

Can AI Help Courts be Fair and Just?

Unlocking the Positive Effects of Justice on Economic Development

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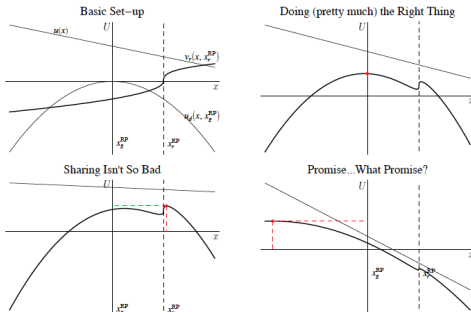
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Machine Learning and Rule of Law *Computational Analysis of Law 2018*

- Behavioral anomalies offer intuitive understanding of feature relevance
- “settings where people are closer to *indifference* among options are more likely to lead to detectable effects [of behavioral biases] outside of it.” (Simonsohn, JPSP 2011)



A model of recognition-respect and
revealed preference indifference

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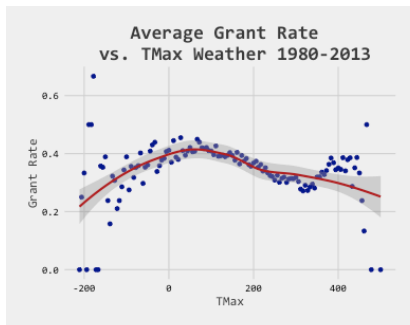
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The weather

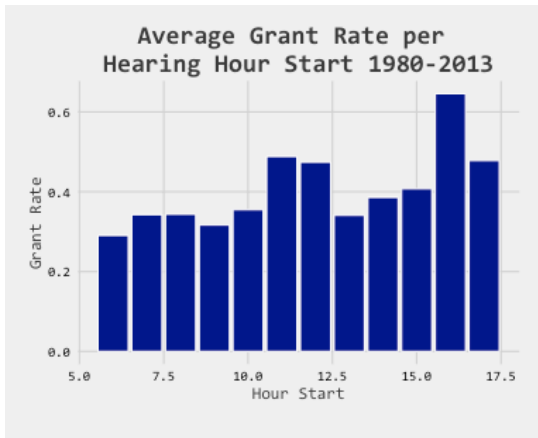
Judges deny refugees asylum when the weather is too hot or too cold



Chen and Egel, ACM AI & Law 2017

Time of Day

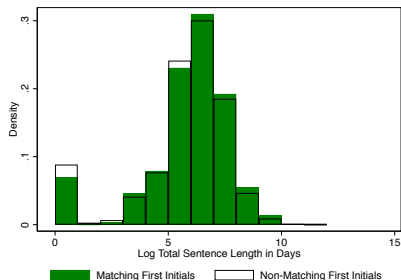
They grant asylum more before lunch and less after.



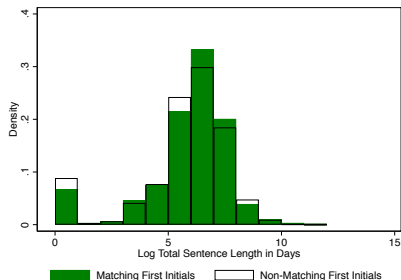
1M decisions

The defendant's name

They assign longer sentence lengths to defendants whose first initial matches their own.



First Letter of First Name



First Letter of Last Name

The defendant's birthday

When they do the opposite and give the gift of leniency

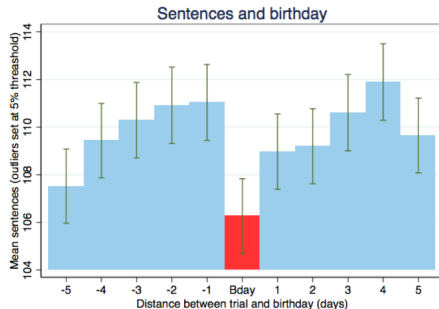
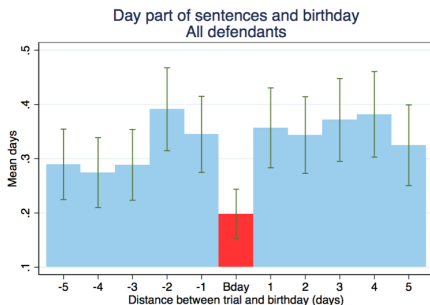
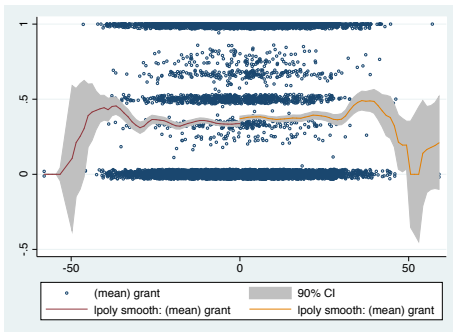


Figure: US and French judicial leniency on defendant birthdays

Chen and Philippe, J Econ Behavior & Org 2023

NFL Football

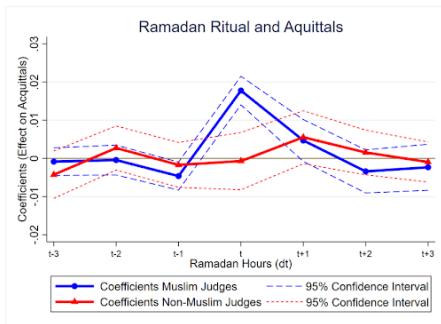
Judges are more lenient the day after their team wins, rather than loses.



Mood and the Malleability of Moral Reasoning

Ramadan

Muslim judges are more lenient the longer is Ramadan

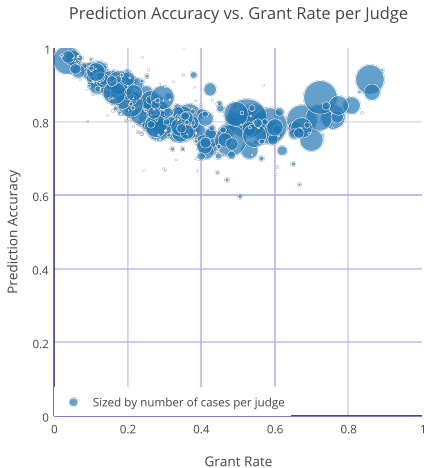


Pakistan and India

Mehmood, Seror, Chen, Nature Human Behavior 2023

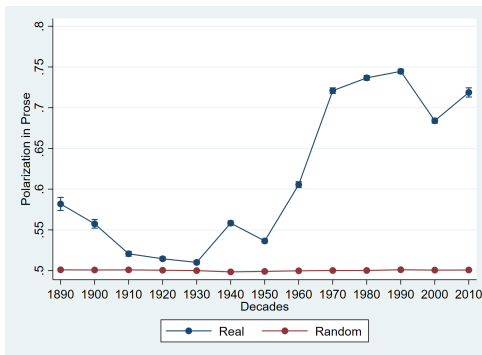
Snap judgments

We can use machine learning to predict asylum decisions with 80% accuracy the date the case opens.. and when it closes.



Motivated reasoning

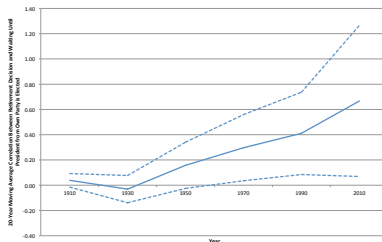
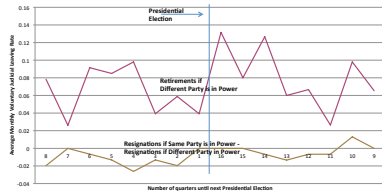
.. and predict partisan identity with 75% accuracy using judges' opinions



Lu and Chen, Plos-ONE R&R

The Disavowal of Decisionism in American Law

and motivated decision-making reflected in the timing of exits

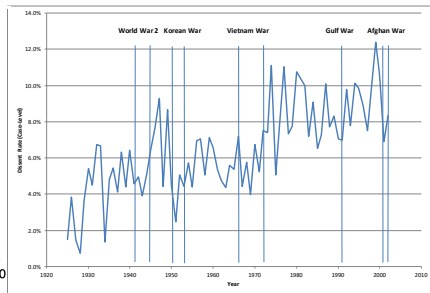
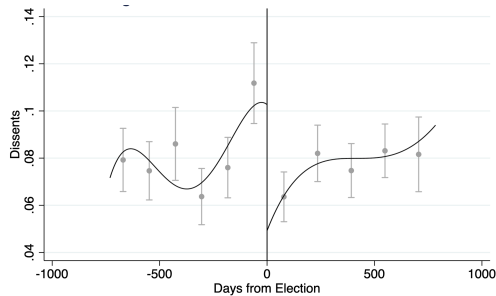


Strategic Retirements around Presidential Elections

are also Growing

Chen and Reinhart, Rev Law & Econ 2024

Elections and wartime also affect decisions



Berdejo and Chen, J Law & Econ 2017

Gambler's Fallacy

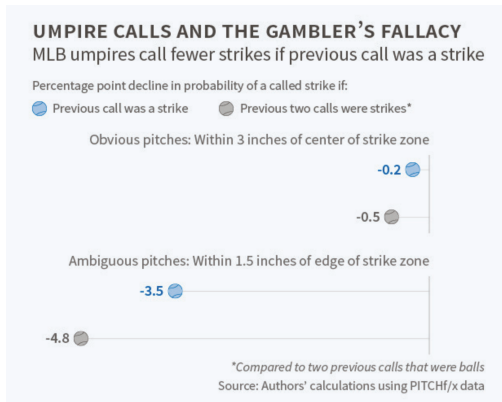
How people often imagine a sequence of coin flips:

0101001011001010100110100

A real sequence of coin flips:

0101011111011000001001101




Up to 5% of decisions reversed due to the gambler's fallacy



Chen, Moskowitz, and Shue, Quarterly J Econ 2016

In the US Supreme Court, the first sentence of the lawyers oral arguments are identical

Recording 1 of 66

  0:00 

1. Please provide your impression of the voice recording in the matrix below:

Very Attractive	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Very Unattractive
Very Masculine	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Not At All Masculine
Not Intelligent	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Intelligent
Very Unaggressive	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Very Aggressive
Not Trustworthy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Trustworthy
Very Confident	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Very Timid

2. Assuming that this is a lawyer arguing a case in front of a panel of judges, how likely do you think this lawyer will win the case?

Will Definitely Lose ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Will Definitely Win

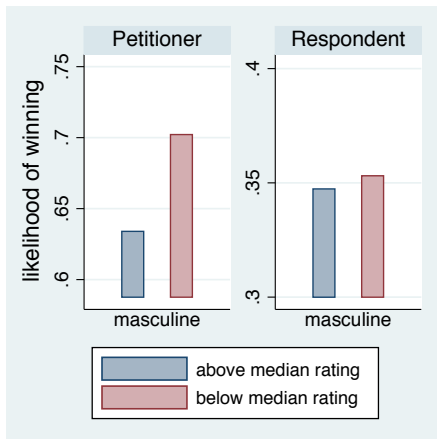
3. How good is the quality of the recording?

Very Bad ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Very Good

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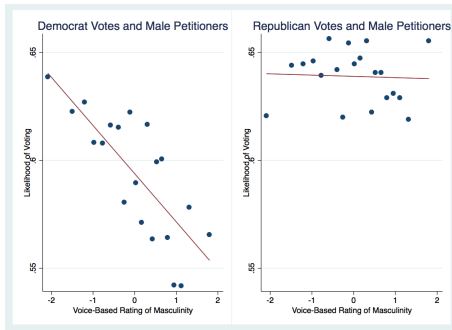
“Mr. Chief Justice, (and) may it please the Court?”

Male petitioners below median in masculinity rating are 7 percentage points more likely to win



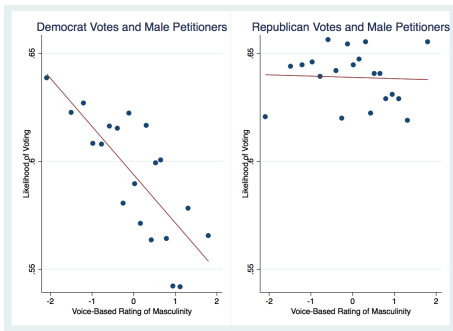
Chen, Halberstam, and Yu, Plos-ONE 2016

Democrats vote against masculine-sounding lawyers



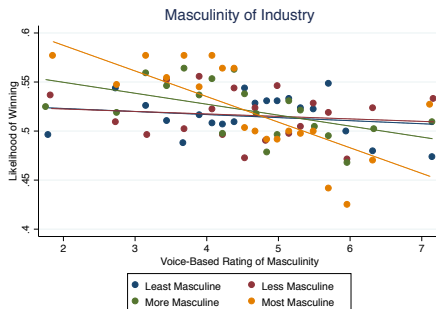
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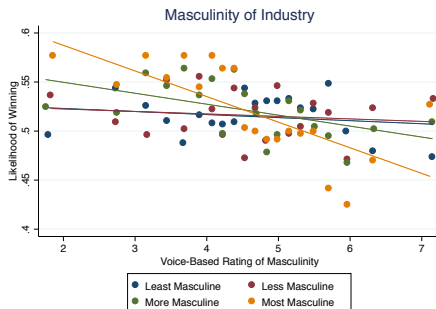
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De-Biasing Experiment Reduces Misbeliefs

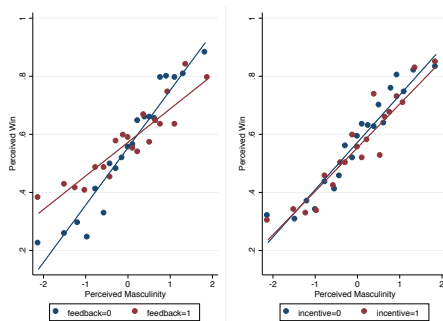


Figure: Feedback ($p < 0.01$), Incentives

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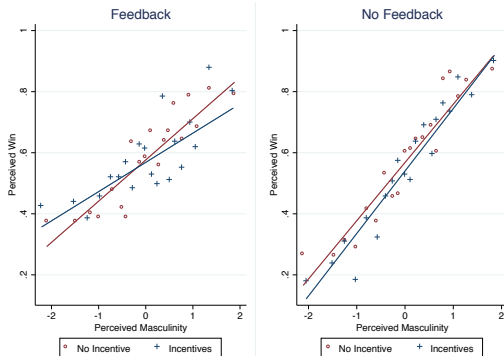


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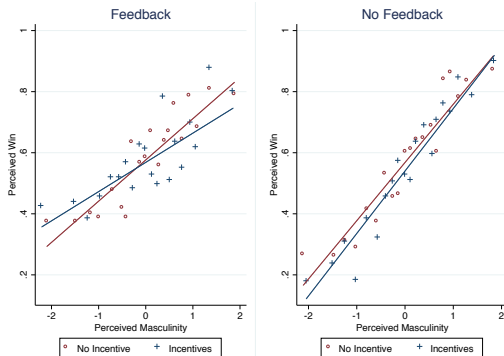


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Gender

- Female lawyers are also coached to be more masculine (Starecheski 2014)
 - ▶ Are our findings restricted to male advocates alone or do they extend?

