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 liberal	*Mostly liberal*	*Somewhat liberal*	*Moderate*	*Somewhat conservative*	*Mostly conservative*	*Very conservative*

[TREATMENT]

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

Very unlikely	*Somewhat unlikely*	*Slightly unlikely*	*Neither unlikely nor likely*	*Slightly likely*	*Somewhat likely*	*Very 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 unlikely	*Somewhat unlikely*	*Slightly unlikely*	*Neither unlikely nor likely*	*Slightly likely*	*Somewhat likely*	*Very likely*

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

Very unlikely	*Somewhat unlikely*	*Slightly unlikely*	*Neither unlikely nor likely*	*Slightly likely*	*Somewhat likely*	*Very likely*

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

Very unlikely	Somewhat unlikely	Slightly unlikely	Neither unlikely nor likely	Slightly likely	Somewhat likely	Very likely

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

Very unlikely	Somewhat unlikely	Slightly unlikely	Neither unlikely nor likely	Slightly likely	Somewhat likely	Very 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 credit	Some credit	A good deal of credit	All 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 credit	Some credit	A good deal of credit	All credit

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

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

Table A-2: Legislators' E-mail Responses with Cutpoints

	(1) Respond	(2) Mention Legislation	(3) 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	YES	YES	YES
between Public/Private	($p \le .01$)	($p \le .01$)	($p \le .01$)
Conditions?			
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.

Table A-3: Results with Republican X Treatment Interactions

	(1) Legislature Credit	(2) Interest Group Credit	(3) Sponsor	(4) Move Position	(5) Respond	(6) Mention Legislation	(7) 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.