# Ratification

The domestic barrier to

# Alpha

Whereas the previous chapter argued that states which already possess agreements. Even states that have low levels of trade are thus more likely to adhere to previously assigned agreements if they experience substantial benefits from the agreement.

First, can leaders successfully get domestic actors to ratify and implement an agreement?

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Second, are agreements successful at bringing about the resolution of the claim?

## What does claim resolution show that other variables don’t?

Signing an agreement =/= resolution

* agreements don’t always occur
* agreements don’t always lead to resolution of claim

Doesn’t demonstrate that expansion of trade affects states that did not trade much before – but claim resolution doesn’t

Agreements – even partial – may lead to an expansion of trades

Doesn’t demonstrate that effects of trade after the fact consolidates support for an agreement

# Claim Resolution

Long term effects multiply