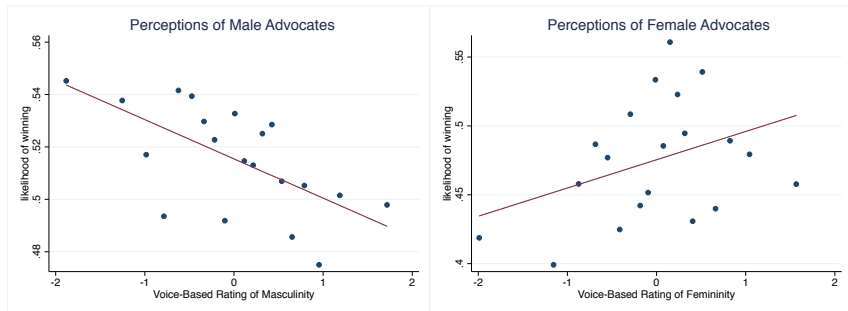


Figure: Extends: Less masculine males and more feminine females \uparrow win

- masculine = - feminine

Robust to Lawyer Characteristics and the Best ML Prediction of the Supreme Court

		Judge Votes for Lawyer				
Predicted Vote	0.257***		0.258***	0.250***		0.248***
from Random Forest	(0.0486)		(0.0487)	(0.0485)		(0.0489)
Masculine		-0.0223**	-0.0207**		-0.0852**	-0.0780**
		(0.0101)	(0.0101)		(0.0359)	(0.0361)
Cluster		Lawyer and Judge				
Collapsed	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observations	26447	26391	26391	1229	1229	1229
R-squared	0.061	0.002	0.063	0.058	0.008	0.064
Sample: Male Petitioners, Democrat Judges						

Figure: Best Prediction and Perceived Masculinity

- Random forest also selects perceptions

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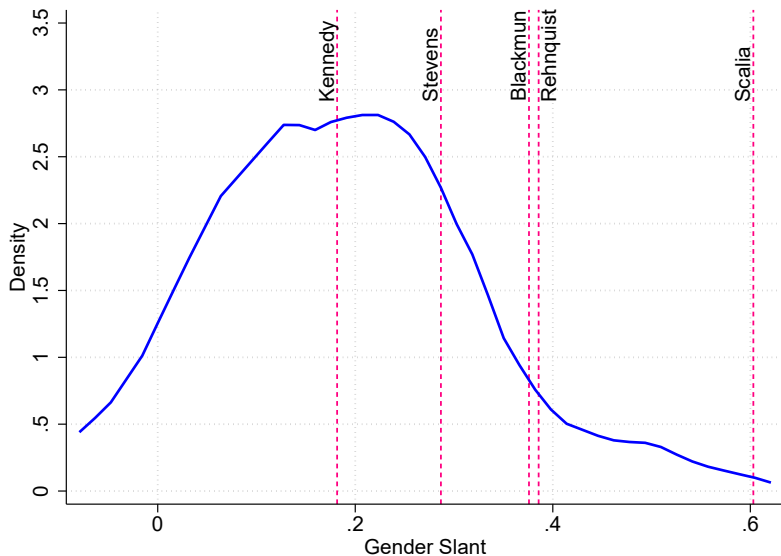
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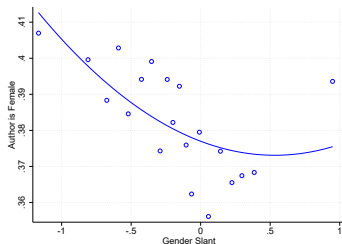
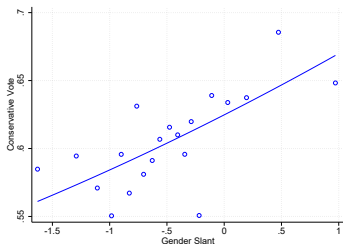
Justice Scalia is an outlier in gender slant



In the Circuit Courts, judges with more gender slant..

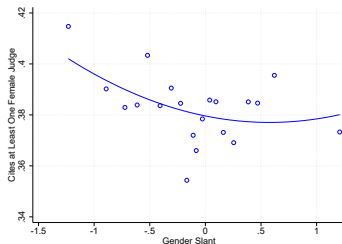
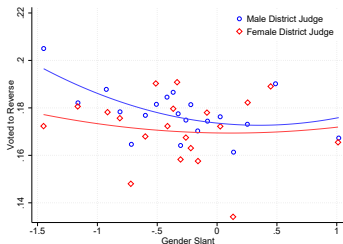
Vote against women's rights issues

Assign fewer opinions for females to author



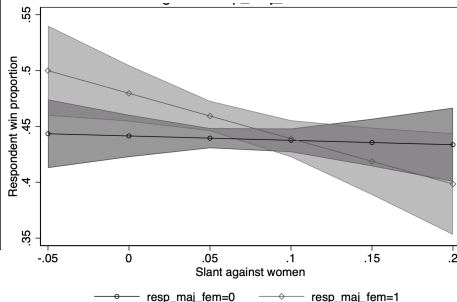
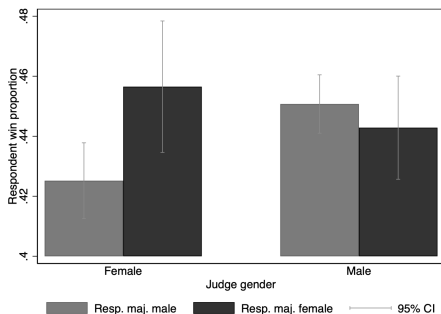
Reverse male judges less often

Cite female judges less often



Prejudice in Practice

The results extend to Kenya: Judges favor defendants of their own ethnicity and gender



ruling against women when they exhibit stereotypical gender writing biases

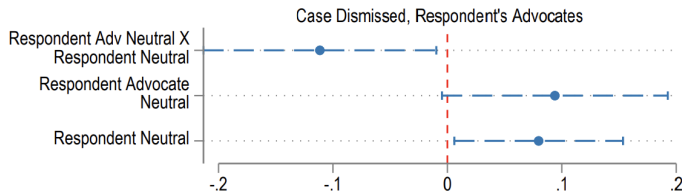
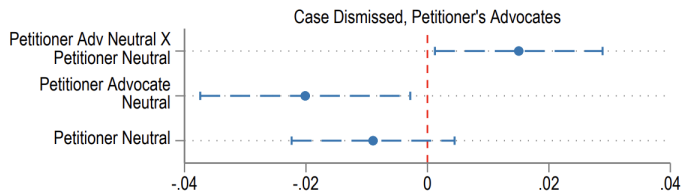
India In-Group Bias

Judges favor defendants who share their last name

	<u>Acquitted</u>	
	(1)	(2)
Same Last Name	0.0176** (0.0083)	-0.0010 (0.0045)
Same Last Name * Rare Name		0.0398** (0.0176)
N	2142697	2142697
Court-Year FE	Y	Y
Judge FE	Y	Y
Charge FE	Y	Y
Last Name FE	Y	Y

Caste Aside?

Exacerbating the disadvantages that low-caste litigants face



Bhupatiraju, Chen, Joshi, Neis, European J Empirical Legal Studies R&R

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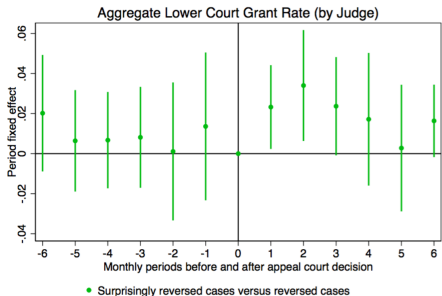
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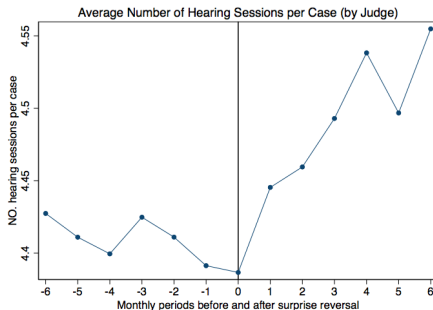
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After “Surprise” Reversals, Judges Grant More Asylum and Hold More Hearing Sessions

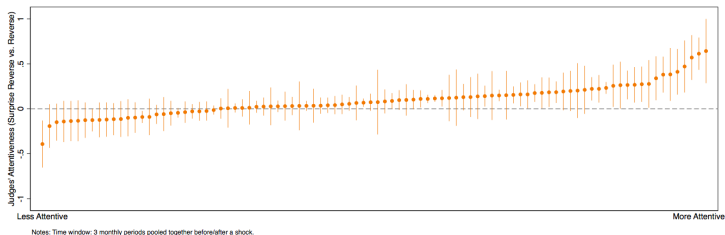
Surprise Reversal is a reversal of a decision that was predicted to be “Affirm”



(With appeal decision year-month fixed effect, weighted on number of cases in each aggregation unit.)

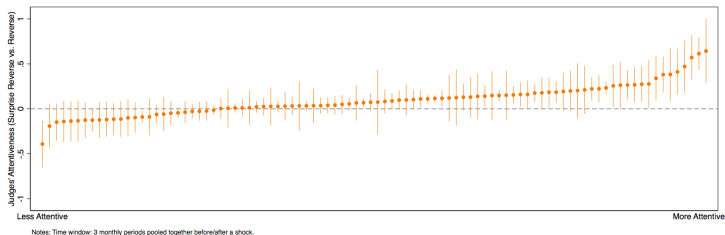


Judges Vary in Responsiveness to Reversal



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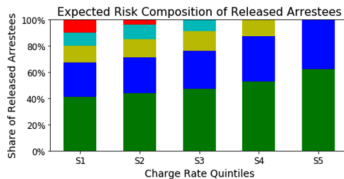
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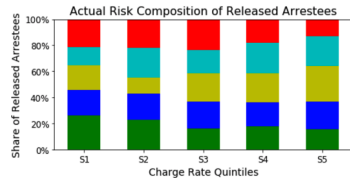
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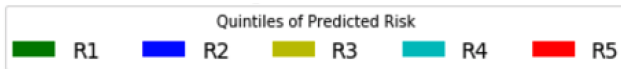


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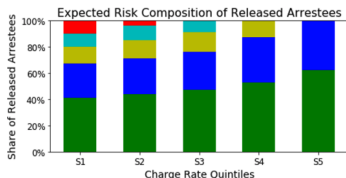


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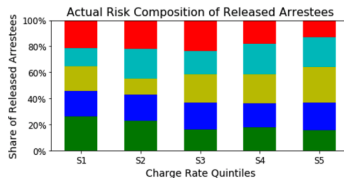
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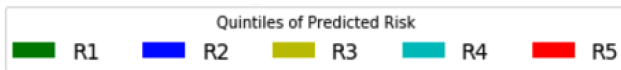


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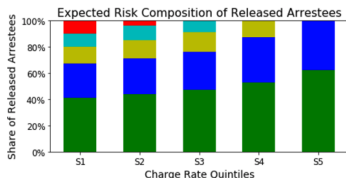


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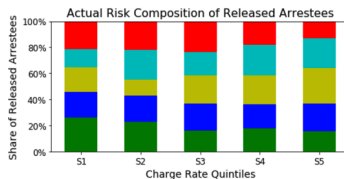
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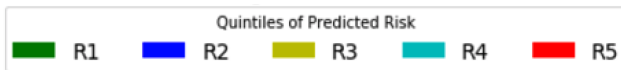


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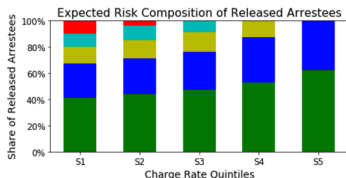


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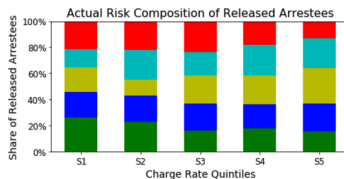
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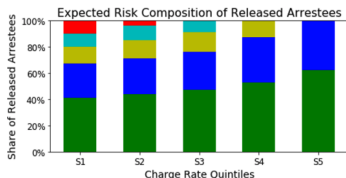


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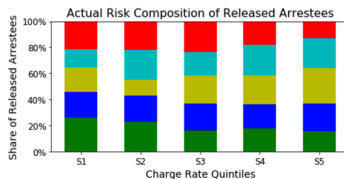
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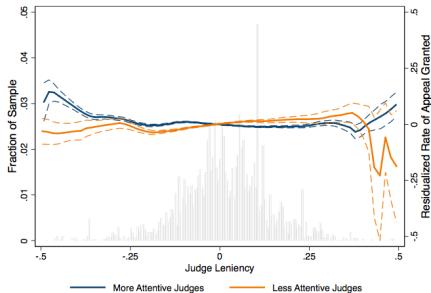
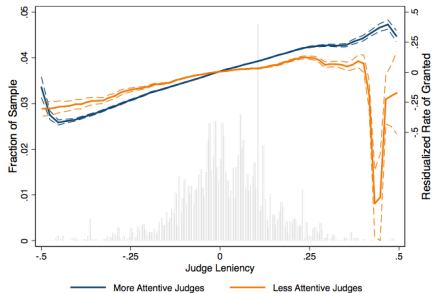
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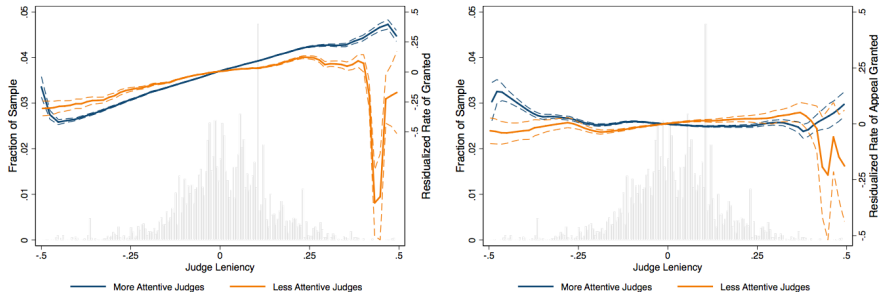
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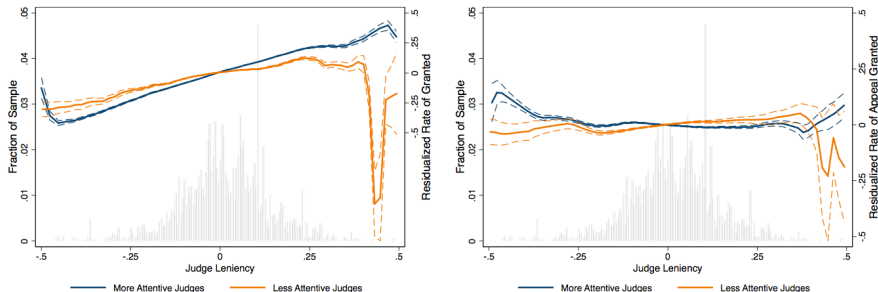
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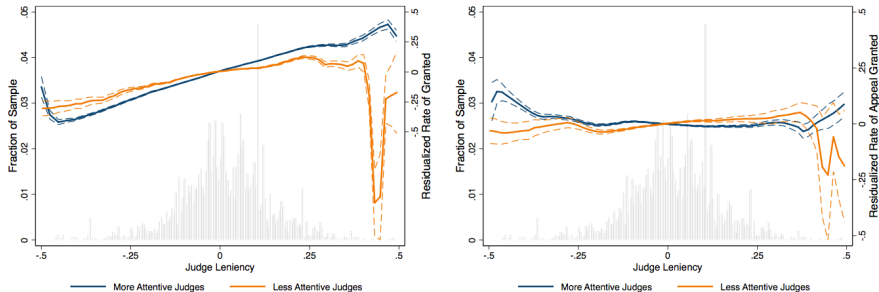
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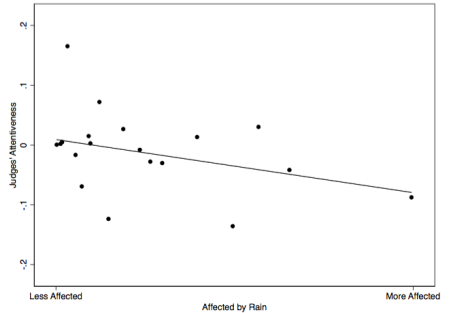
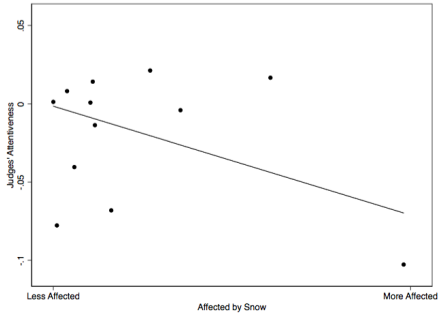


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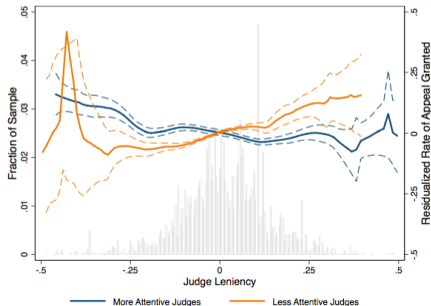
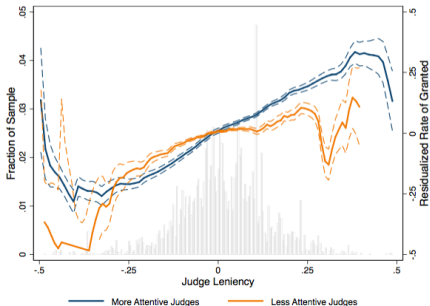
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Judges' Attentiveness and Vulnerability to Weather



