

When Payouts Pay Off: Conditional Cash Transfers and Voting Behavior in Brazil 2002-2010

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 - It seems unlikely – no "party effects".

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