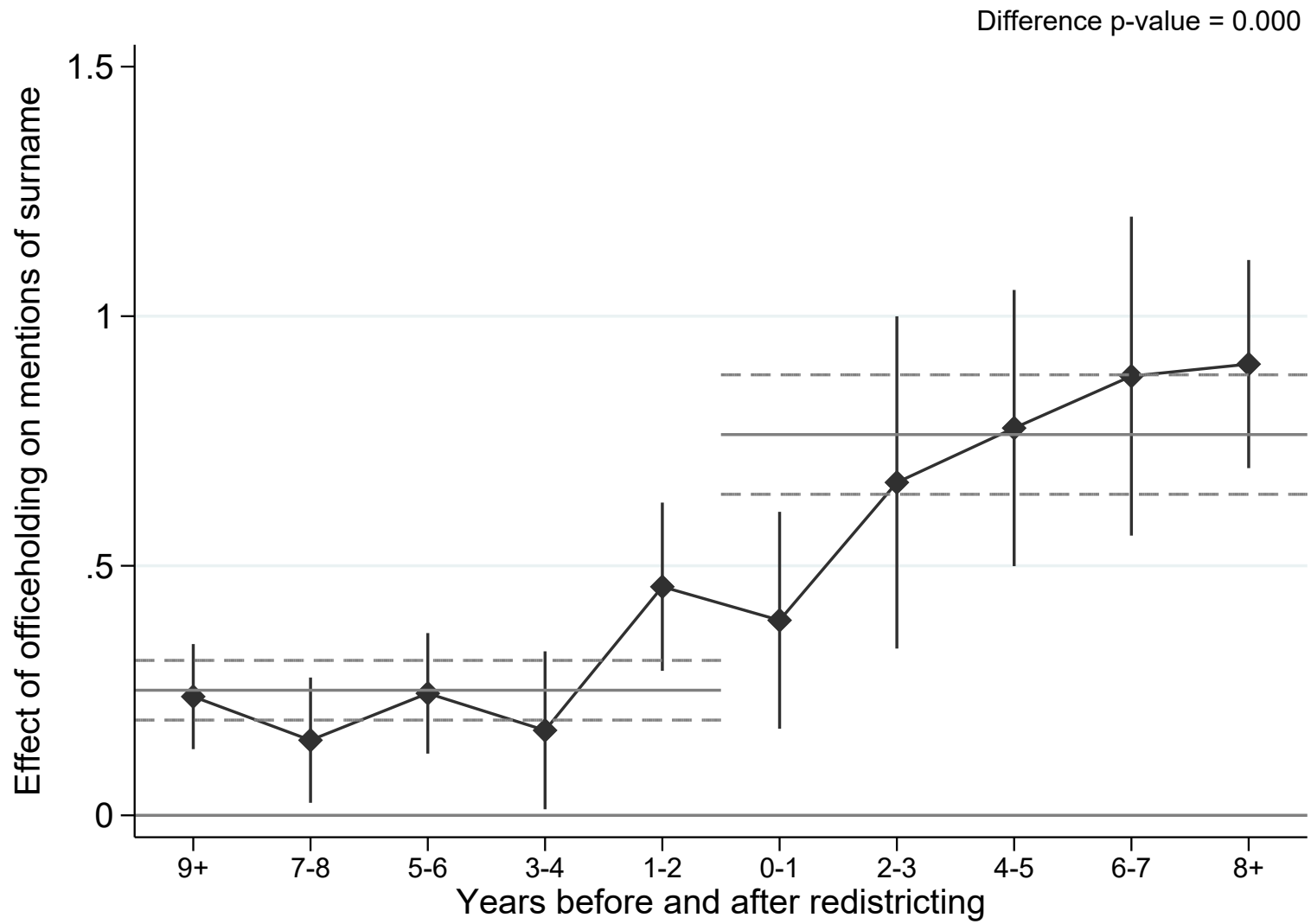


# Concluding Remarks

**Do political factors shape news diets?**

**We combine**

- Natural experiment arising from *Baker v. Carr* redistricting
- Novel data on U.S. newspapers

And **provide an answer in the affirmative**; gainers from redistricting:

