

# Summary of “Presidential Influence in an Era of Congressional Dominance”

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  - Compares periods of unified vs. divided government to look for presidential influence
  - Key findings:
    - copartisans received more post offices
    - especially in times of divided government
    - especially in swing states

# Takeaways

- Politicians favor copartisans
- Political elites can influence the bureaucracy
- Powers of particular institutions can influence distribution of goods
- These powers can change over time



# Thanks!

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