Table 1: Explaining the Way Political Elites Focus on Trade

Dependent variable:	**Model 1** Focus on Trade Overall	**Model 2** Focus on Free Trade	**Model 3** Focus on Protectionism	**Model 4** Focus on Trade Overall	**Model 5** Focus on Free Trade	**Model 6** Focus on Protectionism
Overall trade (percent of GDP)	-0.11	-0.13**	0.14**	-0.02	-0.09	0.14
	(0.10)	(0.06)	(0.06)	(0.21)	(0.11)	(0.11)
Trade surplus × complexity	-0.39	0.34**	—	-0.38	0.41**	—
	(0.26)	(0.14)		(0.29)	(0.17)	
Trade deficit × complexity	—	—	0.31**	—	—	0.42**
			(0.14)			(0.17)
Trade surplus (percent of GDP)	0.91*	-0.22	—	1.27**	-0.13	—
	(0.51)	(0.22)		(0.58)	(0.22)	
Trade deficit (percent of GDP)	—	—	-0.15	—	—	-0.25
			(0.21)			(0.23)
Trade policy complexity	-0.01	0.10**	-0.11**	0.03	0.09**	-0.13**
	(0.06)	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.05)	(0.03)	(0.03)
Party left-to-right ideology	-0.01	0.04**	-0.06**	-0.03	0.05**	-0.07**
	(0.03)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.03)	(0.01)	(0.02)
European Union state	-0.21**	0.03	0.04	0.01	-0.09*	0.16**
	(0.07)	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.11)	(0.05)	(0.06)
GDP (ln)	-0.00	-0.02**	0.02**	-0.08	-0.00	0.01
	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.05)	(0.02)	(0.02)
Percent of manifesto focused on trade	—	0.27**	0.66**	—	0.28**	0.67**
		(0.03)	(0.04)		(0.09)	(0.10)
Lagged dependent variable	0.38**	0.30**	0.13**	0.24**	0.29**	0.12**
	(0.11)	(0.09)	(0.05)	(0.06)	(0.08)	(0.03)
Constant	0.66**	-0.08	0.07	2.14**	-0.07	-0.20
	(0.28)	(0.12)	(0.11)	(0.72)	(0.38)	(0.36)
Observations	2602	2602	2602	2602	2602	2602
R^2	0.15	0.40	0.71	0.20	0.42	0.73
Chi-squared	131.67	321.32	2424.92	1088.12	1230.16	3890.01

Panel-corrected standard errors are reported in parentheses in Models 1 through 3.
Models 4 through 6 include country fixed effects, and robust standard errors are reported in parentheses.
* $p < .10$, ** $p < .05$