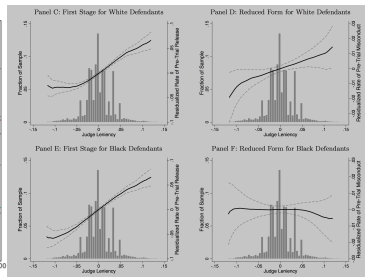
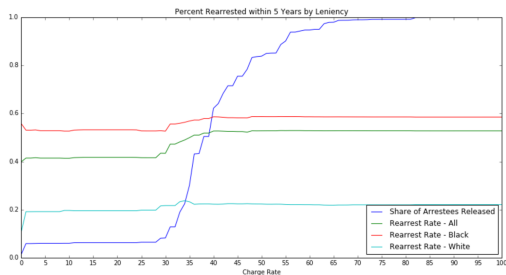
Difference in Indifference for asylees from the Global South

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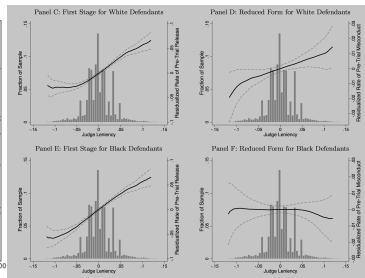
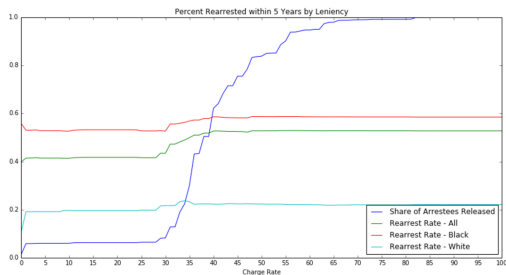
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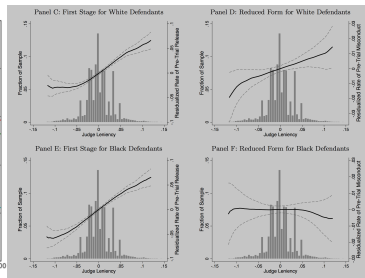
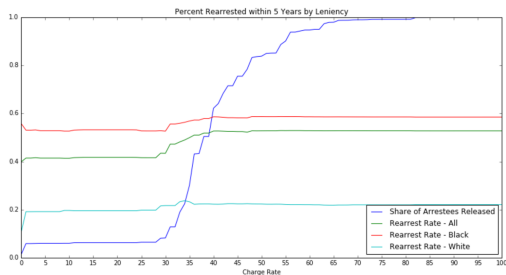
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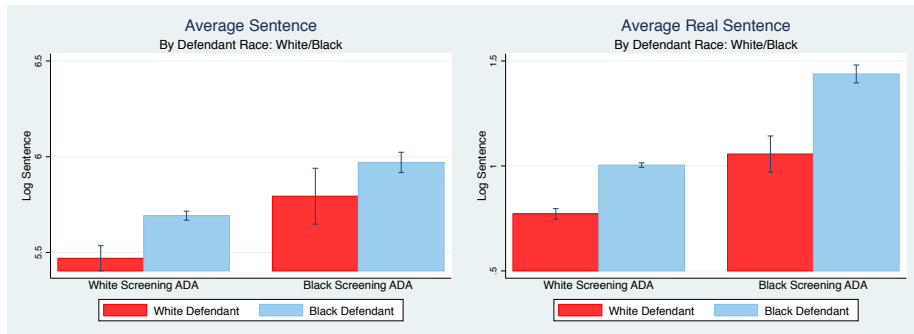
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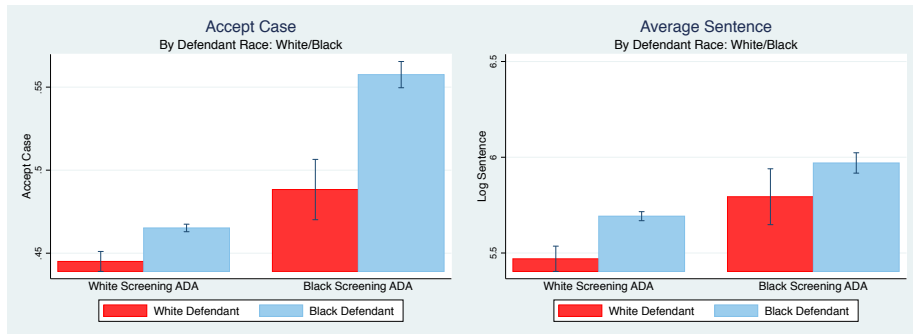
1. Screening Increases Racial Sentencing Gap



- Since black defendants are less likely to be declined, “real” racial disparity magnifies (on right)
 - ▶ Is statistical discrimination the reason for disparate screening?

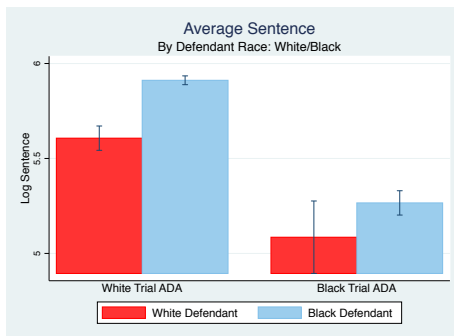
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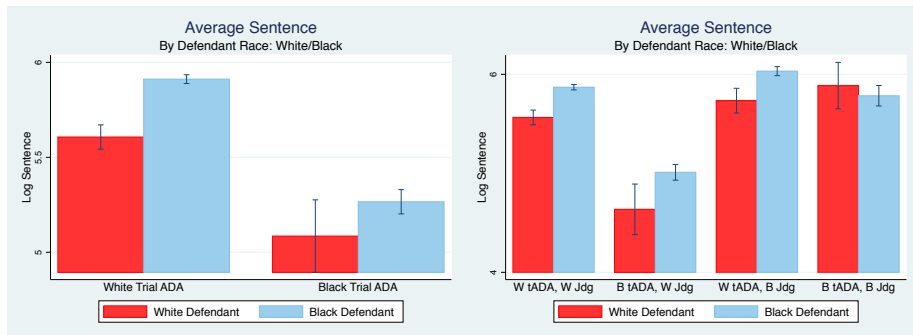
- White and black screeners let in different cases
 - ▶ If targeting the most severe ones, white screener cases should have *longer* sentences

3. White Trial Prosecutors Obtain Longer Sentences



- Most District Attorneys are elected; want to appear tough-on-crime (Pfaff 2016)
- Why are white trial prosecutors more effective in this goal?

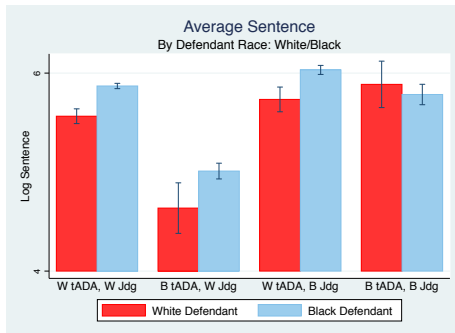
4. Black Trial Prosecutors + White Judges Render Shorter Sentences



- The difference seems attributable to the interaction of hierarchy and race
 - ▶ Black trial prosecutors + Black judges (on right) render similar average sentences as White trial prosecutors do

The Legal Reproduction of Racism: Racial Hierarchy Determinants of Sentencing Disparities

5. Black Trial Prosecutors + Black Judges Eliminate or Reverse Racial Sentencing Gap



- Hard to explain as statistical discrimination

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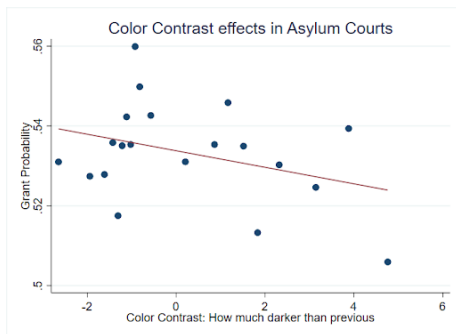
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Relativity of Racial Perception

Judges deny refugees asylum, the darker the applicant's skin tone is relative to that of the prior applicant



See also *Ludwig and Mullainathan, Quarterly J Econ 2024*

Unrepresented Parties in Asylum Bear Brunt of Mood Effects

Dependent variable	Granted Asylum		
Sample	All	With Lawyer	Without Lawyer
	(1)	(2)	(3)
Upset Loss (Loss X Predicted Win)	-0.066*** (0.022)	-0.007 (0.011)	-0.067** (0.030)
Upset Loss (Loss X Predicted Win) X Lawyer	0.061** (0.023)		
Close Loss (Loss X Predicted Close)	-0.046** (0.022)	0.008 (0.011)	-0.045** (0.021)
Close Loss (Loss X Predicted Close) X Lawyer	0.054** (0.024)		
Upset Win (Win X Predicted Loss)	-0.023 (0.035)	-0.001 (0.015)	-0.036 (0.032)
Upset Win (Win X Predicted Loss) X Lawyer	0.020 (0.036)		

JudgeXCity FE, City-Specific Trends, Week FE, Case Controls

By 1990, 40% of federal judges had attended an economics-training program.

The New York Times

19 U.S. Judges Study Economics To Help Them in Work on Bench

Special to The New York Times

KEY LARGO, Fla., Dec. 18—For three weeks, 19 Federal judges from around the country took a grueling, six-day-a-week course in economics that ended here yesterday.

With classes starting at 9 A.M. and sometimes ending at 10 P.M. or later, the judges received the equivalent of a full semester at the college level.

Their teachers were, among others, two Nobel laureates in economics, Paul Samuelson and Milton Friedman. The courses, sponsored by the Law and Economics Center of the University of Miami School of Law, made up what is believed to have been the first such institute for Federal judges.

"It was a very enriching experience," said Chief Judge John W. Reynolds of the Federal District Court in the Eastern District of Wisconsin. "We were here not to become economists, but to understand the language of economics. Courts are only as good as judges and the lawyers who appear before us. By and large, our training in economics is not really satisfactory, and yet we are being increasingly called upon to decide economic issues."

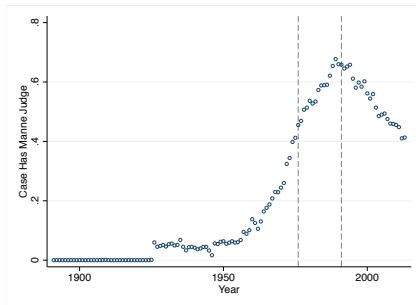
The program dealt basically with economic theory, and an effort was made

not to relate the theoretical studies to cases now pending in Federal court. "One has to be very cautious in dealing with Federal judges," said Henry Mann, director of the center. "Our goal has been to give them the most recent thinking in economic theory and enable them to better understand the testimony of expert witnesses and lawyers."

Chief Judge David N. Edelstein of the Federal District Court in the Southern District of New York, who is the judge in the International Business Machines Corporation antitrust case—regarded as many lawyers as the most important antitrust litigation of the century—informally attended the institute to clear any future questions about a possible conflict of interest.

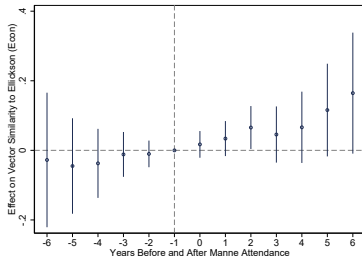
"All the lawyers were very cordial and replied that they saw no grounds for a conflict of interest in my coming here," Judge Edelstein said.

From the beginning, the judges, some of them 60 years old or over, behaved like students, deferring to their teachers and reminiscing about undergraduate days decades ago.



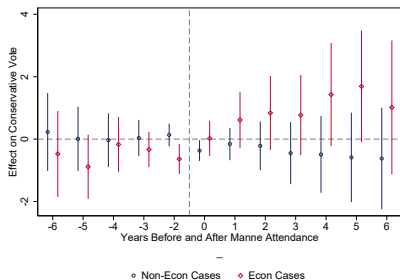
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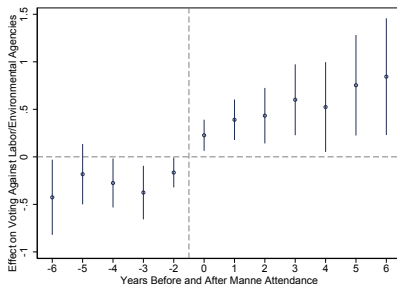


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Econ vs Non-Economics Cases

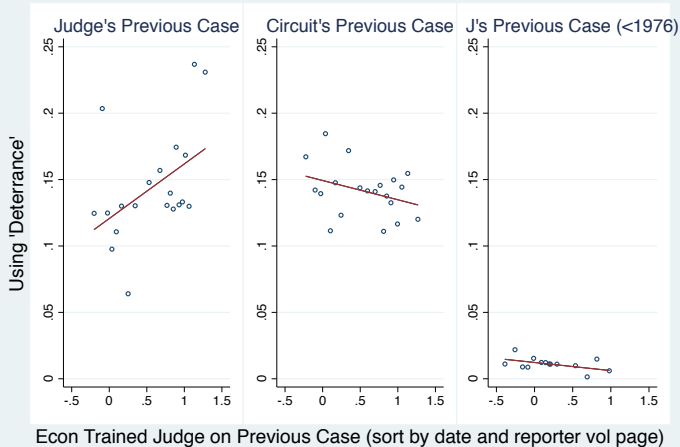


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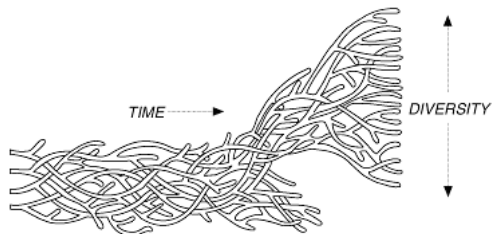
Impacting their peers

We can see economic language traveling from one judge to another and across legal areas.

Impact of Peer Economics Training on Use of 'Deterrence'



The Geneology of Ideology

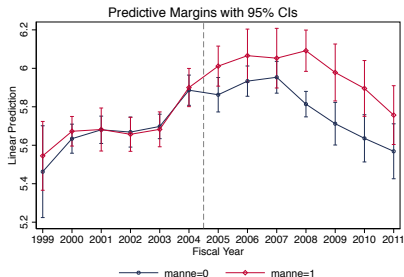


$$P_m = \frac{d_{m \rightarrow m}}{d_{\rightarrow m} + \delta} / \frac{d_{m \rightarrow m} + \delta}{d_{\rightarrow m} + \delta}$$

Scoring Memetic Phrases

When judges were given discretion in sentencing

economics trained judges immediately rendered 20% longer sentences relative to the non-economics counterparts.



Ash, Chen, and Naidu, Quarterly J Econ R/R

The Prejudices of Economic Ideology

Economics trained judges are harsher to blacks

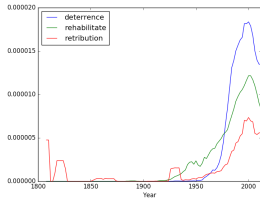
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* Economics	0.00401**	5.413***	0.00379**	3.180*
	(0.00157)	(2.044)	(0.00170)	(1.910)
* Republican			0.000641	4.096**
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			(0.00135)	(3.167)
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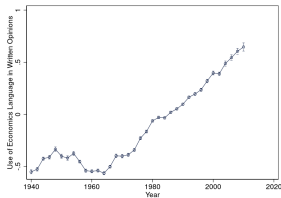
The Great Transformation

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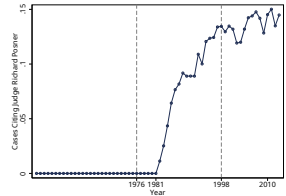
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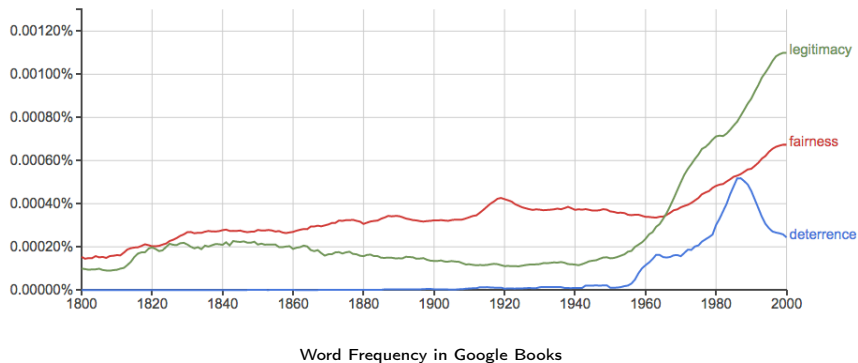


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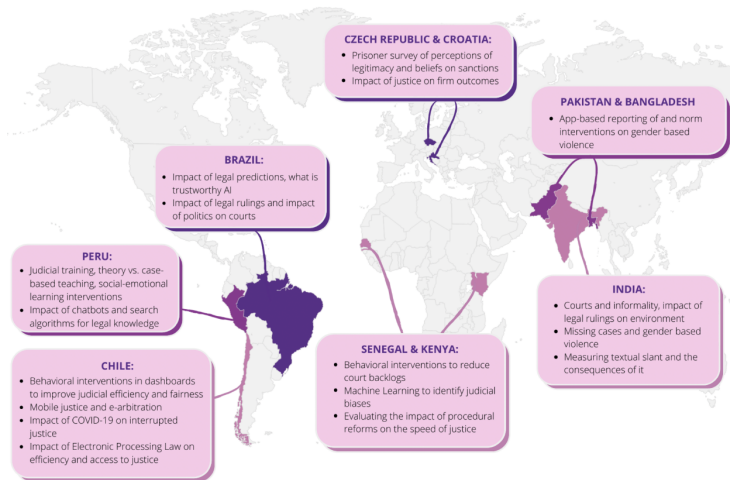
◀ Massive build-up of prisons

AI and the Next Transformation of Law?