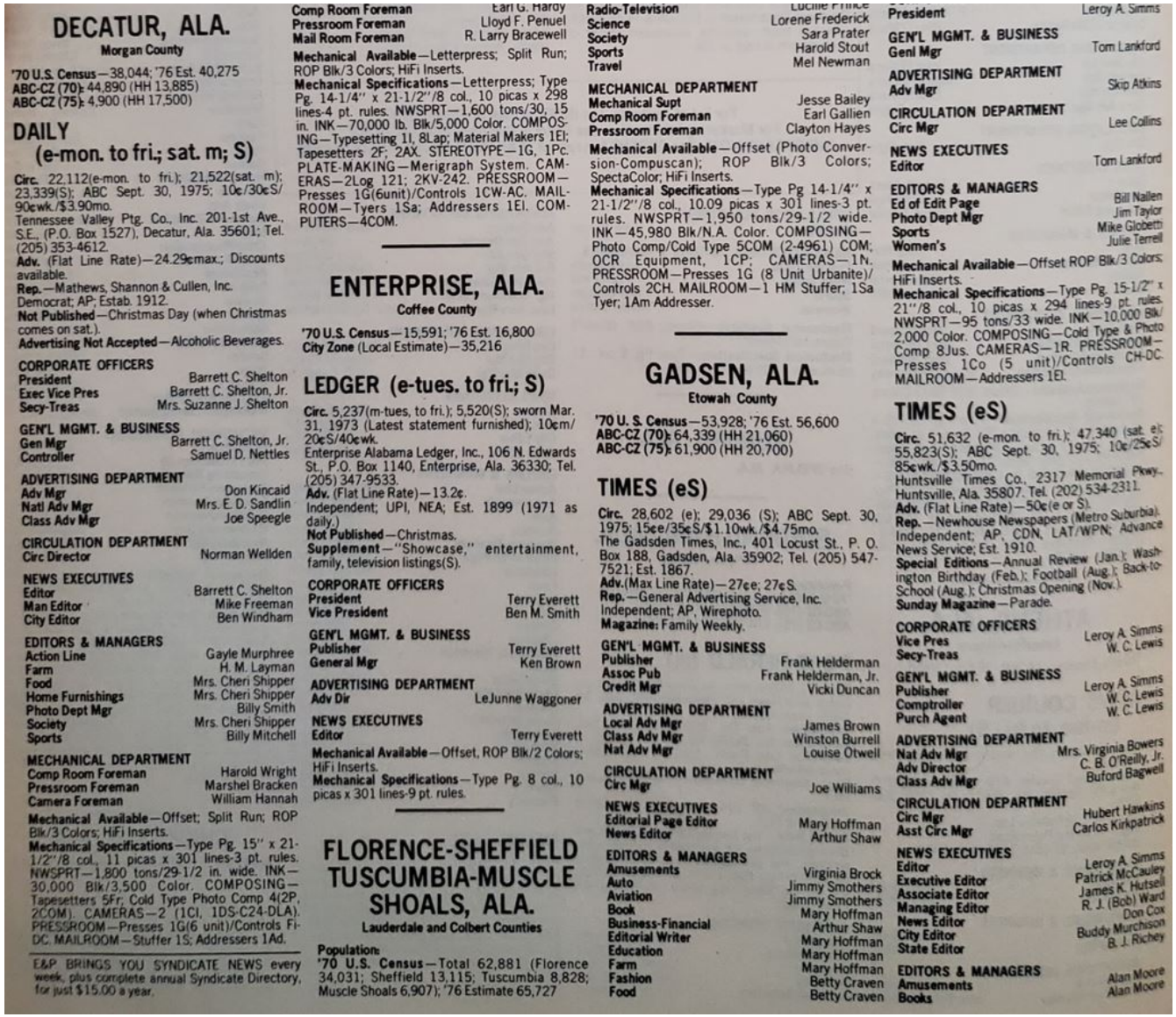
- See increased **circulation p.c.** and shift in **newsroom composition**
- Have particularly pronounced increase in **coverage of officeholders**

This has implications for thinking about **political inequalities**

- Can **affect policies** not only directly (via politicians' incentives)
- But also **indirectly** (through their impact on **citizens' news diets**)

