GENDER EGALITARIANISM AND WOMEN'S DESCRIPTIVE REPRESENTATION

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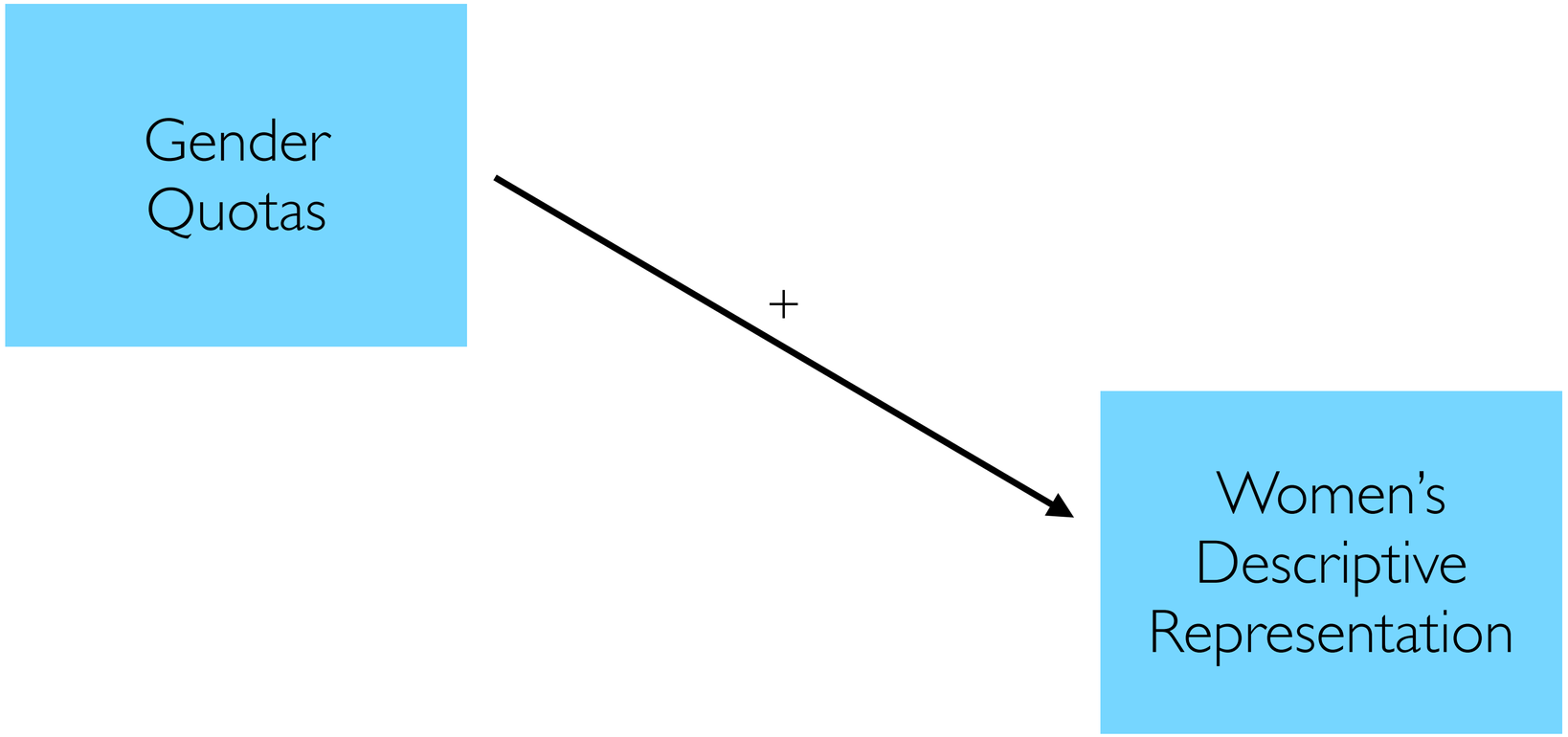

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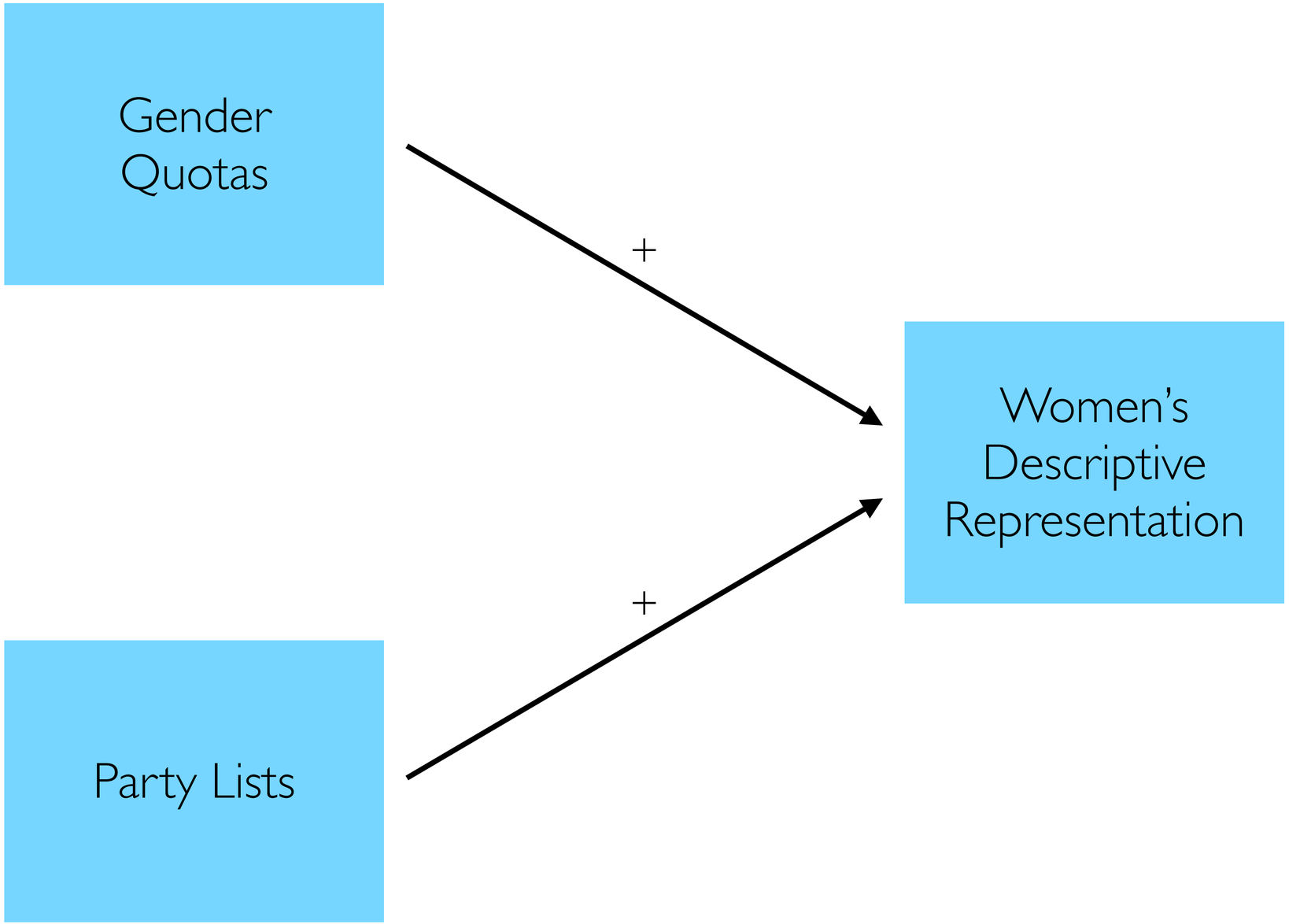

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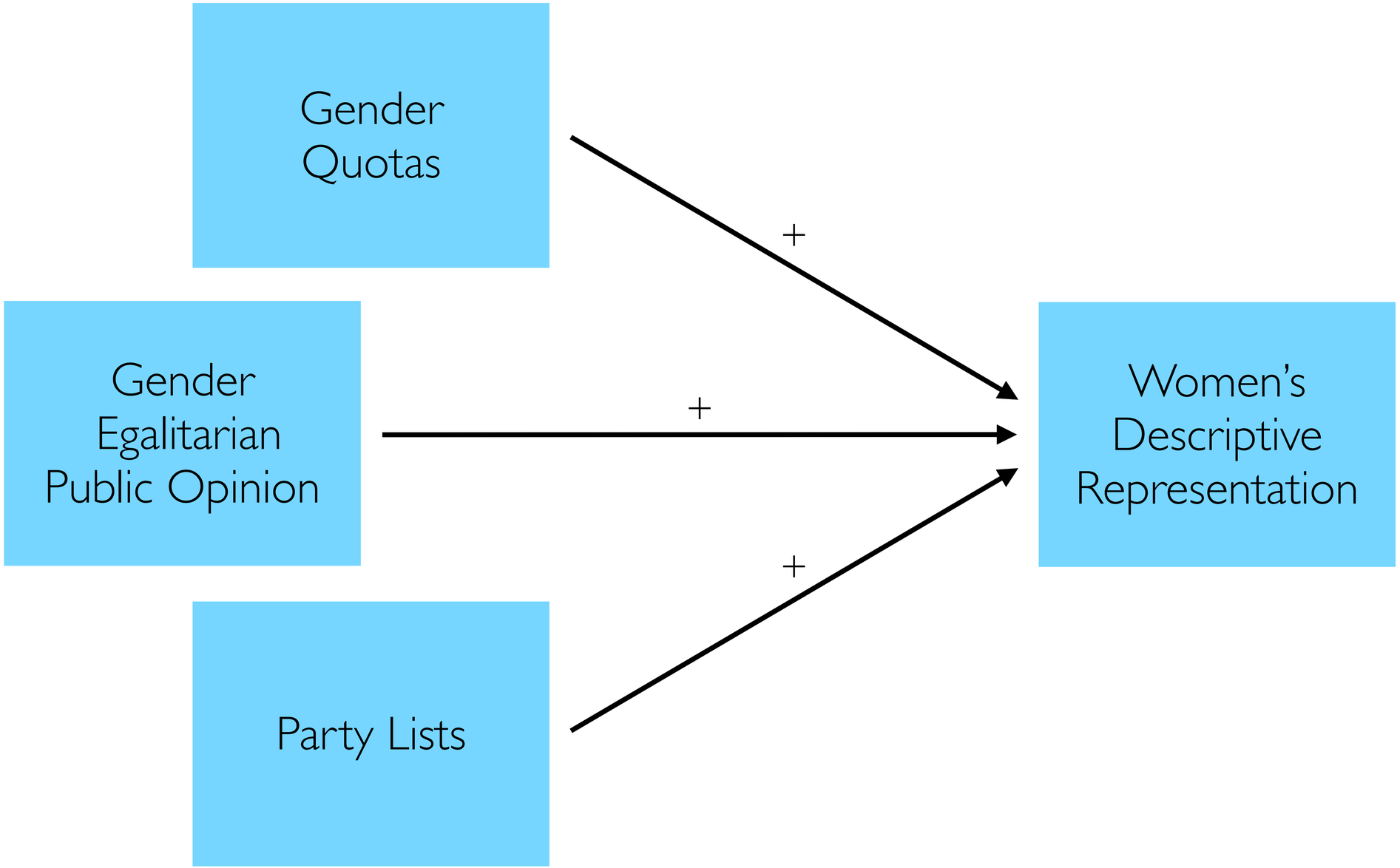

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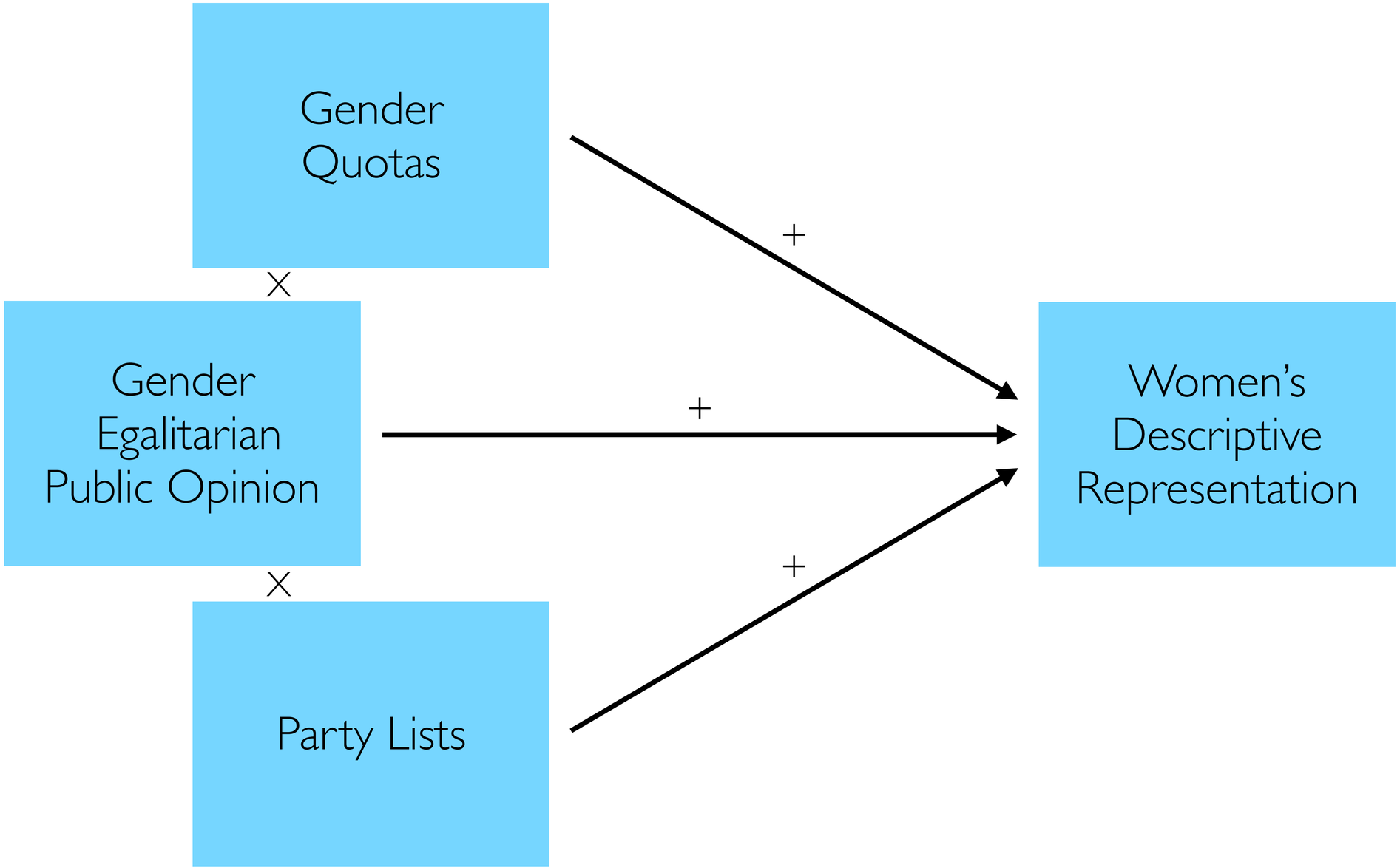

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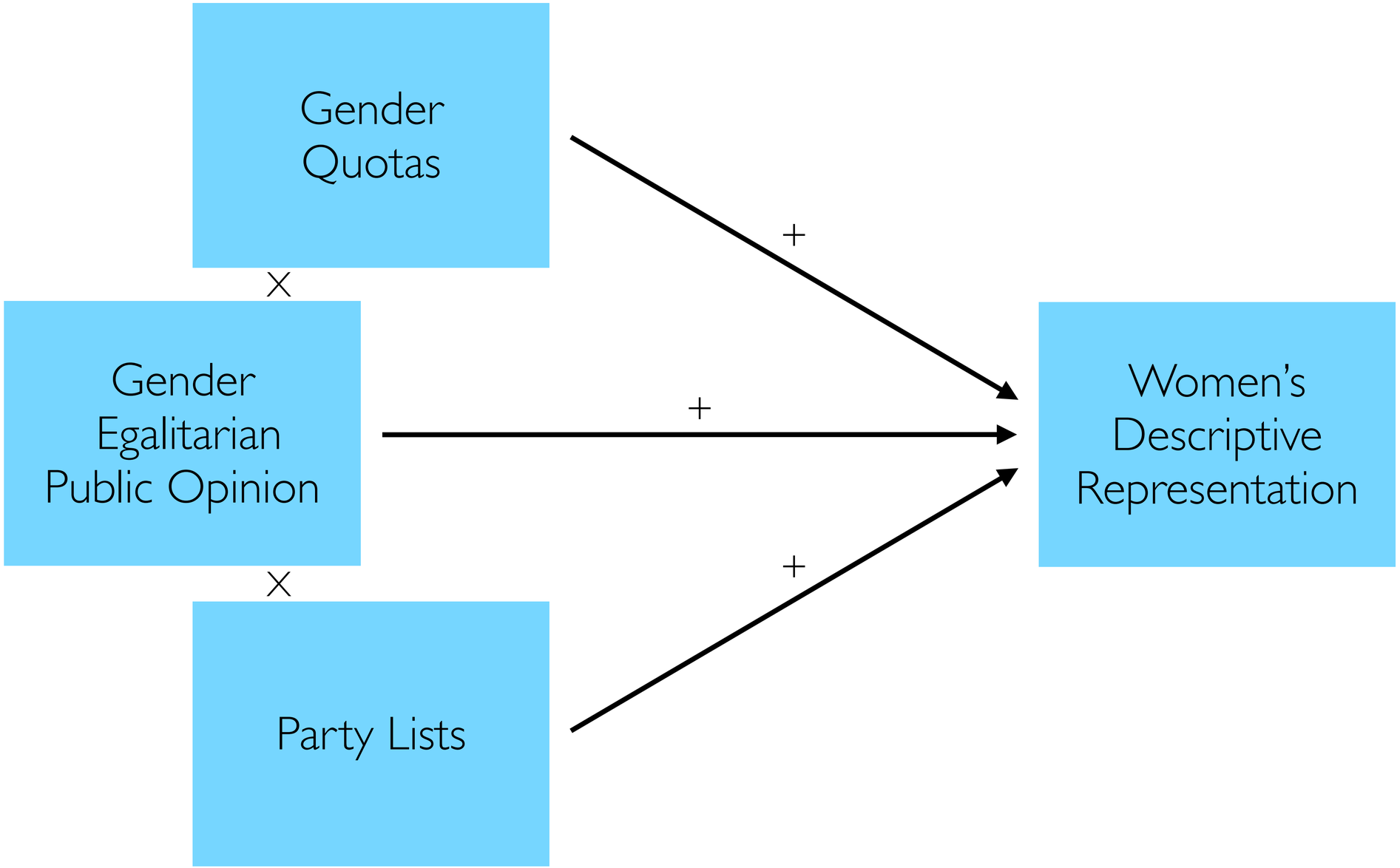

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Conceptualizing Gender Egalitarian Public Opinion

- Many relevant public attitudes:
  - **gender egalitarianism in the public sphere**
  - gender egalitarianism in the private sphere
  - how women should balance new opportunities in the public sphere with traditional duties in the private sphere
  - how men should balance new roles in the private sphere with traditional roles in the public sphere
  - attitudes regarding gender domination

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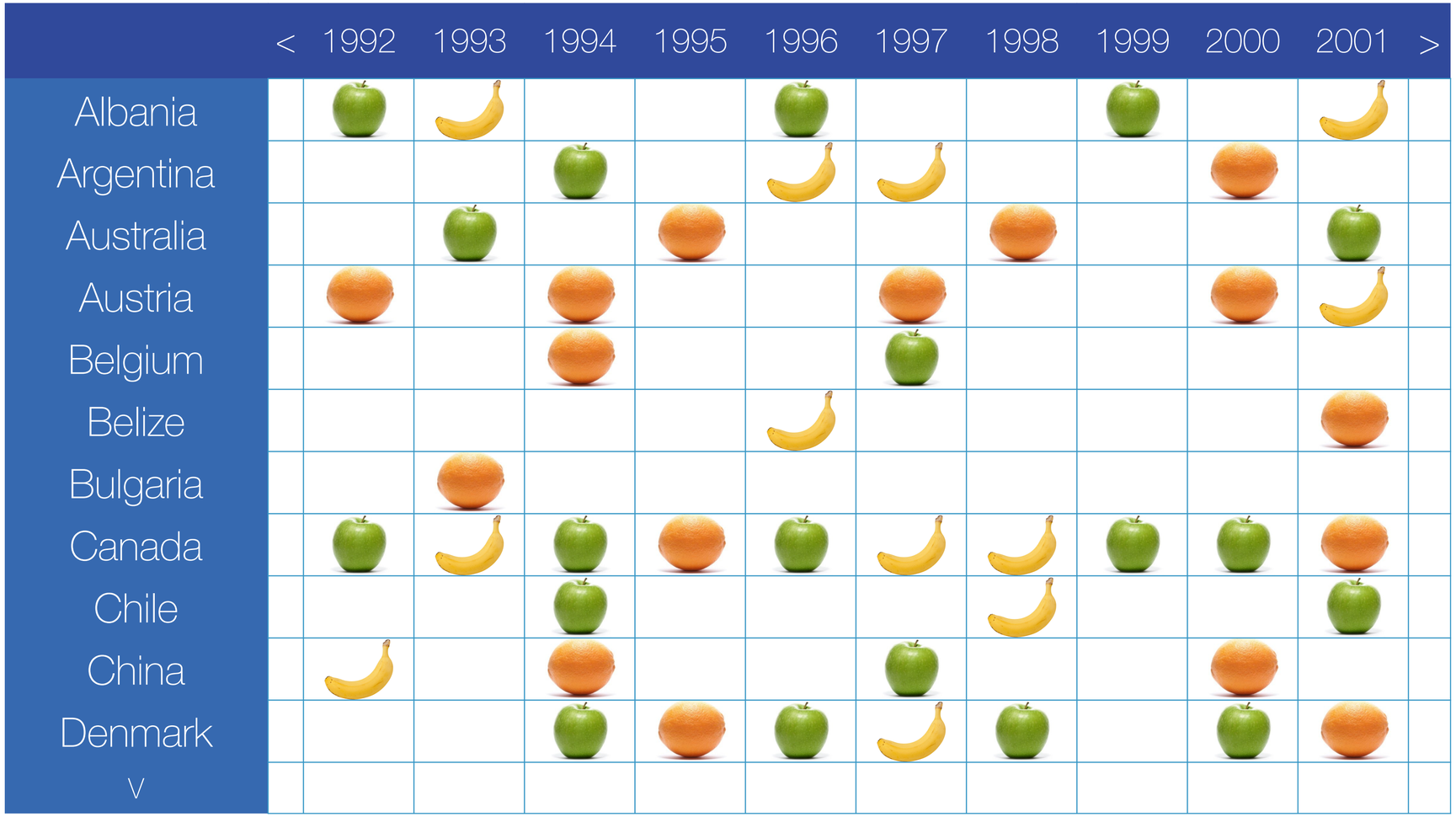

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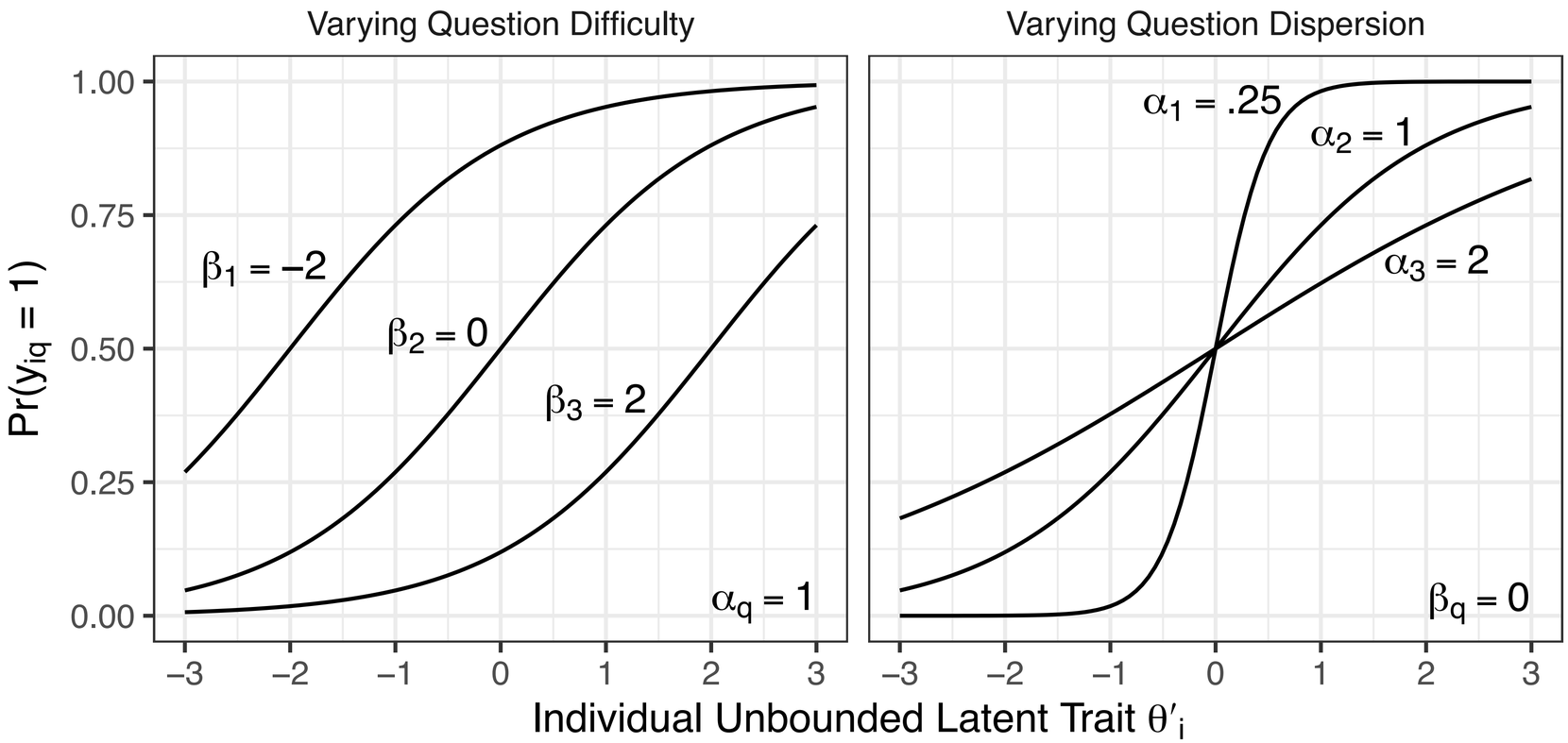

