

Online Appendix

Table 3 Summary statistics of major variables

Statistic	N	Mean	St. Dev.	Min	Max
<i>Case Acceptance</i>	1,059	0.734	0.442	0	1
<i>Ideological Unity</i>	1,061	0.787	0.098	0.452	0.974
<i>Government Party</i>	1,064	0.540	0.499	0	1
<i>Government Loss (t-1)</i>	1,064	0.034	0.181	0	1
<i>Vote Loss</i>	1,064	1.525	2.076	0.000	11.200
<i>Time to Election</i>	1,061	7.339	4.166	0.090	14.610
<i>Appeal</i>	1,062	0.771	0.420	0	1
<i>Subject Matter</i>	1,050	0.624	0.485	0	1
<i>Left-Right</i>	1,062	-3.645	18.868	-34.573	29.927
<i>Initiator</i>	1,061	0.341	0.474	0	1
<i>Party Age (log)</i>	1,064	3.778	0.983	0.000	4.949
<i>Membership Size (log)</i>	1,064	12.649	1.145	9.929	13.837

Table 4 Logit Model without random effects

DV: Case accepted	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
<i>Ideological Unity</i>		-2.252 ^{**} (1.076)			-2.207 ^{**} (1.092)
<i>Government Party</i>			0.154 (0.170)		0.162 (0.182)
<i>Government Loss (t-1)</i>			2.289 ^{**} (1.027)		2.115 ^{**} (1.033)
<i>Vote Loss</i>				0.100 ^{**} (0.041)	0.116 ^{***} (0.043)
<i>Time to Election</i>				0.037 ^{**} (0.018)	0.030 [*] (0.018)
<i>Appeal</i>	0.910 ^{***} (0.181)	0.858 ^{***} (0.183)	0.873 ^{***} (0.181)	0.854 ^{***} (0.183)	0.748 ^{***} (0.187)
<i>Subject Matter</i>	-0.513 ^{***} (0.166)	-0.516 ^{***} (0.167)	-0.532 ^{***} (0.167)	-0.521 ^{***} (0.168)	-0.548 ^{***} (0.168)
<i>Initiator</i>	0.245 (0.165)	0.228 (0.165)	0.245 (0.165)	0.271 (0.167)	0.259 (0.167)
<i>Left-Right</i>	0.014 ^{***} (0.004)	0.010 ^{**} (0.004)	0.013 ^{***} (0.004)	0.014 ^{***} (0.004)	0.010 ^{**} (0.005)
<i>Party Age (log)</i>	0.225 ^{**} (0.113)	0.131 (0.121)	0.169 (0.118)	0.151 (0.116)	-0.008 (0.131)
<i>Membership Size (log)</i>	-0.538 ^{***} (0.106)	-0.451 ^{***} (0.112)	-0.518 ^{***} (0.107)	-0.522 ^{***} (0.106)	-0.408 ^{***} (0.116)
<i>Constant</i>	6.659 ^{***} (1.074)	7.743 ^{***} (1.244)	6.529 ^{***} (1.087)	6.372 ^{***} (1.075)	7.272 ^{***} (1.225)
<i>Observations</i>	1,045	1,044	1,045	1,044	1,044
<i>Log Likelihood</i>	-565.814	-562.326	-560.697	-559.115	-552.315
<i>AIC</i>	1,145.628	1,140.653	1,139.395	1,136.230	1,128.629

* p<0.1; ** p<0.05; *** p<0.01; Party-clustered standard errors in parentheses.

