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ONLINE APPENDIX

Table A1. State of the Union ECMs by Major Topic, 1951-2003

	1 - Econ	2 - Civil	3 - Health	4 - Agric	5 - Labor	6 - Educ	7 - Envir	8 - Energy
Δ OPINION _t	-0.064 (0.281)	-0.156 (0.256)	0.515 (0.448)	4.435* (1.916)	-1.001 (1.496)	6.476** (1.77)	3.407** (1.195)	0.628 (0.63)
OPINION _{t-1}	0.269 (0.169)	-0.140 (0.209)	0.972* (0.437)	2.274 (2.319)	1.826 (2.017)	4.014*** (0.98)	0.249 (1.022)	2.759*** (0.617)
AGENDA _{t-1}	-0.799*** (0.139)	-0.991*** (0.146)	-0.852*** (0.142)	-0.884*** (0.146)	-0.810*** (0.138)	-0.991*** (0.154)	-1.072*** (0.136)	-0.952*** (0.129)
PARTY _t	4.772 (6.149)	1.140 (3.951)	-8.397 (5.122)	1.814 (3.127)	-4.277 (2.752)	-0.956 (3.363)	-0.339 (2.219)	5.658 (3.995)
Constant	20.532* (7.734)	10.309* (4.122)	12.642** (4.658)	3.424 (2.449)	9.160** (3.355)	5.182† (3.052)	5.591** (1.798)	-1.776 (3.24)
Adj. R ²	0.376	0.456	0.404	0.445	0.408	0.459	0.575	0.511
Bgodfrey	1.038	1.008	1.931	0.093	3.415†	3.697†	1.136	3.496†

	10 - Trans	12 - Law	13 - Social	14 - House	18 - Trade	20 - Gov't	21 - Lands	16/19 - For
Δ OPINION _t	14.760 (35.44)	1.312** (0.452)	1.860† (1.043)	3.028 (6.215)	-1.080 (1.751)	-0.617 (1.403)	-34.261 (52.008)	-1.191 (0.823)
OPINION _{t-1}	47.080 (49.621)	1.235*** (0.325)	1.321* (0.618)	1.808 (7.851)	0.600 (1.897)	0.247 (1.088)	15.206 (67.079)	0.904 (0.62)
AGENDA _{t-1}	-1.030*** (0.145)	-0.967*** (0.146)	-0.870*** (0.144)	-1.006*** (0.146)	-0.779*** (0.142)	-0.907*** (0.146)	-0.988*** (0.145)	-0.829*** (0.135)
PARTY _t	3.089 (3.145)	-2.368 (4.529)	1.966 (3.583)	-0.154 (2.212)	-0.810 (1.825)	0.779 (5.982)	1.477 (1.839)	6.618 (21.96)
Constant	0.737 (2.548)	3.427 (4.479)	3.990 (3.716)	4.068* (1.816)	5.272** (1.817)	15.914* (6.468)	2.108 (1.497)	47.569† (24.063)
Adj. R ²	0.481	0.498	0.419	0.463	0.356	0.411	0.468	0.442
Bgodfrey	1.980	1.781	1.064	0.873	0.136	1.219	5.943*	0.655

