

Vote Selling in the United States: Introducing Support Vector Machine Methods to Analyzing Conjoint Experimental Data

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Overview

[Origins] Most theories emphasize how important fiscal development is for state consolidation. **However**, the **origins** of fiscal development are less clear.

[Measurement] Most theories provide **historical** explanations for state consolidation, **yet**, they lack of a **historical** measurement capable of capturing levels of state capacities overtime.

- I find that these two gaps represent important **theoretical** and **empirical deficits**.



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3. Earthquake death-tolls are good proxies to measure state capacities.