

# In remembrance of Francisco Cantú

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# Outline

- 1 Pubs
- 2 Senate roll call votes

# Team player

- Susan Achury
- Leonardo Antenangeli
- Natalia Aruguete
- Ernesto Calvo
- Scott Clifford
- Scott Desposato (x2)
- Cengiz Erisen
- Jorge Fernandes
- Omar García Ponce
- Agustina Haime
- Victor Hernández Huerta
- Verónica Hoyo (x2)
- Paul Johnson
- Sandra Ley (x2)
- Eric Magar
- Marco Morales
- Javier Márquez
- Margarita Ramírez
- Pedro Riera (x3)
- Sebastián Saiegh
- Carlos Scartascini
- Leslie Schwindt-Bayer
- Robert Stein et al. (x2)
- Michelle Torres
- Agustín Vallejo
- Tiago Ventura
- Dane Wendell
- ...

# Three strands

## Fraud, election integrity

- Identifying Electoral Irregularities in Mexican Local Elections /AJPS/ 2014
- The Fingerprints of Fraud: Evidence from Mexico's 1988 Presidential Election /APSR/ 2019
- Fraudulent Democracy? Analysis of Argentina's Infamous Decade w Superv. Machine Learning /PA/ 2011
- Public Distrust in Challenged Elections: Evidence from Latin America /BJPS/ 2022
- Partisan Losers' Effects: Perceptions of Electoral Integrity in Mexico /ES/ 2015
- Waiting to Vote in the 2016 Presidential Election: Evidence from a Multi-county Study /PRQ/ 2020
- Right On Time: An Electoral Audit for the Publication of Vote Results /SPR/ 2019
- Pedagogical Value of Polling Place Observation By Students /PS/ 2018
- Poll Worker Recruitment: Evidence from the Mexican Case /ELJ/ 2017

## Voting, vote trading

- Groceries for Votes: The Electoral Returns of Vote-Buying /JoP/ 2019
- Electoral Systems and Ideological Voting /EPSR/ 2022
- The Effects of Election Polls in Mexico's 2018 Presidential Campaign /ES/ 2021
- Negative Partisanship in Latin America /LAPS/ 2022
- Partisan Cues and Perceived Risks /JoEPOP/ 2021
- Mexico: The Decline of Institutional Trust /RCP/ 2017
- The Utility of Unpacking Survey Bias in Multiparty Elections /IJPOR/ 2016
- The Nationalization of the Mexican Party System /PyG/ 2020
- Disgust Sensitivity and Support for Immigration Policy across Five Nations /PLS/ 2025
- El impacto electoral de Progres-Opportunidades ITAM 2006

## Legislative studies, roll call votes

- The Rise of Federal Politics in Mexico's Legislative Branch /JPLA/ 2012
- Selection Bias in Mexican Roll-Call Publications /PyG/ 2014
- Determinants of Legislative Committee Membership in Proportional Representation Systems /PP/ 2018
- The Politics of Committee Chairs Assignment in Ireland and Spain /PAff/ 2018
- Gender and Family Ties in Latin American Legislatures /P&G/ 2022

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## Against bill universe

Session	Cantú	Weldon
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<b>59th Leg.</b>		
Fall'03		109
Spr.'04		64
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<b>60th Leg.</b>		
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Spr.'08		109
Fall'08		132
Spr.'09		129

## Rice cohesion scores

Party	2005–06	2006–11
PAN	.96	.98
PRI	.98	.99
PRD	.96	.92

## Rice dissimilarity

	2005–06	2006–11
PAN-PRI	.07	.06
PAN-PRD	.10	.21
PRI-PRD	.07	.18