● ~~retribution, rehabilitation~~, deterrence, legitimacy, fairness

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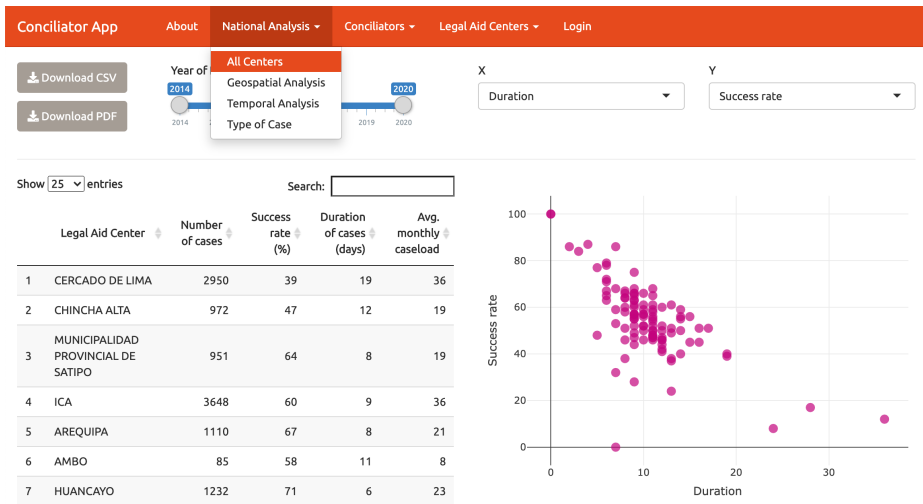
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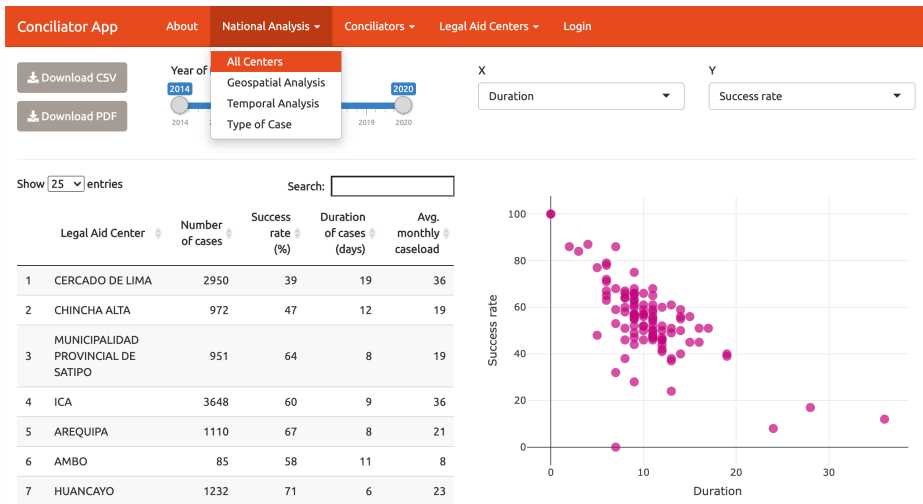
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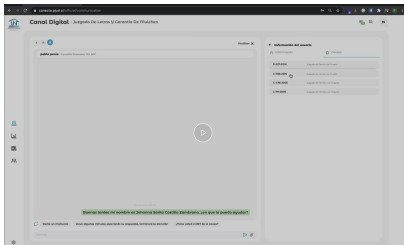


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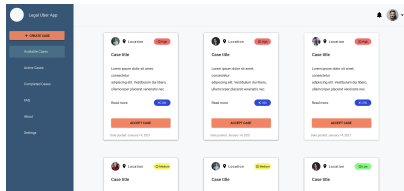
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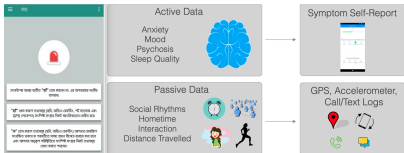
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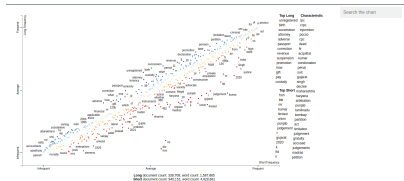
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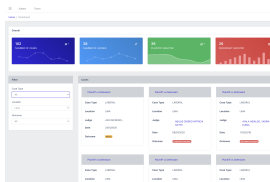


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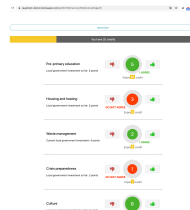
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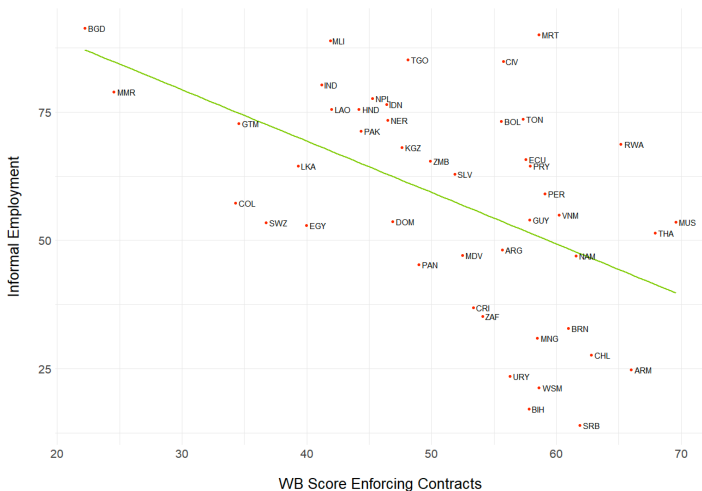
Chen, Schonger, and Wickens
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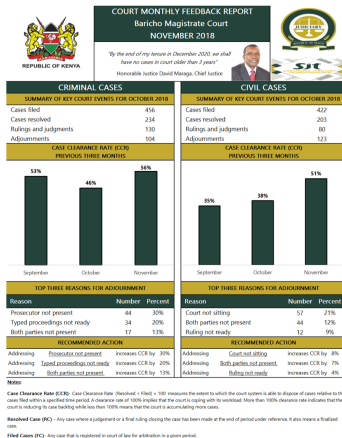
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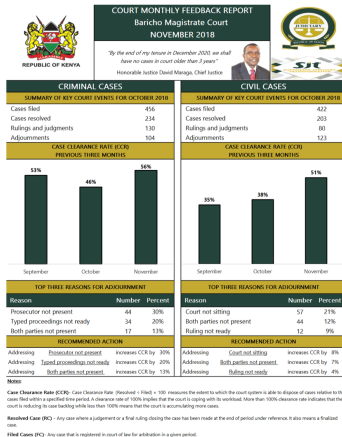


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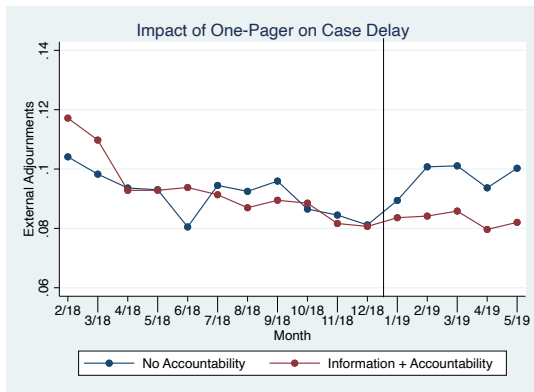


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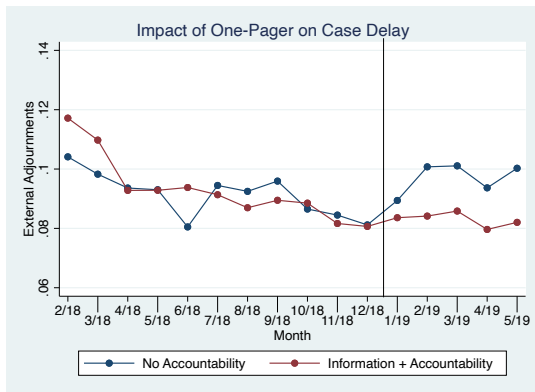
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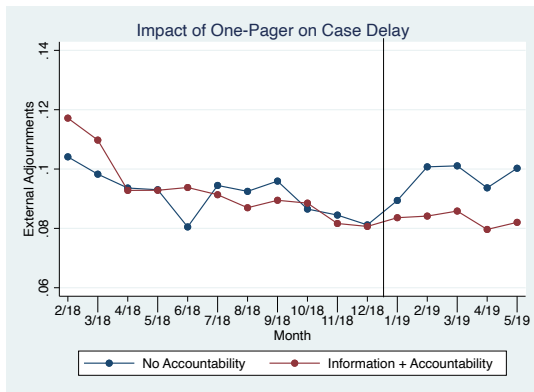
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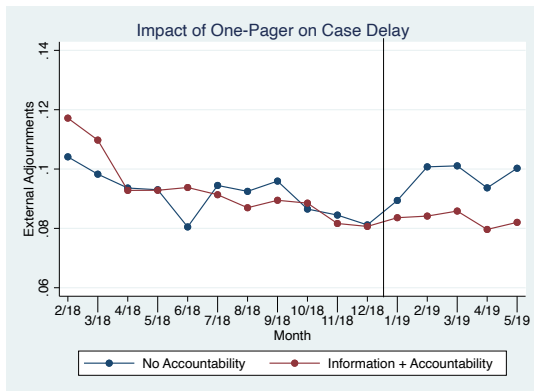
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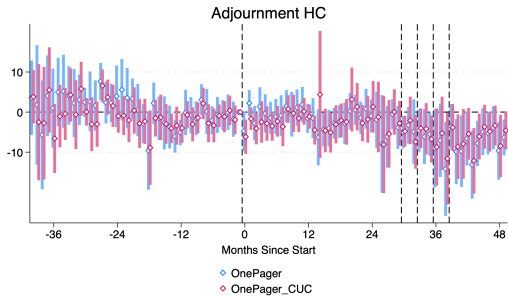
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The effects persist



Long-term impact

Elevating to 30% reduction in time to disposition over four years

	Time to Disposition	Commercial Cases Filed Per Day Per Court
OnePager * Post	-244.8* (135.4)	0.27 (0.17)
OnePager_CUC * Post	-322.4* (176.5)	0.41** (0.20)
Court FE	Yes	Yes
Day FE	Yes	Yes
Control Group mean	1103.6	0.61
SD	1481.6	2.36
Observations	183068	62883

along with an increase in access to justice

No adverse impacts of increased speed on proxies for quality

	(1) Judgement Length	(2) Cases in text	(3) Laws in text	(4) Number citations
OnePager * February 2019	-2.75 (160.75)	-0.87 (0.66)	0.23 (0.55)	-0.01 (0.09)
OnePager CUC * February 2019	-38.67 (179.62)	-0.07 (0.82)	0.06 (0.54)	-0.10 (0.10)
OnePager * March 2019	194.00 (142.12)	0.09 (0.38)	0.32 (0.50)	0.05 (0.05)
OnePager CUC * March 2019	107.30 (179.59)	0.54 (0.52)	0.67 (0.60)	0.22 (0.25)
OnePager * April 2019	186.91 (193.18)	0.73 (0.68)	0.56 (0.73)	0.13* (0.07)
OnePager CUC * April 2019	-29.20 (229.49)	0.89 (0.60)	0.49 (0.82)	-0.07 (0.09)
OnePager * May 2019	-4.81 (221.05)	-0.76 (0.67)	0.51 (0.69)	0.08 (0.07)
OnePager CUC * May 2019	-92.43 (236.63)	0.17 (0.78)	0.86 (0.80)	-0.11 (0.09)
OnePager * After June 2019	143.04 (151.46)	-0.04 (0.75)	0.36 (0.69)	0.08 (0.07)
OnePager CUC * After June 2019	70.80 (194.39)	0.82 (0.87)	0.07 (0.66)	-0.05 (0.09)
OnePager * Month Before	-4.36 (172.62)	0.24 (0.45)	-0.26 (0.72)	0.08 (0.07)
OnePager CUC * Month Before	206.14 (194.22)	1.45** (0.61)	0.35 (0.68)	0.14 (0.14)
Observations	137,376	137,376	137,376	137,231
R-squared	0.111	0.141	0.126	0.034
Mean Dep Var	2023	3.273	5.128	1.350
(SD)	2643	6.558	13.51	12.82

Speed of Justice & Citizen Satisfaction

What suggestions do you have for improving court facilities and services?

	Judge neutral	Judge led proceedings well	Suggestion Speed	Suggestion Quality
OnePager * 2019	0.04 (0.07)	0.00 (0.07)	-0.06* (0.03)	-0.06*** (0.02)
OnePager_CUC * 2019	-0.09 (0.07)	-0.04 (0.06)	-0.04 (0.04)	-0.05*** (0.02)
OnePager * 2015	0.29 (0.27)	0.33 (0.32)	-0.05 (0.03)	0.01 (0.04)
OnePager_CUC * 2015	0.26 (0.26)	0.31 (0.30)	-0.00 (0.03)	0.02 (0.04)
Observations	12,612	13,847	15,199	15,199
R-squared	0.875	0.903	0.227	0.176

We find a reduction in complaints about speed and quality.

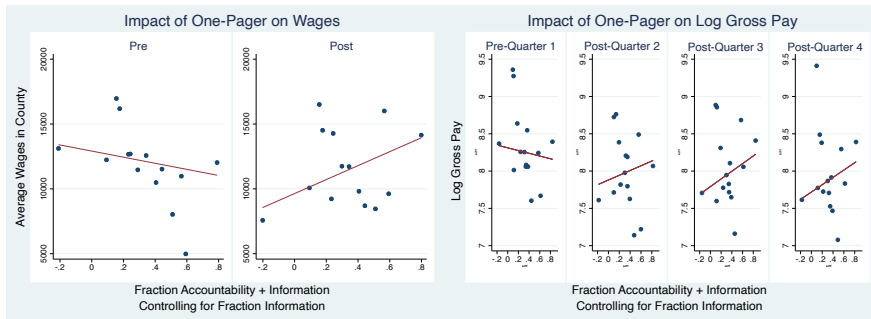
What is the long-term impact on trust?

Trust courts			
	All	Likely user	Not Likely user
OnePager * Wave 2	9.99* (5.34)	16.37** (6.35)	4.67 (6.55)
OnePager_CUC * Wave 2	4.41 (5.02)	3.28 (5.65)	5.31 (7.04)
OnePager * Wave 1	4.45 (5.89)	4.94 (6.66)	3.48 (6.43)
OnePager_CUC * Wave 1	1.33 (6.42)	-1.86 (6.82)	4.98 (7.27)
OnePager * Before	7.41 (6.69)	9.34 (7.60)	6.37 (7.25)
OnePager_CUC * Before	1.94 (6.19)	-1.79 (7.29)	5.93 (6.87)
Observations	9,315	4,791	4,484
County fixed effects	YES	YES	YES
Time FE	YES	YES	YES
Mean control group	55.78	54.50	57.62
SD control group	31.16	31	31.33

- Afrobarometer survey: “How much do you trust Courts of law?”
(0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot).

