¹ Have federal agencies become more partisan over time?

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Abstract

One or two sentences providing a **basic introduction** to the field, comprehensible to a scientist in any discipline.

Two to three sentences of **more detailed background**, comprehensible to scientists in related disciplines.

One sentence clearly stating the **general problem** being addressed by this particular study.

One sentence summarizing the main result (with the words "**here we show**" or their equivalent).

Two or three sentences explaining what the **main result** reveals in direct comparison to what was thought to be the case previously, or how the main result adds to previous knowledge.

One or two sentences to put the results into a more **general context**.

Two or three sentences to provide a **broader perspective**, readily comprehensible to a scientist in any discipline.

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28   **Methods**

29   I will gather data from 40 rules issued by financial agencies, including but not limited

30 to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the Treasury Department, and the Office of

31 the Comptroller of the Currency. I focus on public comments issued by members of

32 Congress and focus on whether their demands were ultimately fulfilled in the final rule.

33 The research design additionally combines data from a previous study conducted by

34 Jennifer L. Selin, who determined an estimate of the level of structural independence for

35 several agencies during the Obama administration. My study will also include rules during

36 the subsequent Trump administration, wherein the Senate majority switched to the

37 Republican party. I will compare and contrast rules from both eras to determine if

38 influence from political parties have grown over time, including determining if there is an

39 increased presence of politicians commenting on policies. I will also use textual analysis in

40 addition to the hand coding to see if elected officials use more partisan rhetoric over time.

41 In this study, "partisan rhetoric" refers to an individual making positive assertions about

42 their own party or negative assertions about the opposing party. I will also examine

43 whether the demands of elected officials that are the same party as the President are

44 increasingly met over those of the opposing party.

Participants

Material

Procedure

Data analysis

We used R [Version 4.1.2; R Core Team (2021)] and the R-package *papaja* [Version 0.1.0.9997; Aust and Barth (2020)] for all our analyses.

Results

install.packages('gsheet') library(gsheet)

gsheet2tbl('https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/

1HBjG32qWVdf9YxfGPEJhNmSw65Z9XzPhHdDbLnc3mYc/edit?usp=sharing')

install.packages("googlesheets4") library(googlesheets4) congress_data <-

read_sheet("https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/

1HBjG32qWVdf9YxfGPEJhNmSw65Z9XzPhHdDbLnc3mYc/edit?usp=sharing")

congress_data[!(is.na(congress_data$success)$|$congress_data$success$=="$ "),] # select

variables v1, v2, v3 myvars <- c("docket_id,""submitter_name," "position," "success")

newdata <- congress_data[myvars] clean_congress <-

newdata[!(is.na(newdata$success)$|$newdata$success$=="$ "),]

library(stringr) library(dplyr) financial_rules <- c("CFPB," "OCC," "IRS")

cfpbSubset <- clean_congress[grep("CFPB," clean_congress\$docket_id),] cfpbSubset

congresult <- filter(clean_congress, grepl(paste(financial_rules, collapse="|"),

docket_id)) congresult

summary(cfpbSubset)

67   **Discussion**

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