

✓ Research Ethics - A. Project Details

A1. Title of research project /study

Independent Research Project on the Relationship Between Party Elite Cue Effects and Political Knowledge: A Location-Scale Meta-Analysis

A2. Is this study funded?

No

A3. Abstract

Your abstract should outline in non-technical language the purpose of the research (Approx. 150-200 words)

The study uses data collected for Tappin (2023) to investigate how and why US voters follow cues from party elites. This research will specifically focus on whether political knowledge affects following cues, alongside investigating whether cue-following is issue-specific (e.g., whether individuals with higher political knowledge follow fewer cues than those with lesser political knowledge; and whether they follow more cues in specific domains than other domains such as environment vs. foreign policy). This will contribute to pre-existing political psychology literature and expand on it by using the location-scale meta-analysis method in R to explore the question.

A4. Data Collection

Briefly describe the data collection method(s) to be used (Approx. 100-150 words)

The study will use secondary data, collected by my supervisor Ben Tappin for his 2023 study. The data is publicly accessible on Open Science Framework, and I have obtained data on additional variables not used in the original study (and therefore not included in the OSF code) via my supervisor. The variable relevant to my research will be political knowledge, determined through a quiz on American political systems and general political trivia.

A5. In what country or countries will data collection take place? Will you travel there, or will the research be conducted remotely/online?

Online (Secondary Data)

A6. Will your study be conducted in the [LSE Behavioural Lab](http://www.lse.ac.uk/management/research/brl/)

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No

A7. When do you expect to begin data collection?

If you will be using secondary data only, please enter 'Not applicable'.

Not applicable

A8. What is the approximate duration of your data collection?

If you will be using secondary data only, please enter 'Not applicable'.

Not applicable

✓ Research Ethics - B. Researcher Details

B1. Your Name

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B2. Are you the lead researcher (at LSE) on the project?

If you are completing this form on behalf of someone else, please select 'no'.

MSc students: if you are, for example, completing this ethics review for your dissertation, then you are the lead researcher.

Where students are working together on a group project, only one student needs to complete the ethics review form. Please list other members of the group in the 'Co-researchers' section.

Yes

B3. If you are working with any co-researchers please list them (and their institution) here. Otherwise enter N/A

N/A

B4. Are you:

*Please select from the drop down list. **MSc, Exec MSc, and MPA** students should select 'PGT'.*

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B5. Name of Programme (please start typing and select from the list):

BSc in Psychological and Behavioural Science (/lightning/r/0014I00001pm3JDQAY/view).

B6. Name of Department/Centre/Institute (please start typing and select from the list).

If your unit is not listed, please contact research.systems@lse.ac.uk.

Psychological and Behavioural Science (/lightning/r/0015800001a551eAAA/view).

B7. Name and email address of supervisor/approver:

The person named here must not be someone involved in the research itself.

Students should enter the name/email address of their project/dissertation/thesis supervisor (or academic mentor/advisor) as appropriate. (Please note that PhD students are NOT to approve ethics reviews, so please do not enter their details below).

Staff should enter the name/email address of the Departmental ethics approver. A list of current Departmental ethics approvers can be found [here \(https://info.lse.ac.uk/staff/divisions/research-and-innovation/research/Assets/Documents/PDF/Departmental-ethics-approvers-web.pdf\)](https://info.lse.ac.uk/staff/divisions/research-and-innovation/research/Assets/Documents/PDF/Departmental-ethics-approvers-web.pdf).

Ben Tappin

Email address of supervisor/approver (this must be their LSE email address - please start typing and select from the list. If they are not listed please email research.systems@lse.ac.uk):

b.tappin@lse.ac.uk (mailto:b.tappin@lse.ac.uk) (/lightning/r/005Tv000004NEnxIAG/view).

✓ Research Ethics - C. Review required

C1. Will your data collection involve **ANY** of the following?

a) Interviews, surveys, focus groups, experiments, observations of people, etc., or any other type of user generated data (e.g. from discussion forums, social media platforms, vlogs or blogs, comments on posts or articles).

No

b) The collection of any personal data/identifiable information (e.g. names, email addresses, IP addresses, social media profiles or meta-data, visual material, etc.) or use of any secondary data that include any personal data/identifiable information. *(However, research that will **only** use data from publicly available archival records, including newspapers, does not require ethics review. In this case you may answer No here (unless there are other reasons why it may give rise to ethical issues.)*

No

c) Any other information that could identify (or potentially lead to the identification of) a living individual. For example, where information from micro datasets, if combined, could lead to the identification of individuals or where an online search for particular wording could lead to the identification of an individual.

No

d) The potential that findings/conclusions/publication may have damaging repercussions (reputation, stigma, bullying) for any individuals or groups with protected characteristics.

No

C2. Is there any other reason why your research might raise ethical issues, or why you need ethics approval?

No

C3. Will the research involve accessing security-sensitive material, such as material related to terrorism or violent extremism of any kind?

If Yes, you must complete a DMP (<https://www.lse.ac.uk/library/research-support/research-data-management-and-open-data>), and submit that to the data librarian (<mailto:datalibrary@lse.ac.uk>), for feedback so that they can advise on how to securely/safely access such materials. (The DMP can be completed/submitted either before or after submission of your ethics review form.)

No
