

# Discussion Note: Wang & Sun

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- Voters' impression → Performative response

# Wang's Performative Responsiveness

## Strengths

- Expanding Clientelism Research: Extends from political (e.g., distributive/pork) benefits to symbolic representation/benefits
- Applies Goffman's "front stage/back stage" concepts to analyze how politicians strategically perform intimate relationships

## Conceptualization Comments

- The operationalization of "performative responsiveness" remains unclear
  - Some Latin American /African politics literature or pork barrel behavior literature might help you with theoretical construction
- Theoretical Dialogue to Grandstanding Literature (Slapin et al., 2018; Park, 2023; Lewallen & Park, 2024)
  - Extrapolation taking → Attention seeking

# Wang's Performative Responsiveness

## Future Work: Apply your theory to more empirical analyses

legisTaiwan 0.2.2

Quick Start

Research and Publications

Reference

</> API Functions

News

### Real-time and Archives of Taiwan Legislative Data in R

legisTaiwan is designed to streamline access to real-time archives of Taiwan's legislative data, drawing inspiration from the UK's TheyWorkForYou API. As the package interfaces directly with Legislative Yuan API endpoints, a stable internet connection is required. Users are welcome to contact [the author](#) for any API implementation assistance.

legisTaiwan 套件旨在簡化台灣立法院資料的即時存取。透過在 R 環境中提供直接連接立法院開放資料 API 的便捷管道，本套件不僅致力於提升立法透明度和公共透明度，更為學術研究者提供了系統化分析立法數據的工具。研究人員可以輕鬆獲取並分析立法委員的表決紀錄、問政質詢、法案提案等資料，有助於國會研究與量化研究和實證分析。由於套件需要直接與由 [歐碩公司](#) 開發開源的立法院 API 介接，使用時請確保網路連線穩定。如有任何 legisTaiwan R 套件使用上的問題，歡迎 open issue 在 Github 上或 [我們](#) 聯繫。

### Get Started with Using [remotes](#):

```
install.packages("remotes")
remotes::install_github("davidycliao/legisTaiwan", force = TRUE)

library(legisTaiwan)
#> ## legisTaiwan
#> ## An R package connecting to the Taiwan Legislative API. ##
```

### Talks & Presentations:

- 28 Apr 2025: *R.J. Indics Taipei* 羅分析台灣國會數據與透明 — legisTaiwan R 套件

### LINKS

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[立法院 API v2](#)  
[立法院 API 使用指南](#)  
[law-diff 提案法律對照比](#)  
[DATA.Y 立法院綜合資料網](#)  
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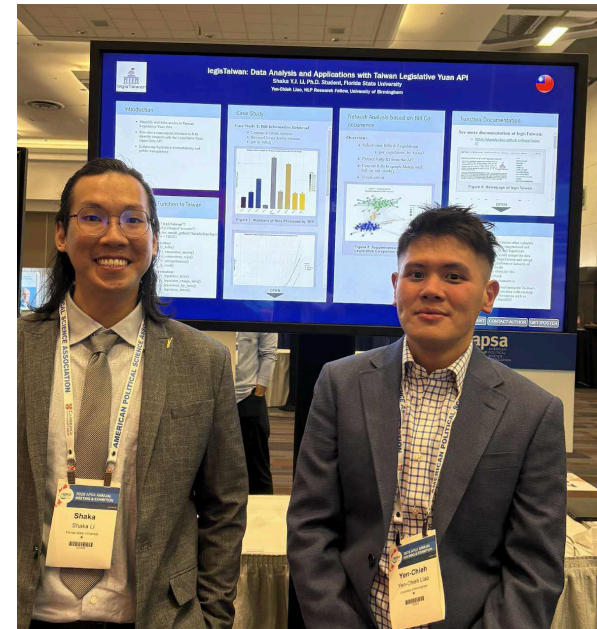
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# Sun's Strategic Use of Emotions

## Strength

- Utilizes fine-tuned models for sentiment analysis  $\cong$  **Electoral Systems & Geographically Targeted Questions (Liao & Tang, working paper)**
- Contribution: stronghold measurement for SMD

## Comments

- **Dialogue with Grandstanding Literature** (similar to Wang's paper):
- **Merge H1 + H2:** Consider developing conditional hypotheses extending to:
  - go more beyond: intraparty competition
  - Municipality homogeneity's effects (industry composition, education levels, Liao and Tang 2025)
- **Fine-tuning Performance:** Google BERT or Taiwan's models?
  - $\rightarrow$  Human Validation: Recommend random sampling of 5% for manual verification
- **Sentiment Detection Refinement:** Consider fine-tuning specifically for negative language + hate speech detection (Wang & Day 2022)
  - $\rightarrow$  extension toward populism speech?



Thank You