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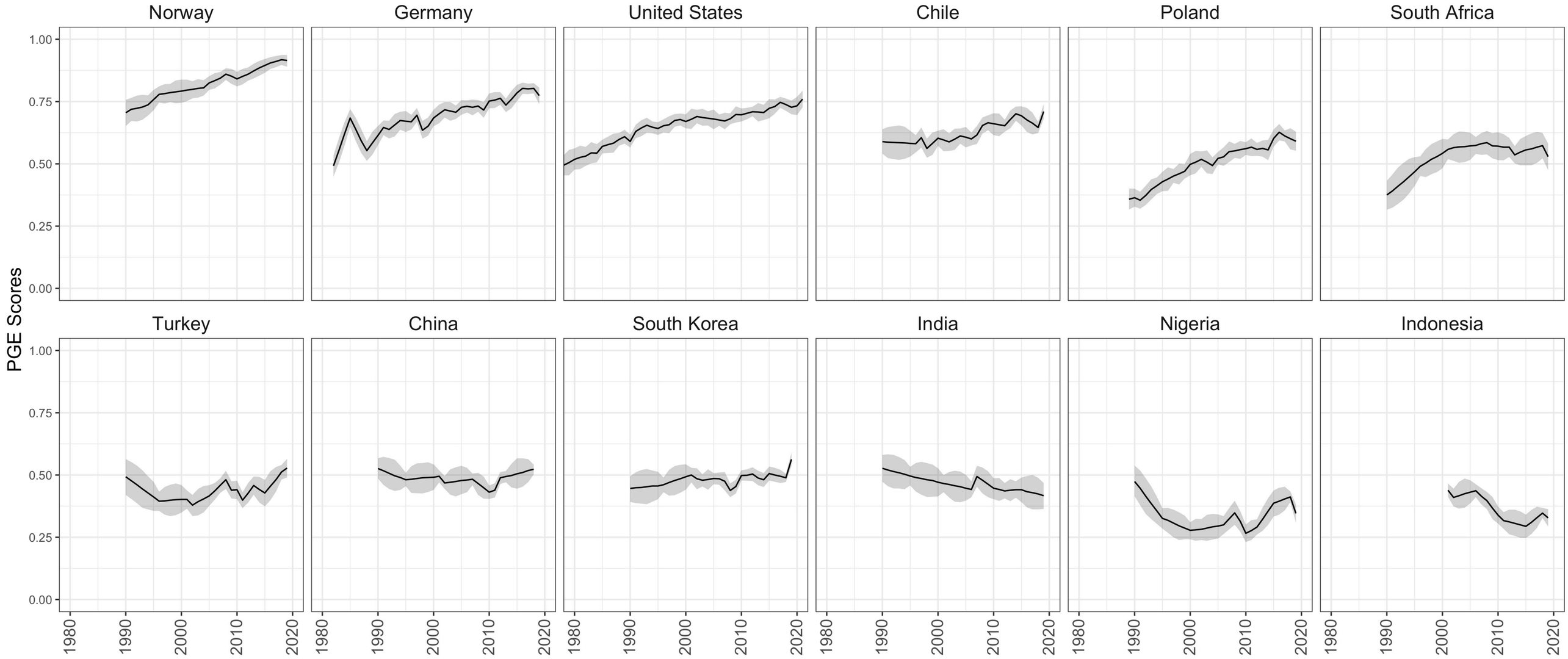

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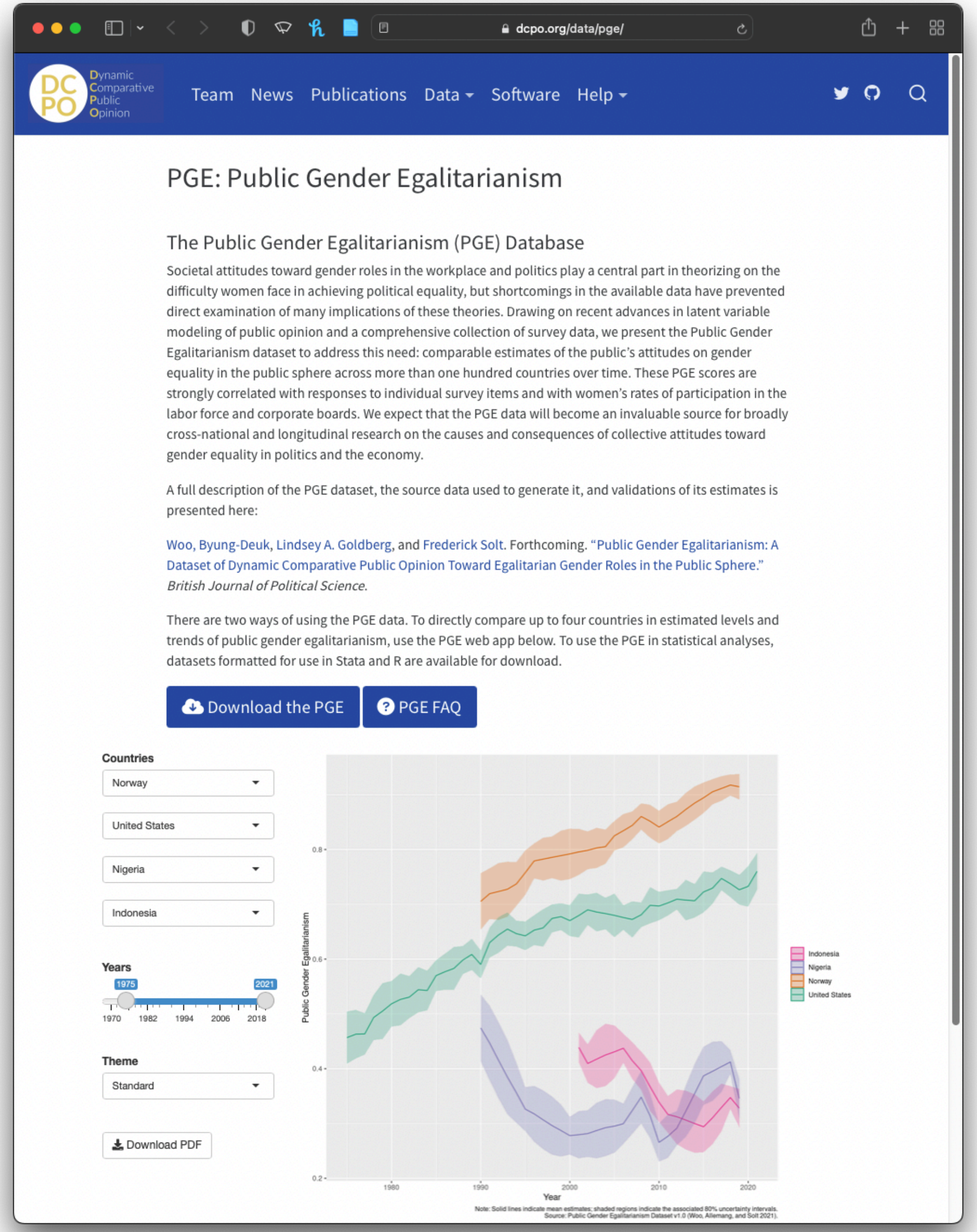

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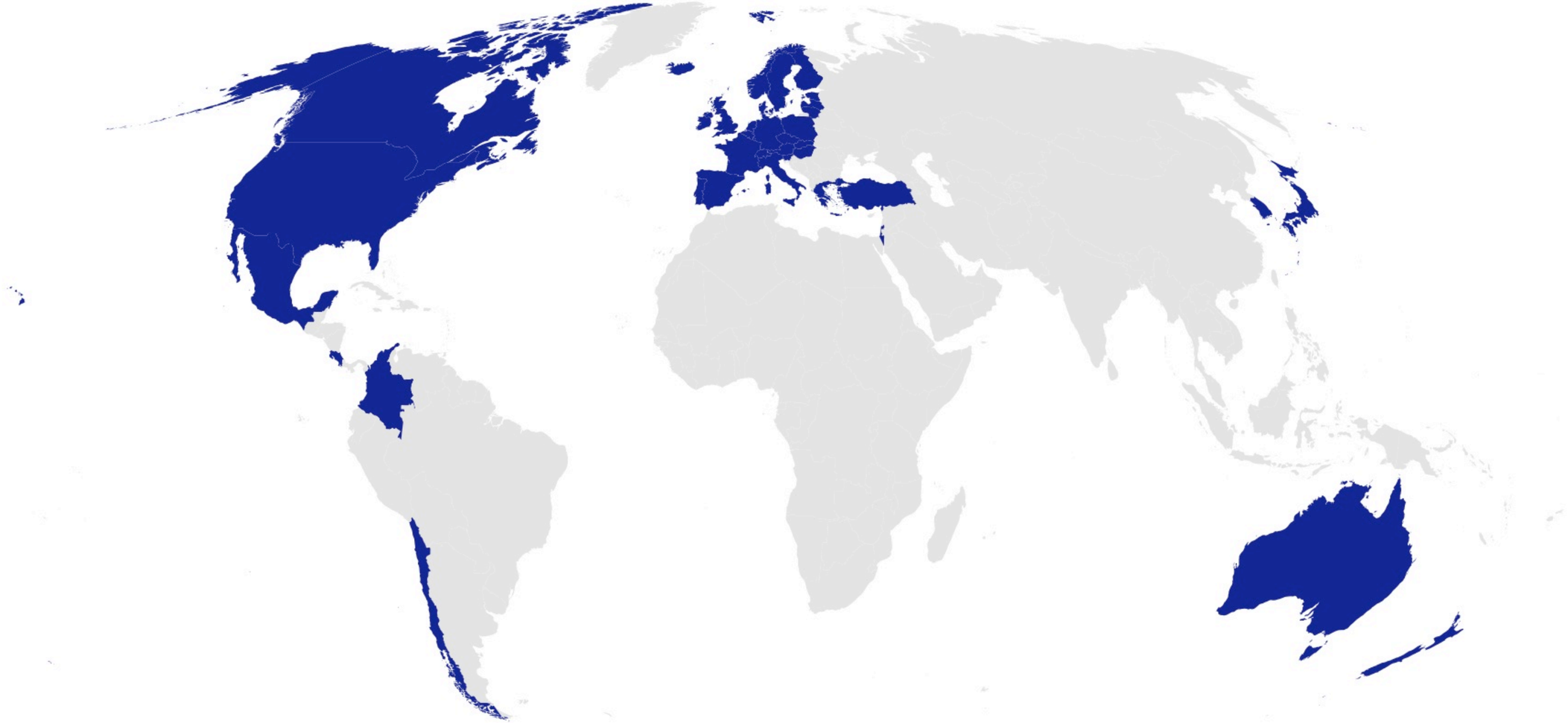

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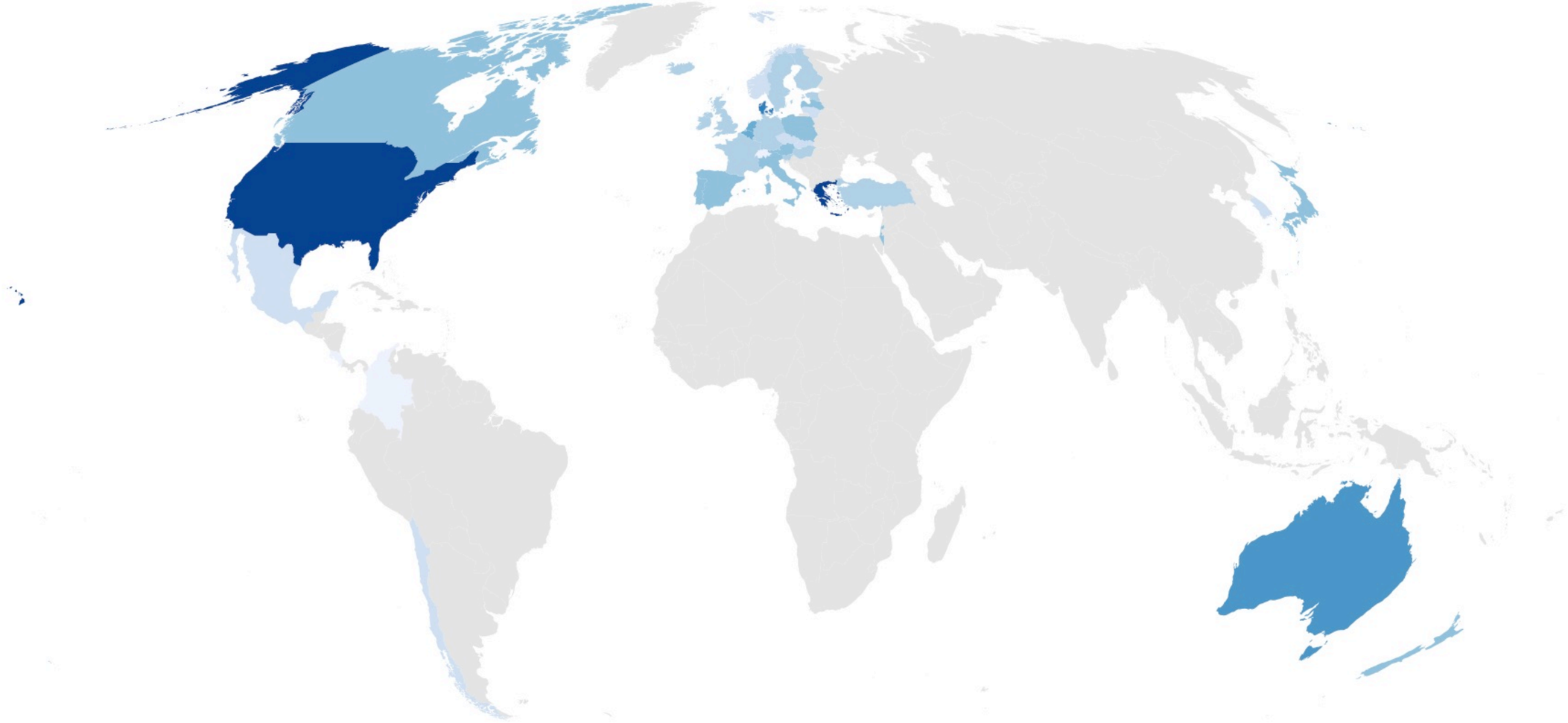

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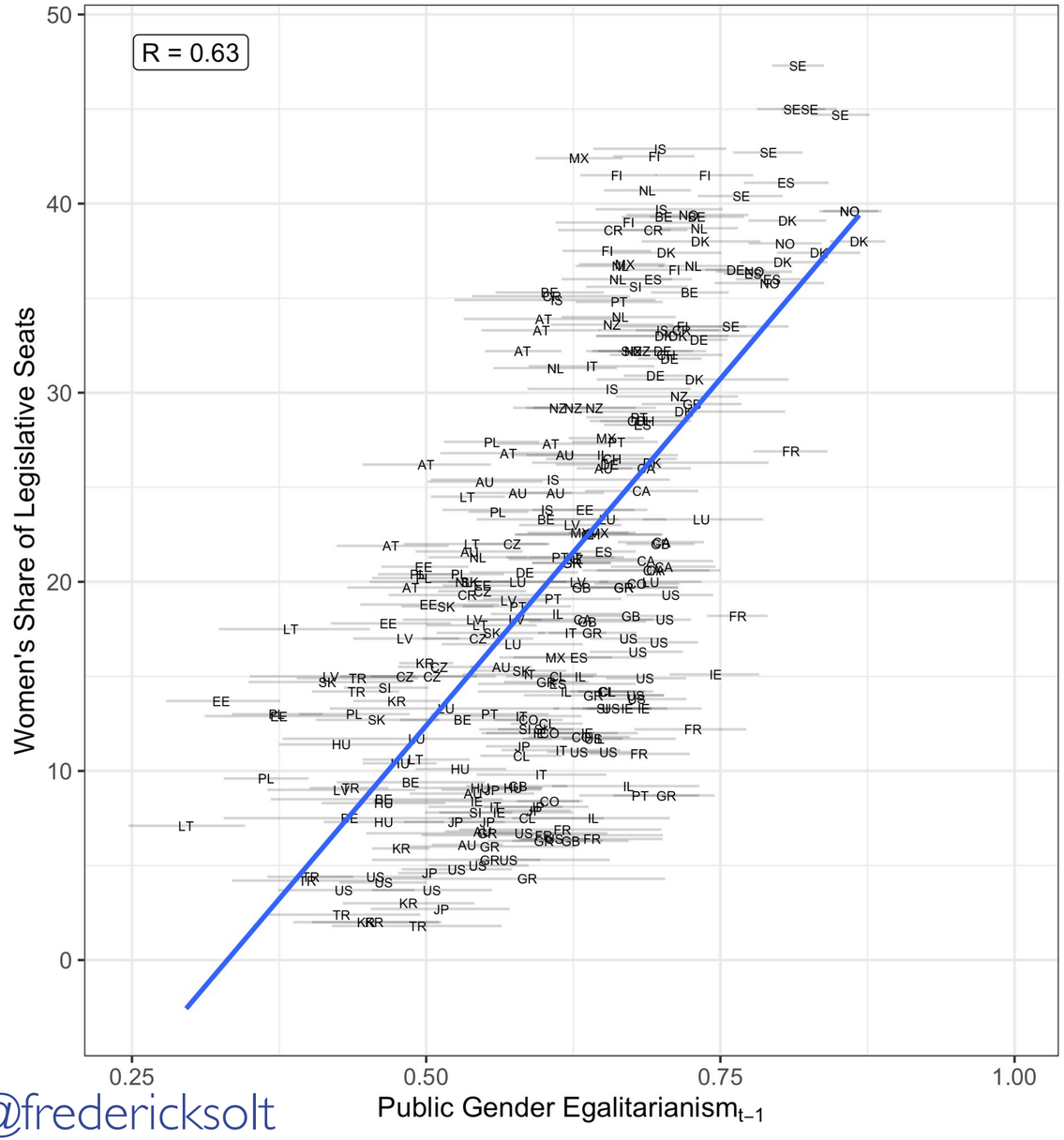

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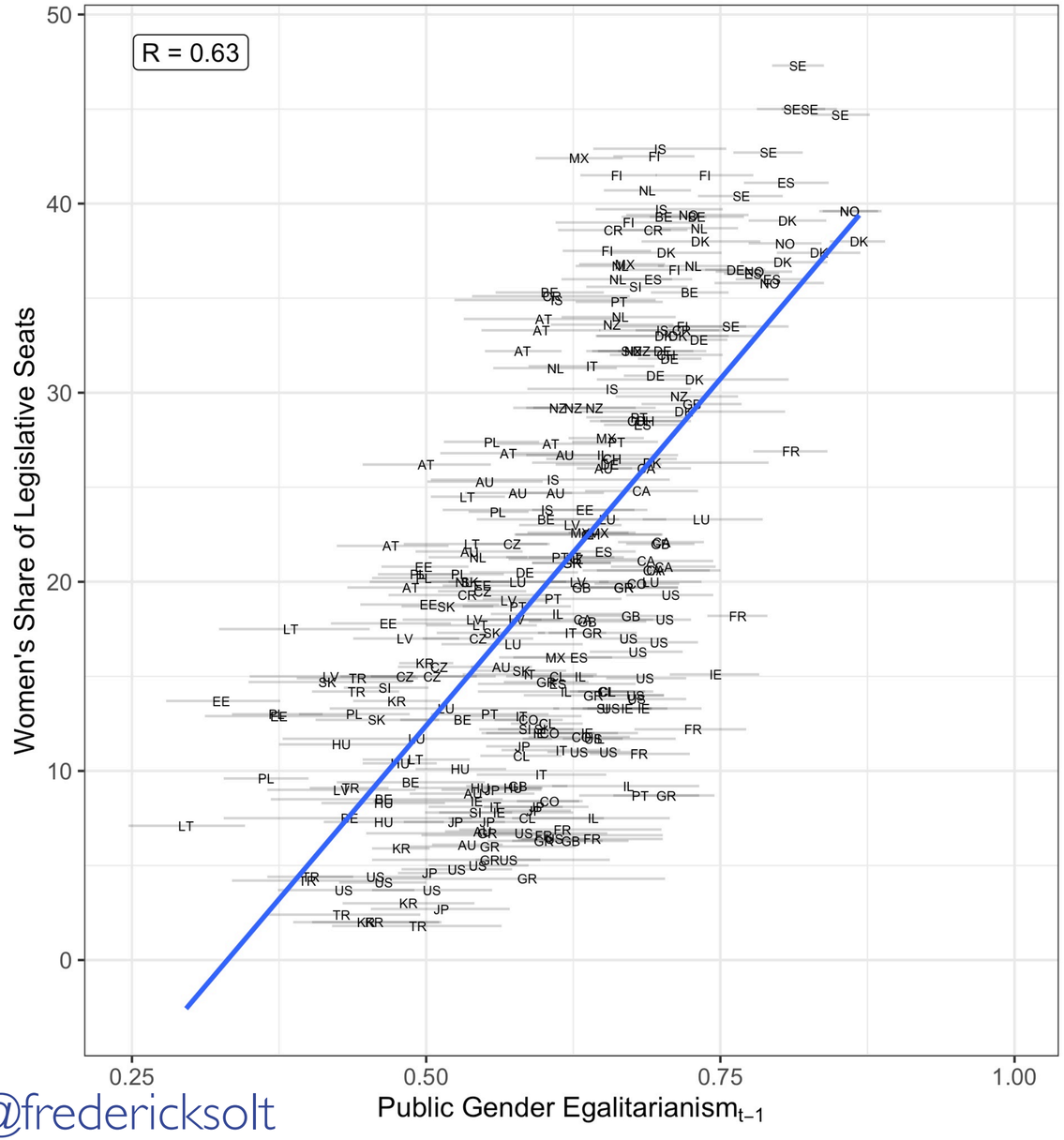

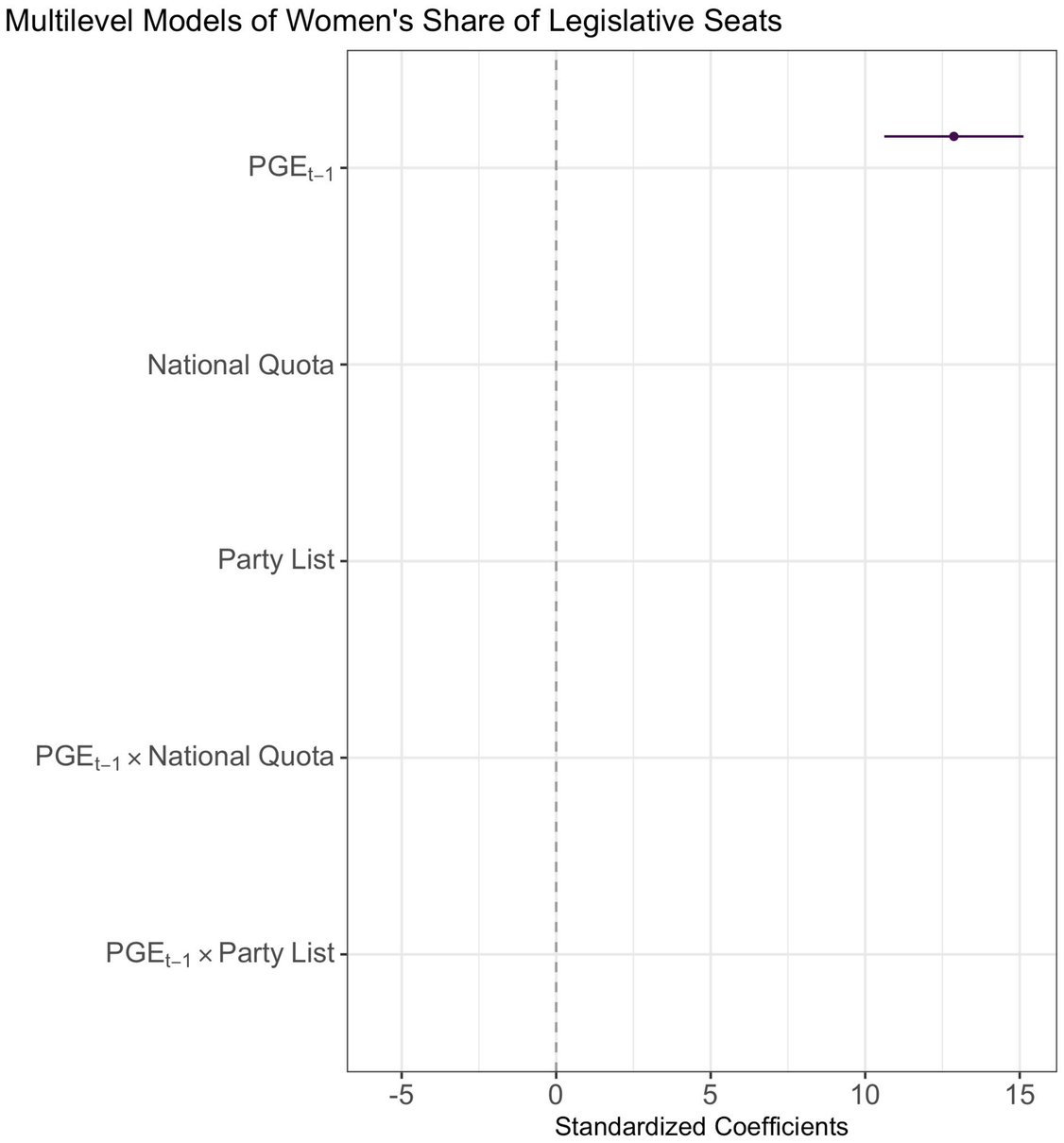

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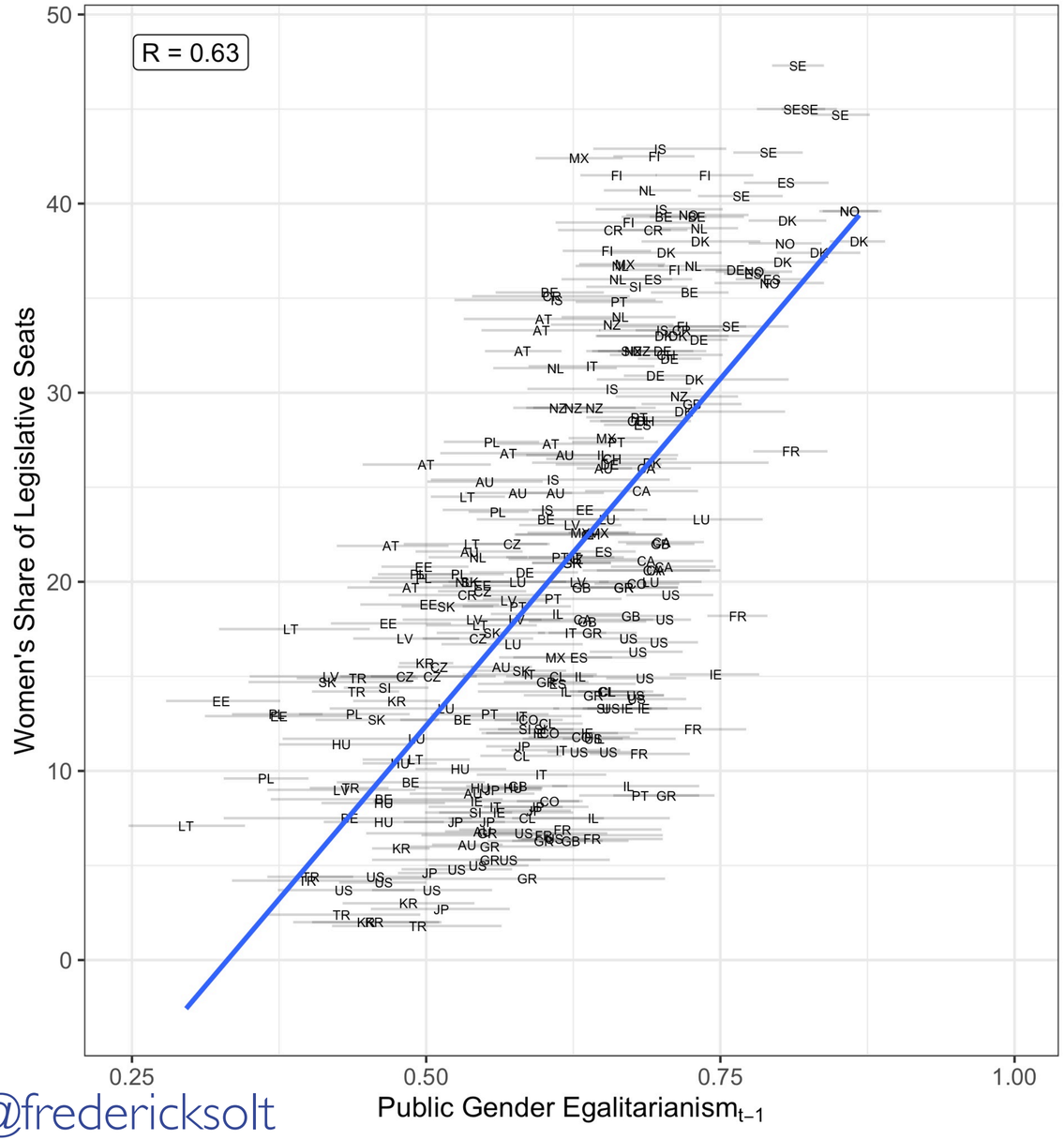