# Appendix

# Editor & Publisher – Example Page



## DECATUR, ALA.

**Morgan County**

**'70 U.S. Census**—38,044; '76 Est. 40,275
**ABC-CZ (70)**: 44,890 (HH 13,885)
**ABC-CZ (75)**: 4,900 (HH 17,500)

### DAILY (e-mon. to fri.; sat. m; S)

**Circ.** 22,112(e-mon. to fri.); 21,522(sat. m); 23,339(S); ABC Sept. 30, 1975; 10¢/30¢S/90¢wk./$3.90mo.
Tennessee Valley Ptg. Co., Inc. 201-1st Ave., S.E., (P.O. Box 1527), Decatur, Ala. 35601; Tel. (205) 353-4612.
**Adv.** (Flat Line Rate)—24.29¢max.; Discounts available.
**Rep.**—Mathews, Shannon & Cullen, Inc.
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## ENTERPRISE, ALA.

**Coffee County**

**'70 U.S. Census**—15,591; '76 Est. 16,800
**City Zone** (Local Estimate)—35,216

### LEDGER (e-tues. to fri.; S)

**Circ.** 5,237(m-tues, to fri.); 5,520(S); sworn Mar. 31, 1973 (Latest statement furnished); 10¢m/20¢S/40¢wk.
Enterprise Alabama Ledger, Inc., 106 N. Edwards St., P.O. Box 1140, Enterprise, Ala. 36330; Tel. (205) 347-9533.
**Adv.** (Flat Line Rate)—13.2¢.
Independent; UPI, NEA; Est. 1899 (1971 as daily.)
**Not Published**—Christmas.
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**Lauderdale and Colbert Counties**

**Population:**
**'70 U.S. Census**—Total 62,881 (Florence 34,031; Sheffield 13,115; Tuscumbia 8,828; Muscle Shoals 6,907); '76 Estimate 65,727

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## GADSEN, ALA.

**Etowah County**

**'70 U. S. Census**—53,928; '76 Est. 56,600
**ABC-CZ (70)**: 64,339 (HH 21,060)
**ABC-CZ (75)**: 61,900 (HH 20,700)

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## The Milford Mail, Dickinson County, IA – 3 November 1960

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OFFICIAL COUNTY PAPER
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1960

# Heavy Vote Expected Tuesday at Nation's Polls

Headed by Central Committee Chairman Martin Barry, Dickinson county Democrats are primed for the general election Tuesday, Nov. 8. Five of the Demo candidates on the ballot are seeking to unseat their Republican opponents and two are vying for re-election.

**Heading the list of candidates** is Charles "Chuck" Weik, 49, who is seeking his third term as state representative. A resident of Dickinson county the past 14 years, Weik is now associated with a real estate firm in Spirit Lake and is also operating a farm on a stock-share basis.

Weik is a member of the Methodist church, is a Mason and Shriner, holding the Legion of Honor in the Order of DeMolay, and is a member of the board of advisory.

**Unopposed**

Incumbent county recorder Ione McClintock, is unopposed and will be seeking her seventh term. Miss McClintock was born in Sac county and has lived in Dickinson county for 31 years. She graduated from Spirit Lake high school in 1929.

She was appointed to the office of county recorder in 1945 and has served in that capacity since.

**Candidate for county auditor on the Democratic ticket is Wilfird T. Tillison, Spirit Lake jeweler. The 48-year old local businessman served one term as Justice of the Peace of Center Grove township.**

**Treasurer Aspirant**

Seeking the office of county treasurer is Mrs. Dolores Fitzpatrick of Milford. Mrs. Fitzpatrick is the widowed mother of two children and they reside at their farm home southwest of Milford.

A native of Milford, she attended school there and graduated from high school in 1942. She was married in 1946 to Maurice Fitzpatrick, a veteran of World War II. They lived in Knoxville and after her husband's death Mrs. Fitzpatrick worked for some time in the veteran's hospital there.

She returned to Dickinson county in 1953 and worked for the county extension service until 1959 when she accepted her present position as head of the accounting department at the Terril Cooperative Company.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick was named an honorary member of the county 4-H girls' organization. As a girl she was a member of her local 4-H club.