Note * $p \leq .05$, ** $p \leq .01$, *** $p \leq .001$, † $p \leq 0.10$, N=52

Table A2. Speech from the Throne ECMs by Major Topic, 1951-2003

	1 - Econ	2 - Civil	3 - Health	4 - Agric	5 - Labor	6 - Educ	7 - Envir	8 - Energy
Δ OPINION _t	0.056 (0.037)	-0.333* (0.130)	-0.030 (0.041)	-0.090 (0.104)	0.040 (0.046)	-0.031 (0.204)	0.376* (0.152)	0.020 (0.167)
OPINION _{t-1}	0.083*** (0.021)	-0.399* (0.176)	0.111*** (0.025)	-0.169 (0.149)	0.059† (0.034)	0.283* (0.133)	0.527*** (0.154)	0.236 (0.234)
AGENDA _{t-1}	-0.840*** (0.145)	-1.108*** (0.135)	-1.078*** (0.12)	-0.561*** (0.131)	-0.761*** (0.140)	-0.919*** (0.14)	-0.906*** (0.144)	-0.852*** (0.138)
PARTY _t	-2.089* (0.836)	-2.716*** (0.653)	-1.338*** (0.347)	0.507 (0.457)	-0.697 (0.555)	-0.192 (0.761)	-0.383 (0.31)	-0.578 (0.427)
Constant	3.925*** (1.163)	3.626*** (0.625)	2.056*** (0.372)	0.925* (0.447)	2.447*** (0.663)	2.501** (0.91)	1.003*** (0.297)	1.295** (0.4)
Adj. R ²	0.377	0.605	0.630	0.221	0.380	0.439	0.433	0.430
Bgodfrey	0.069	2.416	0.407	0.818	0.141	1.468	0.051	0.388

	10 - Trans	12 - Law	13 - Social	14 - House	18 - Trade	20 - Gov't	21 - Lands	16/19 - For
Δ OPINION _t	0.500† (0.272)	0.032 (0.223)	0.064 (0.089)	-0.174 (0.123)	0.070 (0.231)	0.359 (0.478)	0.123 (0.179)	-0.367** (0.12)
OPINION _{t-1}	0.121 (0.22)	0.462*** (0.119)	0.100 (0.084)	0.161* (0.079)	0.123 (0.285)	0.134 (0.45)	0.019 (0.124)	-0.181** (0.068)
AGENDA _{t-1}	-0.743*** (0.143)	-0.862*** (0.133)	-0.952*** (0.15)	-0.806*** (0.136)	-0.443*** (0.124)	-0.745*** (0.136)	-0.625*** (0.146)	-0.654*** (0.133)
PARTY _t	-0.800 (0.528)	-1.830* (0.739)	-1.466* (0.586)	-0.261 (0.595)	0.166 (0.567)	-3.060** (1.005)	0.591 (0.821)	3.242* (1.583)
Constant	2.229*** (0.619)	4.180*** (0.894)	2.643*** (0.698)	1.405* (0.66)	1.028† (0.596)	6.167*** (1.26)	4.653*** (1.211)	15.434*** (3.52)
Adj. R ²	0.407	0.436	0.422	0.442	0.161	0.346	0.247	0.359
Bgodfrey	0.821	3.791†	0.074	1.265	4.955*	5.226*	0.596	1.573

Note * p ≤ .05, ** p ≤ .01, *** p ≤ .001, † p ≤ 0.10, N=52

Table A3. Statutes of the US Congress ECMs by Major Topic, 1951-2003

	1 - Econ	2 - Civil	3 - Health	4 - Agric	5 - Labor	6 - Educ	7 - Envir	8 - Energy
Δ OPINION _t	0.129* (0.06)	-0.119† (0.062)	-0.558* (0.249)	1.929† (1.148)	0.253 (0.345)	0.487 (0.816)	1.846† (0.978)	0.215 (0.179)
OPINION _{t-1}	-0.032 (0.037)	-0.101† (0.052)	-0.042 (0.268)	0.740 (1.358)	-0.247 (0.492)	0.191 (0.547)	2.293** (0.843)	0.446* (0.168)
AGENDA _{t-1}	-0.856*** (0.138)	-1.318*** (0.14)	-0.196 (0.133)	-0.974*** (0.151)	-1.333*** (0.134)	-0.948*** (0.142)	-1.425*** (0.135)	-1.271*** (0.14)
PARTY _t	-5.296** (1.949)	0.659 (1.232)	-2.792 (3.593)	-9.346*** (2.469)	-3.548*** (0.925)	-5.931 (3.663)	-4.812* (2.304)	-0.996 (1.435)
Constant	7.567*** (1.767)	6.984*** (1.065)	3.345† (1.908)	12.872*** (2.059)	7.515*** (0.861)	8.522*** (1.523)	12.169*** (1.565)	7.365*** (1.041)
Adj. R ²	0.445	0.627	0.222	0.466	0.663	0.446	0.682	0.606
Bgodfrey	1.228	3.866*	7.406**	1.509	4.016*	2.343	10.509***	3.800†