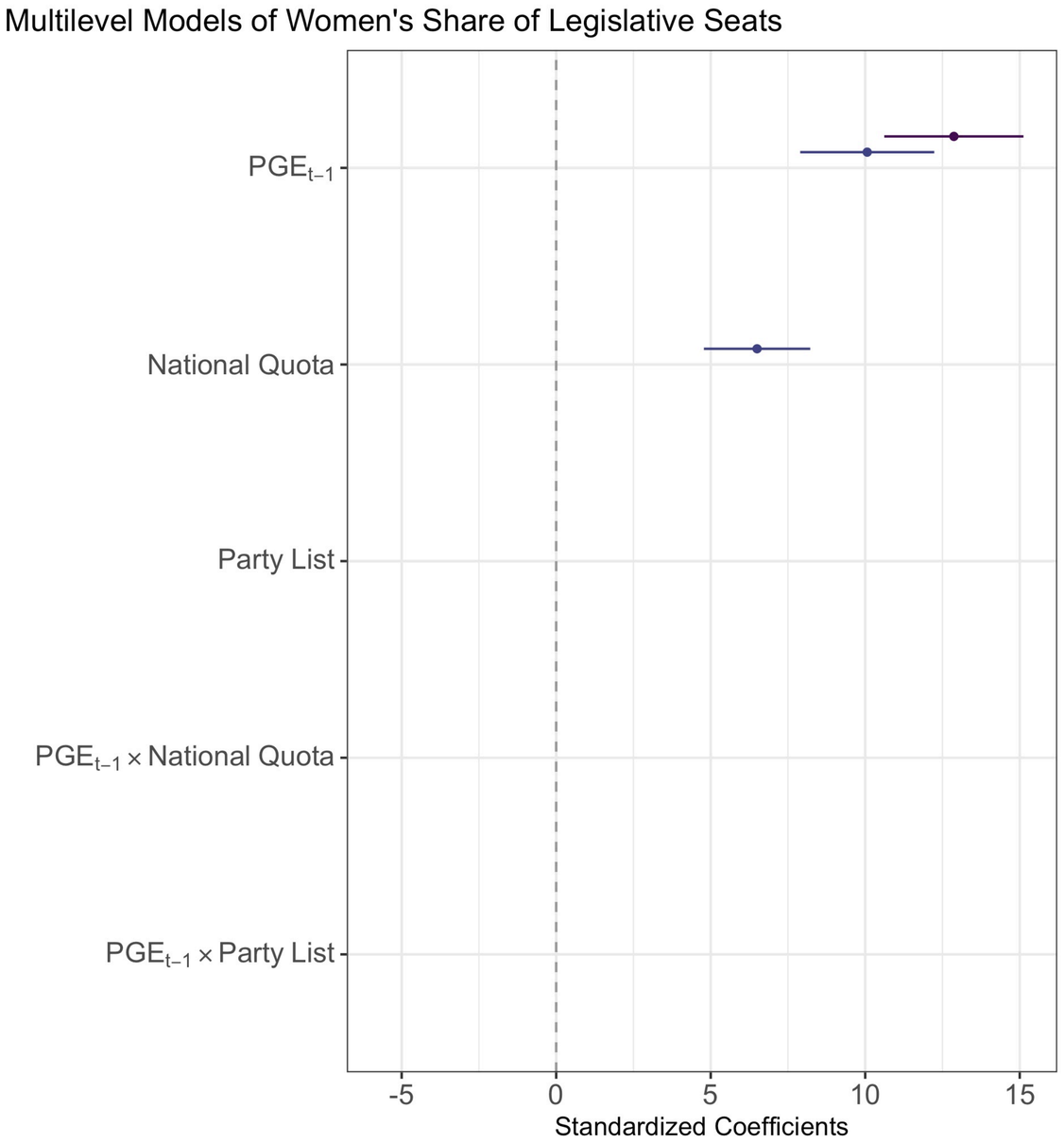

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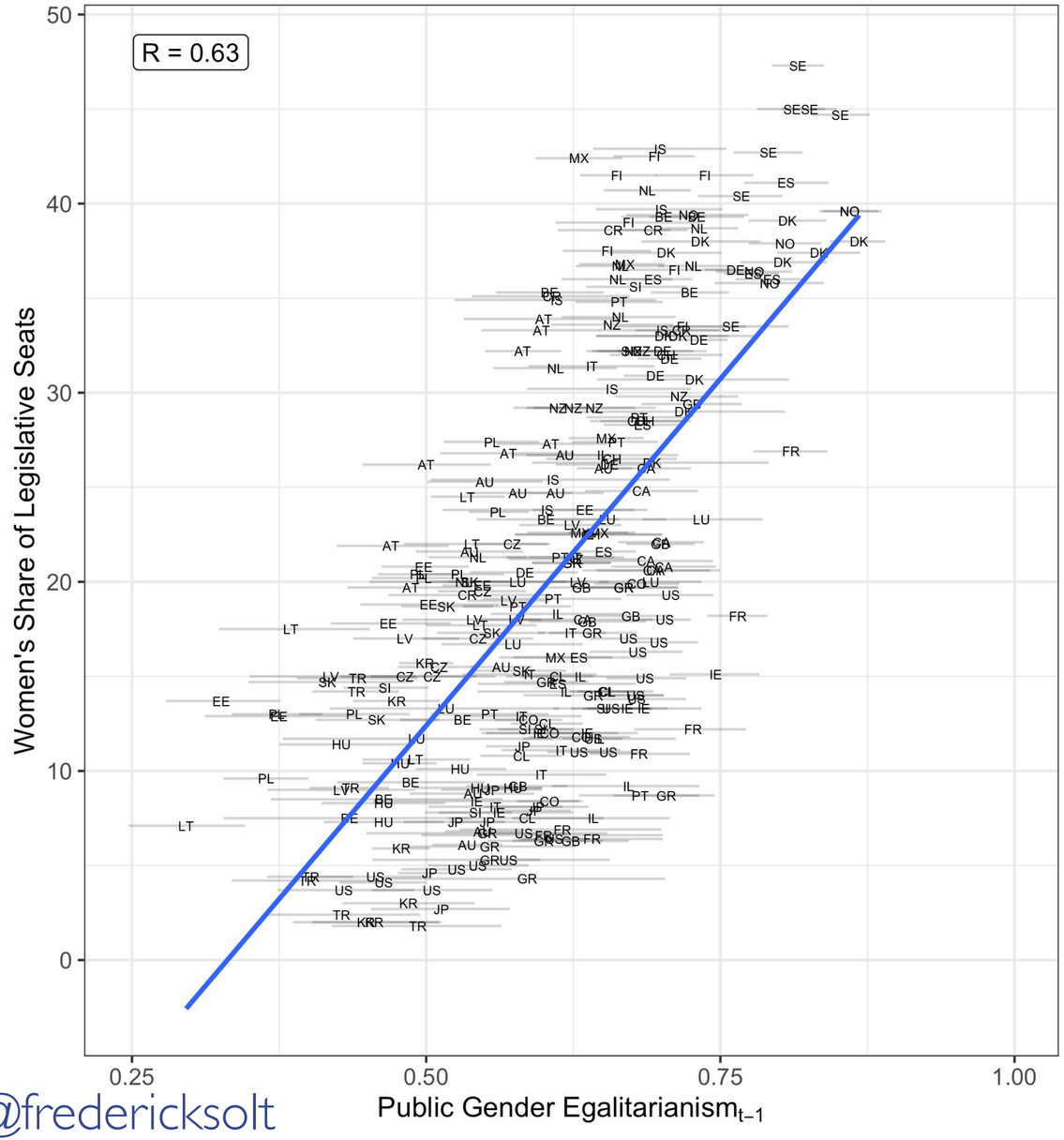

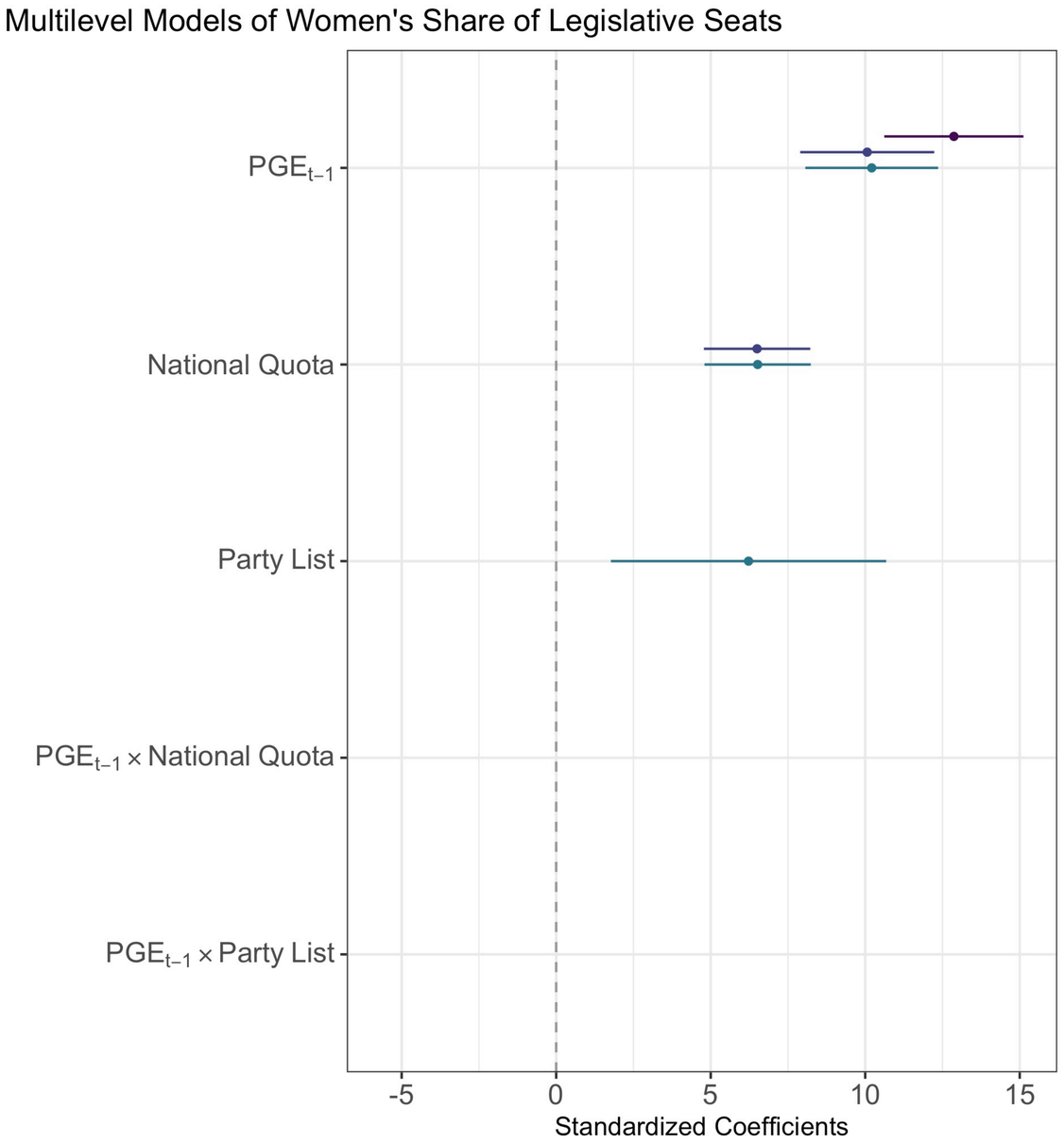

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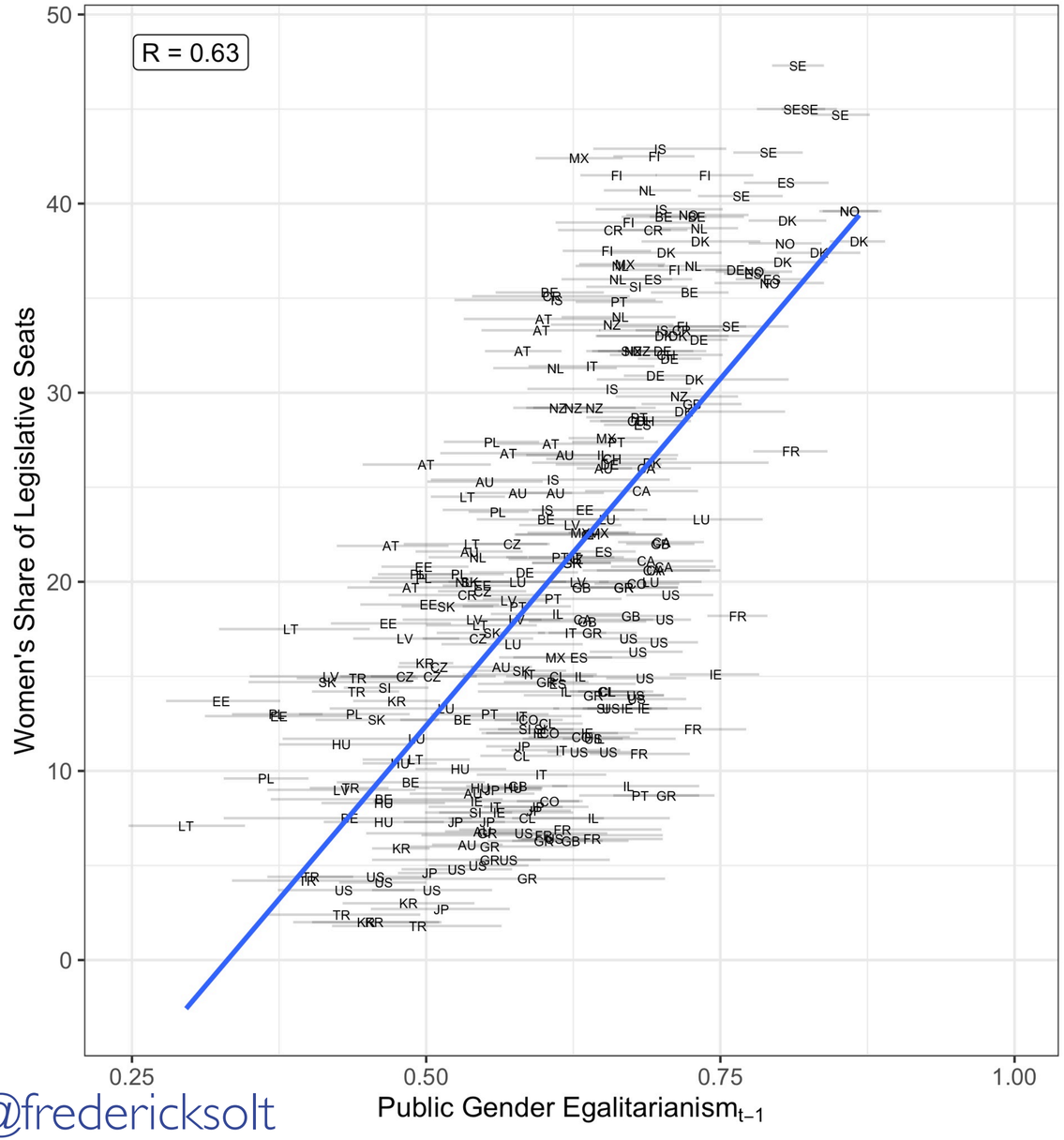

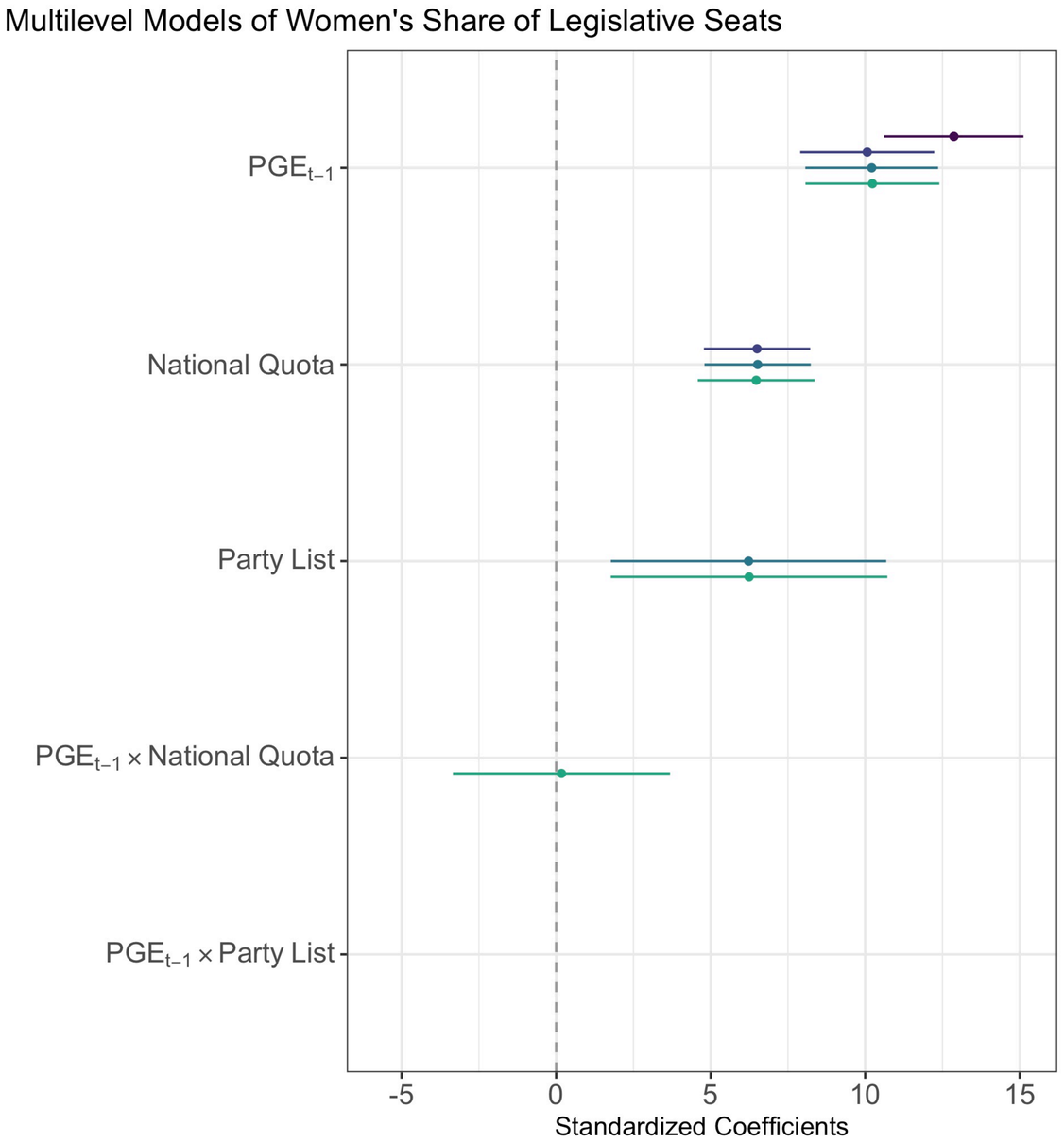

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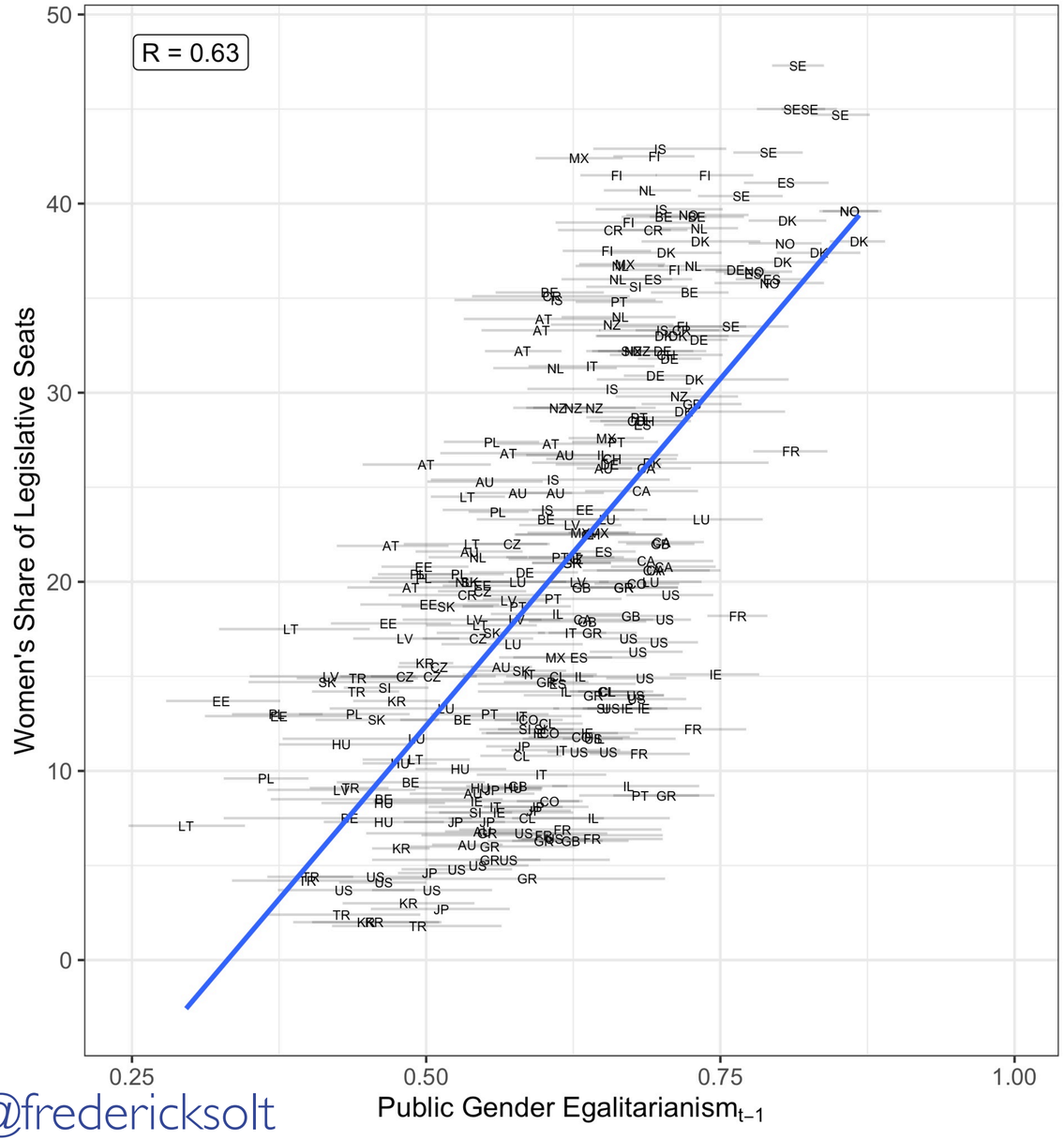