Table 5 Hierarchical Logit Model with both Economic Left-Right and Open-Close ideological variables

DV: Case accepted	(2a)	(2b)	(3)	(4)	(5a)	(5b)
<i>Policy Agreement</i>	* -1.996 (1.097)	** -2.252 (1.076)			* -1.992 (1.099)	** -2.207 (1.092)
<i>Ideology (Open-Closed)</i>	0.008 (0.008)				0.012 (0.008)	
<i>Government Party</i>			0.154 (0.170)		0.094 (0.188)	0.162 (0.182)
<i>Government Loss (t-1)</i>			** 2.289 (1.027)		* 2.006 (1.037)	** 2.115 (1.033)
<i>Vote Loss</i>				** 0.100 (0.041)	*** 0.129 (0.044)	*** 0.116 (0.043)
<i>Time to Election</i>				** 0.037 (0.018)	* 0.032 (0.018)	* 0.030 (0.018)
<i>Appeal</i>	*** 0.864 (0.183)	*** 0.858 (0.183)	*** 0.873 (0.181)	*** 0.854 (0.183)	*** 0.743 (0.187)	*** 0.748 (0.187)
<i>Subject Matter</i>	*** -0.510 (0.167)	*** -0.516 (0.167)	*** -0.532 (0.167)	*** -0.521 (0.168)	*** -0.542 (0.169)	*** -0.548 (0.168)
<i>Initiator</i>	0.227 (0.165)	0.228 (0.165)	0.245 (0.165)	0.271 (0.167)	0.258 (0.168)	0.259 (0.167)
<i>Ideology (Left-Right)</i>	0.006 (0.006)	** 0.010 (0.004)	*** 0.013 (0.004)	*** 0.014 (0.004)	0.005 (0.006)	** 0.010 (0.005)
<i>Party Age (log)</i>	0.131 (0.121)	0.131 (0.121)	0.169 (0.118)	0.151 (0.116)	-0.013 (0.131)	-0.008 (0.131)
<i>Membership Size (log)</i>	*** -0.506 (0.123)	*** -0.451 (0.112)	*** -0.518 (0.107)	*** -0.522 (0.106)	*** -0.473 (0.125)	*** -0.408 (0.116)
<i>Constant</i>	*** 8.315 (1.351)	*** 7.743 (1.244)	*** 6.529 (1.087)	*** 6.372 (1.075)	*** 8.082 (1.345)	*** 7.272 (1.225)
<i>Variance (Party RE)</i>						
<i>Observations</i>	1,044	1,044	1,045	1,044	1,044	1,044
<i>Log Likelihood</i>	-561.739	-562.326	-560.697	-559.115	-551.252	-552.315
<i>AIC</i>	1,143.478	1,142.653	1,141.395	1,138.230	1,130.505	1,130.629

* p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01; Standard errors in parentheses.