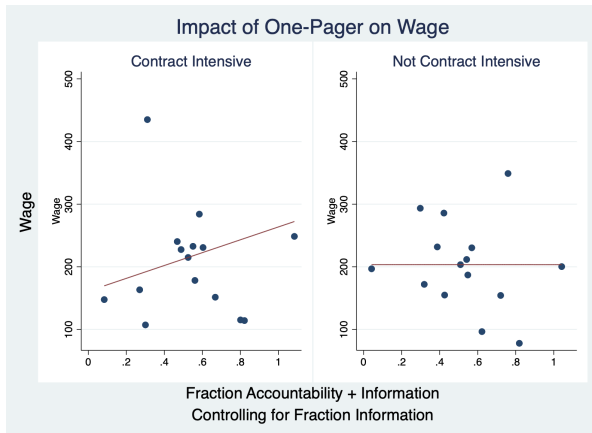
Speed of Justice & Economic Outcomes (VAT, KIHBS)

Kenya Continuous Household Survey measures wages, industry, contracts



Wages of individuals in the county is associated with proportion of treated court stations in a county

Contract Intensity



The effects are larger in contract-intensive industries.

Increase in Formal Contracts

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Keyword searches for automatic determination of most relevant clauses and judgments

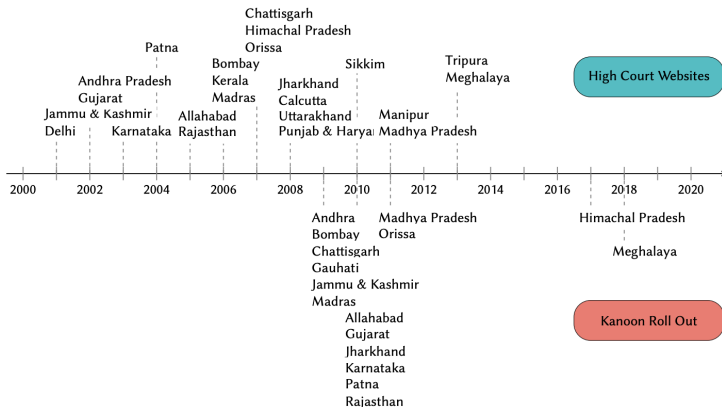


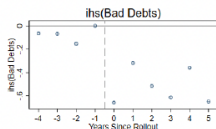
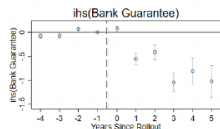
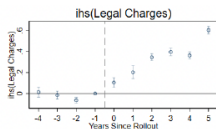
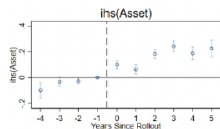
Figure: Roll Out Years for High Court Websites (top) and Kanoon (bottom)

Today, it is a “first-stop” for lawyers, 6 min per page, 2.9 M search queries and 1.5 M sessions per month

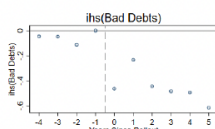
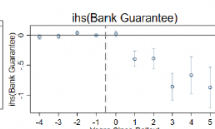
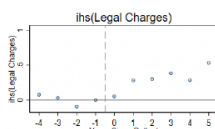
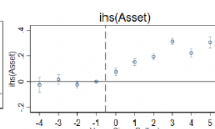
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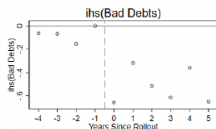
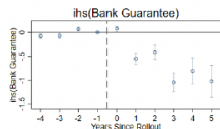
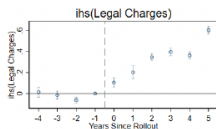
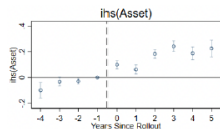
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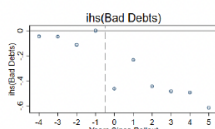
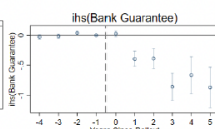
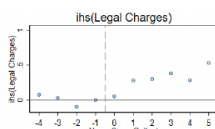
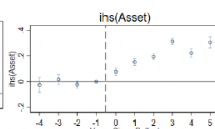
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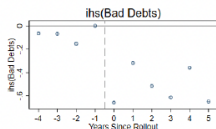
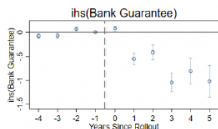
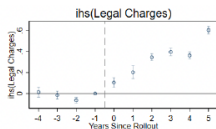
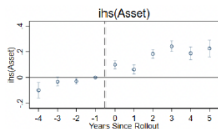
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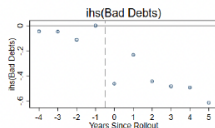
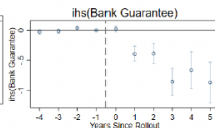
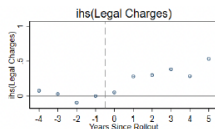
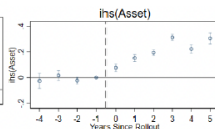
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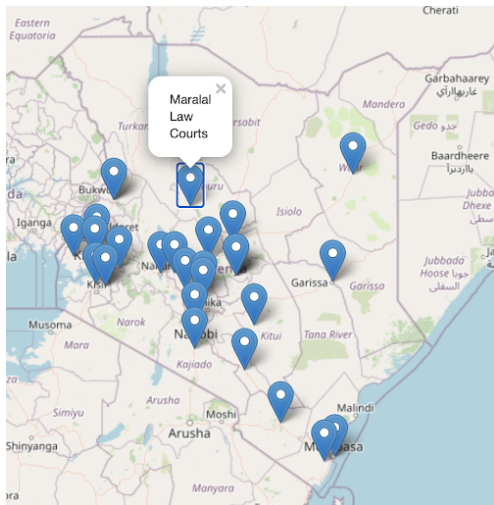
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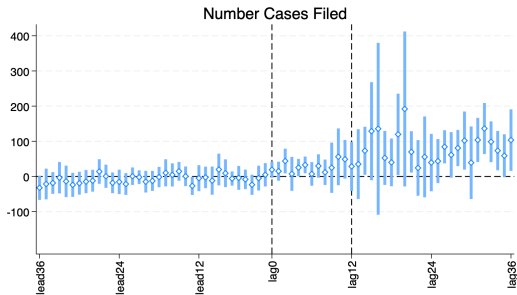
In 2012, Kenya began one of the largest court construction programs on record



Half had exogenous delays in construction

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Completed courts experienced 60% more cases filed per day



Succession, Commercial, Property

Court Performance

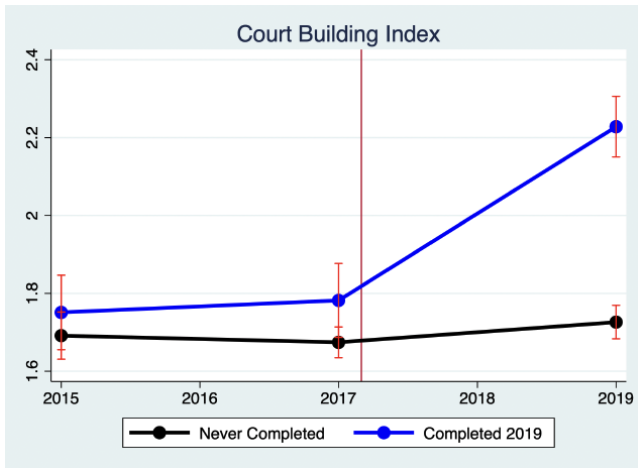
Completed courts reduced case delay by 25%

	(1)	(2)	(3)
	Time to Disposition	Number Judges	Time to Disposition
<i>CompletedCourt</i> ¹⁺	-119.2* (59.9)	0.48*** (0.13)	-140.5** (58.9)
<i>CompletedCourt</i> ⁰	-13.5 (52.1)	0.13 (0.15)	-19.4 (49.7)
<i>CompletedCourt</i> ⁻¹	-17.6 (50.3)	0.19 (0.15)	-22.6 (53.0)
Number Judges			38.3** (16.6)
Control Group mean	483.6	1.92	483.6
Observations	125245	33602	125245

Impact of Completed Courts

Completed courts increased court satisfaction and access to justice

particularly for the disadvantaged



The share of litigants with only primary school education grows by 16 percentage points

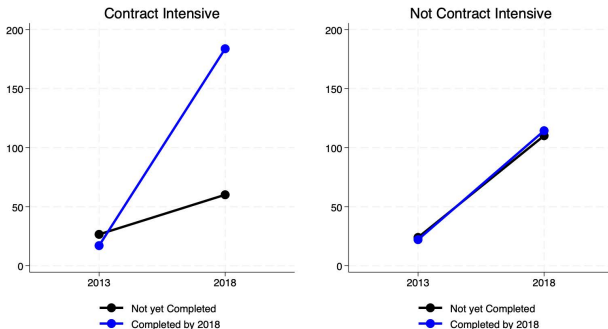
Transforming the courts to being more nationally representative

Firm Investment

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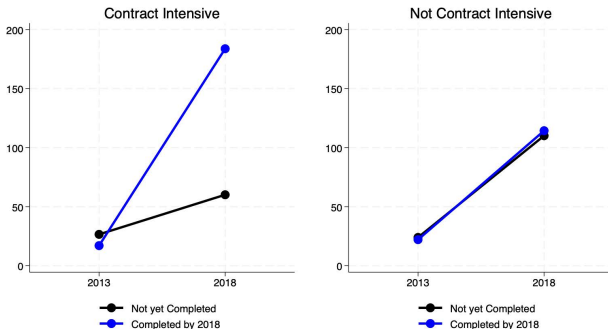
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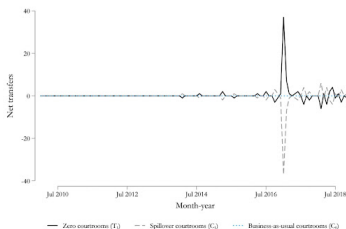
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Figure 12: Density of transfers by month

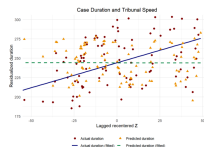


	Days in court	Disposed within 1 year	Number of Hearings	Duration of Hearings
Judge changed	169* (93)	-0.24** (.11)	3.1* (1.8)	83*** (25)
Mean dep. var.	503	0.47	8.1	234
Observations	601540	601775	600268	397902
Month FE	Y	Y	Y	Y
F-test p-value	.12	.063	.085	.049

WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF DELAY ON LITIGANTS' OUTCOMES?

Firms randomly assigned to 1σ faster panels

Increase productivity by 10%



Testing empirically the identification assumptions:

- Tribunal assignment matters for case duration: there is a steep positive correlation between tribunal speed and case duration (blue line)
- Tribunal assignment is random: there is no correlation between duration predicted by baseline case characteristics and tribunal speed (green dotted line)

	Log Sales		
	t-1	t0	t+1
Tribunal Speed	-0.008 (0.025)	0.049 (0.034)	0.099*** (0.034)
1st Stage F-stat	41	41	41
Y mean (level)	9.401	9.053	8.735

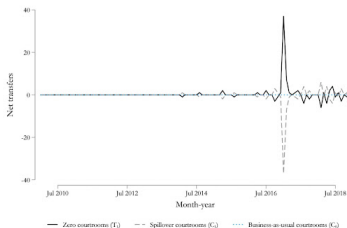
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Figure 12: Density of transfers by month



	Days in court	Disposed within 1 year	Number of Hearings	Duration of Hearings
Judge changed	169* (93)	-0.24** (.11)	3.1* (1.8)	83*** (25)
Mean dep. var.	503	0.47	8.1	234
Observations	601540	601775	600268	397902
Month FE	Y	Y	Y	Y
F-test p-value	.12	.063	.085	.049

WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF DELAY ON LITIGANTS' OUTCOMES?

Firms randomly assigned to 1σ faster panels

Increase productivity by 10%



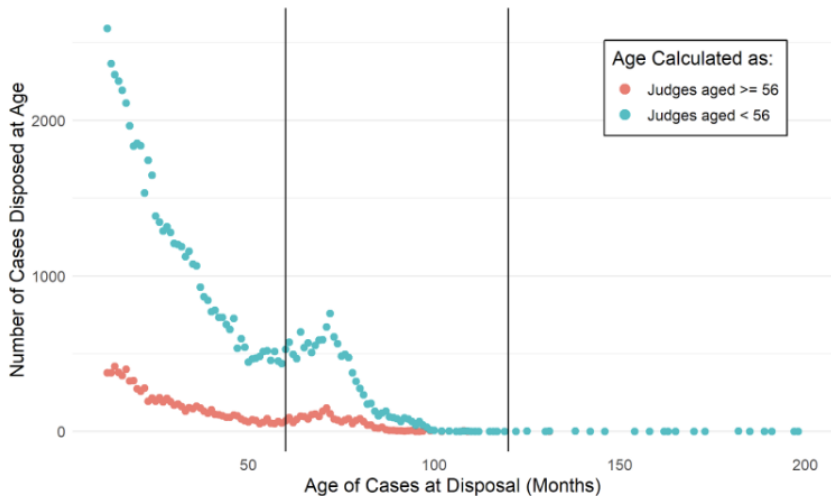
Testing empirically the identification assumptions:

- Tribunal assignment matters for case duration: there is a steep positive correlation between tribunal speed and case duration (blue line)
- Tribunal assignment is random: there is no correlation between duration predicted by baseline case characteristics and tribunal speed (green dotted line)

	Log Sales		
	t-1	t0	t+1
Tribunal Speed	-0.008 (0.025)	0.049 (0.034)	0.099*** (0.034)
1st Stage F-stat	41	41	41
Y mean (level)	9.401	9.053	8.735

HOW TO INCREASE COURT EFFECTIVENESS?

Judges respond to productivity quotas

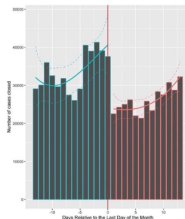


many case types get extra points if case is older than 5 years

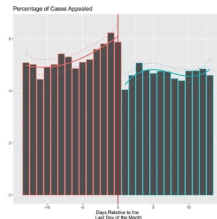
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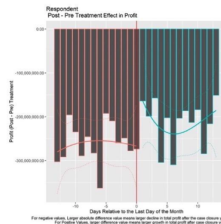
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% Appeals by Case Closing Date

Observe: Judges close more cases towards end of the month

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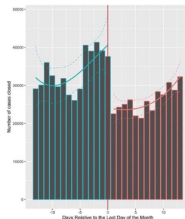
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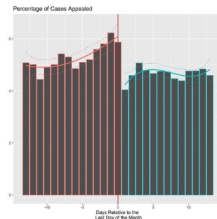
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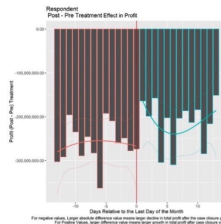
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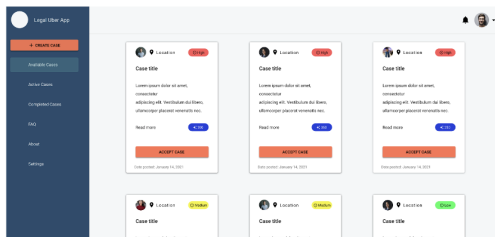
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Dynamic Point Systems?

Apply sharing economy principles of low transaction costs, coordination of information networks and better resource allocation and utilization.

Legal Uber App

The web app will display a dashboard interface that allows the supply side user (clerk or judge) to view case availability. Case priority can be determined by how long the case has been idle and in which region it exists. These factors can influence not only the prioritization of a case but also the reward that is offered for taking the case. Participants can volunteer into an incentive scheme that allows them to earn points as they complete the cases. These points can then be spent on various rewards like access to interns, working from home allowance, flexible scheduling, and public recognition. Judges and clerks could also share schedules and professional details like their location and expertise with the system which can assist in determining their suitability for the platform.



Improve performance in congested courts by balancing workload across courts, without incurring cost of hiring new staff.

Recommending Mediators to Cases based on Value-Added?

