1. Analysis of Renomination Competitiveness (list candidates)

Files

name of do-file: an_list_replication.do
name of data set: data_list.dta

Observations

The data set includes all German Bundestag MPs (2009-2013) who sought re-election in the list-tier at the federal election of 2013.

Variables:

Kandidaten_Vorname
- description: first name of MP
- coding: [string]
- source: provided by the German Federal Election Office ("Bundeswahlleiter")

Kandidaten_Nachname
- description: last name of MP
- coding: [string]
- source: provided by the German Federal Election Office ("Bundeswahlleiter")

partei_string
- description: party membership of MP
- coding: [string]
- source: provided by the German Federal Election Office ("Bundeswahlleiter")

party
- description: party membership of MP
- coding:
  - 2 "The Left"
  - 3 "FDP"
  - 4 "Grüne"
  - 5 "SPD"
  - 6 "CDU/CSU"
- source: coded from *partei_string*

land
- description: state party list on which MP was placed
- coding:
  - 1 Baden-Württemberg

2 Bayern
3 Berlin
4 Brandenburg
5 Bremen
6 Hamburg
7 Hessen
8 Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
9 Niedersachsen
10 Nordrhein-Westfalen
11 Rheinland-Pfalz
12 Saarland
13 Sachsen
14 Sachsen-Anhalt
15 Schleswig-Holstein
16 Thüringen

source: provided by the German Federal Election Office ("Bundeswahlleiter")

government_B

description: MP part of government coalition

coding: 0 Opposition MPs
1 Government MPs
Opposition: SPD / Greens / The Left; Government: CDU/CSU / FDP

source: coded from *party*

platz_2009

description: position of MP on her party's state list at the 2009 election

coding: [continuous]

source: provided by the German Federal Election Office ("Bundeswahlleiter")

platz_2013

description: position of MP on her party's state list at the 2013 election

coding: [continuous]

source: provided by the German Federal Election Office ("Bundeswahlleiter")

list_length_2009

description: length of the state party list on which MP was placed at the 2009 election

coding: [continuous]

source: determined from data provided by the German Federal Election Office ("Bundeswahlleiter")

list_length_2013

description: length of the state party list on which MP was placed at the 2013 election
coding: [continuous]
source: determined from data provided by the German Federal Election Office ("Bundeswahlleiter")

list_relPos_2009
description: relative position of MP on her party's state list at the 2009 election
coding: [continuous]
source: *platz2009/list_length_2009*

list_relPos_2013
description: relative position of MP on her party's state list at the 2013 election
coding: [continuous]
source: *platz2013/list_length_2013*

listChange_relativ_cat
description: change of MPs' relative list position
coding:
1 MP deteriorated in terms of relative list position
2 MP remained the same in terms of relative list position
3 MP improved in terms of relative list position
source: determined by comparing *list_relPos_2009* and *list_relPos_2013*

list_only_2009
description: Did the MP run only in the list tier in 2009?
coding:
0 No
1 Yes
source: determined from data provided by the German Federal Election Office ("Bundeswahlleiter")

list_only_2013
description: Did the MP run only in the list tier in 2013?
coding:
0 No
1 Yes
source: determined from data provided by the German Federal Election Office ("Bundeswahlleiter")

ts_raw
description: MP's position on a general left-right policy scale (raw score)
coding: [continuous]
source: MP's speeches during the legislative period 2009-2013 were collected and used to generated textscores. These were calculated using the Wordscores technique (Laver et al. 2003) as implemented in the quantenda package (http://kbenoit.github.io/quanteda/); speeches of the parliamentary party group leaders were used as

reference texts; reference scores were taken from the 2010 Chapel Hill expert survey (Bakker et al. 2015).

ts_raw_se

description: standard deviation of MP's position on a general left-right policy scale (raw score)

coding: [continuous]

source: standard deviation of *ts_raw*

ts_lbg

description: MP's position on a general left-right policy scale (score transformed according to the method in Laver et al. (2003))

coding: [continuous]

source: MP's speeches during the legislative period 2009-2013 were collected and used to generated textscores. These were calculated using the Wordscores technique (Laver et al. 2003) as implemented in the quantenda package (http://kbenoit.github.io/quanteda/); speeches of the parliamentary party group leaders were used as reference texts; reference scores were taken from the 2010 Chapel Hill expert survey (Bakker et al. 2015).

ts_mv

description: MP's position on a general left-right policy scale (score transformed according to the method in Martin and Vanberg (2008a))

coding: [continuous]

source: MP's speeches during the legislative period 2009-2013 were collected and used to generated textscores. These were calculated using the Wordscores technique (Laver et al. 2003) as implemented in the quantenda package (http://kbenoit.github.io/quanteda/); speeches of the parliamentary party group leaders were used as reference texts; reference scores were taken from the 2010 Chapel Hill expert survey (Bakker et al. 2015).

