Codebook for:

The Roach to Reelection is Paved with Good Intentions

Experiments on the Role of Outcomes and Intentions in Voting Behavior

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Overview:

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Experiment1Data.dta

Decisions made by participants in Experiment 1, presented in the main text of the paper. Data are in a wide format.

gamblechoice The choice respondent makes on the Eckel-Grossman risk task.

age The age of the respondent in years.

gender The gender of the respondent.

race The race of the respondent.

income The income of the respondent.

party The respondent's partisan identification.

ideology The respondent's ideology.

Comp1-Comp4 Whether the respondent answered "true" (1) or "false" (0) to each comprehension question.

PolicyAVote Whether the respondent would vote for the incumbent or the challenger if Policy A is enacted.

PolicyBVote Whether the respondent would vote for the incumbent or the challenger if Policy B is enacted.

noise The probability the decision the incumbent *did not* choose was enacted (0%, 20%, or 40%).

challenger The number of tokens voters receive if the challenger is elected (42 or 46).

intention Whether the incumbent's choice was enacted with certainty (-99), the incumbent's intentions were unknown (0) or their intentions were known (1).

incumbentChoice Whether the incumbent chose Policy A or Policy B (string variable).

incumbentChoiceBinary Whether the incumbent chose Policy A (1) or Policy B (2) (byte variable).

stage1outcome The policy implemented in Stage 1 of the game.

stage1payoff The payoff respondents receive from Stage 1 of the game.

Experiment2Data.dta

Decisions made by participants in Experiment 2, presented in the main text of the paper. Data are in a wide format.

gamblechoice The choice respondent makes on the Eckel-Grossman risk task.

age The age of the respondent in years.

gender The gender of the respondent.

race The race of the respondent.

income The income of the respondent.

party The respondent's partisan identification.

ideology The respondent's ideology.

Comp1-Comp4 Whether the respondent answered "true" (1) or "false" (2) to each comprehension question.

PolicyAVote Whether the respondent would vote for the incumbent (1) or the challenger (2) if Policy A is enacted (certain and unknown intentions conditions).

PolicyBVote Whether the respondent would vote for the incumbent (1) or the challenger (2) if Policy B is enacted (certain and unknown intentions conditions).

PolicyAAVote Whether the respondent would vote for the incumbent (1) or the challenger (2) if the incumbent chose Policy A and Policy A is enacted.

PolicyBAVote Whether the respondent would vote for the incumbent (1) or the challenger (2) if the incumbent chose Policy B and Policy A is enacted.

PolicyABVote Whether the respondent would vote for the incumbent (1) or the challenger (2) if the incumbent chose Policy A and Policy B is enacted.

PolicyBBVote Whether the respondent would vote for the incumbent (1) or the challenger (2) if the incumbent chose Policy B and Policy B is enacted.

noise The probability the decision the incumbent *did not* choose was enacted (0% or 40%).

intention Whether the incumbent's choice was enacted with certainty (-99), the incumbent's intentions were unknown (0) or their intentions were known (1).

Experiment3Data.dta

Decisions made by participants in Experiment 3, presented in the main text of the paper. Data are in a wide format.

gamblechoice The choice respondent makes on the Eckel-Grossman risk task.

age The age of the respondent in years.

gender The gender of the respondent.

race The race of the respondent.

income The income of the respondent.

party The respondent's partisan identification.

ideology The respondent's ideology.

Comp1-Comp4 Whether the respondent answered "true" (1) or "false" (2) to each comprehension question.

PolicyAVote Whether the respondent would vote for the incumbent (1) or the challenger (2) if Policy A is enacted (certain and unknown intentions conditions).

PolicyBVote Whether the respondent would vote for the incumbent (1) or the challenger (2) if Policy B is enacted (certain and unknown intentions conditions).

AAIntentionVote Whether the respondent would vote for the incumbent (1) or the challenger (2) if the incumbent chose Policy A and Policy A is enacted.

BAIntentionVote Whether the respondent would vote for the incumbent (1) or the challenger (2) if the incumbent chose Policy B and Policy A is enacted.

ABIntentionVote Whether the respondent would vote for the incumbent (1) or the challenger (2) if the incumbent chose Policy A and Policy B is enacted.