Mediation App

National

Find a Mediator

Courts

Court:

MILIMANI

Case Type:

CIVIL MATTER

case_type

CIVIL MATTER

CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS / HUMAN RIGHTS

CUSTODY & MAINTENANCE (CHILDREN)

DIVORCE & SEPARATION

EMPLOYMENT AND LABOR CASE

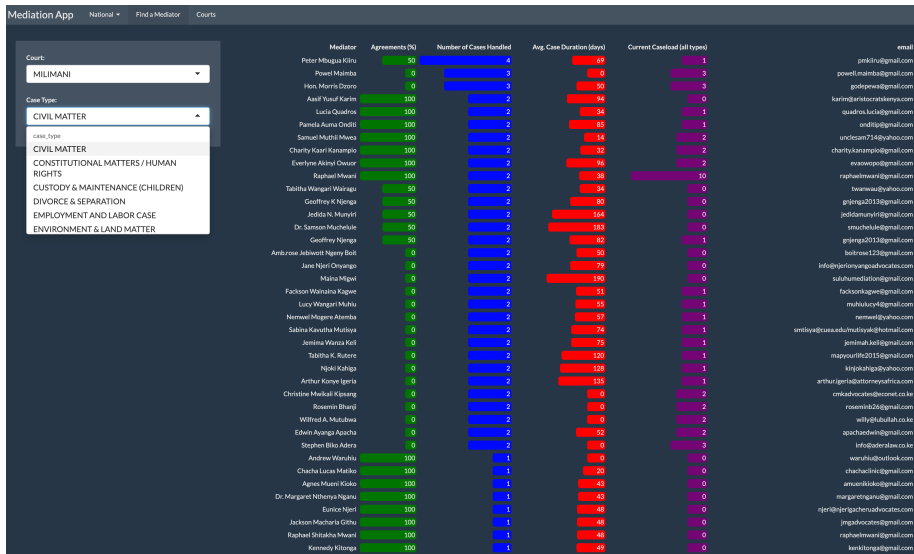
ENVIRONMENT & LAND MATTER

email

Mediator	Agreements (%)	Number of Cases Handled	Avg. Case Duration (days)	Current Caseload (all types)	email
Peter Mbugua Kilnu	50	4	69	1	pinkiru@gmail.com
Powell Maimba	0	3	0	3	powellmamba@gmail.com
Hon. Morris Ozoro	0	3	50	3	godepewa@gmail.com
Aasif Yusuf Karim	100	2	94	0	karim@aristocratskenya.com
Lucia Quadros	100	2	94	1	quadros.lucia@gmail.com
Pamela Auma Onditi	100	2	85	1	onditi@gmail.com
Samuel Muthi Mwera	100	2	14	2	unciesam714@yahoo.com
Charity Kaari Kanampio	100	2	32	2	charitykanampio@gmail.com
Everhyme Akinyi Owuor	100	2	96	2	evawowpo@gmail.com
Raphael Mwari	100	2	38	10	raphaelmwari@gmail.com
Tabitha Wangari Wairagu	50	2	34	0	twamwari@yahoo.com
Geoffrey K Njenga	50	2	80	0	grijenga2013@gmail.com
Jedida N. Muriiri	50	2	164	0	jedidamuriiri@gmail.com
Dr. Samson Muchele	50	2	183	0	smuchele@gmail.com
Geoffrey Njenga	50	2	82	1	grijenga2013@gmail.com
Ambrose Jebiwott Ngeyo Bolt	0	2	50	0	boltrwse123@gmail.com
Jane Njeri Oryango	0	2	79	0	info@jerioryangadvocates.com
Maima Migwi	0	2	190	0	sufumediation@gmail.com
Fackson Wainaina Kapwe	0	2	51	1	facksonkapwe@gmail.com
Lucy Wangari Muihi	0	2	55	1	muihiucy4@gmail.com
Nemwell Mogere Atemba	0	2	57	1	nemwell@yahoo.com
Sabina Kavutha Mutisiya	0	2	74	1	smutisiya@cuaasduktutisiya@hotmail.com
Jemima Wanza Keli	0	2	75	1	jemimah.keli@gmail.com
Tabitha K. Rutere	0	2	120	1	mapourilife2015@gmail.com
Njoki Kahiga	0	2	128	1	kinjokahiga@yahoo.com
Arthur Konye Igeria	0	2	135	1	arthurigeria@attorneyafrica.com
Christine Mwikali Kipsang	0	2	0	2	cmkadvocates@econet.co.ke
Rosemin Bhanji	0	2	0	2	roseminb26@gmail.com
Wilfred A. Mutubwa	0	2	0	2	willy@tubulah.co.ke
Edwin Ayanga Apacha	0	2	52	2	apachaedwin@gmail.com
Stephen Biko Adera	0	2	0	3	info@oderaw.co.ke
Andrew Waruhii	100	1	0	0	waruhia@outlook.com
Chacha Lucas Matiko	100	1	20	0	chachacrice@gmail.com
Agnes Mueni Kioko	100	1	43	0	amuenikioko@gmail.com
Dr. Margaret Nthenya Ngandu	100	1	43	0	margaretnyandu@gmail.com
Eunice Njeri	100	1	48	0	njeri@jerigacheraadvocates.com
Jackson Mocharia Githu	100	1	48	0	jmgadvocates@gmail.com
Raphael Shitaka Mwari	100	1	48	0	raphaelmwari@gmail.com
Kennedy Kitonga	100	1	49	0	kenkitonga@gmail.com

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Open source decision support

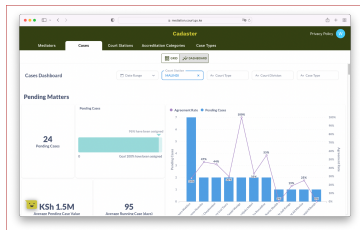
Before: excel spreadsheets

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After: decision dashboards



and harmonized data-entry

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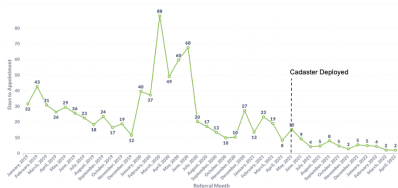
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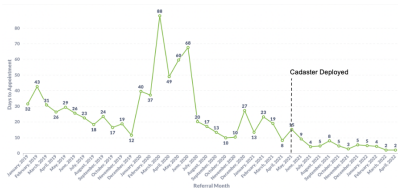
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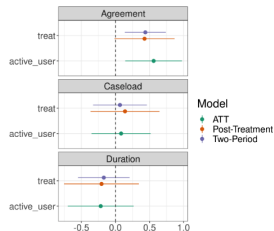
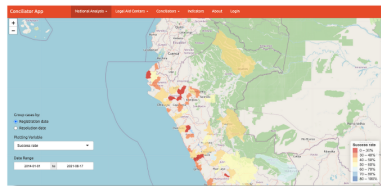
Research design: Randomized controlled trial across 80 legal stations in Peru

- **Treatment:** Conciliator App to self-assess performance indicators
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App increases agreement rate by 0.5 standard deviations.

RCT 1.2: Coaching or Vertical accountability

RCT 2: Reddit forum using Netflix recommendation system



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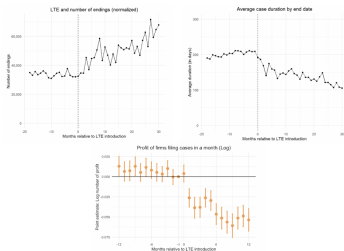
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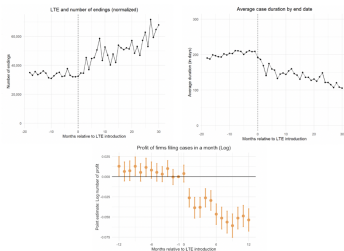
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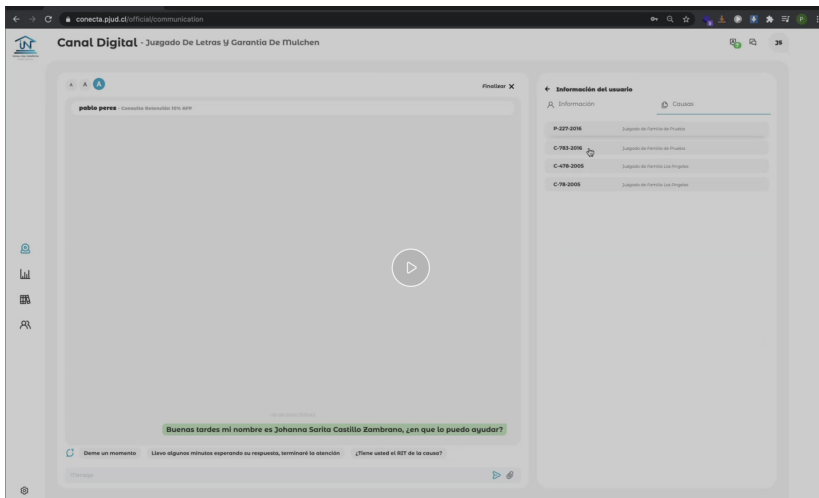
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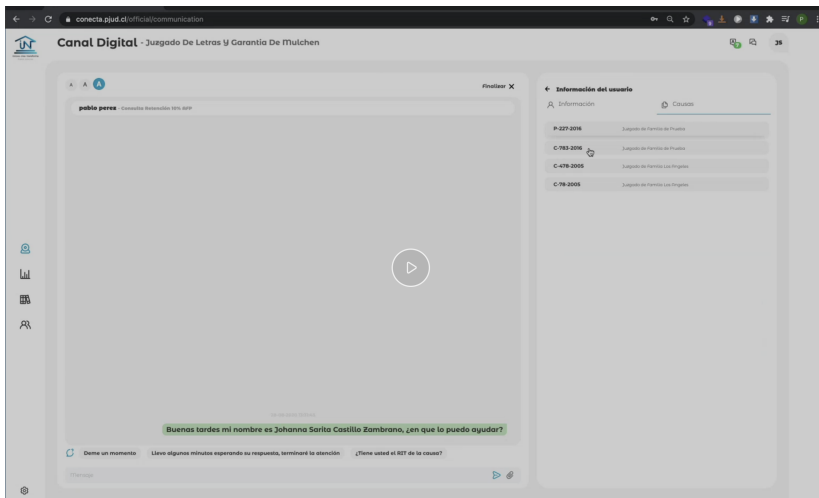
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2 segundos
- Johanna Sarita Castillo Zambrano** 13:34:52
Atención **aceptada** por Johanna Sarita Castillo Zambrano
13 segundos
- Johanna Sarita Castillo Zambrano** 13:35:05
Buenas tardes mi nombre es Johanna Sarita Castillo Zambrano, ¿en que le puedo ayudar?
39 segundos
- pablo perez** 13:36:05
Hola
2 segundos
- pablo perez** 13:36:07
Cómo están
10 segundos
- Johanna Sarita Castillo Zambrano** 13:36:19
Llevo algunos minutos esperando su respuesta, terminaré la atención
1 segundo
- Johanna Sarita Castillo Zambrano** 13:36:20
Adios
3 segundos

Participantes

- pablo perez**
Usuario
- Johanna Sarita Castillo Zambrano**
Funcionaria

Duración

Espera: 00:00:02

Atención: 00:01:30

Información del Usuario

RUT 6.187.814-9	Fecha Atención 28-08-2020 13:34:30
Nombre pablo perez	Tipo Whatsapp
Teléfono 964.395678	

No se realizaron observaciones

FACILITATING DOWNSTREAM ANALYSIS ON CONSEQUENCES

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40% of inquiries were gender-related

Rolled out nationally (and advertised on Facebook)



to improve speed of justice

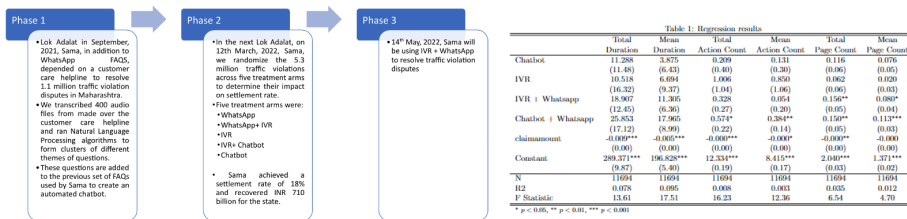
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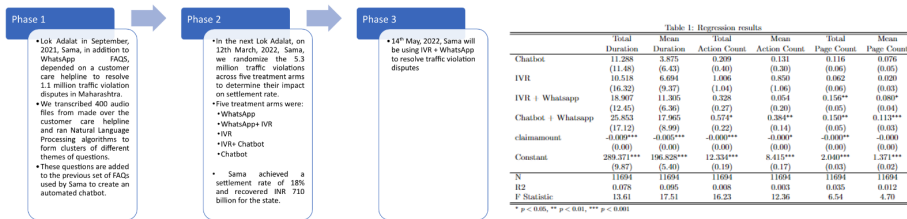
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Abstract

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Stage 2: Prediction of Error

- A deviation that is more likely to render an error (from a model using all available features X and W) can be accompanied by a nudge to “be more attentive” or spend more time to make a better decision.
 - ▶ (1) A nudge, instead of a checklist, might impose less bandwidth.
 - ▶ (2) Save time and energy to focus on novel, complex cases.
- self-improvement (nudges)

Stage 3: Explanations

- A decision-maker may want interpretable machine learning **and** request a reason for why the deviation may lead to mistakes.
 - ▶ (1) Stage 3 elevates the AI to the role of a more general coach, providing feedback on choices.
 - ▶ (2) The more people feel that their autonomy is protected and that they are in control of the conversation—able to choose when feedback is given—the better they respond to it. (West and Thorson 2018)
- self-understanding (why)

Stage 4: Dialogue

- Of course, it is always possible that the AI system's suggestion would not take into account some reliable private information that the decision-maker might have access to.
 - ▶ Where this happens, the AI system would be steering the decision-maker off course rather than correcting for their inconsistencies.
 - ▶ Therefore, a dialogue, encouraged between the decision-maker and the AI system, allowing for the AI to learn from the user as well.
- self-expression (autonomy)

Stage 5: Community of Experts

- AI brings in other people's decision histories and patterns, serving as a platform for a community of experts.
 - ▶ A decision-maker may want to access a community of experts by seeing what the algorithm predicts other to do.
 - ▶ This can be accessible as a dropdown menu, to seek advice from a particular decision-maker,
 - ★ or as a statistical distribution to protect privacy.
- community of practice (self vs. others)

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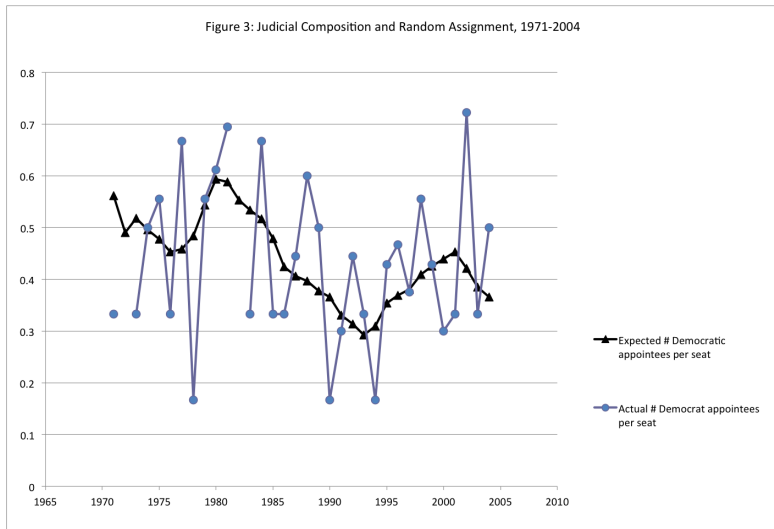
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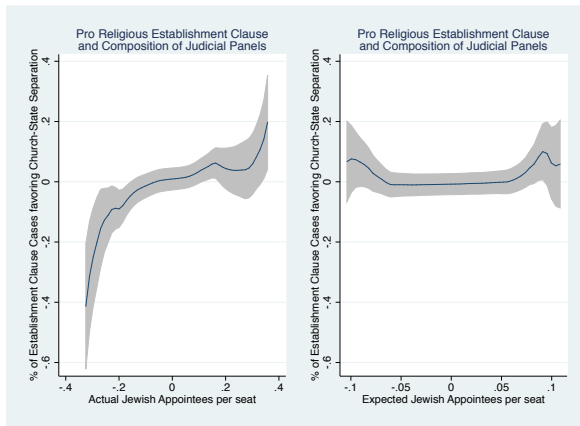
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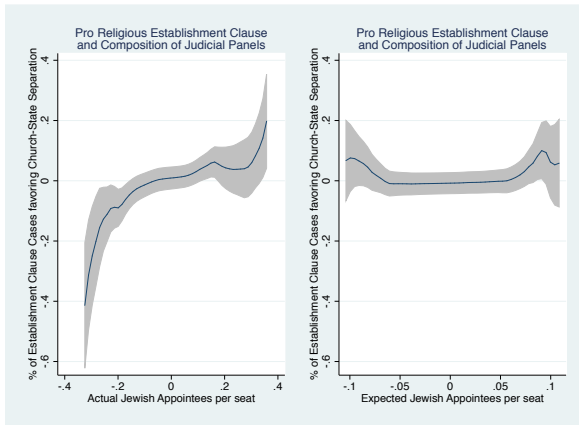


