**Appendix for “How Private Politics Alters Legislative Responsiveness”**

**Survey Question Wording**

Are you a staff member or legislator?

*Staff member Legislator*

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What state do you represent?

What is your age?   
  
*18-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65-74 75 years or older*

What is your gender?  
  
*Male Female Other*

Which racial or ethnic group best describes you? You can check more than one.

*White Black Native American Hispanic Asian American Other*

What is your party affiliation?

*Democrat Republican Independent Other*

Which point on this scale best describes your political views?

*Very Mostly Somewhat Moderate Somewhat Mostly Very*

*liberal liberal liberal conservative conservative conservative*

***[TREATMENT]***

How unlikely or likely would you be to respond to this e-mail?

*Very Somewhat Slightly Neither Slightly Somewhat Very*

*unlikely unlikely unlikely unlikely nor likely likely likely*

*likely*

If you responded to this e-mail, how unlikely or likely would you be to mention legislation that has already been passed, is pending, or is possible on the minimum wage issue?

*Very Somewhat Slightly Neither Slightly Somewhat Very*

*unlikely unlikely unlikely unlikely nor likely likely likely*

*likely*

If you responded to this e-mail, how unlikely or likely would you be to mention interest group activities?

*Very Somewhat Slightly Neither Slightly Somewhat Very*

*unlikely unlikely unlikely unlikely nor likely likely likely*

*likely*

How unlikely or likely would you be to sponsor new legislation in favor of an increase in your state’s minimum wage?

*Very Somewhat Slightly Neither Slightly Somewhat Very*

*unlikely unlikely unlikely unlikely nor likely likely likely*

*likely*

How unlikely or likely would you be to move your policy position in support of increasing your state’s minimum wage?

*Very Somewhat Slightly Neither Slightly Somewhat Very*

*unlikely unlikely unlikely unlikely nor likely likely likely*

*likely*

If there was a change in the minimum wage due to the group mentioned in the letter, how much credit do you think voters would attribute to the legislature?

*No Some A good deal All*

*credit credit of credit credit*

If there was a change in the minimum wage due to the group mentioned in the letter, how much credit do you think voters would attribute to interest groups?

*No Some A good deal All*

*credit credit of credit credit*

**Table A-1: Legislators’ Credit Attribution and Policy Responses with Cutpoints**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
|  | Legislature Credit | Interest Group Credit | Sponsor | Move Position |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Public Politics | 0.250\*\* | -0.266\*\* | 0.406\*\*\* | 0.391\*\*\* |
| E-mail | (0.123) | (0.115) | (0.119) | (0.113) |
| Private Politics | -0.355\*\*\* | 0.268\*\* | 0.216\* | 0.071 |
| E-mail | (0.122) | (0.123) | (0.122) | (0.124) |
| Age | 0.001 | 0.069\*\* | 0.072\*\* | 0.059\* |
|  | (0.031) | (0.032) | (0.031) | (0.031) |
| Female | -0.023 | -0.149 | -0.005 | 0.178\* |
|  | (0.104) | (0.103) | (0.106) | (0.101) |
| Minority | -0.280\* | 0.487\*\*\* | 0.201 | 0.157 |
|  | (0.147) | (0.135) | (0.135) | (0.140) |
| Republican | -0.072 | 0.118 | -1.799\*\*\* | -1.354\*\*\* |
|  | (0.105) | (0.102) | (0.112) | (0.104) |
| Significant Difference between Public/Private Conditions? | YES  (*p* ≤ .01) | YES  (*p* ≤ .01) | NO  (*p* ≤ .12) | YES  (*p* ≤ .01) |
| Constant cut1 | -2.218\*\*\* | -1.524\*\*\* | -0.783\*\*\* | -0.689\*\*\* |
|  | (0.206) | (0.192) | (0.170) | (0.172) |
| Constant cut2 | -1.037\*\*\* | -0.000 | -0.437\*\* | -0.201 |
|  | (0.168) | (0.177) | (0.172) | (0.172) |
| Constant cut3 | 0.131 | 1.185\*\*\* | -0.265 | 0.025 |
|  | (0.169) | (0.183) | (0.173) | (0.172) |
| Constant cut4 |  |  | 0.358\*\* | 0.821\*\*\* |
|  |  |  | (0.174) | (0.180) |
| Constant cut5 |  |  | 0.743\*\*\* | 1.129\*\*\* |
|  |  |  | (0.174) | (0.181) |
| Constant cut6 |  |  | 1.368\*\*\* | 1.555\*\*\* |
|  |  |  | (0.182) | (0.192) |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Log-Likelihood | -538.41 | -566.13 | -769.95 | -802.57 |
| N | 499 | 496 | 527 | 519 |

