Godly Governance

Examining Support for Religious Governance in Arab Muslim Majority Countries

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Research Question:

What role does religiosity play in support for religious governance?

Outline

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Theoretical Link between Deliberation and Regime Legitimacy

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- *Authoritarian deliberation*: Might decrease support due to increasing democratic capabilites

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Country-Level Data

- "Varieties of Democracy"-Dataset: Deliberative Component Index
- Control variables come from V-Dem and the QoG-Dataset
- Lagging of Independent Variables (Averaging from 2000 - 2010)

Data & Methodology

- Control Variables
  - Micro Level
    - Age
    - Sex (Male/Female)
    - Financial Security
    - Education
    - Employment (0/1)
  - Macro Level
    - Polity/FH
    - Democracy (0/1)
    - Autocracy (0/1)
    - logged GDP per capita
    - logged Population
    - Life Expectancy
    - Urban Pop. Ratio
  - Survey dummies
    - WVS, Afrobarometer, Latinobarometro, Americasbarometer, Asianbarometer, ESS

Operationalization of Regime Support

Three types of traditional political branches

- executive (political leadership)
- judicial and legal system (courts and police)
- legislation (parliament)

Deliberative Component Index (DCI)?

- short description?
- Table with five components?

World Maps

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Multicolinearity issue

Correlation between DCI and Polity/FH

Possibly biased self-reported Regime Support

Correlation between Regime Support and Discussion Suppression

Weighting of Regime Support

Analysis & Results

Analysis

- Multilevel Models
  - In total 91 seperate models
  - DVs: Regime Support (No, Low, High Bias)
  - Main IVs: All six Deliberation indicators

Results

Model Comparisons -Just Polity/FH Models vs. Complete Models

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- No simple answer to research question
  - deliberation seems to have a positive effect on regime support in democracies
  - less robust and ambiguous results for non-democracies and complete sample

- Presumably biased regime support

  - should be taken into account
  - possible remedies? (e.g. weighting procedures, survey design)

- Validity of the DCI

  - more sensitive approaches to measure deliberation on the country level are neccessary
  - nevertheless interesting differences regarding the subsamples

Thanks for Listening!

Full Paper: Deliberation Across the World

Slides: https://deliberation-and-legitimacy.netlify.com

Online Appendix can be found here

Code and Data on GitHub

References

Appendix

Operationalization of Regime Support

Maps - Deliberation

Maps - Regime Support

Coefficent Plots - Complete Sample

Coefficent Plots - Democracy Sample

Coefficent Plots - Non-Democracy Sample

Model Comparisons - Just Control Models vs. Just Deliberation Models

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