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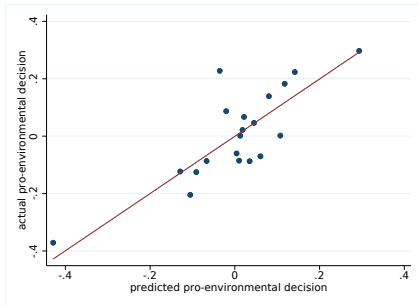


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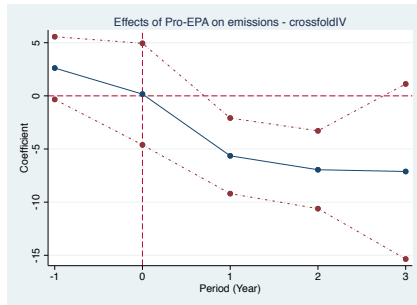
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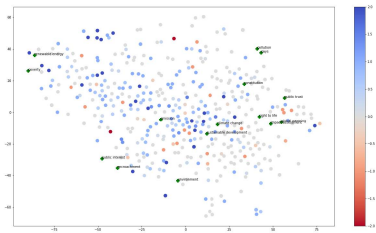


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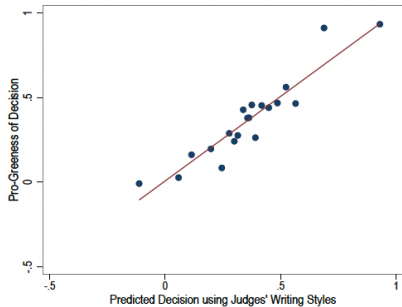


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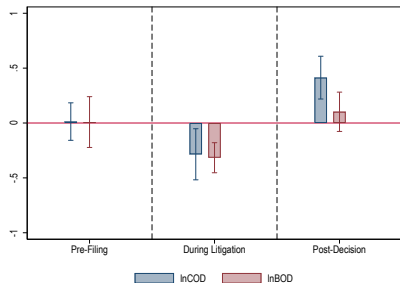


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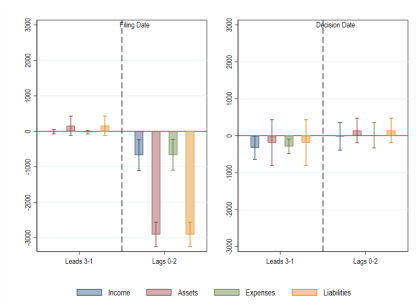


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Green judges reduce pollution and



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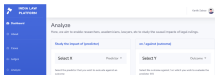
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Instrumental Variables and Endowed Flexibility

Endogenous variables X and exogenous variables Z are correlated (DGP)

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      U((U)) --> X((X))
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      X((X)) --> Y((Y))
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where U is the unobserved common cause of X and Z , and Y is the outcome variable of interest.

In a linear IV setting, the structural linear model $Y = \beta X + \epsilon$ is estimated to be

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Two-stage least squares (2SLS) estimation minimizes $\sum (Y_i - \beta X_i)^2$ in the first stage and

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minimizes $\sum (Y_i - \beta X_i)^2$ in the second stage. The 2SLS estimator is unbiased and consistent.

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But what if there is a large correlation between X and Z ? This is a problem because the 2SLS estimator is biased and inconsistent.

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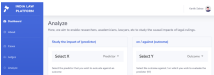
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Instrumental variables (IV) models are a standard tool for identifying causal effects (DGP).

Typical setup: $Z \rightarrow X \rightarrow Y$, where Z is the instrument, X is the treatment, and Y is the outcome. We assume that Z is independent of the unobserved confounders U .

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Validity of 2SLS requires: $E[U|Z] = 0$.

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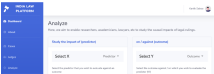
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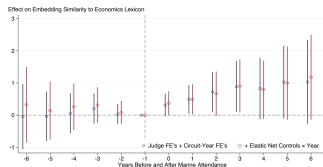
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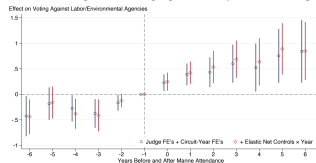
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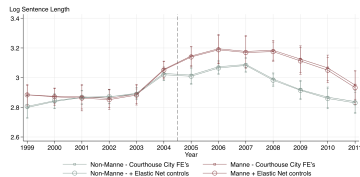


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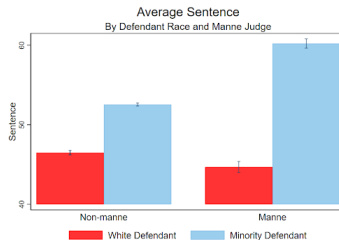
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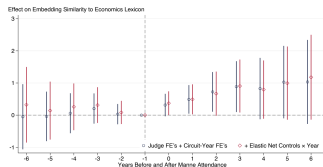


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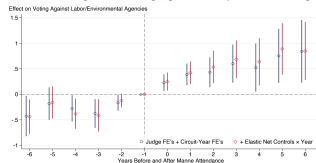
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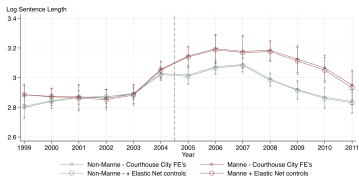


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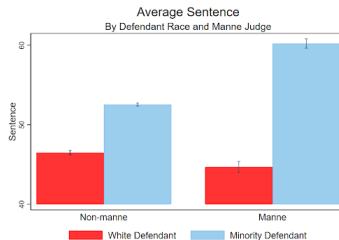
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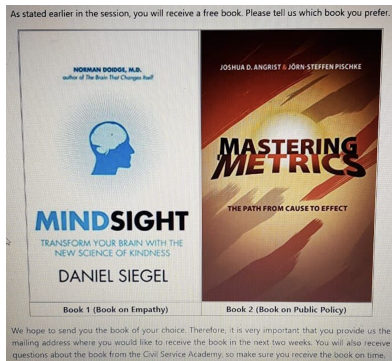


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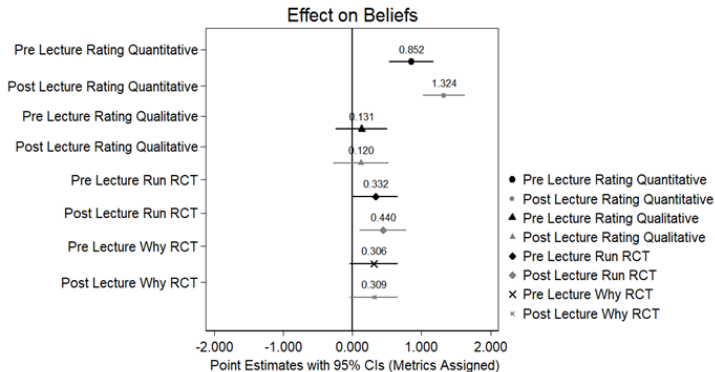
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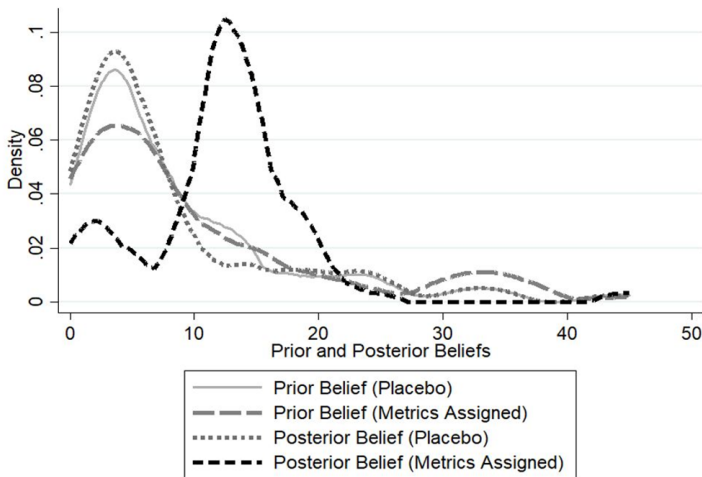
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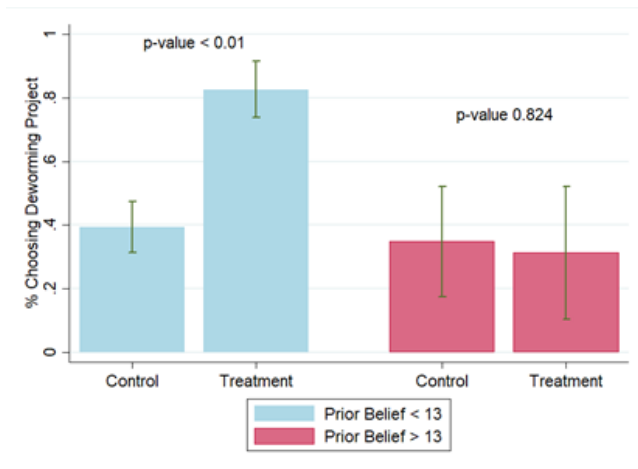
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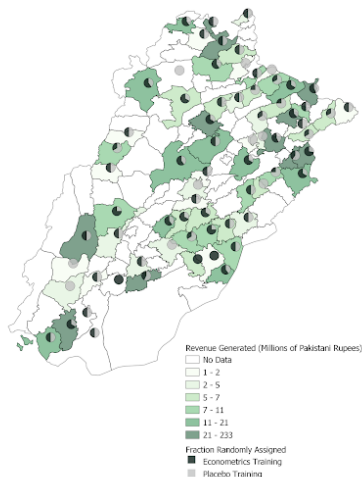
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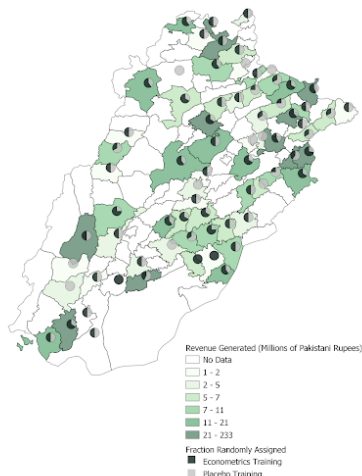


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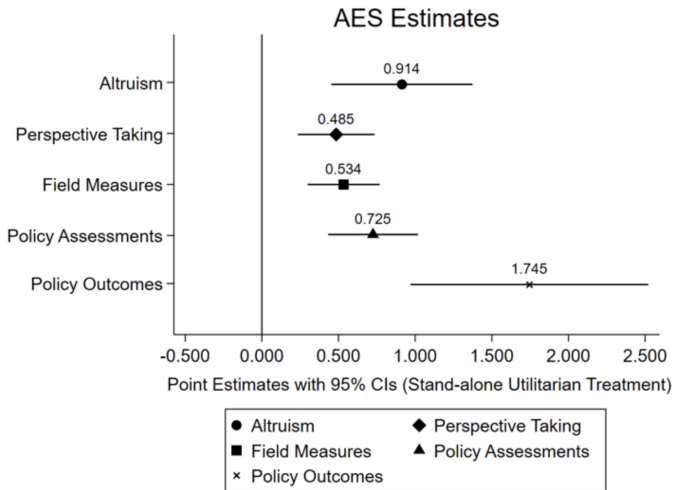


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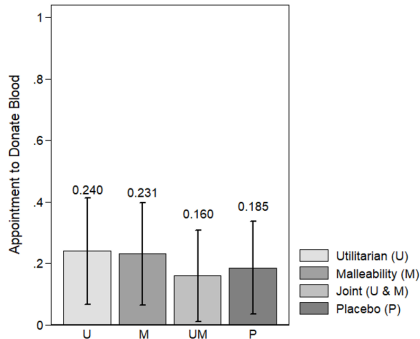
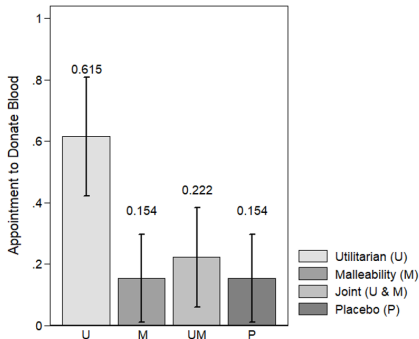
Training effective altruism via the utilitarian value of empathy renders greater altruism



Blood Donations

Training effective altruism increased mentalizing on consequences of decisions

Blood donations doubled only for matching blood type



Perspective-taking in strategic dilemmas improved

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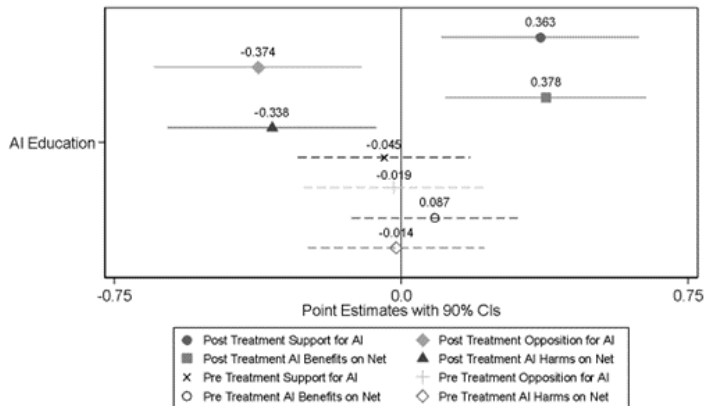
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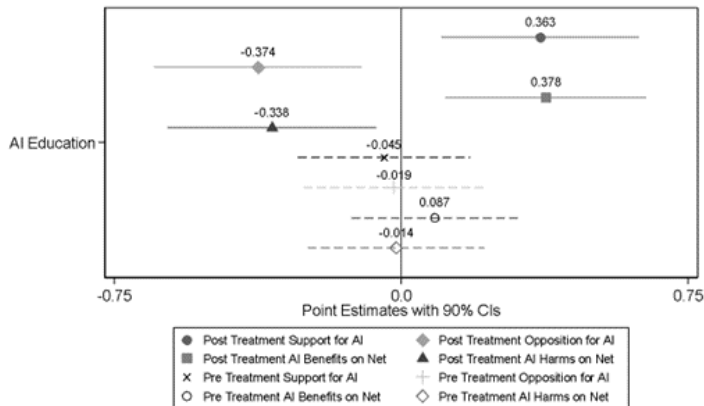


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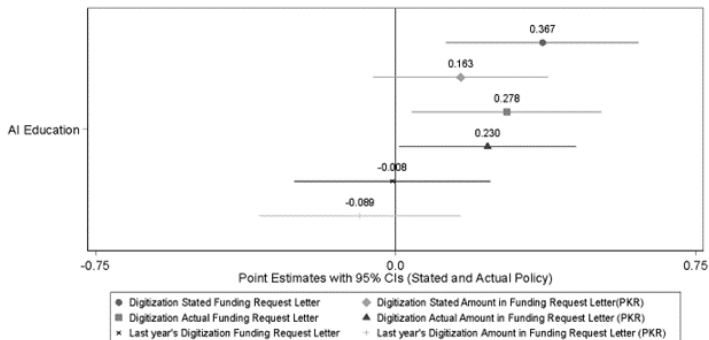


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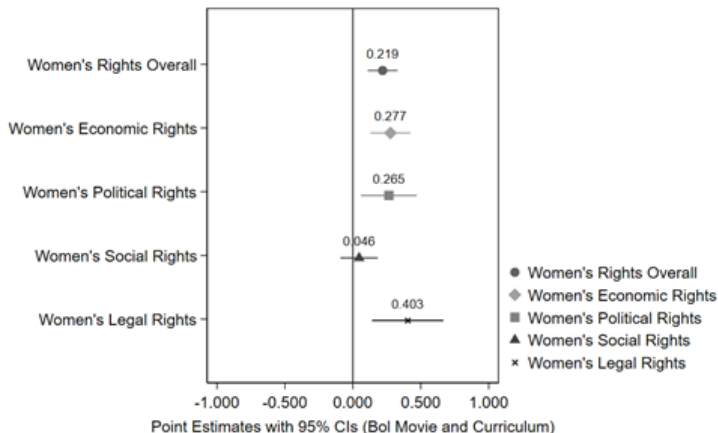
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Transmitting Gender Rights Shifts Teacher's Attitudes

Using a visual narrative (best-selling film developed with Johns Hopkins) and 5-page curricular outline, we randomized teachers to conduct structured semester-long class discussions over women's rights.