ts_raw_r1

description: MP's position on a general left-right policy scale (raw score)

coding: [continuous]

source: MP's speeches during the legislative period 2009-2013 were collected and used to generated textscores. These were calculated using the Wordscores technique (Laver et al. 2003) as implemented in the quantenda package (http://kbenoit.github.io/quanteda/); the speeches of the two most extreme parliamentary party group leaders were used as reference texts; reference scores were 0 and 1.

ts_raw_se_r1

description: standard deviation of MP's position on a general left-right policy scale (raw score)

coding: [continuous]
source: standard deviation of *ts_raw_r1*

deviation_bdmts_raw
description: deviation of MP's position on a general left-right policy scale (raw score) from the mean position of their party group
coding: [continuous]
source: absolute value of (*ts_raw* – mean of *ts_raw*)

deviation_bdm_sqts_raw
description: squared deviation of MP's position on a general left-right policy scale (raw score) from the mean position of their party group * 10
coding: [continuous]
source: *deviation_bdmts_raw * deviation_bdmts_raw* * 10

deviation_bdmts_lbg
description: deviation of MP's position on a general left-right policy scale (score transformed according to the method in Laver et al. (2003)) from the mean position of their party group
coding: [continuous]
source: absolute value of (*ts_lbg* – mean of *ts_lbg*)

deviation_bdm_sqts_lbg
description: squared deviation of MP's position on a general left-right policy scale (score transformed according to the method in Laver et al. (2003)) from the mean position of their party group
coding: [continuous]
source: *deviation_bdmts_lbg * deviation_bdmts_lbg*

deviation_bdmts_mv
description: deviation of MP's position on a general left-right policy scale (Martin and Vanberg (2008a)) from the mean position of their party group
coding: [continuous]
source: absolute value of (*ts_mv* – mean of *ts_mv*)

deviation_bdm_sqts_mv
description: squared deviation of MP's position on a general left-right policy scale (Martin and Vanberg (2008a)) from the mean position of their party group
coding: [continuous]
source: *deviation_bdmts_mv * deviation_bdmts_mv*

deviation_bdmts_raw_r1

Codebook

description: deviation of MP's position on a general left-right policy scale (raw score) from the mean position of their party group coding [continuous]
source: absolute value of (*ts_raw_r1* – mean of *ts_raw_r1*)

deviation_bdm_sqts_raw_r1
description: squared deviation of MP's position on a general left-right policy scale (raw score) from the mean position of their party group
coding: [continuous]
source: *deviation_bdmts_raw_r1 * deviation_bdmts_raw_r1*

rookie
description: indicates whether the legislative term 2009-2013 was an MP's first term
coding: 0 No
1 Yes
source: determined from data available on www.bundestag.de

female
description: gender of MP
coding: 0 male
1 female
source: provided by the German Federal Election Office ("Bundeswahlleiter")

AusschussVors
description: Did MP hold a committee chair in the legislative period 2009-2013?
coding: 0 No
1 Yes
source: determined from data available on www.bundestag.de

age
description:
coding: [continuous]
source: provided by the German Federal Election Office ("Bundeswahlleiter")

east
description: geographic location of state party list on which MP was placed
coding: 0 West Germany
1 East Germany
source: provided by the German Federal Election Office ("Bundeswahlleiter")

seatshare
description: seat share of MP's parliamentary party group

coding: [quasi-continous]
source: determined from data available on www.bundestag.de

2. Analysis of Renomination Competitiveness (district candidates)

Files

name of do-file: an_districts_replication.do
name of data set: data_districts.dta

Observations

The data set includes all German Bundestag MPs form CDU/CSU, SPD and the Left (2009-2013) who sought re-election in the district-tier at the federal election of 2013.

Additional variables:

party_d
description: party membership of MP
coding: 1 "CDU/CSU"
3 "The Left"
4 "SPD"
source: coded from *partei_string*

union
description: MP member of CDU/CSU?
coding: 0 No
1 Yes
source: coded from *partei_string*; equivalent of *government_B*

intraparty_compet_B
description: indicates whether MP had at least one challenger in her quest for district renomination
coding: 0 No
1 Yes
source: coded based on extensive research on local party websites and local newspapers

Wahlkreisnummer_2013
description: number of district that MP sought renomination
coding: [continuous]
source: provided by the German Federal Election Office ("Bundeswahlleiter")

alq_2012

description:	unemployment rate in district in which MP sought renomination
coding:	[continuous]
source:	2013 structural data on constituencies ("Strukturdaten"), available online from the German Federal Election Office ("Bundeswahlleiter")

diff_firstsecond

description:	difference in the share of votes that party received in the list and district tier in the district in which MP sought renomination in the federal election of 2009
coding:	[continuous]
source:	2009 Bundestag election results, available online from the German Federal Election Office ("Bundeswahlleiter")