	10 - Trans	12 - Law	13 - Social	14 - House	18 - Trade	20 - Gov't	21 - Lands	16/19 - For
Δ OPINION _t	14.725 (32.966)	0.085 (0.207)	0.160 (0.256)	1.321 (1.553)	-3.594* (1.449)	1.370 (1.48)	-383.446 (324.636)	0.446* (0.186)
OPINION _{t-1}	36.067 (47.364)	-0.047 (0.199)	0.411* (0.172)	1.257 (1.999)	-5.615** (1.749)	-2.049† (1.171)	-269.913 (416.094)	0.348* (0.165)
AGENDA _{t-1}	-0.746*** (0.141)	-1.219*** (0.14)	-1.241*** (0.151)	-1.086*** (0.14)	-1.093*** (0.147)	-1.076*** (0.146)	-1.066*** (0.144)	-0.769*** (0.145)
PARTY _t	-11.196* (4.3)	-2.438 (4.343)	-4.669** (1.419)	-3.462*** (0.807)	-4.590* (2.021)	1.353 (8.105)	-26.276† (15.008)	-22.812** (7.512)
Constant	15.307*** (3.46)	17.153*** (2.442)	5.131*** (0.847)	5.070*** (0.734)	11.704*** (1.822)	78.287*** (11.446)	78.418*** (12.314)	32.993*** (7.31)
Adj. R ²	0.328	0.587	0.580	0.527	0.508	0.571	0.515	0.345
Bgodfrey	14.843***	2.307	1.148	0.333	1.410	2.743	7.233**	3.559†

Note * p ≤ .05, ** p ≤ .01, *** p ≤ .001, † p ≤ 0.10, N=52

Table A4. Acts of the UK Parliament ECMs by Major Topic, 1951-2003

	1 - Econ	2 - Civil	3 - Health	4 - Agric	5 - Labor	6 - Educ	7 - Envir	8 - Energy
Δ OPINION _t	0.080† (0.041)	0.088 (0.077)	0.072 (0.05)	-0.206 (0.151)	0.007 (0.041)	0.110 (0.14)	-0.396† (0.219)	0.058 (0.139)
OPINION _{t-1}	0.055* (0.021)	0.038 (0.102)	0.031 (0.028)	-0.322 (0.216)	0.055† (0.030)	0.035 (0.09)	0.490* (0.188)	-0.006 (0.19)
AGENDA _{t-1}	-0.876*** (0.144)	-1.077*** (0.159)	-1.002*** (0.144)	-0.960*** (0.145)	-1.094*** (0.144)	-1.168*** (0.143)	-1.203*** (0.126)	-1.215*** (0.146)
PARTY _t	-0.897 (0.844)	-0.736† (0.394)	0.345 (0.416)	0.793 (0.657)	0.019 (0.498)	0.176 (0.523)	0.045 (0.434)	0.527 (0.358)
Constant	4.914*** (1.226)	1.831*** (0.394)	2.213*** (0.504)	2.542*** (0.692)	1.712** (0.557)	1.926** (0.605)	1.892*** (0.412)	1.909*** (0.372)
Adj. R ²	0.406	0.470	0.481	0.441	0.517	0.553	0.648	0.588
Bgodfrey	2.183	0.360	0.101	1.132	0.981	0.708	1.309	0.151