**George Collins, Arnolds Park mayor, is the Democratic candidate for Sheriff. A native of**

## Pheasant Season Opens Saturday

Saturday starts both the pheasant and quail seasons, the high point of our hunting year.

The State Conservation Commission predicts that over 100,000 sportsmen will forget football on Saturday, November 5th and take to the field from 9 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. The times are the same for pheasant, quail and Hungarian partridge.

The ringneck news is good. Rebounding from last year's slight decline, the state-wide population is up an estimated ten per cent, mainly in the best range in north central counties. Northwest counties have made substantial gains also. The estimated population of Pheasantville, Iowa, both male and female, is around 4,000,000. The Commission expects 1,250,000 cock pheasants will be taken before the season's close on November 28. The amount of corn picked this week will make a difference on opening day and will of course have a bearing on the take all season. The pickers are out all over the state though, so this should be no serious problem. Always ask the owner before you hunt his land. He knows where the birds are, where his livestock is and the best pheasant cover on his place. DON'T SHOOT HENS! Remember the fable of the goose that laid the golden egg—besides it's unlawful. The whole state, with the exception Wapello, Jefferson, Henry, Des Moines, Davis, Van Buren and Lee Counties in southeastern Iowa are open for pheasant. There are no zones this season.

The Hungarian partridge season, like the pheasant season, closes November 28.

## Employment Office Winter Schedule

The part-time offices of the Iowa State Employment Service in Estherville, Sheldon and Emmetsburg will begin a winter schedule of service in November, Henry E. Carter, chairman of the Iowa Employment Security Commission has announced.

The Estherville office will be open the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. The Sheldon office will be open the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and the Emmetsburg office will be open the second and fourth Thursday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Present plans are to continue these semi-monthly visits until April 30.

During the summer months when claims for unemployment insurance benefits are usually light, these offices have been open only once a month, Carter explained.

The Estherville office is located in the City Hall, the Sheldon office is located in the Community Building and the Emmetsburg office is in the Palo Alto County Court House. Claims for unemployment insurance benefits may also be filed at the Spencer Iowa State Employment Service office which is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Catholic Daughters

## Vet's Day Services

**The public is invited to attend the Veteran's Day Services to be held at 11 a.m., November 11, at the Milford Community School. First Vice Commander Virgil Hoffman is in charge of the program.**

**Joe McLaughlin of Marathon, vice commander of the ninth district, and Alma Kilts, past county president, will be the speakers. The Milford Community School Band will play several selections.**

**All Legionnaires are to meet at the Legion Hall at 10:30.**

## Harry Eilers, 61, Dies Suddenly

Harry Eilers Sr., 61, long time Milford area farmer, died in his sleep sometime early Wednesday morning. He had not been ill previously and apparently suffered a heart attack. Funeral arrangements are pending at the Leyson Funeral Home in Milford.

Mr. Eilers had farmed in the Milford community the past 43 years. He is survived by his wife; four sons, Harry of Spencer, Harold, Herbert and Robert at home; three daughters, Ella Mae Marzell and Rose Mary also at home and two grandchildren.

**Funeral services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at the St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father Joseph Fitzpatrick officiating. Rosary will be said Friday at 8 p.m. at the Leyson Funeral Home.**

## Streets, House Numbers Required On Addresses For Postal Delivery

Mail addressed for city carrier delivery at the Milford Post Office must include in the address the street name and house number, according to Postmaster Nellie Delaney.

In accordance with current Postal Laws and Regulations the Milford city carrier case is labled with street names and house numbers. (Exception — firm names.)

All mail received for city carrier delivery at the Milford Post Office without street names and house numbers will be delivered. However, the street name and house number will have to be supplied by the employees in the office.

## Youngsters Collect $62 For UNICEF

The annual UNICEF drive which was held in Milford Thursday evening by the Intermediate Youth Fellowship of Union Memorial Church was most successful.

According to Mrs. John R. Kirby the young people received $62.00 and several bundles of used clothing. There were 15 members who took part in the event and following the drive they met in Memorial Hall where Mrs. Verne Hansen and Mrs. Bob Noble served refreshments.

