Minutes: Local climate policy opinion
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- Main task for the meeting: Draft Main message/theme for the paper.
- Use maps where we have data for three years: Coal exit, expansions of renewables & onshore wind plants

- Possible themes:
    o Infrastructure
    o Strong correlation with state lines
    o Urban vs. rural
    o East vs. west
    o Find an angle that works for every country? To show its international relevance
    o Polarization of opinions. East Germany decreased, big cities increasing. E.g. coal exit, protest of wind parks...

➔ Potential red thread for the paper: Geographic polarization
    o Urban rural, East west, north south -> all trends seem to polarize.

- Include the District level maps in paper?
    o Aggregation on district level maps more complex
    o Some rough fixes in the process
    o Aiming on a short paper
    -> rather not include them

- Idea of general structure:
    o Deep dive on policy (like coal) or observation (polarization)
    o Section with prediction? Election, uptake of EEV
        ▪ Election not, because it is cofounder in model
        ▪ EEV because it is not included in the model

- Figures in paper
    o Possible to create one figure that Is able to summaries all of the paper? E.g., one map that shows that people are climate sceptic? Including all dimensions?
    o Depending on the journal and format 2-6 objects can be included
    o Histogram for country level estimation to visualize spread and polarization.
    o Area characteristics: which characteristics drift apart. Some variables change quite a bit in certain places.,
    o Map of changes in which noteworthy places are highlighted.

Suggested structure:

- First section:
  o General observations, general patterns, intertemporal changes.
  o Method
  o Sketch out why Germany is interesting to review attitudes towards climate policy

- Section on polarization
  o Theoretical embedding
  o Description of data on several variables
  o similar regions are prone to polarization
  o compare it to attitudes that didn't polarize. Or even convergence?

- Explanation of variation & deep dive into polarization: On multiple Variables

- Working mode
  o Sebastian will write draft paper in next weeks.
  o Working on Onedrive/Sharepoint: Setting up the document. Link to the document will be sent out. We'll probably be able to edit simultaneously.
  o Using Zotero for citations

Next meeting: 13th June