Pre-Analysis Plan Discussion

"Tying their own hands: why politicians vote on bills that increase control against themselves?" by Fernando Mello

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Candidate 1	*Candidate 2*
The candidate is from Hoima.	The candidate is from Soroti.
He has a master's degree in African development.	He has a university degree in tourism.
Before running for president, he was an LC-I [village chief]. While he was LC-I, he paved the community's major road.	Before running for president, he was a member of parliament.
If elected president he promises to create new jobs.	If elected president he promises to improve government health care.

FIGURE 2
VOTING SIMULATION SAMPLE CANDIDATE PAIRING[a]

Figure 1: Example of conjoint experiment from Carlson, Elizabeth. Ethnic Voting and Accountability in Africa: A Choice Experiment in Uganda. *World Politics* 67, no. 2 (May 4, 2015): 353–85.

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