Figure 3: Correlation Plot of Main Variables

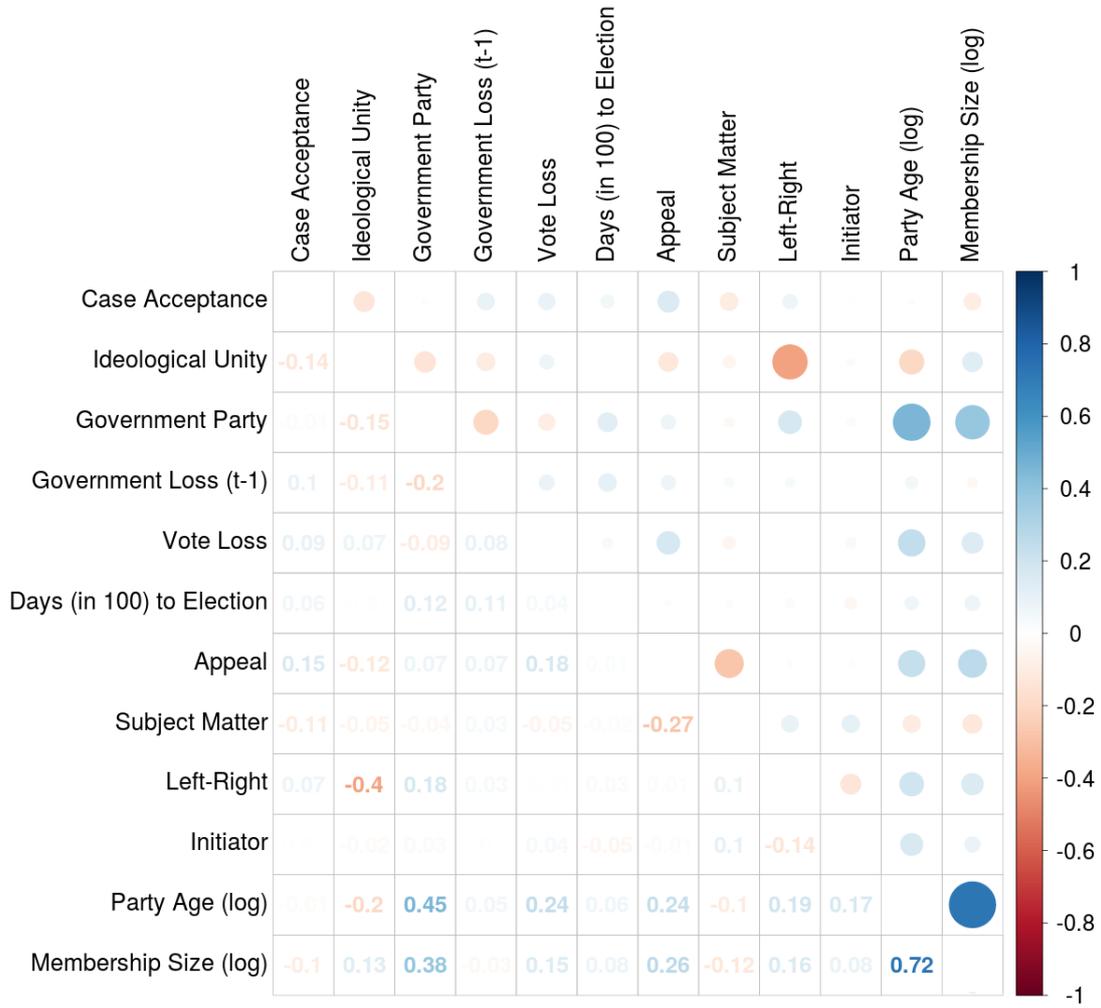


Table 6: Fixed Effects Logit Models of Case Acceptance (Rejection) by German Party Tribunals, 1967-2015.

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
<i>Vote Loss</i>		0.093 ^{**} (0.042)			0.114 ^{***} (0.043)
<i>Time to Election</i>		0.035 [*] (0.018)			0.026 (0.018)
<i>Policy Agreement</i>			-3.474 ^{**} (1.407)		-3.327 ^{**} (1.416)
<i>Government Party</i>				0.149 (0.176)	0.130 (0.186)
<i>Government Loss (t-1)</i>				2.269 ^{**} (1.033)	2.128 ^{**} (1.043)
<i>Appeal</i>	0.809 ^{***} (0.199)	0.789 ^{***} (0.201)	0.805 ^{***} (0.200)	0.786 ^{***} (0.200)	0.754 ^{***} (0.203)
<i>Subject Matter</i>	-0.537 ^{***} (0.169)	-0.536 ^{***} (0.170)	-0.538 ^{***} (0.169)	-0.546 ^{***} (0.169)	-0.547 ^{***} (0.171)
<i>Initiator</i>	0.222 (0.169)	0.249 (0.171)	0.207 (0.170)	0.209 (0.170)	0.227 (0.172)
<i>Ideology (Left-Right)</i>	0.010 (0.007)	0.010 (0.007)	0.001 (0.008)	0.010 (0.008)	0.003 (0.008)
<i>Party Age (log)</i>	-0.093 (0.281)	-0.157 (0.281)	-0.331 (0.310)	-0.166 (0.287)	-0.450 (0.313)
<i>Membership Size (log)</i>	-0.900 ^{**} (0.417)	-0.728 [*] (0.428)	-0.685 (0.425)	-0.718 (0.443)	-0.250 (0.465)
<i>CSU</i>	-0.760 (0.626)	-0.438 (0.645)	-0.454 (0.639)	-0.520 (0.653)	0.231 (0.690)
<i>FDP</i>	-0.628 (0.962)	-0.223 (0.982)	-0.798 (0.977)	-0.216 (1.021)	0.189 (1.042)
<i>Greens</i>	-1.257 (1.228)	-0.860 (1.241)	-0.916 (1.255)	-0.761 (1.299)	0.164 (1.326)
<i>SPD</i>	0.223 (0.446)	0.214 (0.449)	0.176 (0.453)	0.273 (0.453)	0.165 (0.460)
<i>Linke</i>	-1.919 (1.247)	-1.471 (1.259)	-2.148 [*] (1.299)	-1.500 (1.306)	-1.058 (1.345)
<i>Constant</i>	12.907 ^{**} (5.857)	10.445 [*] (5.986)	13.817 ^{**} (6.013)	10.629 [*] (6.218)	7.868 (6.393)
<i>N</i>	1,045	1,044	1,044	1,045	1,044
<i>Log Likelihood</i>	-563.358	-557.455	-558.767	-558.528	-549.874
<i>AIC</i>	1,150.716	1,142.911	1,143.535	1,145.056	1,133.749