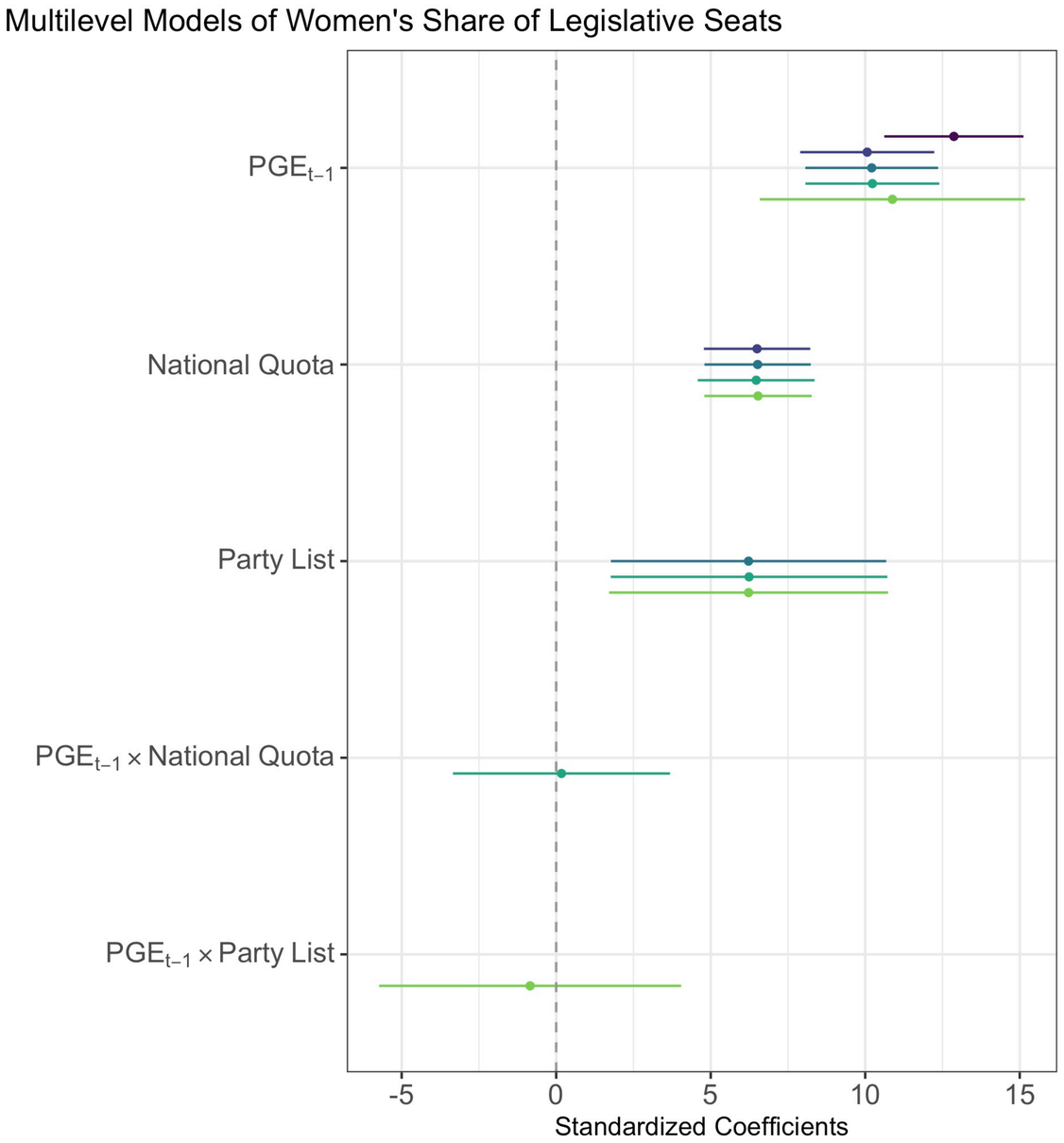

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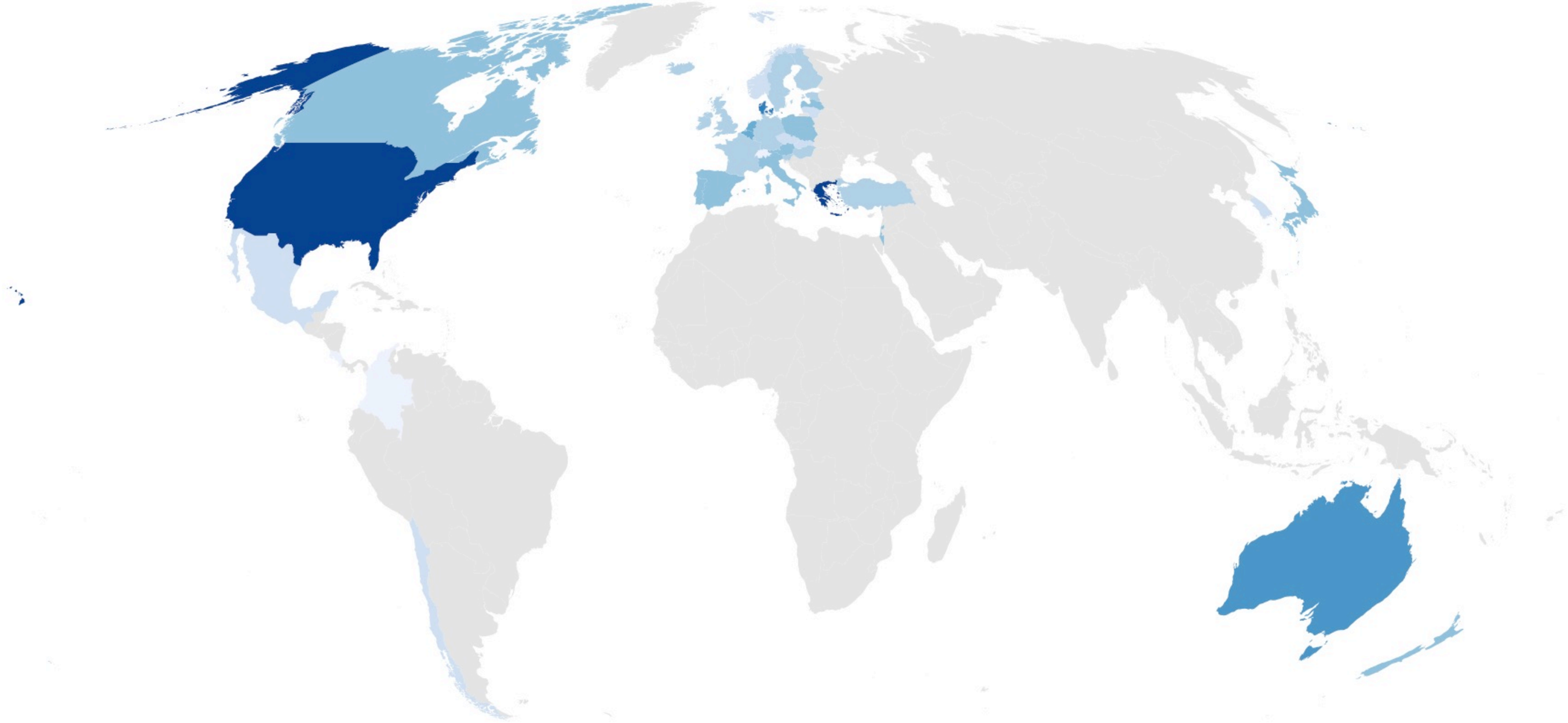

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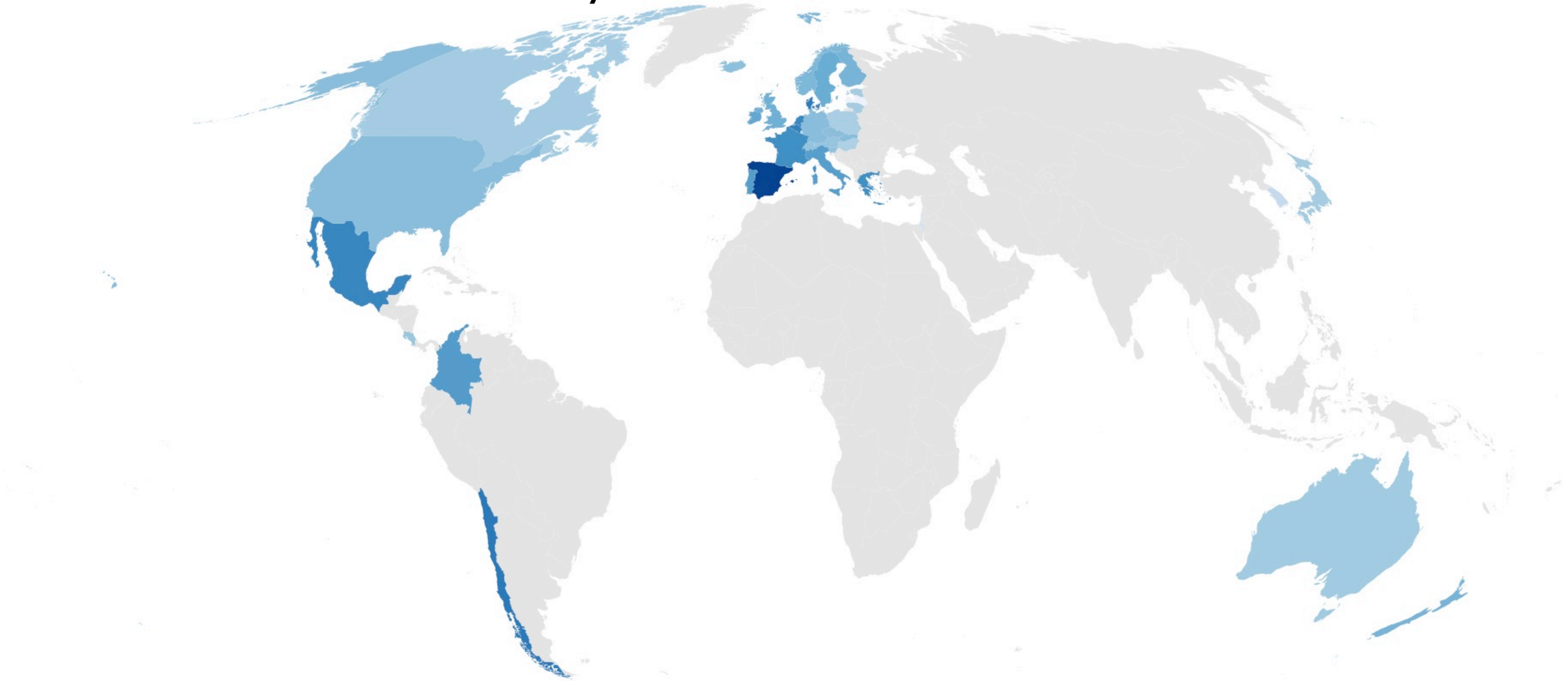

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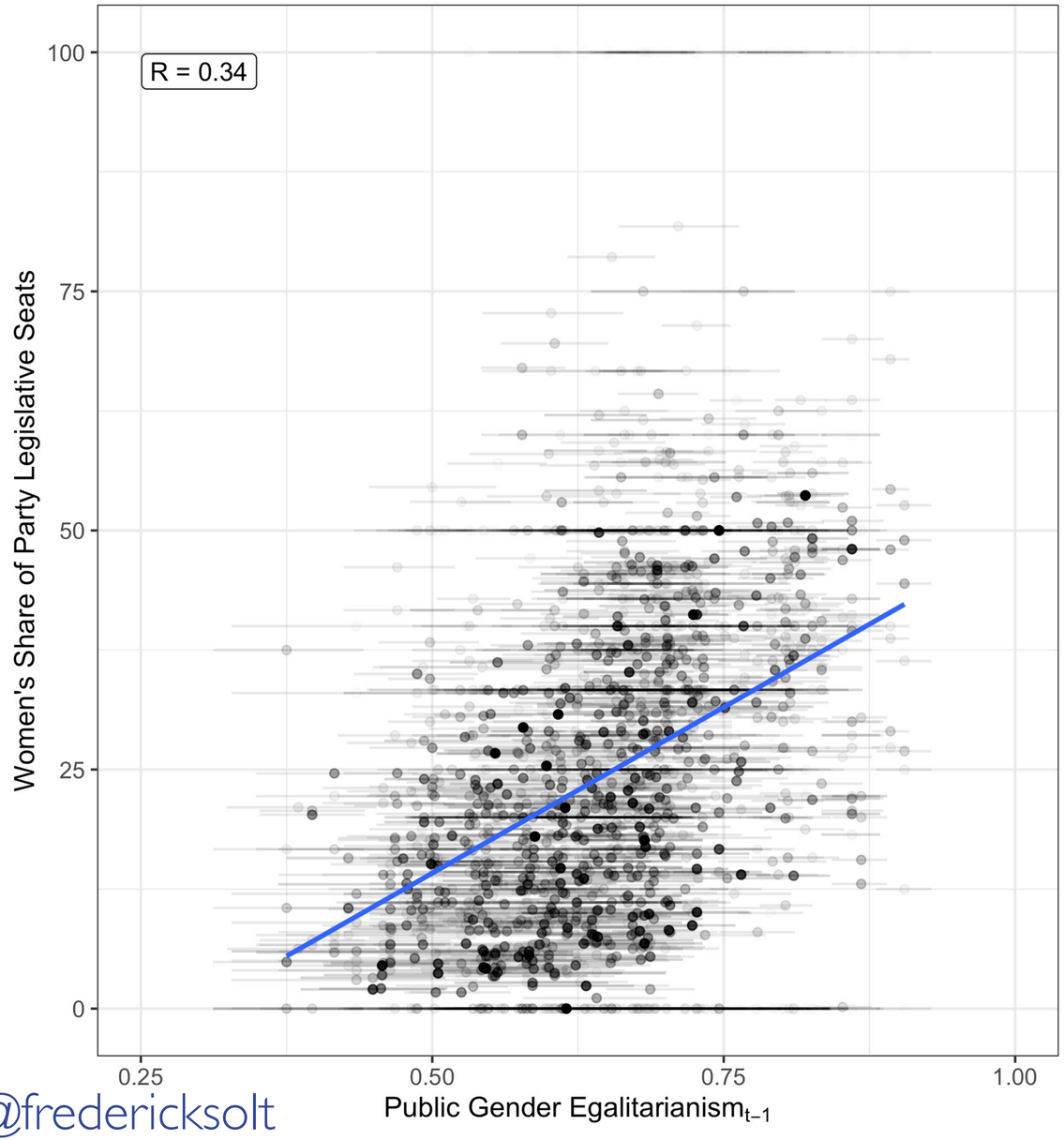

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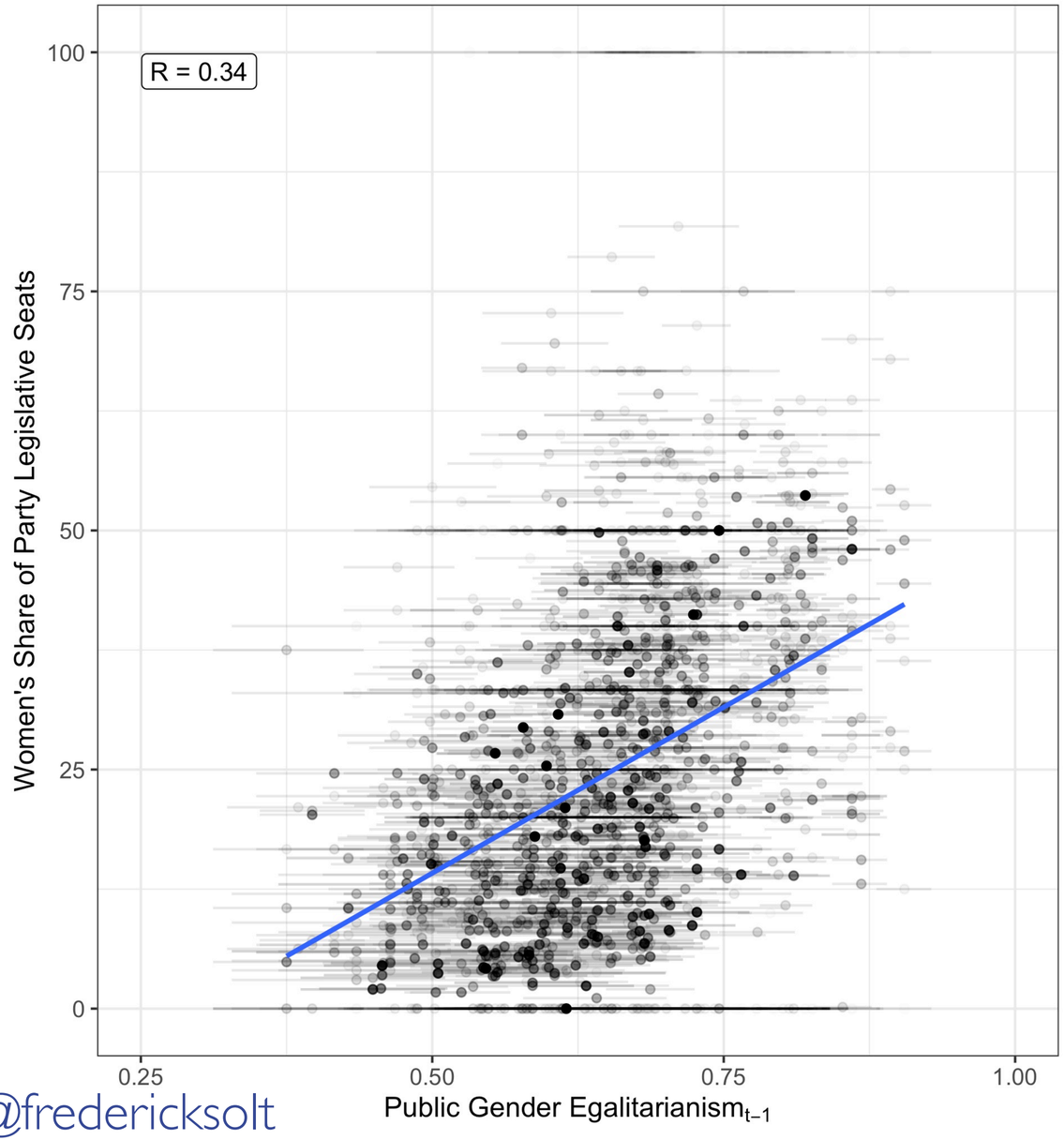

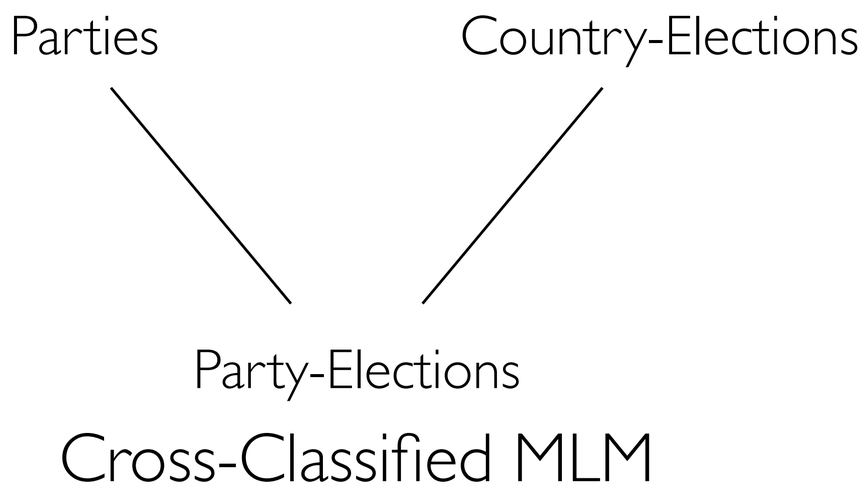

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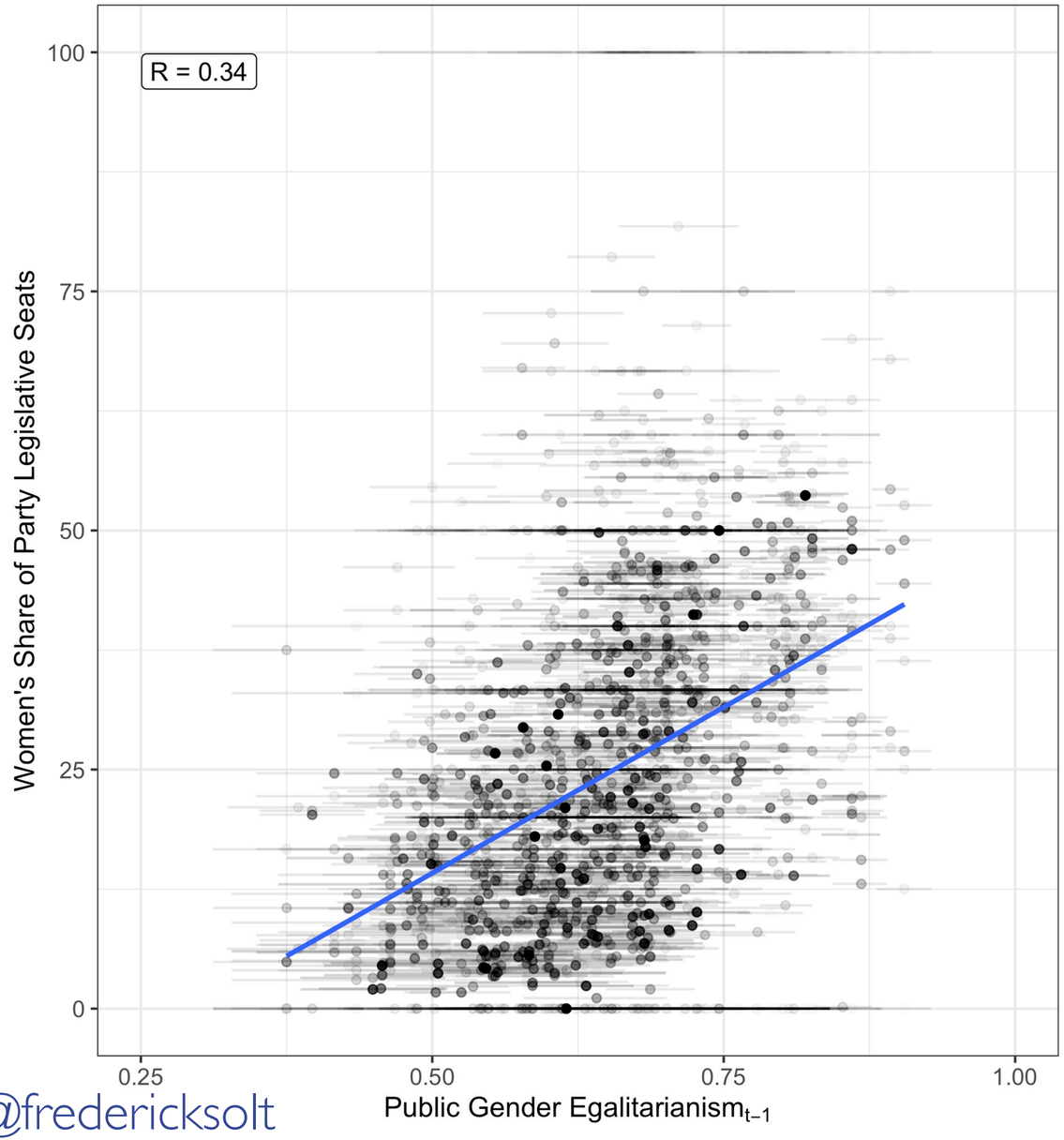

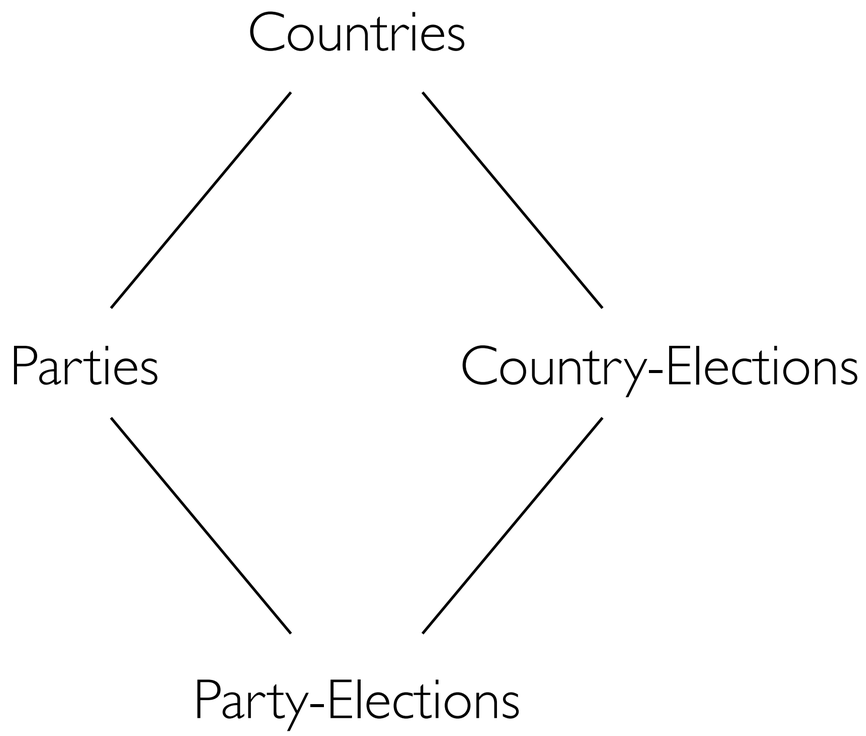

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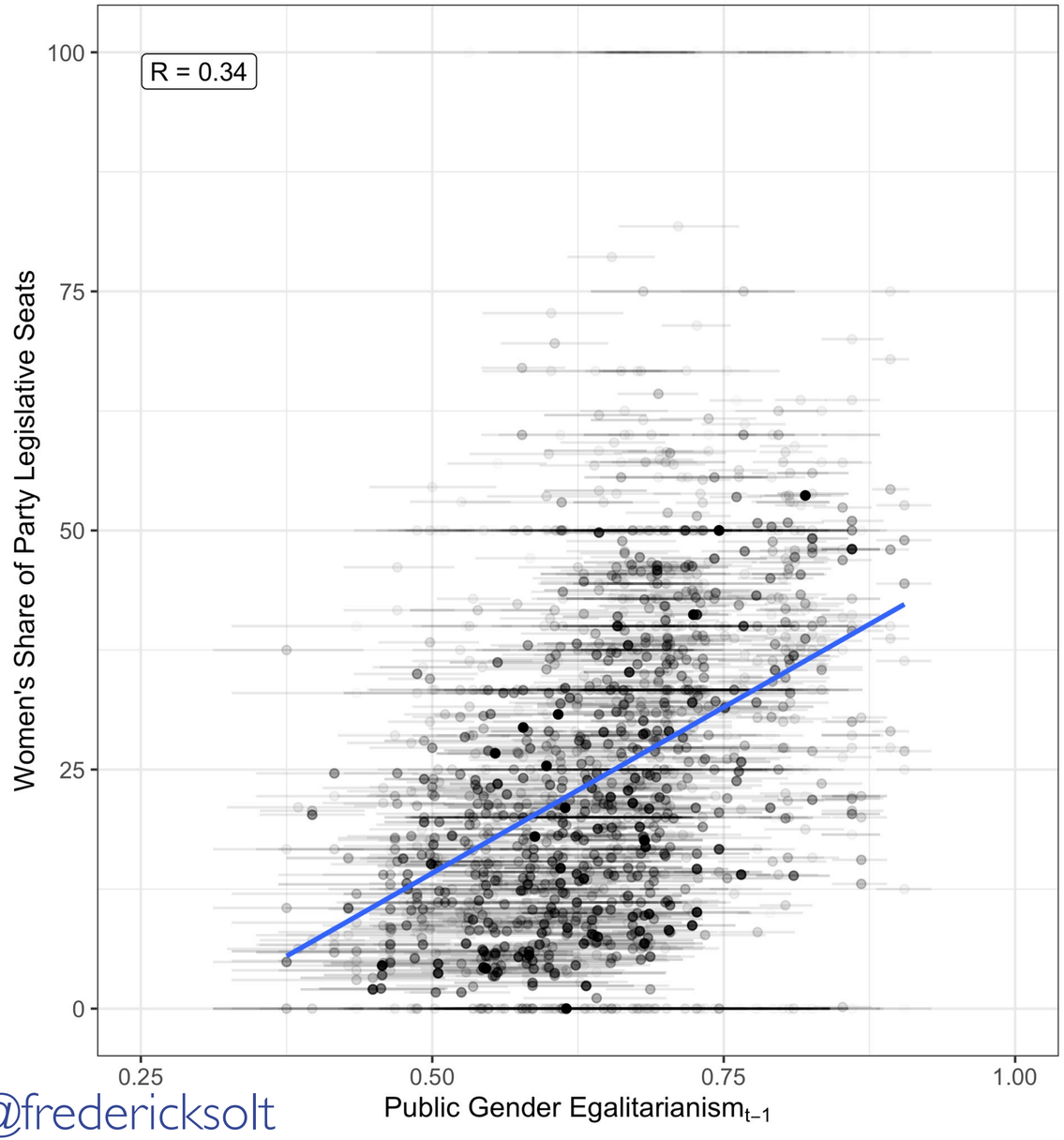