	10 - Trans	12 - Law	13 - Social	14 - House	18 - Trade	20 - Gov't	21 - Lands	16/19 - For
Δ OPINION _t	0.259 (0.482)	-0.178 (0.404)	-0.113 (0.074)	-0.132 (0.15)	0.030 (0.12)	-0.502 (0.563)	0.073 (0.177)	0.122* (0.05)
OPINION _{t-1}	0.517 (0.396)	0.113 (0.181)	-0.196** (0.073)	0.138 (0.096)	0.097 (0.148)	-0.695 (0.531)	0.445** (0.137)	0.045† (0.024)
AGENDA _{t-1}	-0.872*** (0.145)	-0.975*** (0.144)	-1.118*** (0.143)	-0.934*** (0.142)	-0.617*** (0.14)	-1.182*** (0.144)	-0.870*** (0.134)	-1.336*** (0.137)
PARTY _t	1.793† (0.949)	1.755 (1.291)	-0.243 (0.444)	0.570 (0.723)	-0.111 (0.302)	-0.126 (1.046)	1.958* (0.856)	-0.233 (0.622)
Constant	2.444* (0.997)	7.374*** (1.803)	2.865*** (0.566)	2.307** (0.843)	0.489† (0.283)	7.797*** (1.305)	1.076 (0.815)	4.263*** (0.738)
Adj. R ²	0.415	0.466	0.536	0.464	0.253	0.554	0.438	0.651
Bgodfrey	0.068	1.274	0.118	0.342	0.041	3.402†	1.122	0.013

Note * p ≤ .05, ** p ≤ .01, *** p ≤ .001, † p ≤ 0.10, N=52

Table A5. US Federal Budget ECMs by Major Topic, 1951-2003

	1 - Econ	3 - Health	6 - Educ	12 - Law	13 - Social	14 - House	16/19 - For
Δ OPINION _t	0.441 (1.013)	72.673 (197.173)	-1675.423* (641.526)	-5.905 (27.024)	1151.909 (898.006)	-6772.070 (22334.3)	403.245 (479.816)
OPINION _{t-1}	-0.272 (0.648)	-72.474 (236.916)	-421.279 (438.149)	-7.519 (25.762)	855.517 (812.166)	-2370.936 (28777.44)	555.181 (383.886)
AGENDA _{t-1}	-0.210* (0.097)	0.067*** (0.014)	-0.033 (0.044)	0.046* (0.024)	0.025* (0.012)	-0.287** (0.100)	-0.057 (0.078)
PARTY _t	86.409* (40.049)	-7106.637 (4866.701)	6499.114* (2921.977)	696.608 (718.447)	-3978.508 (5809.023)	-3138.519 (10426.77)	31913.240† (16866.25)
Constant	53.544* (23.8)	1860.910 (1459.816)	1927.041 (1167.794)	167.307 (249.261)	5677.128* (2764.024)	13580.090† (7002.519)	9509.406 (38286.48)
Adj. R ²	0.079	0.589	0.135	0.270	0.326	0.078	0.040
Bgodfrey	0.002	0.941	0.012	1.643	2.533	5.412*	0.483

Note * $p \leq .05$, ** $p \leq .01$, *** $p \leq .001$, † $p \leq 0.10$, N=52

Table A6. UK Government Expenditure ECMs by Major Topic, 1951-2003

	1 - Econ	3 - Health	6 - Educ	12 - Law	13 - Social	14 - House	16/19 - For
Δ OPINION _t	76.661 (61.078)	-12.042 (70.173)	49.732 (137.384)	-82.274 (51.654)	-106.974 (268.968)	-216.407 (136.771)	12.608 (35.874)
OPINION _{t-1}	-20.561 (28.593)	62.198 (63.558)	146.878 (92.504)	-155.718** (52.625)	-246.707 (276.053)	62.027 (97.299)	-25.406 (18.33)
AGENDA _{t-1}	-0.094 (0.076)	0.019 (0.028)	0.020 (0.019)	0.118*** (0.027)	0.017 (0.017)	-0.089 (0.066)	-0.175* (0.076)
PARTY _t	-659.534 (1386.867)	-295.495 (546.515)	-494.412 (519.929)	-66.166 (138.258)	-1.154 (1657.102)	-810.323 (657.275)	594.086 (499.731)
Constant	3370.918† (1863.273)	484.794 (770.895)	375.286 (771.689)	-203.253 (198.318)	2748.573 (2600.71)	1419.903 (1271.659)	5065.639* (2221.256)
Adj. R ²	0.023	0.107	0.129	0.353	-0.016	0.100	0.035
Bgodfrey	0.085	4.079*	5.807*	0.817	4.456*	0.870	1.988

Note * $p \leq .05$, ** $p \leq .01$, *** $p \leq .001$, † $p \leq 0.10$, N=52