BBIntentionVote Whether the respondent would vote for the incumbent (1) or the challenger (2) if the incumbent chose Policy B and Policy B is enacted.

noise The probability the decision the incumbent *did not* choose was enacted (0% or 40%).

intention Whether the incumbent's choice was enacted with certainty (-99), the incumbent's intentions were unknown (0) or their intentions were known (1).

incumbentOutgroup Whether the incumbent is a member of the ingroup (0) or outgroup (1).

challengerOutgroup Whether the challenger is a member of the ingroup (0) or outgroup (1).

Experiment4Data.dta

Decisions made by participants in Experiment 4, presented in Appendix H. Data are in a wide format.

gamblechoice The choice respondent makes on the Eckel-Grossman risk task.

age The age of the respondent in years.

gender The gender of the respondent.

race The race of the respondent.

income The income of the respondent.

party The respondent's partisan identification.

ideology The respondent's ideology.

PolicyAVote Whether the respondent would vote for the incumbent (1) or the challenger (2) if Policy A is enacted (certain and unknown intentions conditions).

PolicyBVote Whether the respondent would vote for the incumbent (1) or the challenger (2) if Policy B is enacted (certain and unknown intentions conditions).

VoteIntentionAA Whether the respondent would vote for the incumbent (1) or the challenger (2) if the incumbent chose Policy A and Policy A is enacted.

VoteIntentionBA Whether the respondent would vote for the incumbent (1) or the challenger (2) if the incumbent chose Policy B and Policy A is enacted.

VoteIntentionAB Whether the respondent would vote for the incumbent (1) or the challenger (2) if the incumbent chose Policy A and Policy B is enacted.

VoteIntentionBB Whether the respondent would vote for the incumbent (1) or the challenger (2) if the incumbent chose Policy B and Policy B is enacted.

noise The probability the decision the incumbent *did not* choose was enacted (0% or 40%).

intention Whether the incumbent's choice was enacted with certainty (-99), the incumbent's intentions were unknown (0) or their intentions were known (1).

knowIncumbentPolicy Whether the payoff to the incumbent is unknown (0), the incumbent is indifferent between Policy A and Policy B (1), or the incumbent has to sacrifice to implement the better Policy A (2).

Experiment5Data.dta

Decisions made by participants in Experiment 4, presented in Appendix I. Data are in a wide format.

gamblechoice The choice respondent makes on the Eckel-Grossman risk task.

age The age of the respondent in years.

gender The gender of the respondent.

race The race of the respondent.

income The income of the respondent.

party The respondent's partisan identification.

ideology The respondent's ideology.

PolicyAVote Whether the respondent would vote for the incumbent (1) or the challenger (2) if Policy A is enacted (certain and unknown intentions conditions).

PolicyBVote Whether the respondent would vote for the incumbent (1) or the challenger (2) if Policy B is enacted (certain and unknown intentions conditions).

VoteIntentionAA Whether the respondent would vote for the incumbent (1) or the challenger (2) if the incumbent chose Policy A and Policy A is enacted.

VoteIntentionBA Whether the respondent would vote for the incumbent (1) or the challenger (2) if the incumbent chose Policy B and Policy A is enacted.

VoteIntentionAB Whether the respondent would vote for the incumbent (1) or the challenger (2) if the incumbent chose Policy A and Policy B is enacted.

VoteIntentionBB Whether the respondent would vote for the incumbent (1) or the challenger (2) if the incumbent chose Policy B and Policy B is enacted.

noise The probability the decision the incumbent *did not* choose was enacted (0% or 40%).

intention Whether the incumbent's choice was enacted with certainty (-99), the incumbent's intentions were unknown (0) or their intentions were known (1).

knowIncumbentPolicy Whether the payoff to the incumbent is unknown (0), the incumbent is indifferent between Policy A and Policy B (1), or the incumbent has to sacrifice to implement the better Policy A (2).

Incumbent Data

Files include: Experiment1Incumbent.dta, Experiment2Incumbent.dta, & Experiment3Incumbent.dta

Each file contains decisions made by incumbents used in Experiments 1-3. Coding of all variables is the same in each file.

policychoice The policy chosen by the incumbent.

noise The probability the decision the incumbent *did not* choose was enacted (0%, 20%, or 40%).

incumbentPayoffA The number of tokens the incumbent received if Policy A was enacted (25 or 50 tokens).

incumbentPayoffB The number of tokens the incumbent received if Policy B was enacted (25 or 50 tokens).

chooseA Whether the incumbent chose Policy A (1) or not (0).