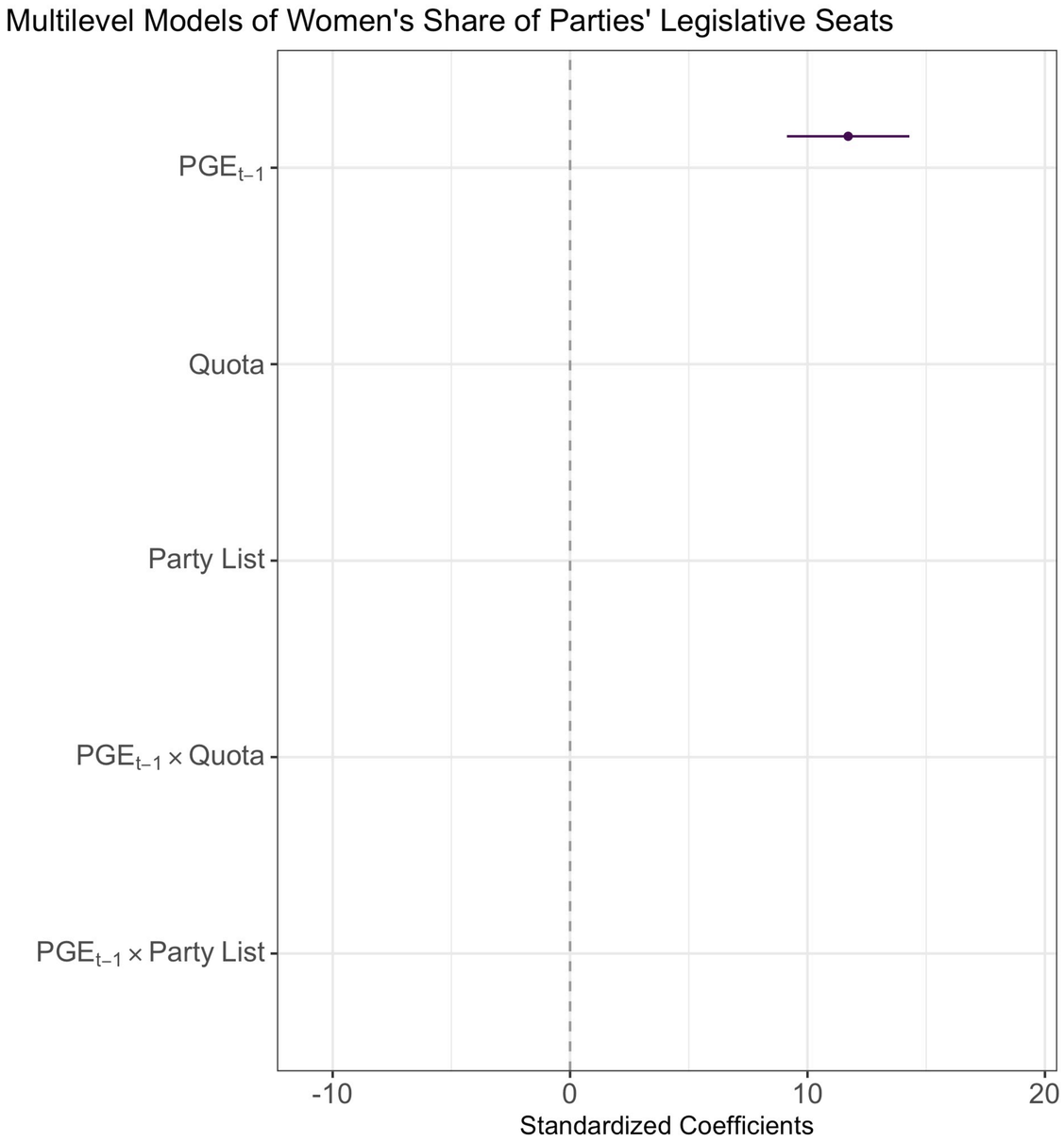

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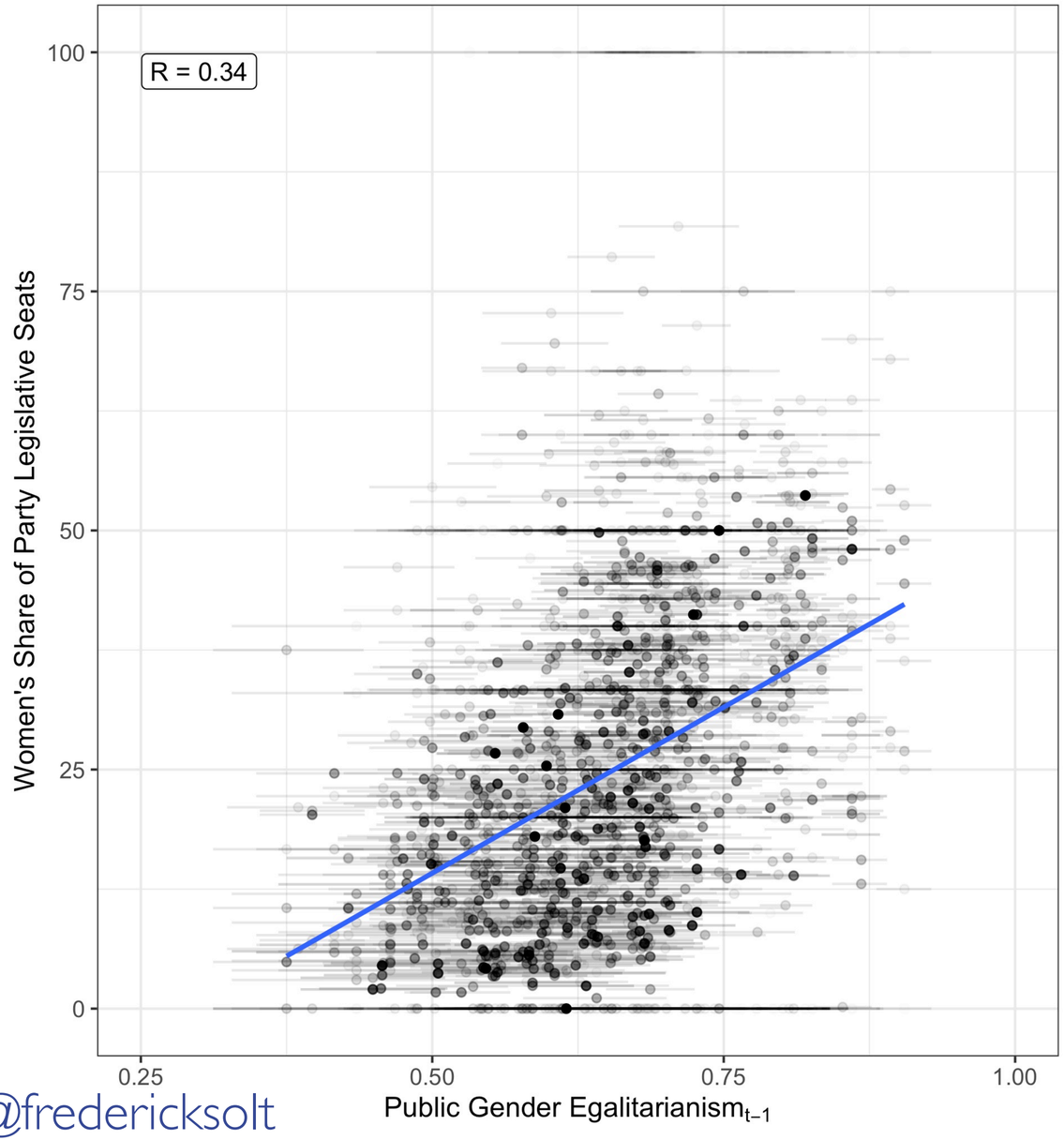

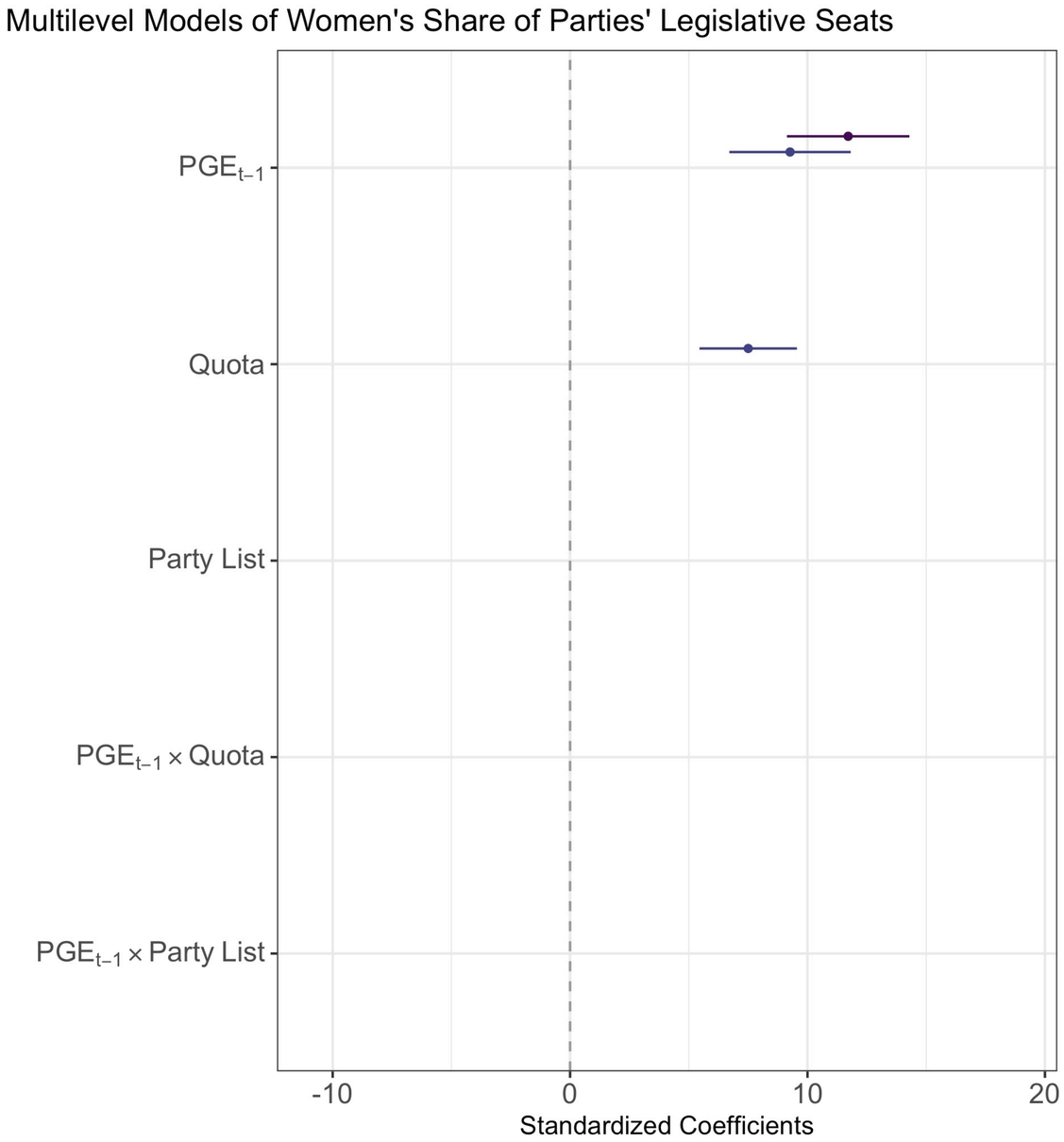

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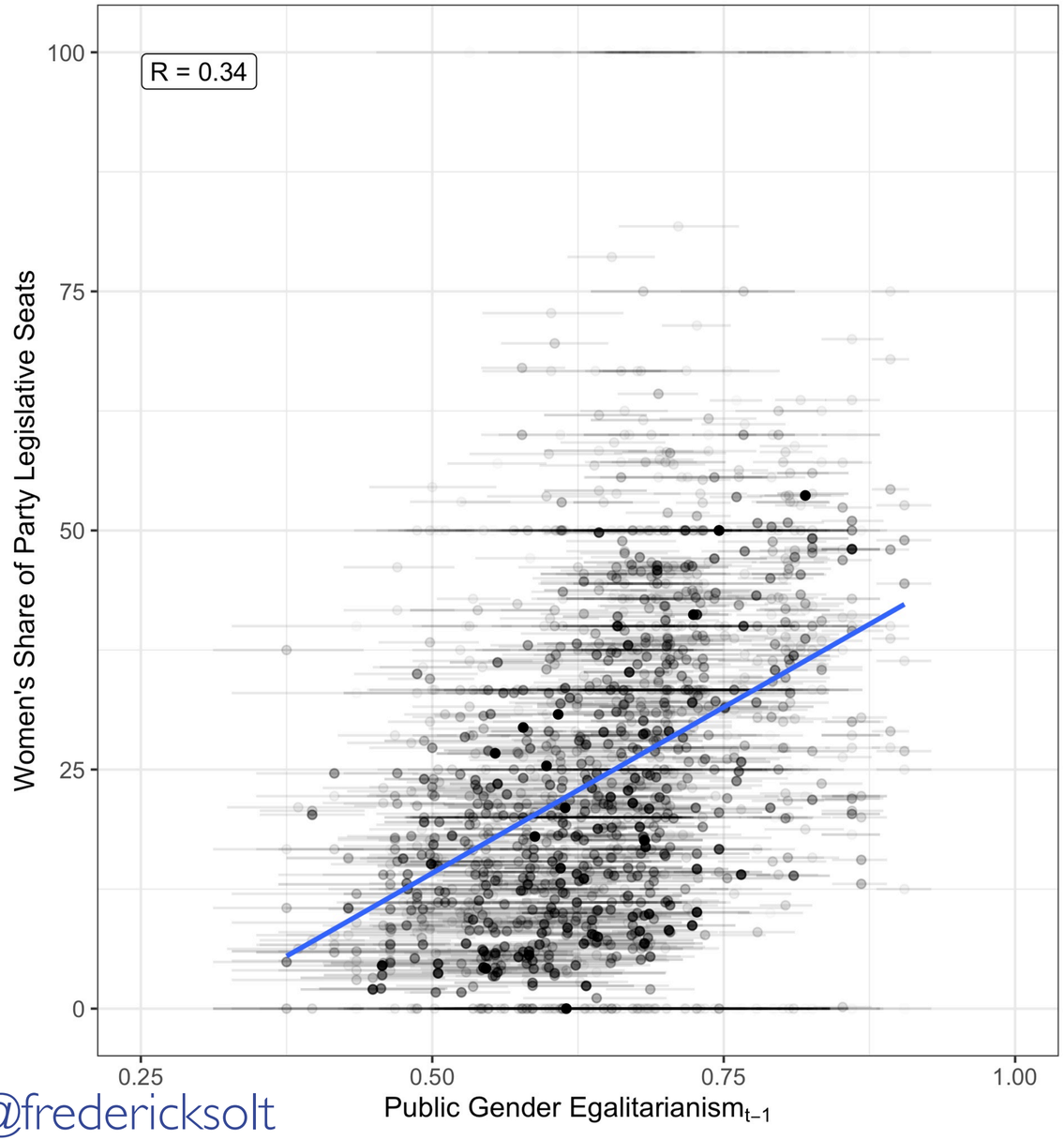

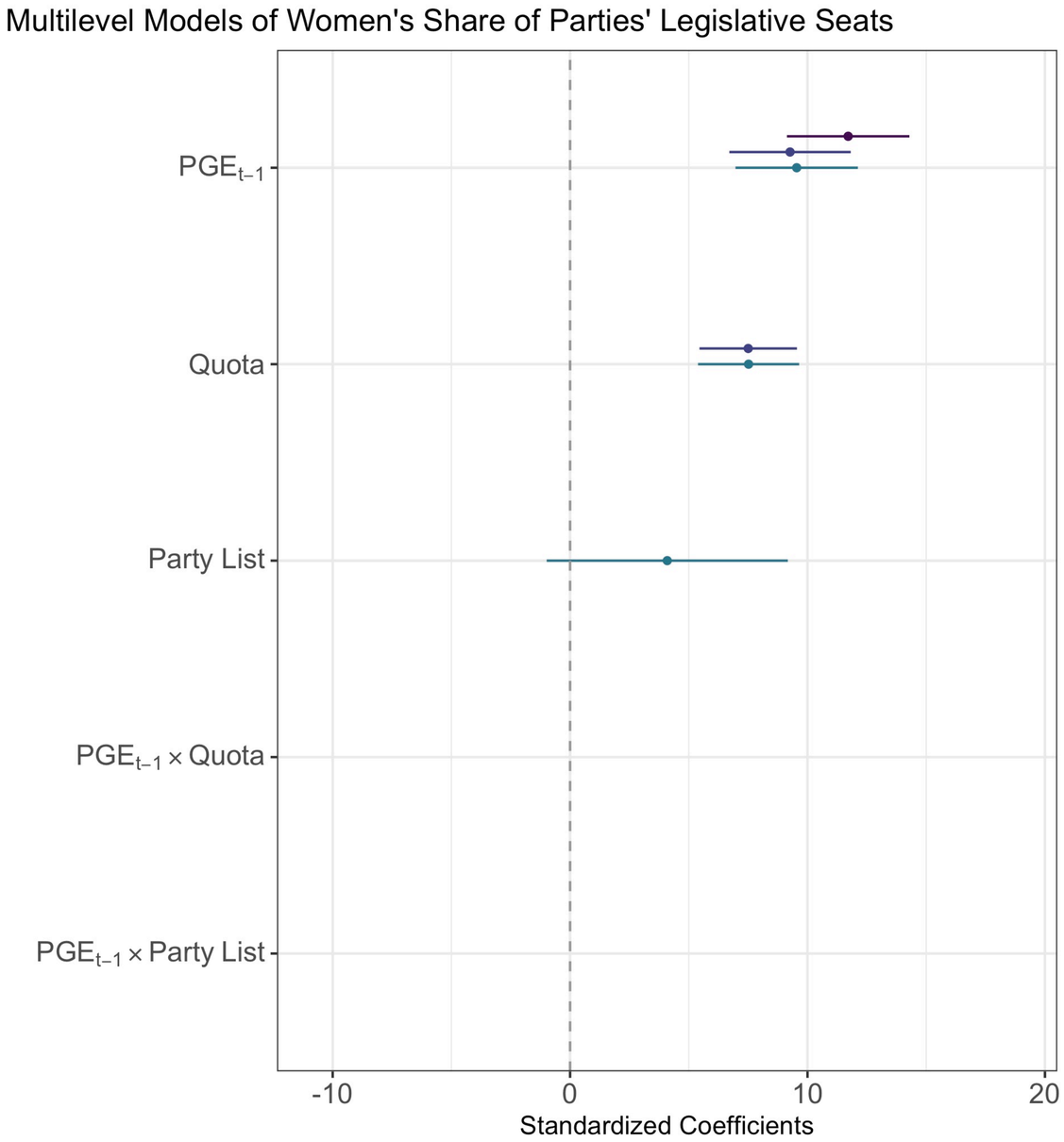

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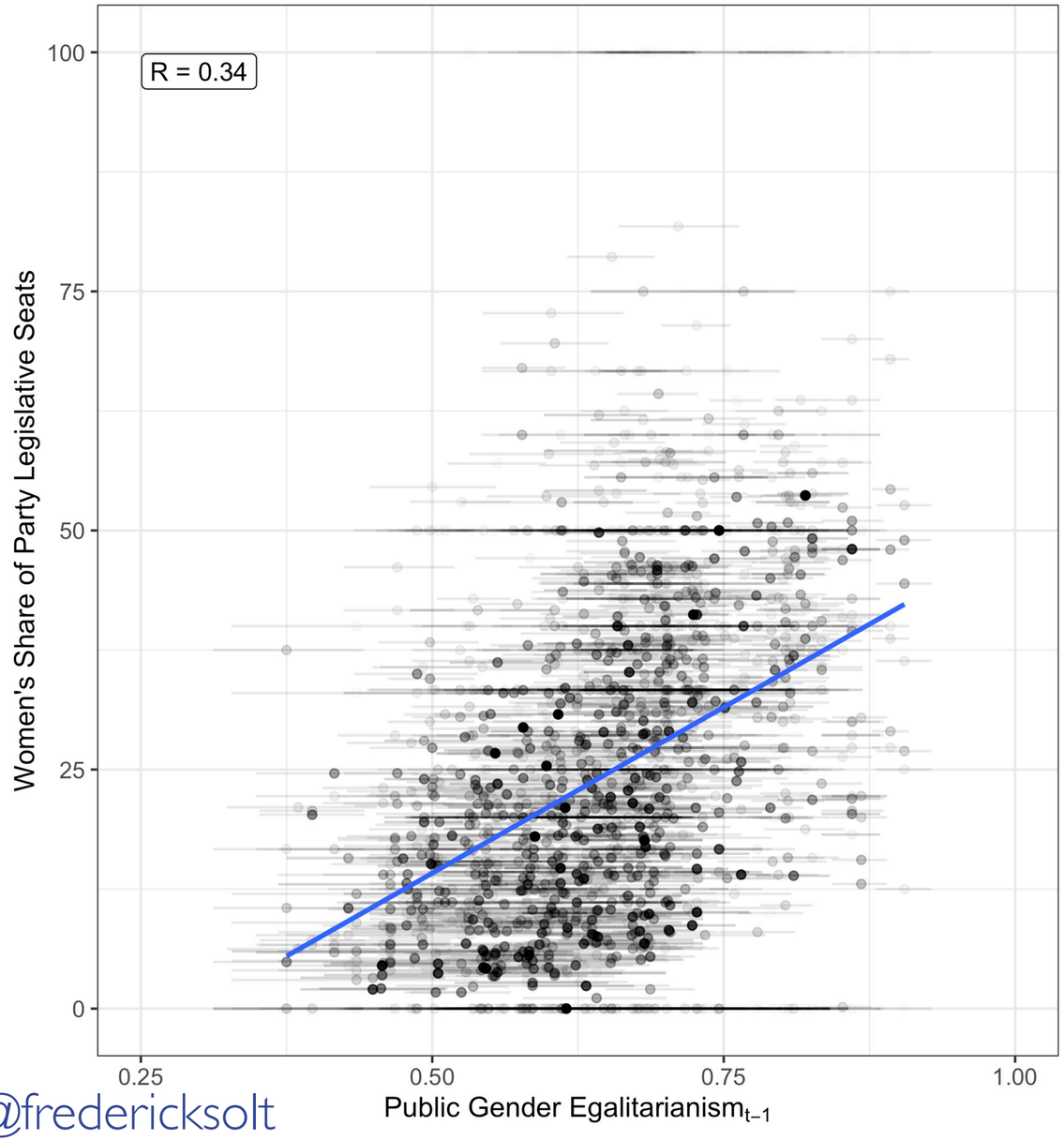