*Note:* Entries are ordered probit coefficients with robust standard errors in parentheses. \*\*\*p≤0.01, \*\* p≤0.05, \* p≤0.1 for two-tailed test.

**Table A-2: Legislators’ E-mail Responses with Cutpoints**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) |
|  | Respond | Mention Legislation | Mention Interest Groups |
|  |  |  |  |
| Public Politics | 0.197 | 0.211\* | -0.201\* |
| E-mail | (0.126) | (0.118) | (0.108) |
| Private Politics | -0.194 | 0.561\*\*\* | 0.254\*\* |
| E-mail | (0.120) | (0.136) | (0.123) |
| Age | -0.006 | 0.001 | 0.082\*\*\* |
|  | (0.032) | (0.032) | (0.030) |
| Female | 0.234\*\* | 0.217\* | 0.115 |
|  | (0.112) | (0.112) | (0.101) |
| Minority | -0.362\*\*\* | -0.120 | 0.188 |
|  | (0.135) | (0.166) | (0.134) |
| Republican | -0.139 | -0.599\*\*\* | -0.367\*\*\* |
|  | (0.104) | (0.107) | (0.101) |
| Significant Difference between Public/Private Conditions? | YES  (*p* ≤ .01) | YES  (*p* ≤ .01) | YES  (*p* ≤ .01) |
| Constant cut1 | -1.752\*\*\* | -1.602\*\*\* | -0.126 |
|  | (0.191) | (0.184) | (0.168) |
| Constant cut2 | -1.560\*\*\* | -1.486\*\*\* | 0.258 |
|  | (0.184) | (0.182) | (0.167) |
| Constant cut3 | -1.400\*\*\* | -1.329\*\*\* | 0.389\*\* |
|  | (0.176) | (0.185) | (0.167) |
| Constant cut4 | -0.916\*\*\* | -1.010\*\*\* | 0.950\*\*\* |
|  | (0.174) | (0.183) | (0.171) |
| Constant cut5 | -0.657\*\*\* | -0.771\*\*\* | 1.232\*\*\* |
|  | (0.172) | (0.179) | (0.174) |
| Constant cut6 | -0.320\* | -0.187 | 1.788\*\*\* |
|  | (0.171) | (0.174) | (0.185) |
|  | -1.752\*\*\* | -1.602\*\*\* | -0.126 |
| Log-Likelihood | -701.51 | -662.67 | -884.32 |
| N | 543 | 525 | 520 |

*Note:* Entries are ordered probit coefficients with robust standard errors in parentheses. \*\*\*p≤0.01, \*\* p≤0.05, \* p≤0.1 for two-tailed test.

