

Replication Study

Potter & Tavits 2015

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The Impact of Campaign Finance Laws on Party Competition

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Potter and Tavits (2015) explore the relationship of campaign finance regulations and party competition. The study utilizes a comparative perspective examine to different countries campaign finance regulations. Furthermore, developing a concept of fund parity which considers the size of the political party and the availability of resources the party has. The study finds that a country's level of fund parity has the potential to go in either direction (up or down). When the fund parity variable is relatively low and limits in campaign regulations for contributions are non-existent electoral consideration becomes more about the money.

A description of the variables used:

Name	Description
cnty	Country Name
year	Year of Current Election
rulelaw	From World Bank
polity	Polity IV Score
thresh	Legal vote threshold
postenp	Effective Number of Parties (ENP) after current election
preenp	Effective Number of Parties (ENP) prior to current election
fundparity4	Metric presented in paper
fundparity 3	Alternative drops direct funding
directelig	Direct funding eligibility
demin	Year first democratic
demyear	Number of democratic years
fed	Whether or not federal
pres	Whether or not presidential
avemag	Average district magnitude
smd	Whether or not SMD system
fract	Ethnolinguistic fractionalization
donorlimit	Whether limits on donations
eligmedia	Free media eligibility
partyspend	Whether limits on spending