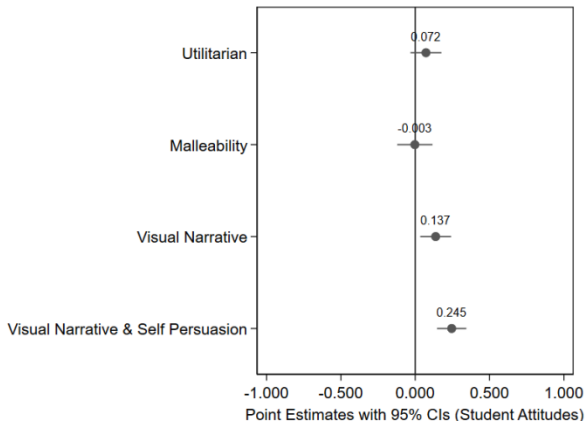


Signing of Petitions and Implicit Attitudes

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	<i>Gender Recognition Index</i>	<i>Petition to Criminalize Dowry</i>	<i>Petition to Abolish Polygamy</i>	<i>Gender IAT Score</i>
<i>Visual Narrative & Self-Persuasion</i>	0.187*** [0.0510]	0.566*** [0.143]	0.512*** [0.146]	0.348** [0.162]
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Individual Controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
School Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observations	607	607	607	527
R-squared	0.138	0.140	0.200	0.131

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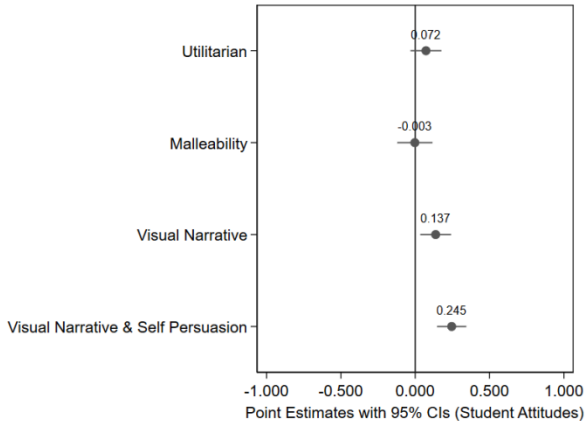
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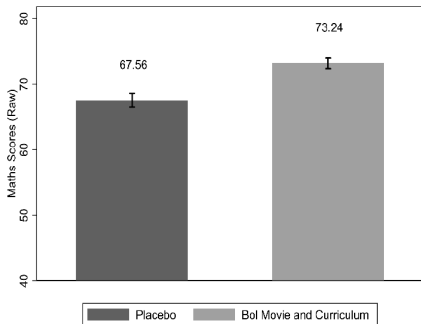
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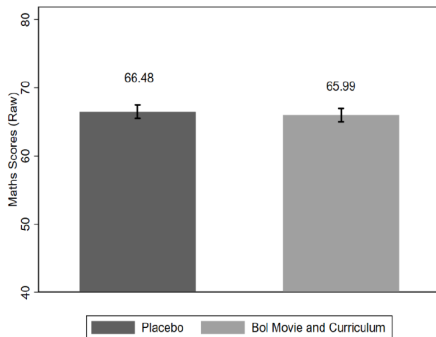
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Transmitting Gender Rights Improves Student Achievement

Only for Mixed Gender Study Groups



mixed gender study groups



same gender study groups

Mixed-Gender Study Groups

Increased cooperation and coordination with the opposite gender

Panel A: Responses when facing opposite gender

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	<i>Redistribution</i>	<i>Competitiveness</i>	<i>Cooperation</i>	<i>Coordination</i>
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<i>Movie-Curriculum X Mixed Study Group</i>	-0.0406 [0.0671]	-0.0358 [0.0733]	0.299*** [0.0349]	0.333*** [0.0347]
Playing with Opposite Gender	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Individual Controls & School FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observations	9,145	9,145	9,145	9,145
R-squared	0.008	0.013	0.610	0.331

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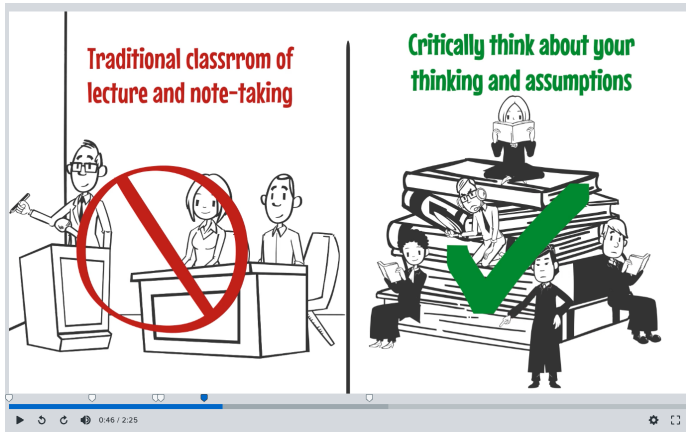
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Setting

- Judicial Academy of Peru is working on the transition from theory to case-based teaching, which was already the primary method of teaching in American law schools since the 1970s (Moskovitz 1992).
- In this two-year engagement, we conducted three randomized light-touch interventions.

Socratic Method (Study 1)

a pedagogical innovation from antiquity focusing on reflective inquiry



Socratic Treatment

- Socratic treatment encourages student to think critically - challenging their own as well as their teachers and classmates assumptions about the material covered in class.

THINK ABOUT THESE QUESTIONS



1. **WHAT OPINIONS** do you have about today's topic?
2. What **ASSUMPTIONS** are you making towards that opinion?
3. During the class, are your assumptions proving **TRUE** or getting **CHALLENGED**?
4. **WHEN** are your assumptions the **SAME** as your classmates?
5. **WHEN** are your assumptions **DIFFERENT** from your classmates?

- Control treatment reminded students to focus on the teacher's ideas and take notes

Socratic Training improved Performance

Students assigned to Socratic treatment were 2.6 percentage points more likely to pass
and increased grades by 0.23 standardized units

VARIABLES	ITT		ToT	
	(1) grade	(2) pass	(3) grade	(4) pass
Assigned to Socratic	0.311* (0.173) [0.088]	0.026* (0.014) [0.088]		
Saw Socratic			0.950* (0.542) [0.080]	0.080* (0.045) [0.080]
Constant	15.633*** (0.195)	0.844*** (0.015)	15.633*** (0.195)	0.844*** (0.015)
Observations	1,368	1,370	1,368	1,370
R-squared	0.001	0.001		
Individuals	1368	1370	1368	1370

Click data shows larger treatment effects on those who finished the 4-minute video (ToT)

Socratic Training reduced Motivated Reasoning

Students assigned to Socratic treatment were 6.5 percentage points more curious

VARIABLES	ITT			ToT		
	(1) VDO	(2) SBU	(3) Curiosity	(4) VDO	(5) SBU	(6) Curiosity
Assigned to Socratic	-0.016 (0.042) [0.904]	0.028 (0.047) [0.896]	0.065** (0.027) [0.030]			
Saw Socratic				-0.038 (0.100) [0.910]	0.066 (0.109) [0.896]	0.122** (0.053) [0.020]
Constant	0.980*** (0.030)	0.980*** (0.029)	0.874*** (0.023)	0.980*** (0.030)	0.980*** (0.029)	0.874*** (0.023)
Observations	498	498	300	498	498	300
R-squared	0.000	0.001	0.013		0.004	
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and requested additional information on the supreme court case vignette

Community of Practice (Study 2)

- Community of Practice (Wenger 1991) a pedagogical innovation focusing on regular and concrete learning from peers.
 - ▶ The peer met the teacher to provide feedback
 - ★ teaching strategies: case method, role play, student participation

Community of Practice increases Grades and Satisfaction

	Grades					Satisfaction	
	(1) Forum grade	(2) Reading grade	(3) Homework grade	(4) Exam grade	(5) Final grade	(6) With teacher	(7) With course
Monitoring	0.0702 (0.0759)	0.0818** (0.0347)	0.0794 (0.0499)	0.1609 (0.0956)	0.1196** (0.0578)	0.0964* (0.0553)	0.0875* (0.0504)
Observations	4,968	4,988	5,017	5,000	5,021	10,023	9,967
R ²	0.13221	0.16559	0.12541	0.06765	0.09313	0.02617	0.03810
Dependent variable mean	0.04144	0.01453	0.05110	0.08771	0.07569	0.06086	0.06448
Round fixed effects	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Course fixed effects	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

- 0.12 standard deviations (SD) in final grades
- 0.10 and 0.09 SDs in satisfaction

Community of Practice increases Case Clearance Rates

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	Ruling favors plaintiff	Appeal of ruling	Reversal of ruling	Clearance rate	Time to disposition	Timely Resolved
Panel A: Post Treatment						
Monitoring	0.0866 (0.1189)	-0.1017 (0.1384)	-0.0038 (0.0591)	0.1683** (0.0759)	-0.2410 (0.2485)	0.1799* (0.1047)
Observations	169	169	169	203	219	219
R Squared	0.102	0.326	0.158	0.101	0.182	0.191
Dependent variable mean	0.8182	0.4915	0.0899	0.3220	-0.0496	0.4622

Note: Standard errors are clustered at the judge level. Time to disposition is standardized with respect to the control group mean. All regressions include strata controls. All regressions include judge pre treatment covariates including age, sex, years of tenure, years in the bar association. They also include case speciality covariates. Panel A shows regression coefficients from a post-treatment specification. Panel B shows coefficients from a DiD specification. * *p* < 0.10, ** *p* < 0.05, *** *p* < 0.01.

8-month training program

Community of Practice effects are larger for females

Females in treated classes had higher grades and satisfaction

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Panel A: Males							
Monitoring	0.0556 (0.0813)	0.0467 (0.0470)	0.0536 (0.0590)	0.1425 (0.0950)	0.0829 (0.0663)	0.0567 (0.0592)	0.0332 (0.0567)
Observations	3108	3123	3142	3129	3145	6248	6248
R Squared	0.137	0.162	0.119	0.057	0.088	0.035	0.042
Dependent variable mean	0.0371	-0.0076	0.0496	0.0836	0.0644	0.0518	0.0685
Panel B: Females							
Monitoring	0.0971 (0.0734)	0.1437*** (0.0511)	0.1012* (0.0518)	0.1769 (0.1108)	0.1555** (0.0672)	0.1389 (0.0951)	0.1794* (0.0969)
Observations	1860	1865	1875	1871	1876	3719	3719
R Squared	0.140	0.200	0.169	0.105	0.129	0.050	0.061
Dependent variable mean	0.0487	0.0516	0.0537	0.0945	0.0946	0.0747	0.0576

Community of Practice reduces Gender IAT bias

especially for male judges and prosecutors

	Baseline			Baseline + Controls		
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Monitoring	0.3580** (0.1469)	0.1451 (0.2268)	0.4183** (0.1929)	0.3575** (0.1498)	0.1362 (0.2332)	0.4192** (0.1957)
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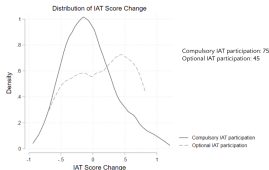
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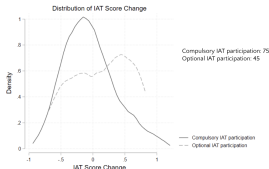
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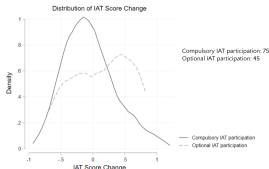
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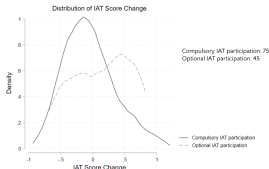
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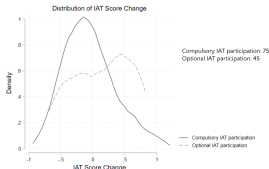
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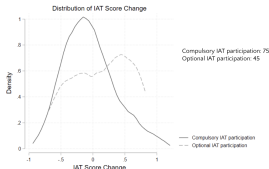
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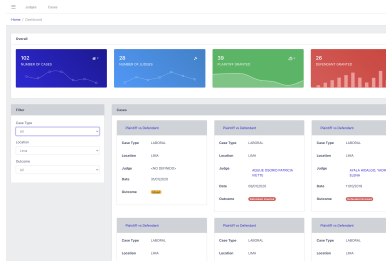
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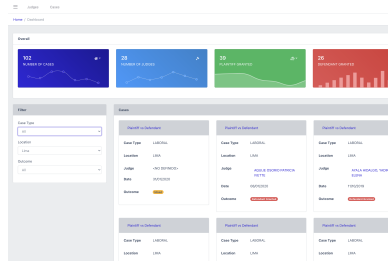


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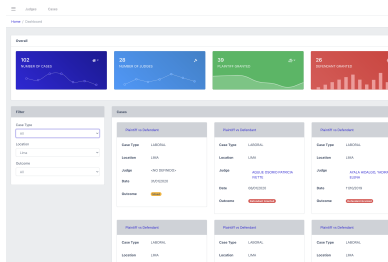


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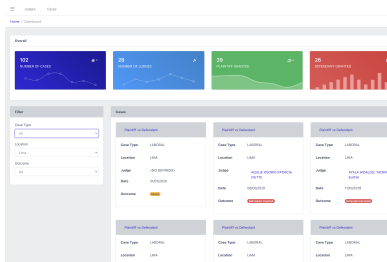


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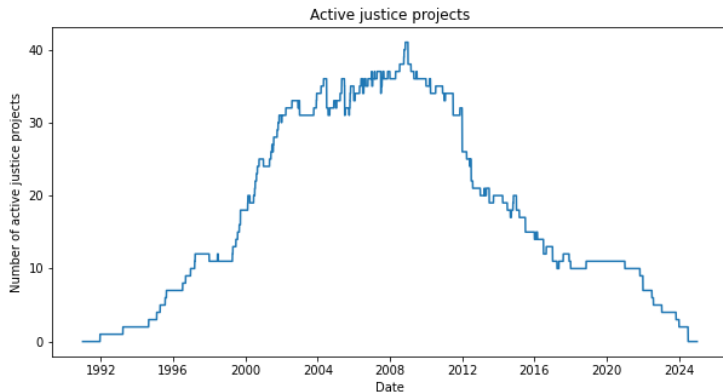
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Judges	Citizens
Static dashboards	Search
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Dynamic dashboards	E-resolution
Top-down smart assignments	Chatbots
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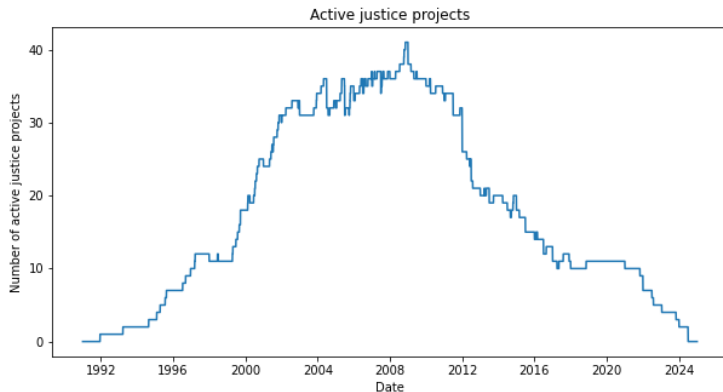


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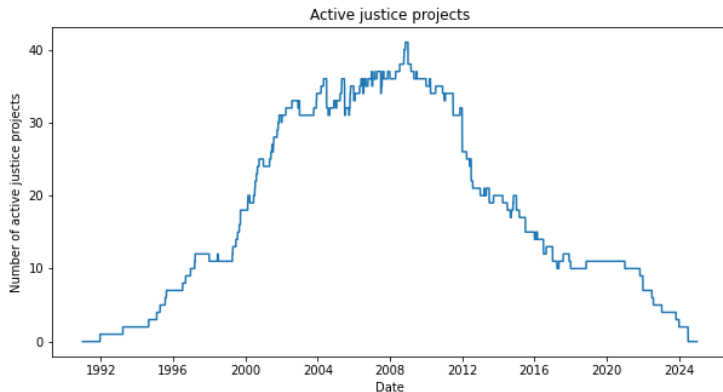


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