**UNICEF is an integral part of the United Nations. One cent will provide enough BCC vaccine to protect a child against TB in one of 62 countries where that killer is being fought.**

## Boys 4-H Club Elects New Officers For Coming Year At Banquet

Dennis Dodge of the Lloyd Victors 4-H club was elected president of the Dickinson County 4-H boys organization at the Father-Son Banquet held Saturday, October 29, at the Terril Methodist Church. Dennis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dodge of Milford Iowa. Other officers elected were: Dick Piper, vice-president, of the Silver Lake Fighters 4-H club; Bob Lloyd, secretary-treasurer, member of the Center Grove-Spirit Lake Inkadutas, and Paul Boles, county reporter, of the Okoboji Ramblers 4-H club.

Baschke, Scott Olson received the Fanforth Foundation Award of "I Dare You." Jim Phillips was the Kiwanis Outstanding 4-H boy for 1960. The Excelsior Trail Blazers 4-H club received an Achievement Goal for their club. The Osceola County Co-operative Creamery Association presented checks to 42 dairy members who exhibited at the Dickinson County 4-H and F.F.A. Fair. This is being done to encourage more dairy projects in the 4-H program.

There were 20 4-H members who had completed five years or more

## Calendar of Events

**Friday, November 4**

The Democratic Central Committee meets at 8 p.m. in the V.F.W. Clubroom Spirit Lake. A lawyer will be present to answer questions on election. Public welcome.

**Saturday, November 5**

Fil's Auction begins at 7:30 p.m. in the former Williams Bldg.

## Crippled Children Clinic November 3

The State Services for Crippled Children will conduct a clinic in Sheldon, Thursday, November 3, to provide diagnostic and evaluation services for crippled youngsters.

The clinic will be held in Bethel Reformed Church, Seventh and Sixth Avenues.

Patients from the following counties are eligible for this clinic: Lyon, Osceola, Dickinson, Sioux, O'Brien, Clay, Plymouth and Cherokee.

The one-day clinic is open to persons under 21 years of age who are referred by their physician or dentist. There is no fee for the services.

One of the current programs of the State Services for Crippled Children is the distribution of penicillin for the prevention of recurrences of rheumatic fever.

## Saddle Club Sponsored Trail Ride Sunday

The Iowa Great Lakes Saddle Club sponsored a Trail Ride along the Little Sioux River Sunday, October 26. The 10 a.m. ride had about 50 riders present and were joined by about 30 additional riders for the beautiful, but rugged afternoon ride. Saddle Clubs from Sioux Rapids, Estherville, Spencer and Hartley were represented.

Sunday, October 30, a horse sale was held at the Spencer Sale Barn under the sponsorship of the Iowa Great Lakes Saddle Club. Over 50 head of horses were sold during the sale with one semi-truck bringing 30 head from South Dakota.

The annual oyster stew and election of officers is tentatively scheduled for November 22.

## Juniors To Present

## Polls Open From 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Only change in polling centers is in Diamond Lake. Voters will vote at county maintenance building in Montgomery--old center was school there which has been torn down.**

## Local Pythians Convention Hosts To Districts 1, 2

The Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters of Milford entertained the annual convention of Districts No. 1 and No. 2 on Thursday, October 27. Nearly 200 Knights and Sisters were in attendance from Aurelia, Cherokee, Emmetsburg, Estherville, Laurens, Lehigh, Milford and Sioux City, Iowa and six guests from Fairmont, Minnesota.

The work of the order was exemplified by the various Temples of the District; balloting by the Milford Temple, Dimpling of the Charter by Laurens Temple and Installation of Officers by Cherokee Temple. The ceremony of Knights Initiation was presented by officers of the districts assisted by the degree staff of Cherokee. Awards won by the District at Grand Temple were announced. Corsages were presented to each Grand officer, Milford MEC and Convention Pianist by Milford Temple.

**Joint Banquet**

A joint banquet for the Knights and Sisters was held in the Union Memorial Church dining room at 6:30, followed by a short program.

## Brother-in-law Of Mrs. Mabel Ewen Dies

Mrs. Mabel Ewen received word Tuesday morning of the death of her brother-in-law, Arnie Terpstra of Lynnville, Iowa. He had been in ill health this past year. Services will be Thursday at Lynnville.