**Table A-3: Results with Republican X Treatment Interactions**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) |
|  | Legislature Credit | Interest Group Credit | Sponsor | Move Position | Respond | Mention Legislation | Mention Interest Groups |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public | 0.223 | -0.160 | 0.284\* | 0.388\*\* | 0.188 | 0.448\*\* | -0.163 |
| Politics | (0.154) | (0.143) | (0.149) | (0.151) | (0.174) | (0.179) | (0.141) |
| Private | -0.262\* | 0.438\*\*\* | 0.480\*\*\* | 0.284\* | -0.149 | 0.760\*\*\* | 0.187 |
| Politics | (0.157) | (0.160) | (0.165) | (0.169) | (0.168) | (0.214) | (0.160) |
| Age | 0.000 | 0.067\*\* | 0.075\*\* | 0.058\* | -0.006 | -0.003 | 0.082\*\*\* |
|  | (0.031) | (0.032) | (0.031) | (0.031) | (0.032) | (0.032) | (0.030) |
| Female | -0.028 | -0.154 | -0.021 | 0.165 | 0.230\*\* | 0.212\* | 0.122 |
|  | (0.104) | (0.104) | (0.107) | (0.102) | (0.113) | (0.112) | (0.101) |
| Minority | -0.269\* | 0.485\*\*\* | 0.242\* | 0.179 | -0.356\*\*\* | -0.137 | 0.177 |
|  | (0.147) | (0.137) | (0.135) | (0.141) | (0.135) | (0.167) | (0.135) |
| Republican | -0.024 | 0.306\* | -1.720\*\*\* | -1.209\*\*\* | -0.114 | -0.343\*\* | -0.383\*\* |
|  | (0.169) | (0.158) | (0.165) | (0.162) | (0.167) | (0.164) | (0.163) |
| Rep.\*Public | 0.062 | -0.228 | 0.282 | 0.003 | 0.022 | -0.451\* | -0.087 |
|  | (0.250) | (0.229) | (0.231) | (0.225) | (0.250) | (0.236) | (0.218) |
| Rep.\*Private | -0.205 | -0.369 | -0.706\*\*\* | -0.522\*\* | -0.094 | -0.377 | 0.149 |
|  | (0.245) | (0.249) | (0.269) | (0.258) | (0.243) | (0.273) | (0.249) |
| Constant cut1 | -2.201\*\*\* | -1.451\*\*\* | -0.757\*\*\* | -0.632\*\*\* | -1.742\*\*\* | -1.500\*\*\* | -0.133 |
|  | (0.209) | (0.195) | (0.171) | (0.176) | (0.198) | (0.191) | (0.171) |
| Constant cut2 | -1.018\*\*\* | 0.075 | -0.403\*\* | -0.141 | -1.550\*\*\* | -1.384\*\*\* | 0.251 |
|  | (0.175) | (0.180) | (0.174) | (0.177) | (0.190) | (0.188) | (0.170) |
| Constant cut3 | 0.151 | 1.265\*\*\* | -0.226 | 0.086 | -1.390\*\*\* | -1.227\*\*\* | 0.382\*\* |
|  | (0.176) | (0.186) | (0.177) | (0.178) | (0.183) | (0.191) | (0.170) |
| Constant cut4 |  |  | 0.410\*\* | 0.886\*\*\* | -0.905\*\*\* | -0.905\*\*\* | 0.943\*\*\* |
|  |  |  | (0.179) | (0.187) | (0.182) | (0.191) | (0.173) |
| Constant cut5 |  |  | 0.799\*\*\* | 1.195\*\*\* | -0.647\*\*\* | -0.665\*\*\* | 1.226\*\*\* |
|  |  |  | (0.179) | (0.187) | (0.178) | (0.187) | (0.177) |
| Constant cut6 |  |  | 1.428\*\*\* | 1.621\*\*\* | -0.310\* | -0.078 | 1.782\*\*\* |
|  |  |  | (0.190) | (0.200) | (0.178) | (0.184) | (0.187) |
| Log-Likelihood | -537.78 | -564.94 | -762.07 | -799.64 | -701.39 | -660.68 | -883.81 |
| Observations | 499 | 496 | 527 | 519 | 543 | 525 | 520 |

*Note:* Entries are ordered probit coefficients with robust standard errors in parentheses. \*\*\*p≤0.01, \*\* p≤0.05, \* p≤0.1 for two-tailed test.