

Corruption, Voting and Employment Status: Evidence from Russian Parliamentary Elections*

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Abstract

This paper examines to what extent the distribution of votes and voting behavior of people with different employment status are affected by regional differences in corruption. Using data from the Russian Parliamentary (State Duma) Elections 1999 and 2003, I develop and estimate a SUR system of equations which takes into account specific features of the Russian electoral system. The paper distinguishes between hard and perceived measures of corruption and analyzes the effects of corruption on the voting shares of particular parties and on voters' participation in elections. Additionally, a series of Monte Carlo simulations are performed to analyze the effects of corruption on the distribution of votes.

Abstrakt

Tato práce zkoumá vliv regionálních rozdílů v míře korupce na výsledky hlasování a na volební chování lidí s různým postavením v zaměstnání. Analýzují data z voleb do ruského parlamentu (do Státní Duma) z let 1999 a 2003 a navrhuji SUR systém, který bere v úvahu specifické rysy ruského volebního systému. Článek rozlišuje mezi tvrdou a vnímanou mírou korupce a analyzuje dopady korupce na výsledky jednotlivých stran a na účast voličů ve volbách. Série Monte Carlo simulací jsou prováděny s cílem analyzovat vliv korupce na rozdělení hlasů mezi politickými stranami.

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