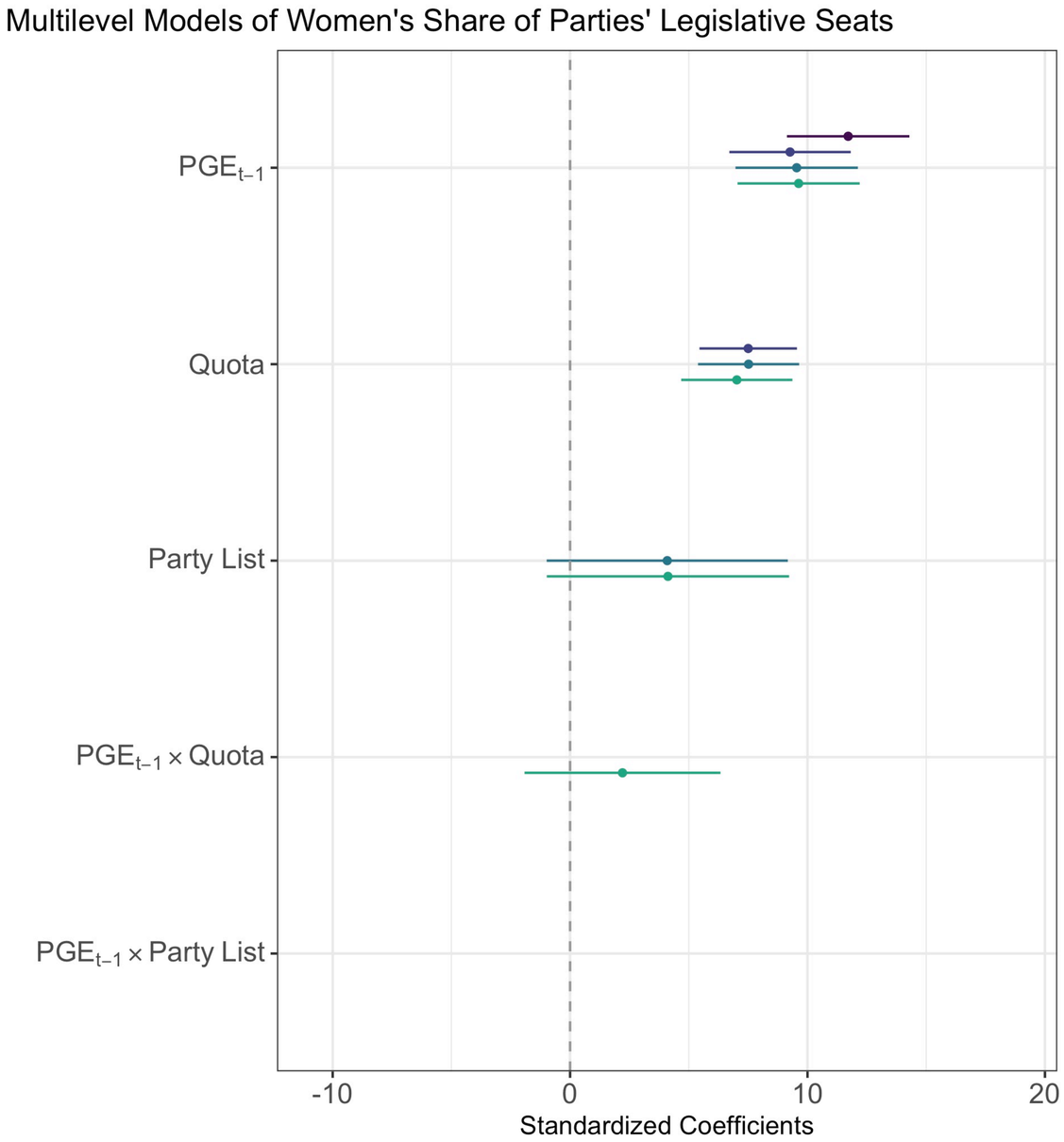

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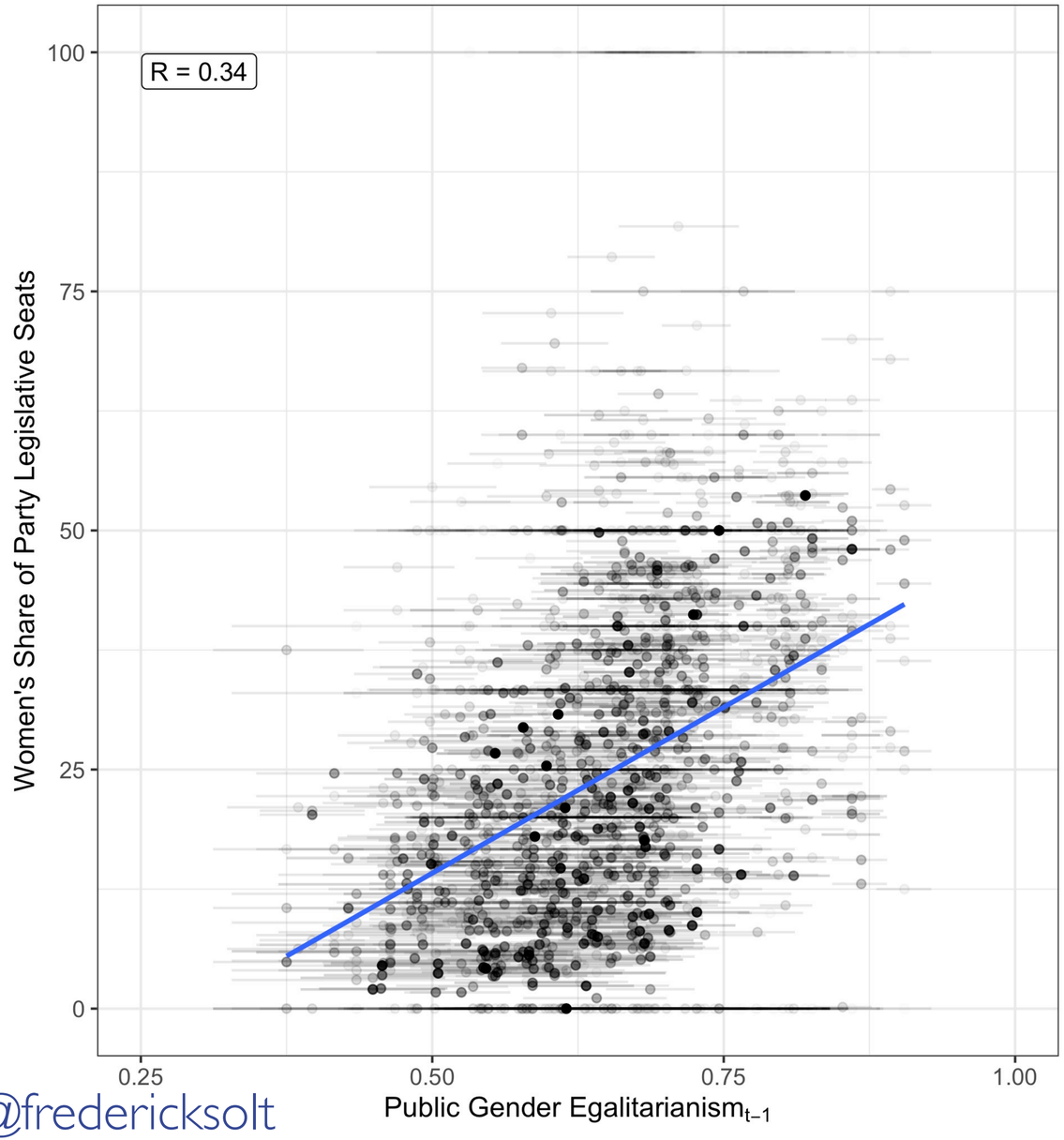

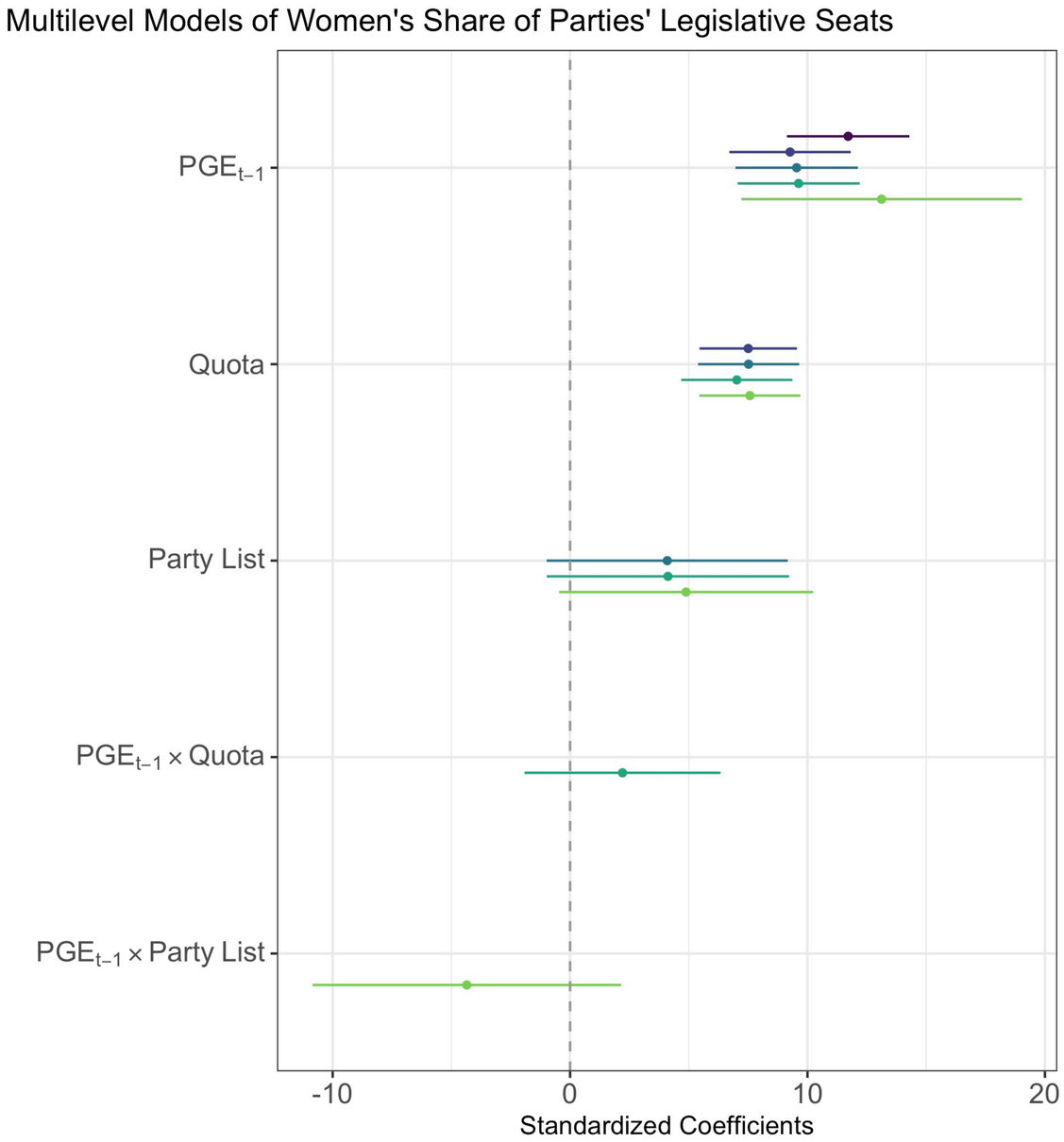

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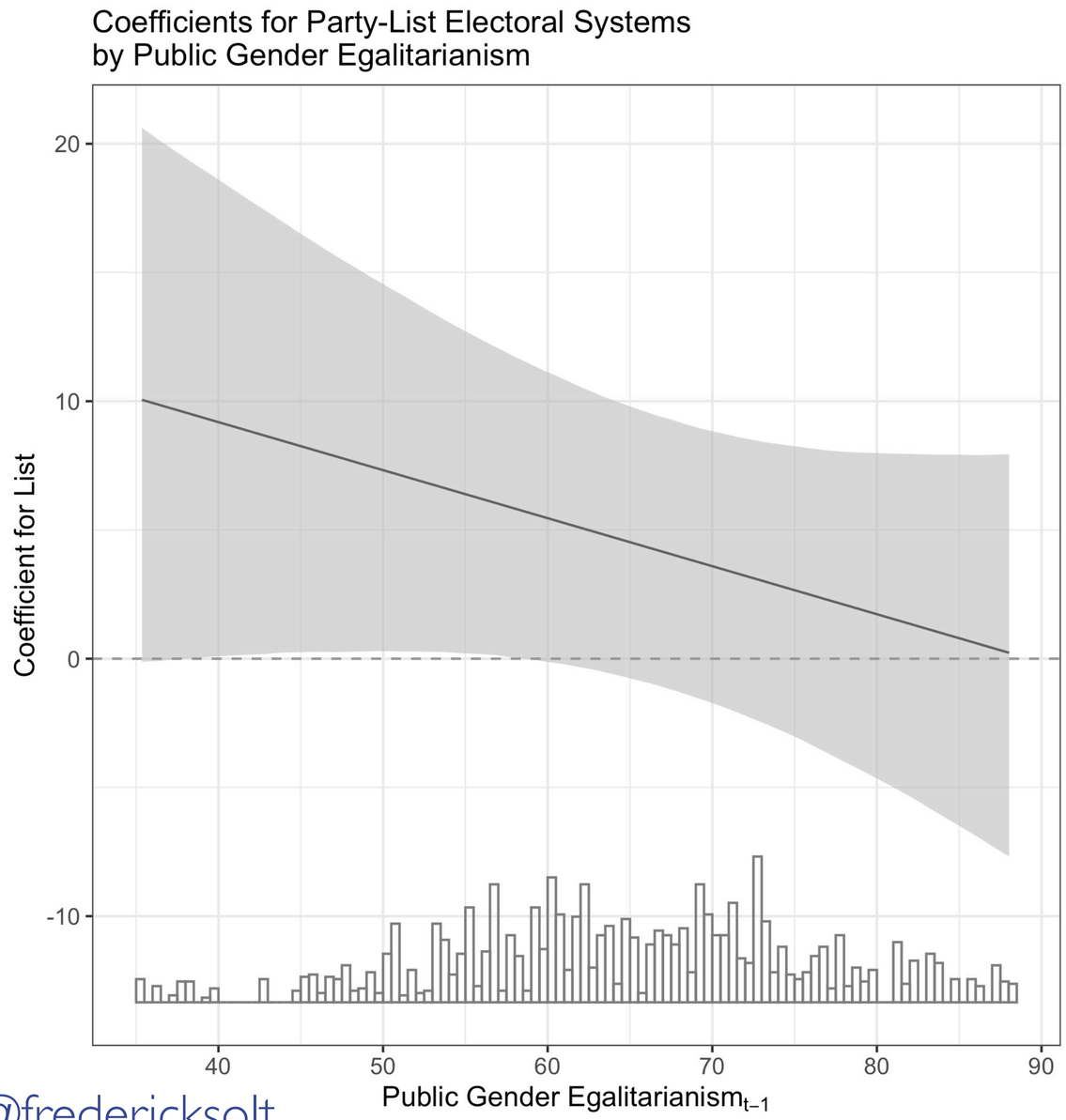

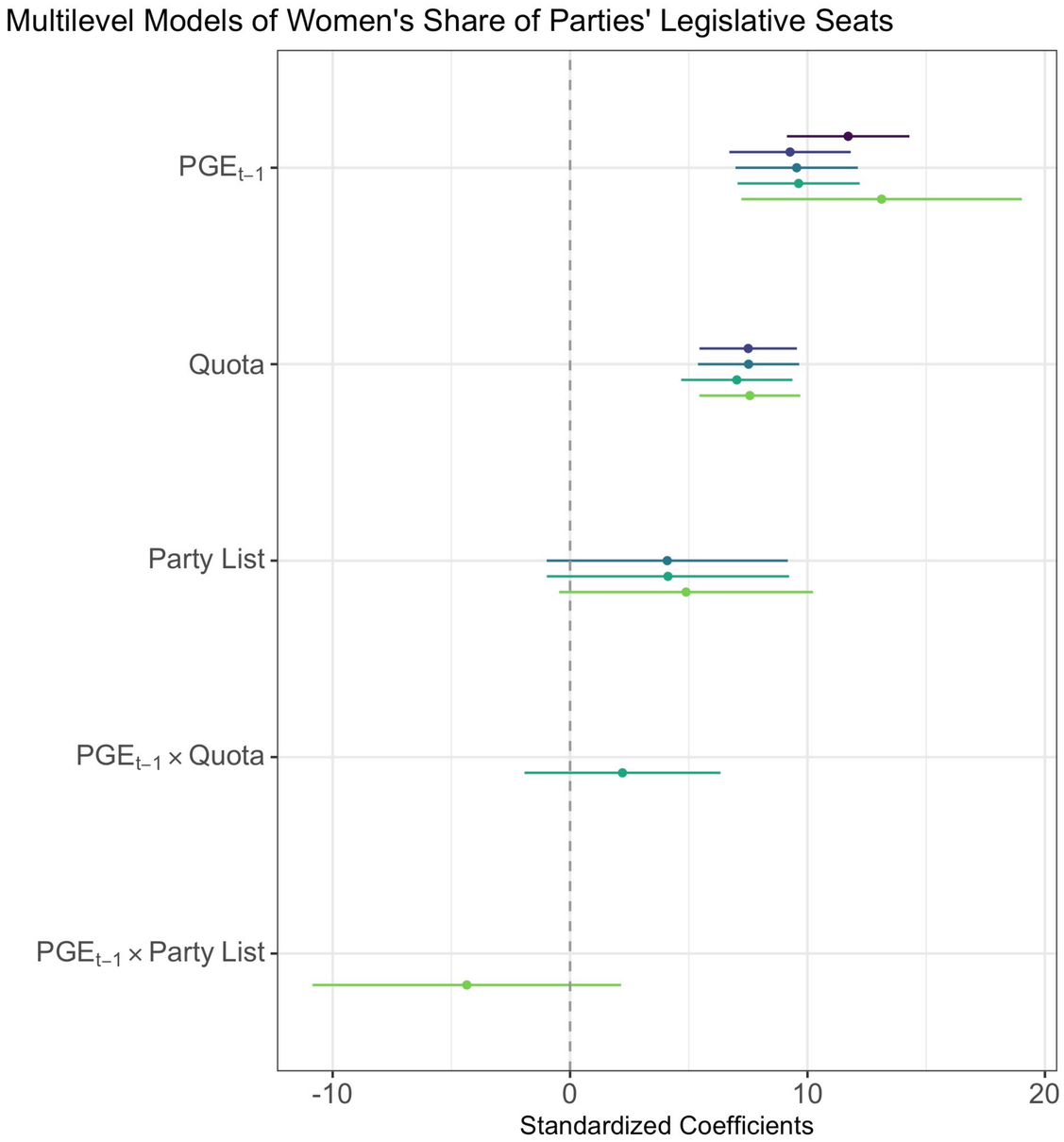

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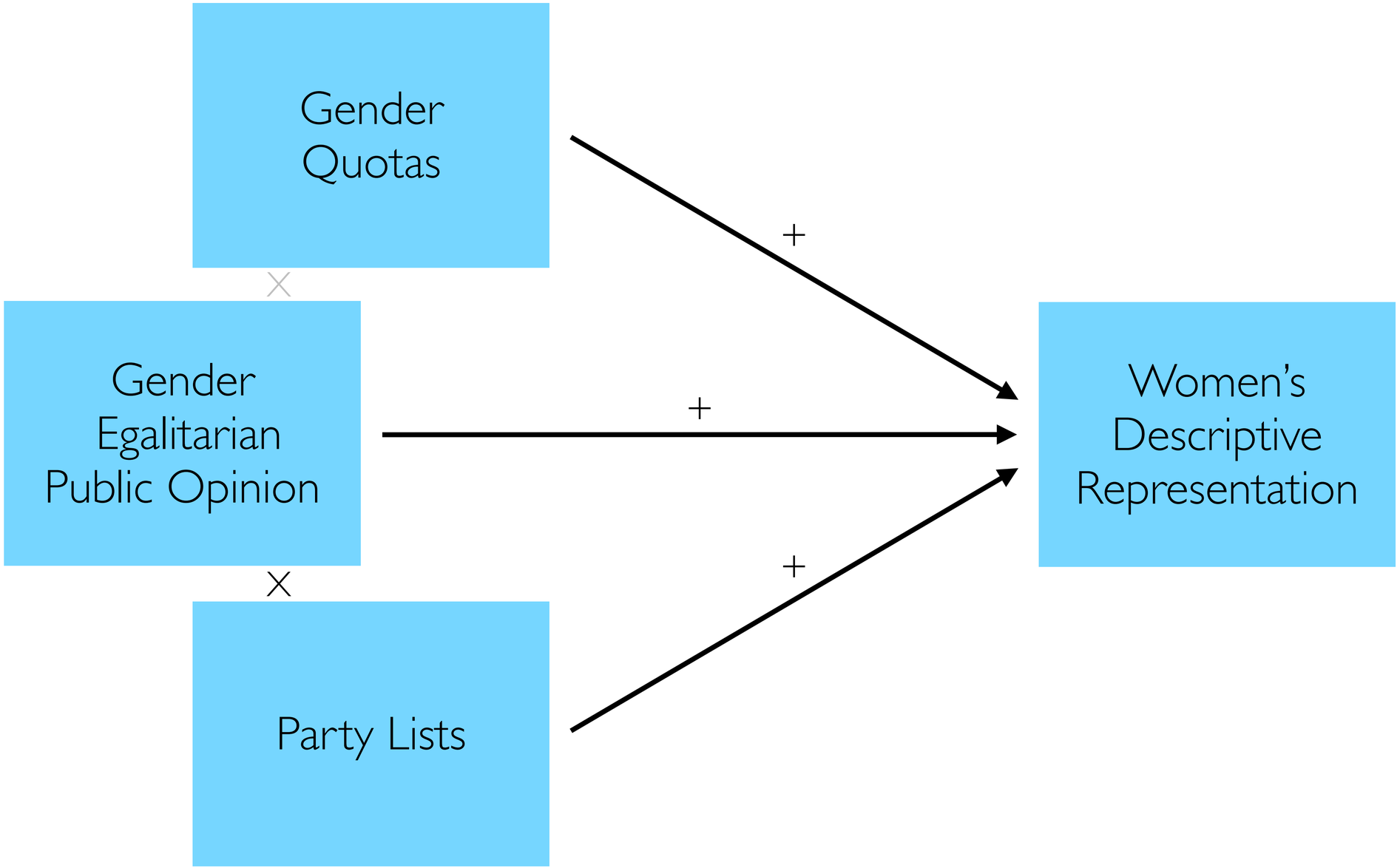

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job3a	384	When jobs are scarce, men should have more right to a job than women	wvs_combo, evs_combo
tradroles5	253	A husband's job is to earn money; a wife's job is to look after the home and family	issp2008, issp2012, issp2002, issp2018, issp1998, issp1994, issp1991, issp2018ext, issp1988, issp2008a, kgss, usgss, issp1998br, issp2008ca, issp2018tn, nsss1989, nsss1993
busiexecutive4	240	On the whole, men make better business executives than women do	wvs_combo, evs2017
income4	216	Both the husband and wife should contribute to household income	wvs_combo, evs_combo, eb653, issp2012
job5	185	When jobs are scarce, men should have more right to a job than women	wvs7, evs2017, ess4, ess5, ess2, ess8
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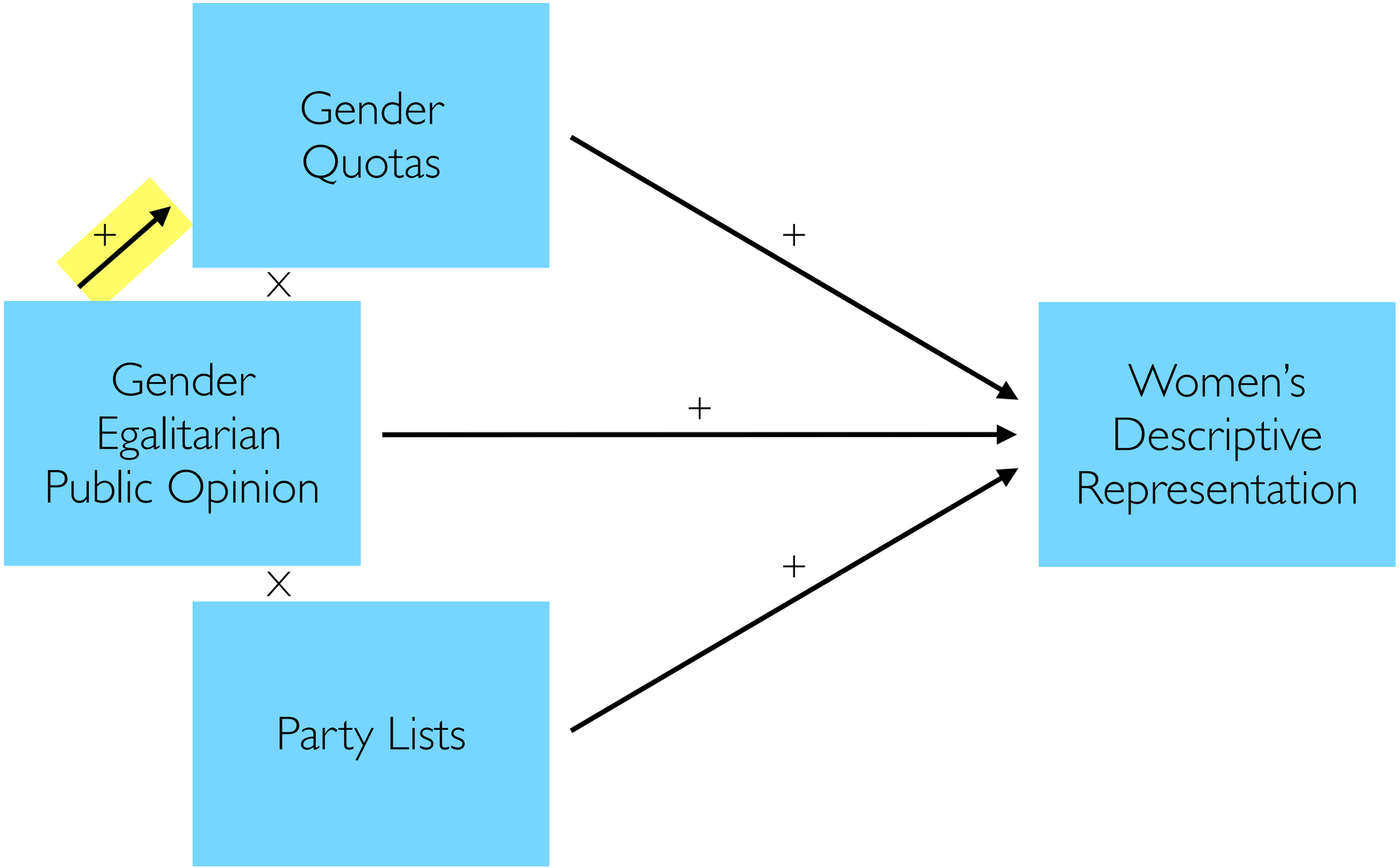