He and his wife, the former Virgie Rute Connell of Milford and McAllen, Texas, had planned to leave this week end for the winter months in Texas.

Relatives in this area are his brothers-in-law and sisters-in law Mrs Ewen Mrs Laura Olson

## Large Turnout Is Anticipated

A change in tenure for three county officers and a special vote on a constitutional convention for Iowa are innovations in the 1960 general election coming up Tuesday, Nov. 8.

In previous years, all county offices were filled for a two year period, but beginning with this election the auditor, sheriff and clerk of court will be elected for four year terms.

Two other county officers, treasurer and recorder, will be elected for two years this election, but beginning with the 1962 general they, too, will serve four year terms. The county attorney's term will remain two years.

Another change in the code eliminates the election of a county coroner. This office will be known as "county medical examiner" and will be filled by an appointment by the board of supervisors.

Dickinson county auditor Byron Smith stated Monday that the question of whether or not this state should have a constitutional convention will appear on the main ballot in the upper left hand corner. Voters need only flip the lever of their choice.

Also appearing on the main ballot are the names of two independent candidates for the office of trustees of Dickinson County Memorial Hospital. They are Allen Arnold of Lake Park and K. B. Welty of Spirit Lake.

A paper ballot will be issued in the six districts serviced by the Iowa Great Lakes Sanitary Sewer for the purpose of electing a director for a 6 year term. The lone candidate is Glenn E. Hemphill of Milford.

With the exception of a candidate for the post of county recorder, the Republican party in Dickinson county, headed by Committee Chairman Peter Ainsworth, has a full slate going into the important general election Tuesday, Nov. 8.

**Re-entering the county political scene is Roy J. Smith well known Dickinson farmer and former legislator. Smith served in the capacity of state representative four sessions, over an eight year period, 1948 through 1955. He seeks re-election to this office.**

**Seeks Re-Election**

**Byron T. Smith, 53, is the incumbent GOP candidate for the auditor post. He was born, reared and received his elementary education in Okoboji.**

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## Long Beach Independent, Long Beach, CA – 16 June 1960

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CHICAGO (UPI) — Court records Wednesday revealed the elopement marriage of the daughter of Chicago's reputed top gangster to a socialite college football star.

Marie Judith Accardo, 20, the slender blonde daughter of alleged crime syndicate chieftain Anthony (Tough Tony) Accardo, slipped away to the county court house and was married May 23 to William Palmer Pyle Jr., 22, a 6-foot-2, 230-pound former tackle on the Michigan State football team.

The bridegroom's mother said the newlyweds had returned from their honeymoon and were living at a hotel in suburban Evanston before moving July 18 to Baltimore, where Pyle has a contract with the world champion Baltimore Colts professional football team.

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**THE MOTHER,** Mrs. Cathryn Pyle of suburban Winnetka, said she had not met the bride's parents and didn't plan to.

"We only know Marie and we like Marie," she said. "We hope they'll be happy."

The bride's father-in-law is city sales manager of Kraft Foods and her new brother-in-law, Mike Pyle, is center and captain elect of the Ivy League Yale University football team.

Her own father is a top businessman in another line of endeavor. Tough Tony Accardo has been regarded for years as the heir to the Chicago crime empire established by Al Capone. Accardo now lives like a country squire in a $500,000 mansion in the suburb of River Forest, but his word is still believed to be law in the Chicago underworld.

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**THE PYLE - ACCARDO** marriage started as a campus romance at Michigan State, where Marie was a coed for one year and Pyle graduated last March.

Pyle's mother said she had known Marie "for a long time" but "it was a secret marriage."

Records showed the couple obtained a marriage license from the county clerk's office and were married immediately afterwards by Judge Carl H. Smith, a visiting jurist from Metropolis, Ill. There were no attendants or family members present.

Smith told a Chicago newspaper "I wondered at the time if the young lady was Tony Accardo's daughter. I remember she was wearing a street dress."

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**PYLE'S FATHER** said "The kids went off by themselves and got married. They are very much in love."

There was no comment from Accardo, who has two other children, Anthony Jr. and Linda. There was also no comment from the newlyweds, who apparently were not answering their telephone at the hotel.


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