* p<0.1; ** p<0.05; *** p<0.01
Standard errors in parentheses.

Table 7: Hierarchical Logit Models of Case Acceptance (Rejection) by German Party Tribunals, 1967-2015, and interactions with subject matter.

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
<i>Vote Loss</i>		0.082 (0.065)			0.106 (0.067)
<i>Vote Loss X Subject</i>		0.026 (0.081)			0.017 (0.083)
<i>Time to Election</i>		0.051 (0.033)			0.045 (0.033)
<i>Days to Elec. X Subject</i>		-0.020 (0.039)			-0.020 (0.039)
<i>Policy Agreement</i>			-0.515 (1.831)		-0.371 (1.816)
<i>Policy Agree. X Subject</i>			-2.374 (2.074)		-2.487 (2.070)
<i>Government Party</i>				0.277 (0.272)	0.384 (0.290)
<i>Gov. Party X Subject</i>				-0.187 (0.317)	-0.319 (0.335)
<i>Government Loss (t-1)</i>				0.820 (1.081)	0.759 (1.098)
<i>Gov. Loss X Subject</i>				15.533 (1,291.270)	15.329 (1,264.919)
<i>Appeal</i>	0.910 ^{***} (0.181)	0.853 ^{***} (0.183)	0.858 ^{***} (0.183)	0.871 ^{***} (0.182)	0.746 ^{***} (0.188)
<i>Subject Matter</i>	-0.513 ^{***} (0.166)	-0.412 (0.336)	1.397 (1.675)	-0.444 [*] (0.245)	1.741 (1.738)
<i>Initiator</i>	0.245 (0.165)	0.269 (0.167)	0.232 (0.165)	0.245 (0.165)	0.264 (0.168)
<i>Ideology (Left Right)</i>	0.014 ^{***} (0.004)	0.014 ^{***} (0.004)	0.010 ^{**} (0.004)	0.013 ^{***} (0.004)	0.010 ^{**} (0.005)
<i>Party Age (log)</i>	0.225 ^{**} (0.113)	0.152 (0.116)	0.126 (0.121)	0.173 (0.118)	-0.009 (0.131)
<i>Membership Size (log)</i>	-0.538 ^{***} (0.106)	-0.521 ^{***} (0.106)	-0.449 ^{***} (0.112)	-0.519 ^{***} (0.107)	-0.409 ^{***} (0.117)
<i>Constant</i>	6.659 ^{***} (1.074)	6.283 ^{***} (1.098)	6.336 ^{***} (1.705)	6.471 ^{***} (1.095)	5.594 ^{***} (1.695)
<i>N</i>	1,045	1,044	1,044	1,045	1,044
<i>Log Likelihood</i>	-565.814	-558.937	-561.689	-559.030	-549.662
<i>AIC</i>	1,147.628	1,141.874	1,143.378	1,142.061	1,135.324

* p<0.1; ** p<0.05; *** p<0.01
Standard errors in parentheses.