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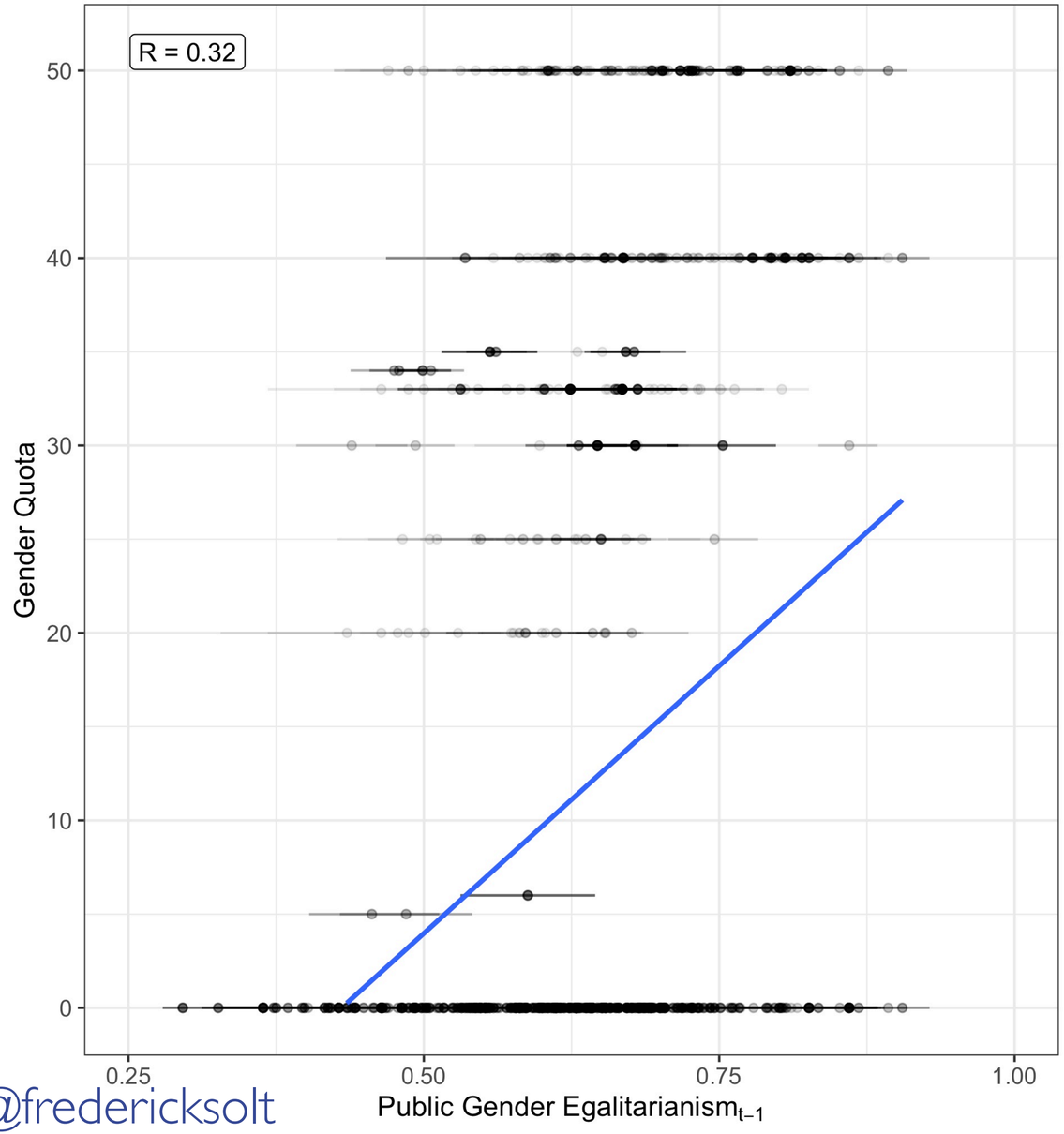

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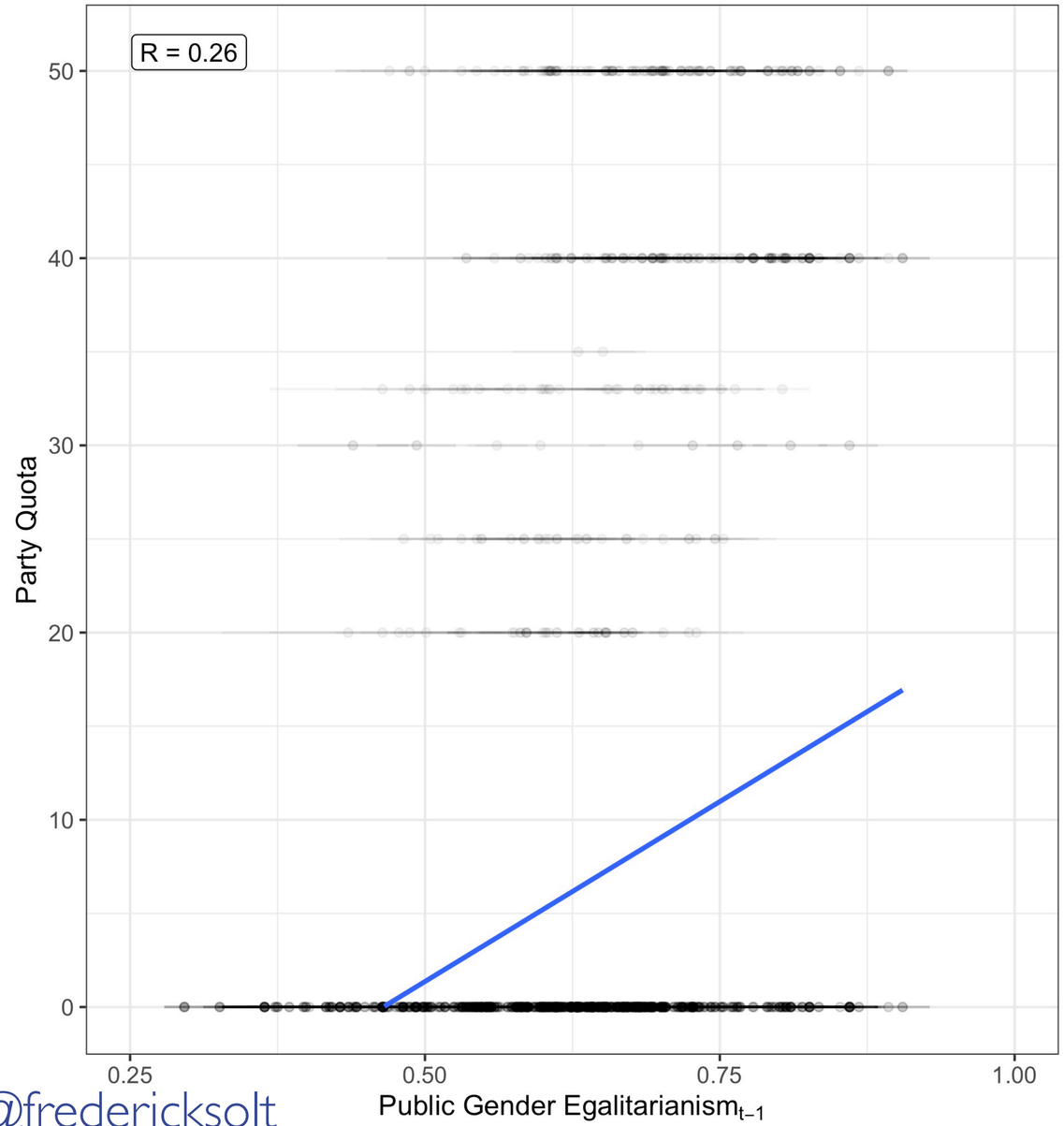

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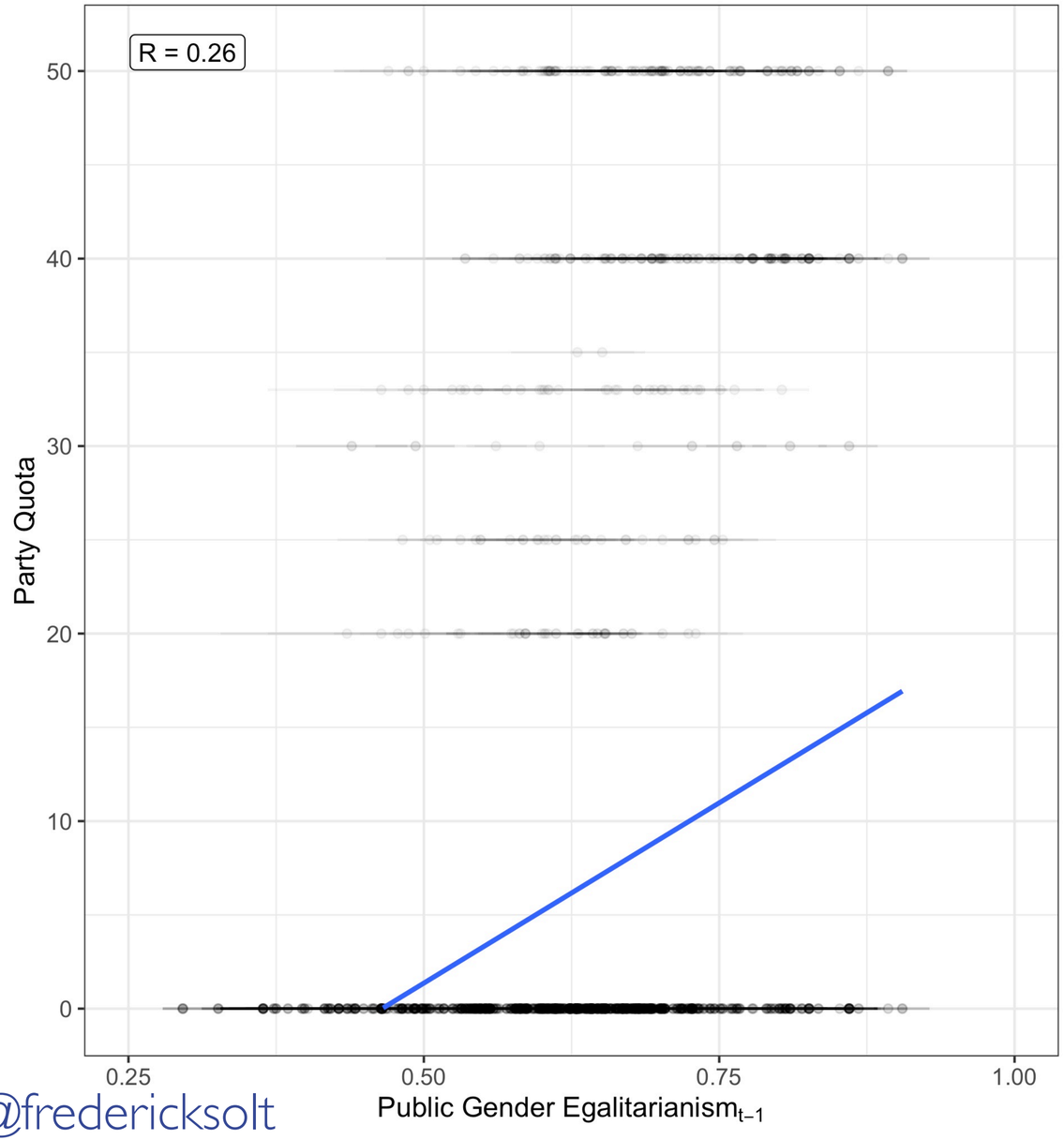

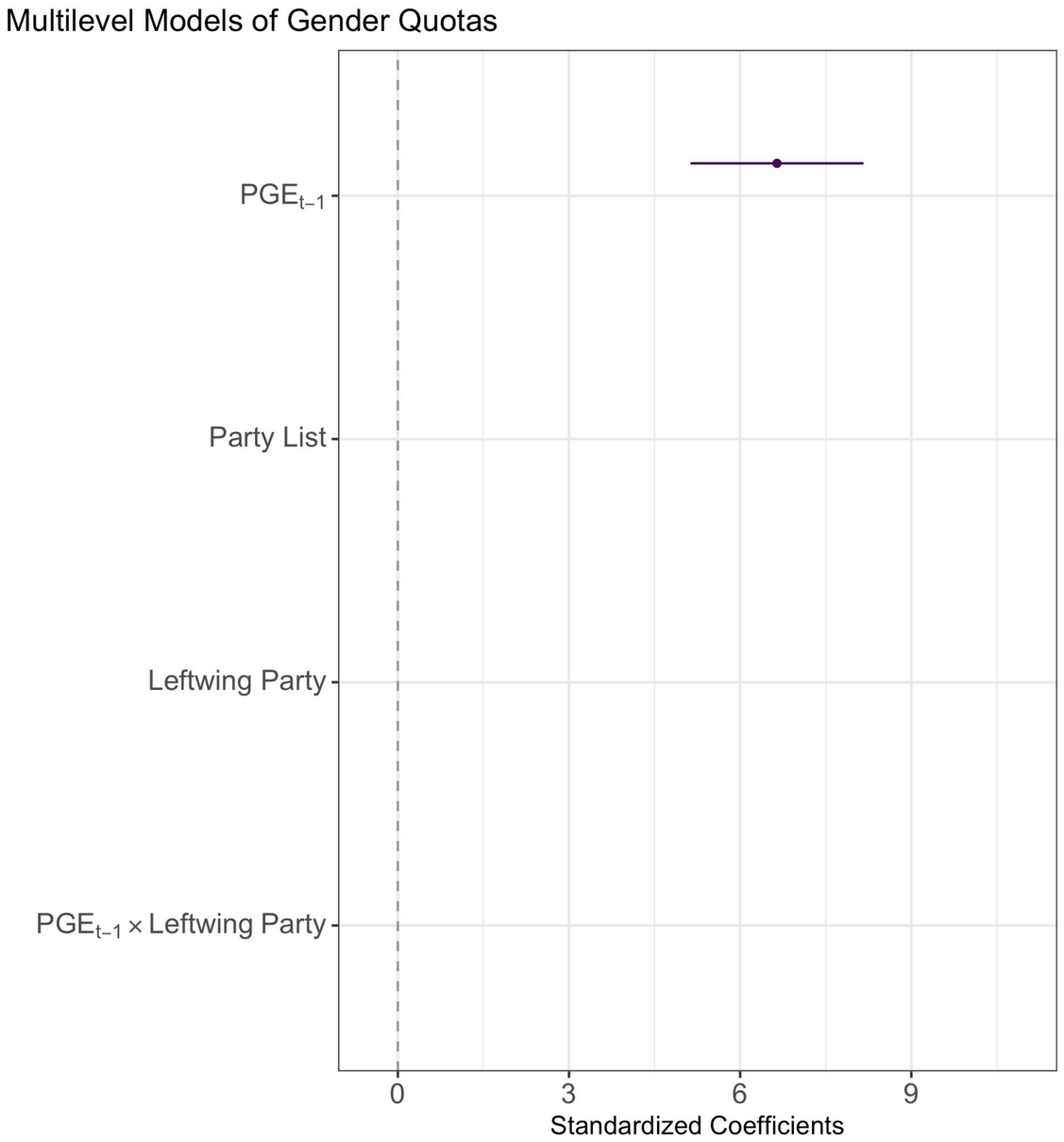

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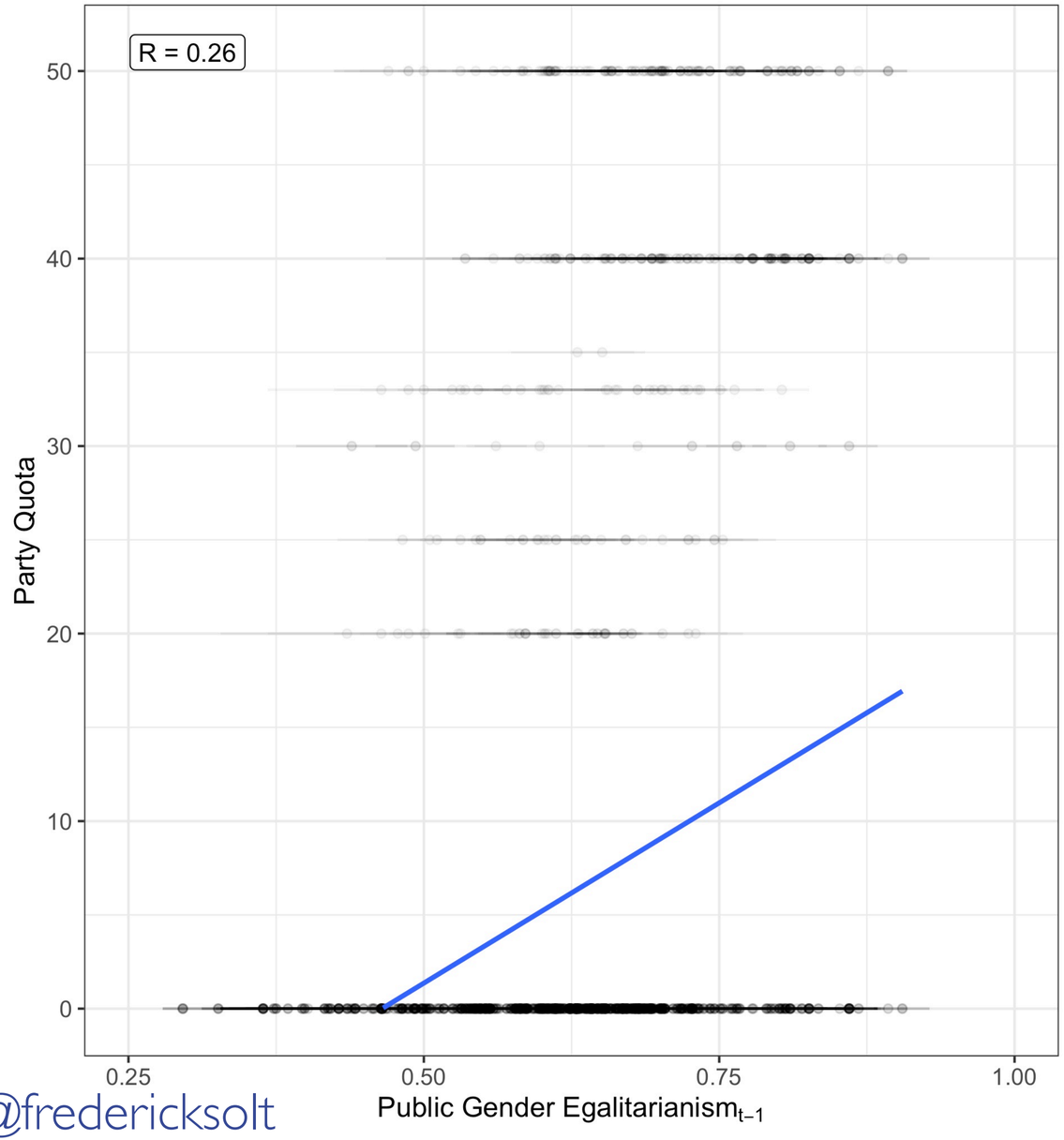

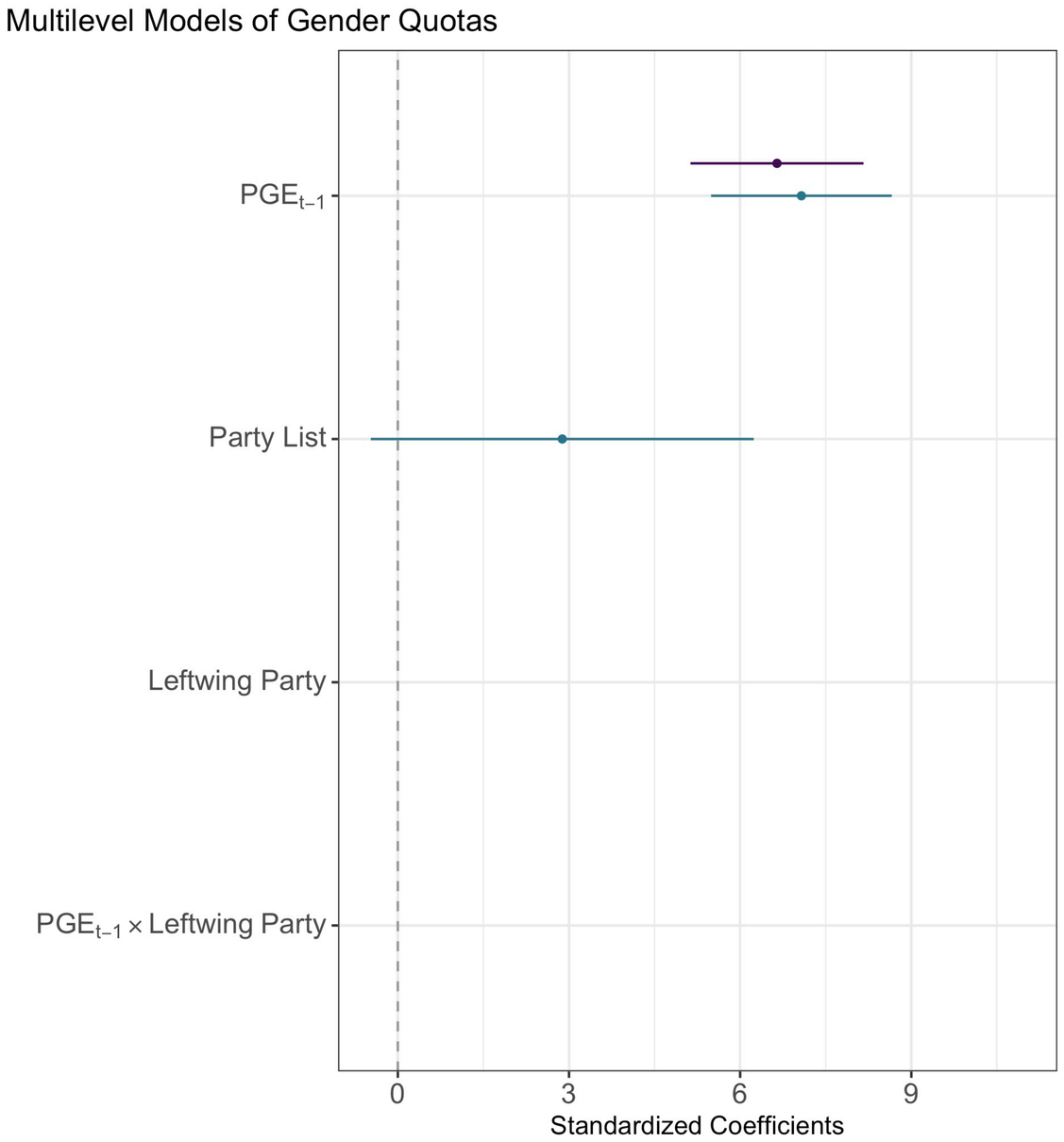

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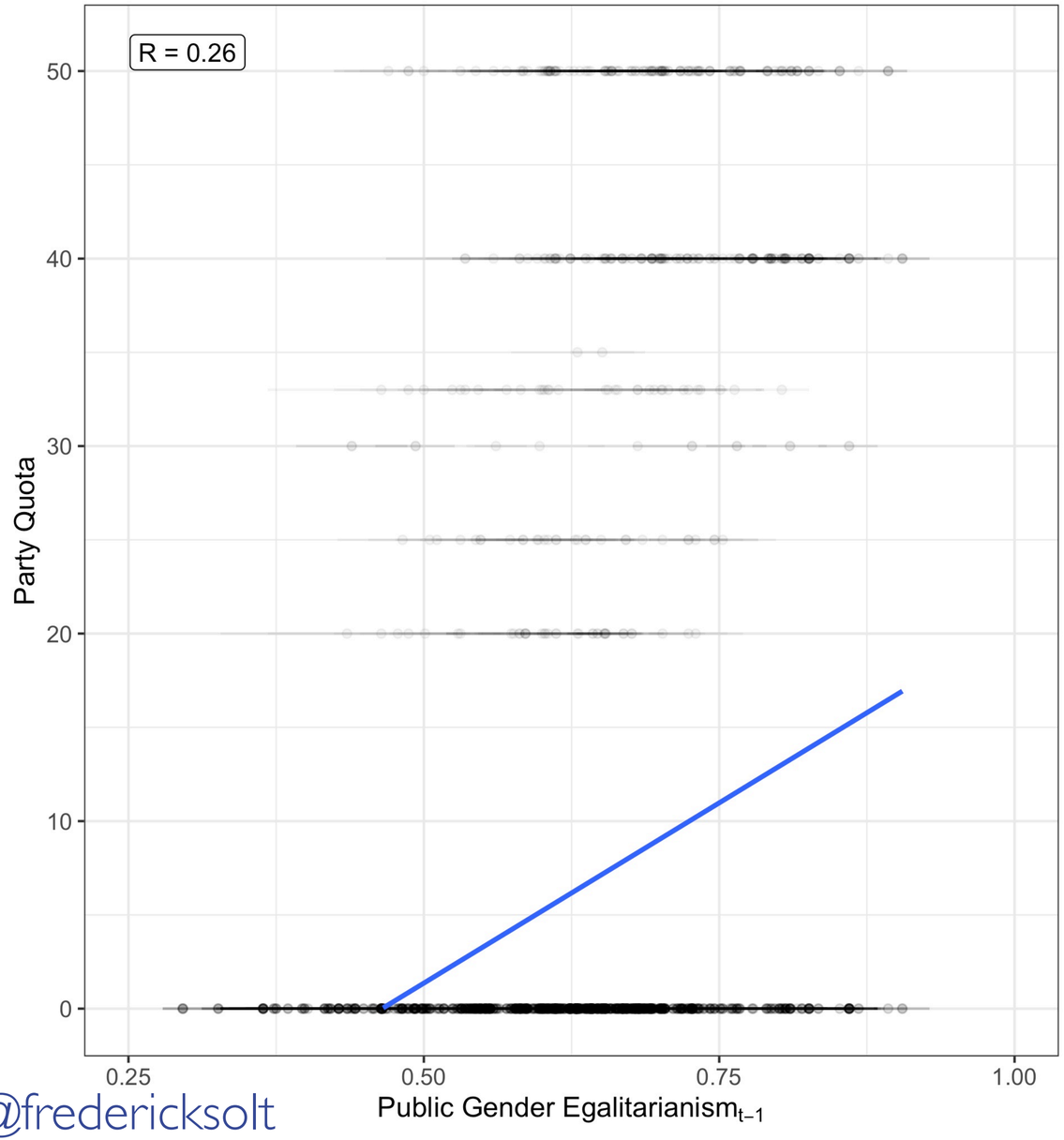

