constant the types of problems they perceive to be most important ). The findings should be of particular interest to scholars seeking to develop more rigorous micro-foundations for the relationship between economic openness and welfare states (Hays, Ehrlich, and Peinhardt 2005; Walter 2010). Second, the state-level findings in particular have an important substan- tive implication, for they suggest that the omission of mass media in previous studies may have led to biased conclusions which over-estimate the egalitarian responsiveness of welfare states in the globalization-welfare nexus. The evidence suggests that from the standpoint of democratic values, mass media can have subtle but perverse effects on the distributive poli- tics of open economies, disempowering domestic groups from holding national policymakers accountable for the unevenly distributed costs of globalization.

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