

Supplemental Material

Table S1. Predicted Perceived Left-Right Distance, using Performance on the Political Knowledge Quiz as a Proxy for Political Sophistication

(Intercept)	1.953**
	(0.691)
<i>RILE distance between parties j,k (t)</i>	0.628**
	(0.103)
<i>Media-based cooperation score j,k (t)</i>	-0.061
	(0.198)
<i>Proportion correct answers on knowledge quiz</i>	-0.070**
	(0.022)
<i>j,k are currently co-governing (t)</i>	-0.887*
	(0.312)
<i># of years j,k have co-governed in last decade (t)</i>	-0.187**
	(0.068)
<i>RILE distance between j,k (t) ×</i> <i>Proportion correct answers on knowledge quiz</i>	0.384**
	(0.014)
<i>Media-based cooperation score j,k (t) ×</i> <i>Proportion correct answers on knowledge quiz</i>	-0.078*
	(0.033)
<i>j,k currently co-governing (t) ×</i> <i>Proportion correct answers on knowledge quiz</i>	0.025
	(0.034)
<i># years j,k co-governed last decade (t) ×</i> <i>Proportion correct answers on knowledge quiz</i>	-0.045*
	(0.010)
SD (Intercept country_partydyad_year)	1.136
SD (Observations)	2.152
Num.Obs.	347947
R2 Marg.	0.136
R2 Cond.	0.324
AIC	1522695.0

BIC	1523448.2
ICC	0.2
RMSE	2.15

** $p < .01$; * $p < .05$

Notes. In this model the dependent variable is the respondent's perception of the Left-Right distance between parties j, k . The independent variables are defined in the text. The model was estimated over the set of CCSE election surveys listed in Table 1, including survey fixed effects (not shown) along with party-dyad random effects.

**Table S2. Predicted Perceived Left-Right Distance,
using Education as a Proxy for Political Sophistication**

(Intercept)	2.169**
	(0.691)
<i>RILE distance between parties j,k (t)</i>	0.729**
	(0.107)
<i>Media-based cooperation score j,k (t)</i>	0.000
	(0.206)
<i>Education level 1</i>	-0.091
	(0.052)
<i>Education level 2</i>	-0.169**
	(0.052)
<i>Education level 3</i>	-0.289**
	(0.052)
<i>j,k are currently co-governing (t)</i>	-0.781*
	(0.335)
<i># of years j,k have co-governed in last decade (t)</i>	-0.226**
	(0.072)
<i>RILE distance between j,k (t) × Educ. level 1</i>	-0.017
	(0.032)
<i>RILE distance between j,k (t) × Educ. level 2</i>	0.123**
	(0.032)
<i>RILE distance between j,k (t) × Educ. level 3</i>	0.217**
	(0.031)
<i>Media-based coop. score j,k (t) × Educ. level 1</i>	-0.043
	(0.064)
<i>Media-based coop. score j,k (t) × Educ. level 2</i>	-0.148*
	(0.066)
<i>Media-based coop. score j,k (t) × Educ. level 3</i>	-0.169*
	(0.065)
<i>j,k currently co-governing (t) × Educ. level 1</i>	-0.130
	(0.131)
<i>J,k currently co-governing (t) × Educ. level 2</i>	-0.156

	(0.131)
<i>J,k currently co-governing (t) × Educ. level 3</i>	-0.054
	(0.130)
<i># years j,k co-governed last decade (t) × Educ. Level 1</i>	0.021
	(0.025)
<i># years j,k co-governed last decade (t) × Educ. Level 2</i>	0.005
	(0.025)
<i># years j,k co-governed last decade (t) × Educ. Level 3</i>	0.019
	(0.025)
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