

ONLINE APPENDIX for “Choices in Context,” by Brandon L. Bartels. *American Politics Research*
Comparing Official Results from Table 1 to Models Employing Alternative Measures

Official Results (Table 1)				Segal-Cover Scores			Lagged Martin-Quinn Scores			Lagged Percent Liberal Voting Scores		
	Mean	S.D.	90% Credible Interval	Mean	S.D.	90% Credible Interval	Mean	S.D.	90% Credible Interval	Mean	S.D.	90% Credible Interval
Voting Outcomes Equation												
Intercept	0.58	0.11	[0.40, 0.77]	0.31	0.07	[0.19, 0.40]	0.63	0.11	[0.45, 0.82]	-3.87	1.38	[-5.76, -1.90]
Issue Salience	0.84	0.18	[0.54, 1.13]	0.37	0.12	[0.17, 0.56]	0.81	0.18	[0.52, 1.10]	-0.52	0.21	[-0.97, -0.29]
Single Issue	-0.17	0.25	[-0.24, 0.57]	0.01	0.16	[-0.28, 0.25]	-0.13	0.24	[-0.26, 0.52]	0.00	0.34	[-0.44, 0.58]
Issue Attention	-0.07	0.23	[-0.45, 0.32]	0.01	0.15	[-0.24, 0.26]	-0.03	0.23	[-0.40, 0.34]	-0.96	0.37	[-1.68, -0.44]
Const., Fed.	-1.04	0.24	[-1.44, -0.65]	-0.69	0.15	[-0.94, -0.43]	-1.01	0.23	[-1.39, -0.63]	-0.98	0.45	[-1.94, -0.53]
Const., State	0.56	0.18	[0.26, 0.87]	0.34	0.12	[0.14, 0.54]	0.58	0.18	[0.28, 0.87]	-0.72	0.29	[-1.27, -0.38]
Other Jurisd.	-0.04	0.25	[-0.45, 0.37]	-0.09	0.16	[-0.36, 0.18]	-0.02	0.24	[-0.42, 0.38]	-0.83	0.39	[-1.67, -0.42]
Intercourt Conflict	-0.20	0.21	[-0.54, 0.14]	-0.01	0.14	[-0.23, 0.21]	-0.18	0.20	[-0.51, 0.15]	0.16	0.27	[-0.18, 0.70]
Lower Ct. Dissent	-0.13	0.17	[-0.41, 0.14]	0.01	0.11	[-0.17, 0.19]	-0.11	0.16	[-0.37, 0.16]	-0.35	0.21	[-0.77, -0.08]
Mandatory Jurisd.	0.37	0.19	[0.05, 0.69]	0.22	0.12	[0.02, 0.43]	0.33	0.19	[0.02, 0.64]	0.97	0.32	[0.65, 1.66]
Ideological Voting Equation (Cross-Level Interactions)												
Ideology	7.72	0.21	[7.38, 8.07]	1.86	0.10	[1.70, 2.03]	7.53	0.22	[7.17, 7.89]	8.38	2.33	[4.83, 11.43]
Ideo. x Issue Salience	2.33	0.36	[1.73, 2.93]	0.37	0.10	[0.21, 0.53]	2.21	0.36	[1.62, 2.80]	1.89	0.45	[1.35, 2.86]
Ideo. x Single Issue	-0.42	0.47	[-0.36, 1.19]	0.01	0.11	[-0.19, 0.16]	-0.35	0.46	[-0.41, 1.10]	-0.05	0.63	[-0.95, 0.91]
Ideo. x Issue Attention	1.66	0.44	[0.93, 2.39]	0.59	0.11	[0.41, 0.78]	1.53	0.44	[0.81, 2.26]	1.86	0.61	[0.93, 2.99]
Ideo. x Const., Fed.	0.75	0.43	[0.04, 1.47]	0.27	0.13	[0.04, 0.47]	0.71	0.43	[0.01, 1.41]	0.33	0.59	[-0.37, 1.54]
Ideo. x Const., State	2.18	0.34	[1.63, 2.75]	0.42	0.08	[0.28, 0.56]	2.11	0.34	[1.56, 2.67]	2.13	0.58	[1.33, 3.19]
Ideo. x Other Jurisd.	1.58	0.47	[0.80, 2.36]	0.30	0.11	[0.11, 0.48]	1.65	0.47	[0.89, 2.42]	1.46	0.63	[0.64, 2.72]
Ideo. x Intercourt Conflict	-0.60	0.38	[-1.21, 0.02]	-0.16	0.09	[-0.31, -0.01]	-0.54	0.37	[-1.14, 0.07]	-0.48	0.47	[-1.30, 0.22]
Ideo. x Lower Ct. Dissent	0.67	0.32	[0.15, 1.20]	0.24	0.08	[0.10, 0.38]	0.57	0.31	[0.06, 1.09]	0.59	0.35	[0.11, 1.28]
Ideo. x Mandatory Jurisd.	-1.08	0.36	[-1.68, -0.49]	-0.32	0.07	[-0.44, -0.20]	-1.18	0.36	[-1.77, -0.59]	-1.34	0.57	[-2.51, -0.69]
Level-1 units=28,469 votes; Level-2 units=3,252 cases; Level-3 units=52 years				Level-1 units=28,469 votes; Level-2 units=3,252 cases; Level-3 units=52 years			Level-1 units=27,291 votes; Level-2 units=3,224 cases; Level-3 units=51 years			Level-1 units=27,291 votes; Level-2 units=3,224 cases; Level-3 units=51 years		