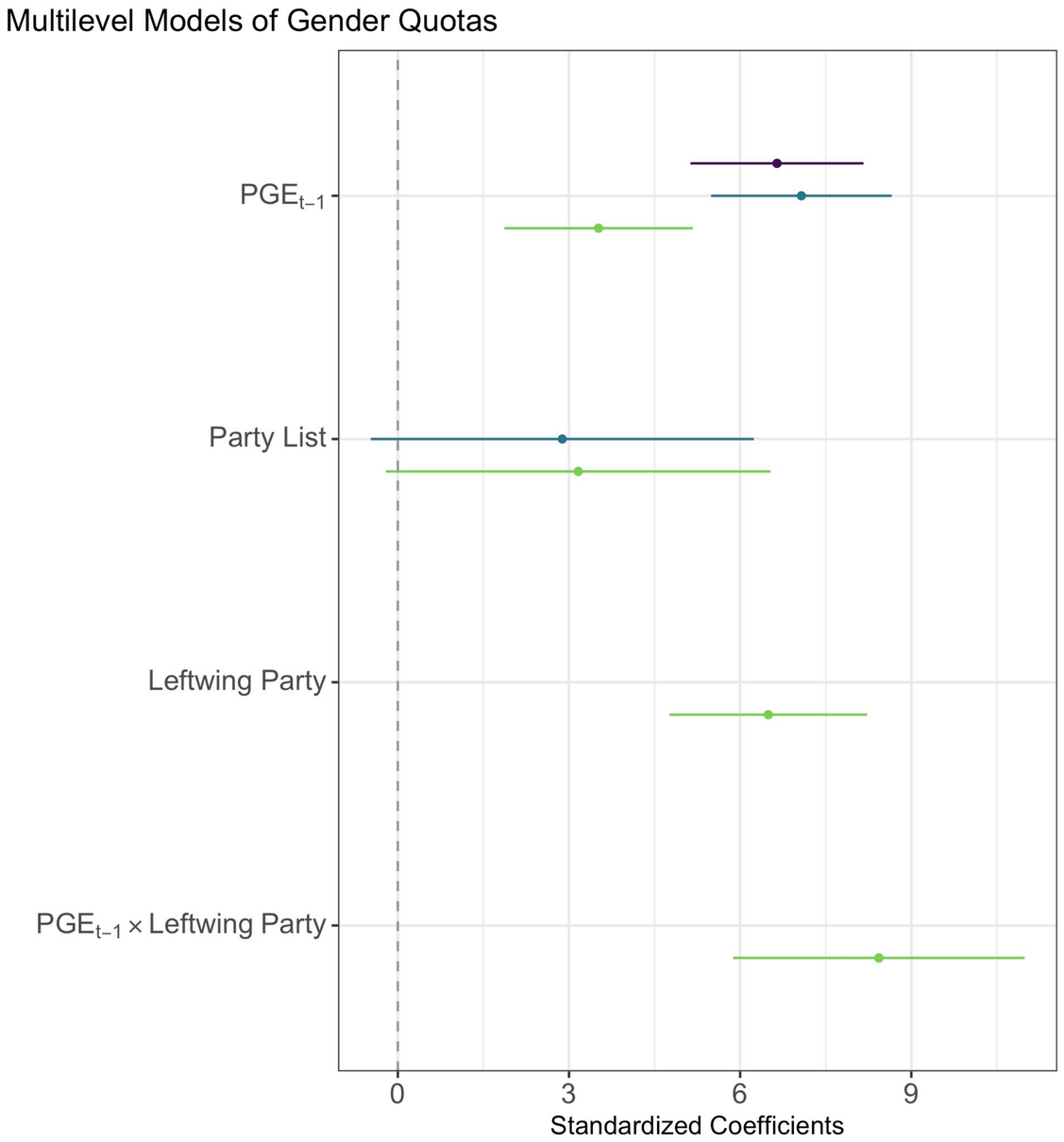

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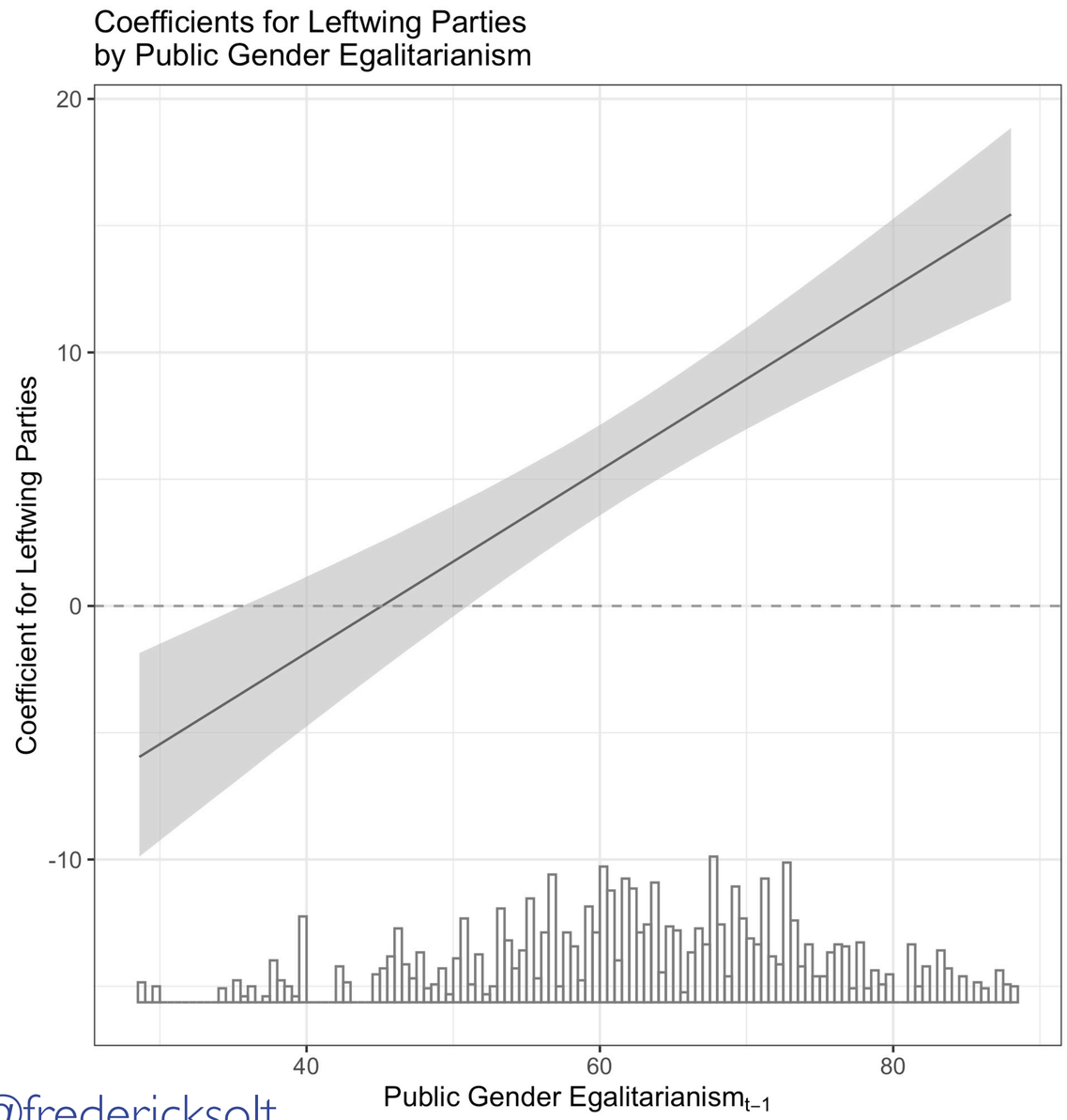

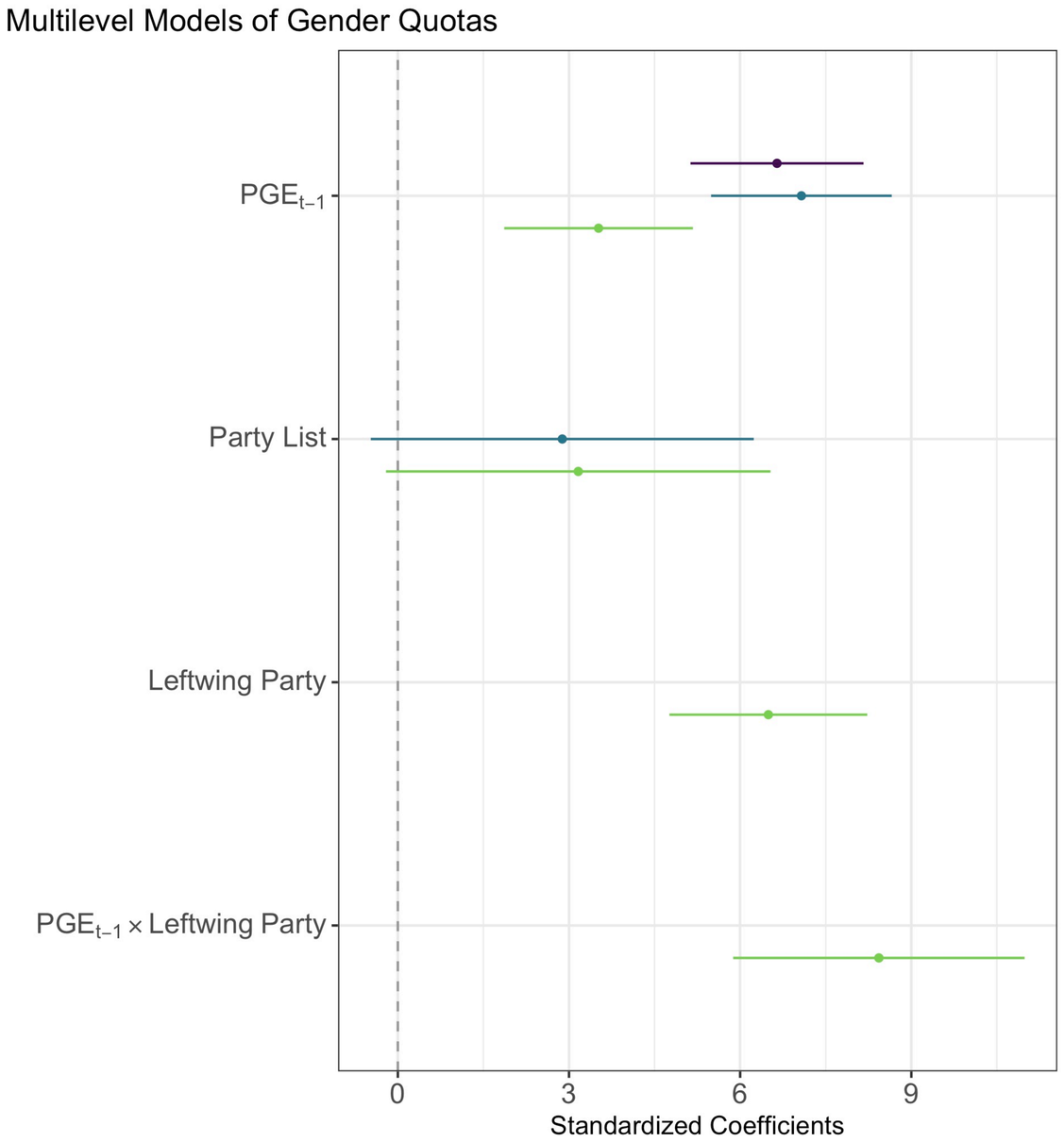

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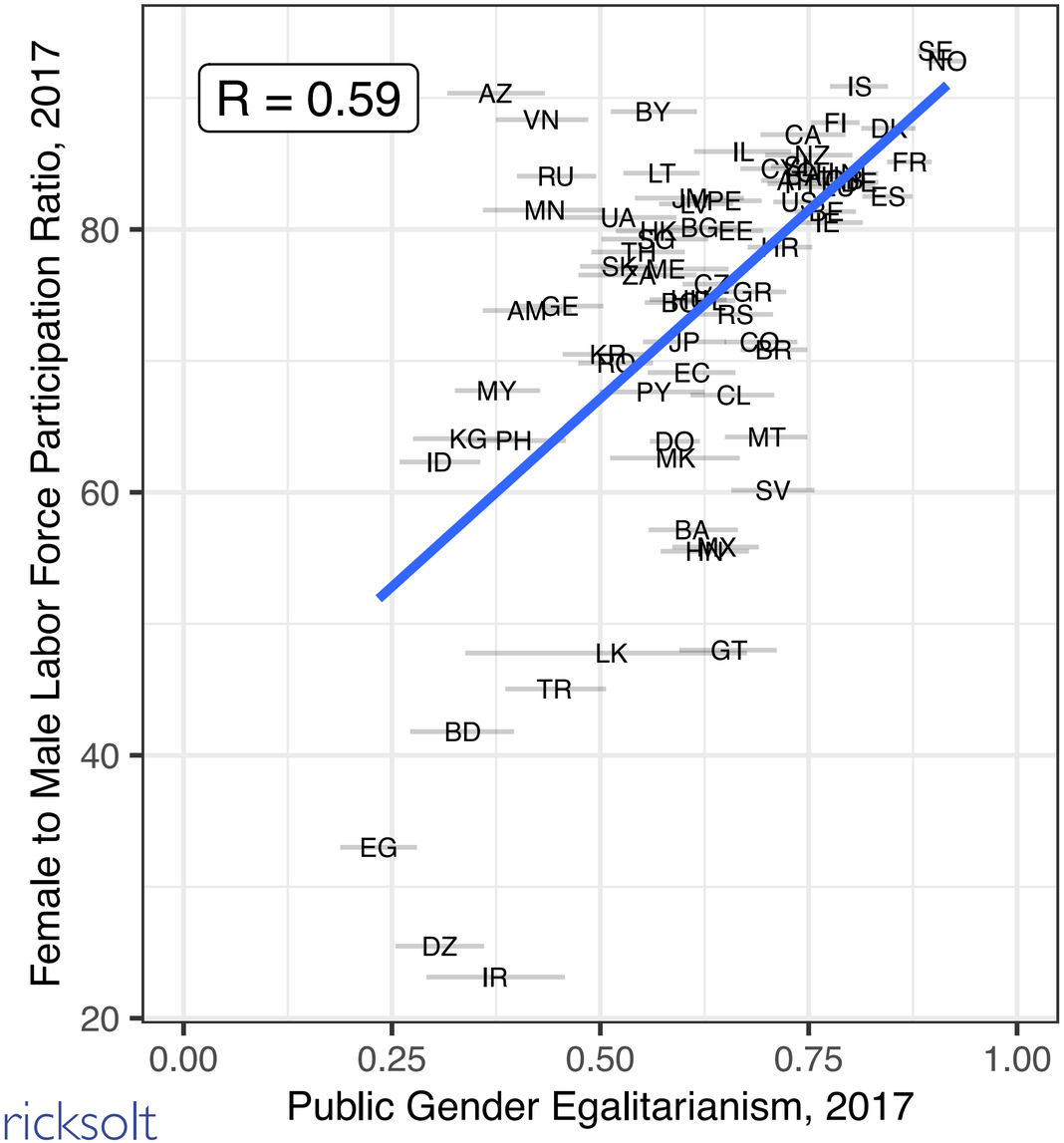

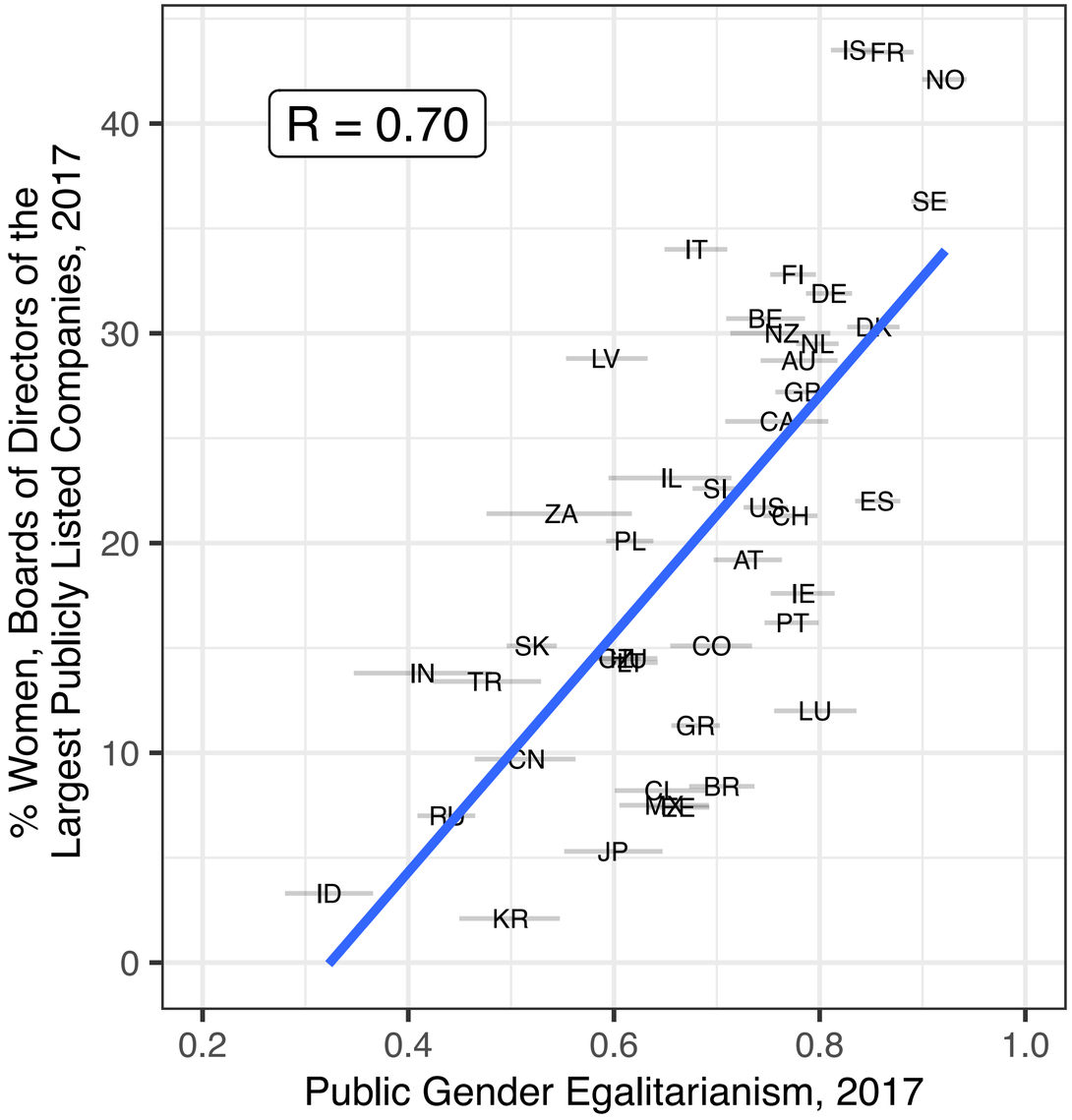

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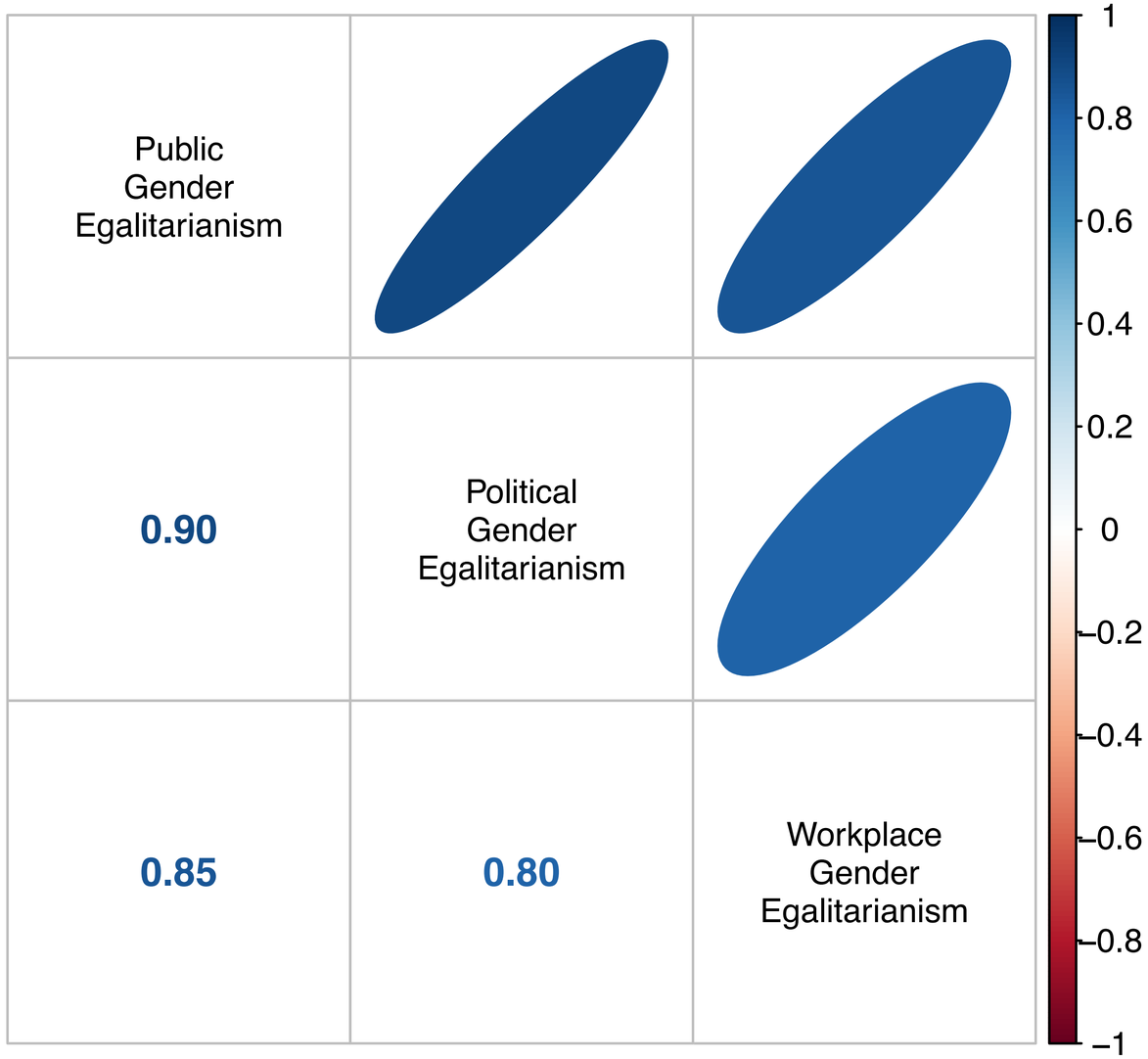

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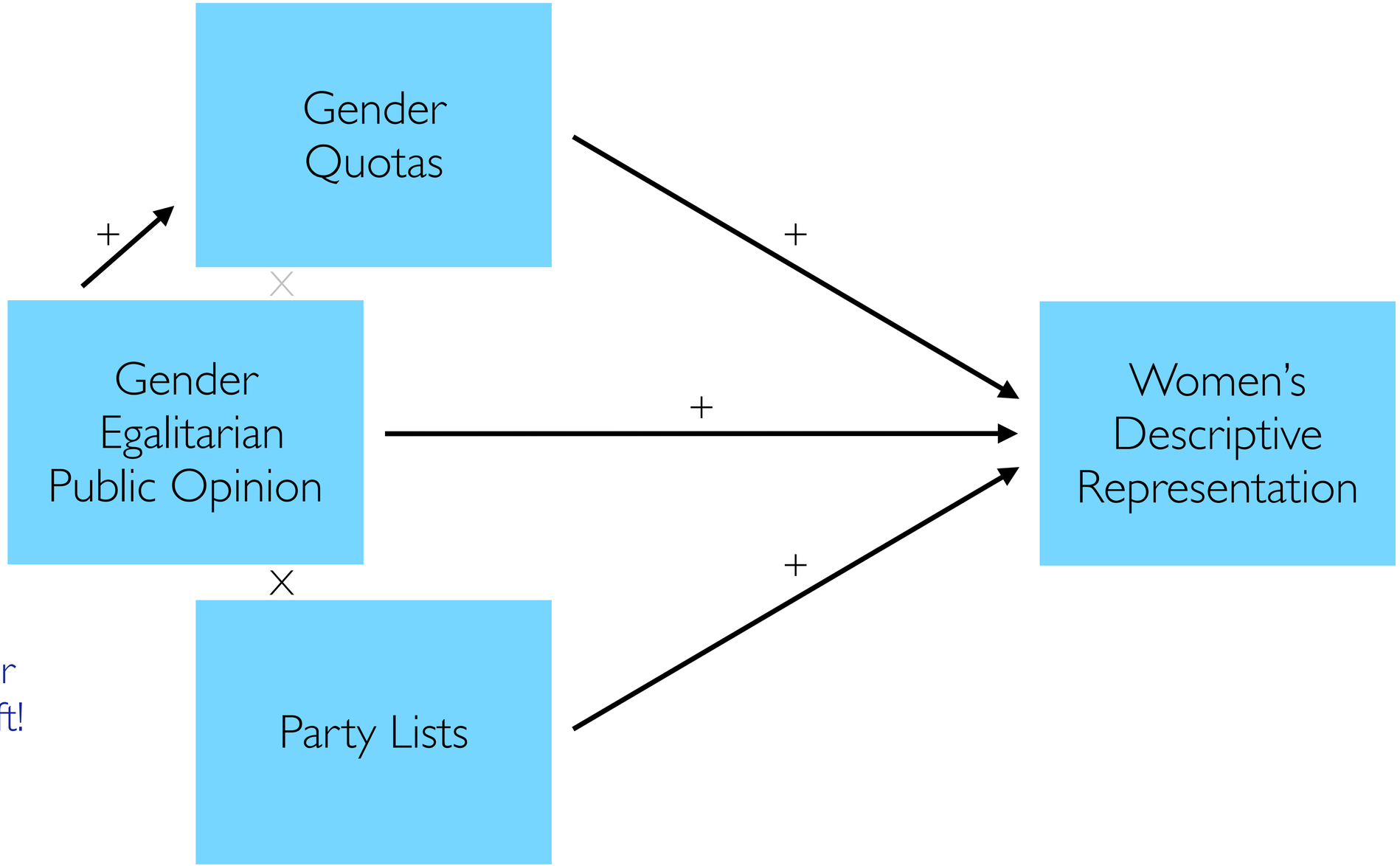

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