

Memo on timing of registration

The pre-analysis plan available here went through the peer-review process for a special issue of *Comparative Political Studies* on Research Transparency in Social Sciences. The special issue accepted manuscripts “results-blind.” The manuscript was conditionally accepted for publication prior to fielding the experiment with the provision that the experiment, analyses, and interpretation of results were conducted in accordance with the pre-analysis plan. We received the conditional acceptance decision on May 8, 2015 and the survey was subsequently fielded in June 2015. In the final version of the manuscript we explicitly discuss where the paper is either consistent with or deviates from the pre-analysis plan. Posting the pre-analysis plan that went through the results-blind peer review process is intended to provide readers the opportunity to map the pre-analysis plan directly on to the final version of the manuscript.