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:
  + Infrastructure
  + Strong correlation with state lines
  + Urban vs. rural
  + East vs. west
  + Find an angle that works for every country? To show its international relevance
  + 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
  + Urban rural, East west, north south -> all trends seem to polarize.
* Include the District level maps in paper?
  + Aggregation on district level maps more complex
  + Some rough fixes in the process
  + Aiming on a short paper

-> rather not include them

* Idea of general structure:
  + Deep dive on policy (like coal) or observation (polarization)
  + 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
  + 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?
  + Depending on the journal and format 2-6 objects can be included
  + Histogram for country level estimation to visualize spread and polarization.
  + Area characteristics: which characteristics drift apart. Some variables change quite a bit in certain places.,
  + Map of changes in which noteworthy places are highlighted.

Suggested structure:

* First section:
* General observations, general patterns, intertemporal changes.
* Method
* Sketch out why Germany is interesting to review attitudes towards climate policy
* Section on polarization
* Theoretical embedding
* Description of data on several variables
* similar regions are prone to polarization
* compare it to attitudes that didn’t polarize. Or even convergence?
* Explanation of variation & deep dive into polarization: On multiple Variables
* Working mode
  + Sebastian will write draft paper in next weeks.
  + Working on Onedrive/Sharepoint: Setting up the document. Link to the document will be sent out. We’ll probably be able to edit simultaneously.
  + Using Zotero for citations

Next meeting: 13th June