

Current Attitudes, Polarization and Environmental Politics

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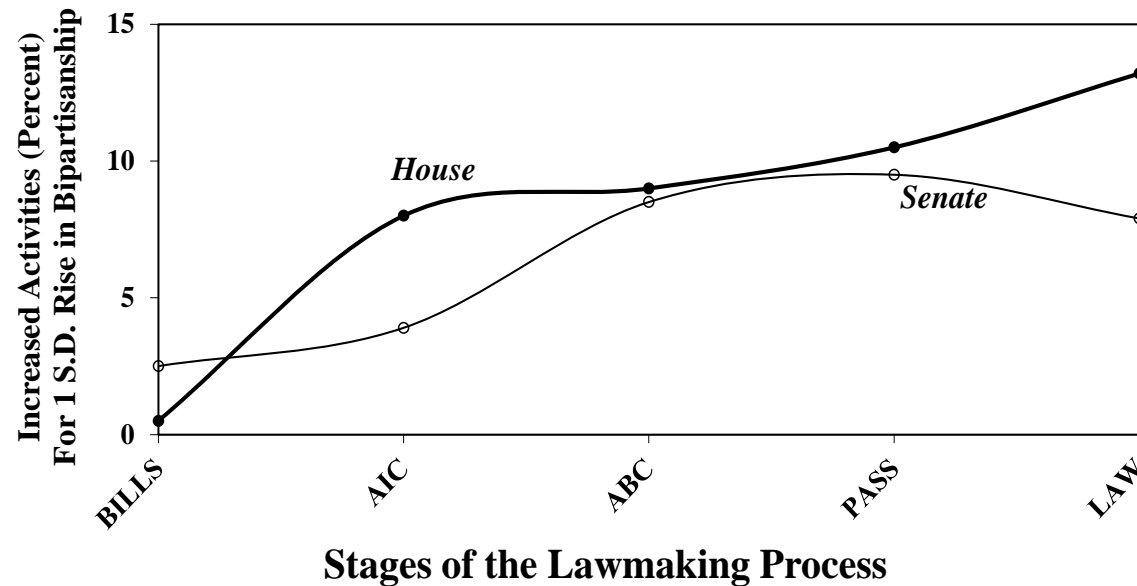
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Value of bipartisanship/compromise

Building bipartisan cosponsorship coalitions can improve member's legislative effectiveness

Figure 2: Legislative Advancement for Lawmakers Attracting Bipartisan Cosponsors

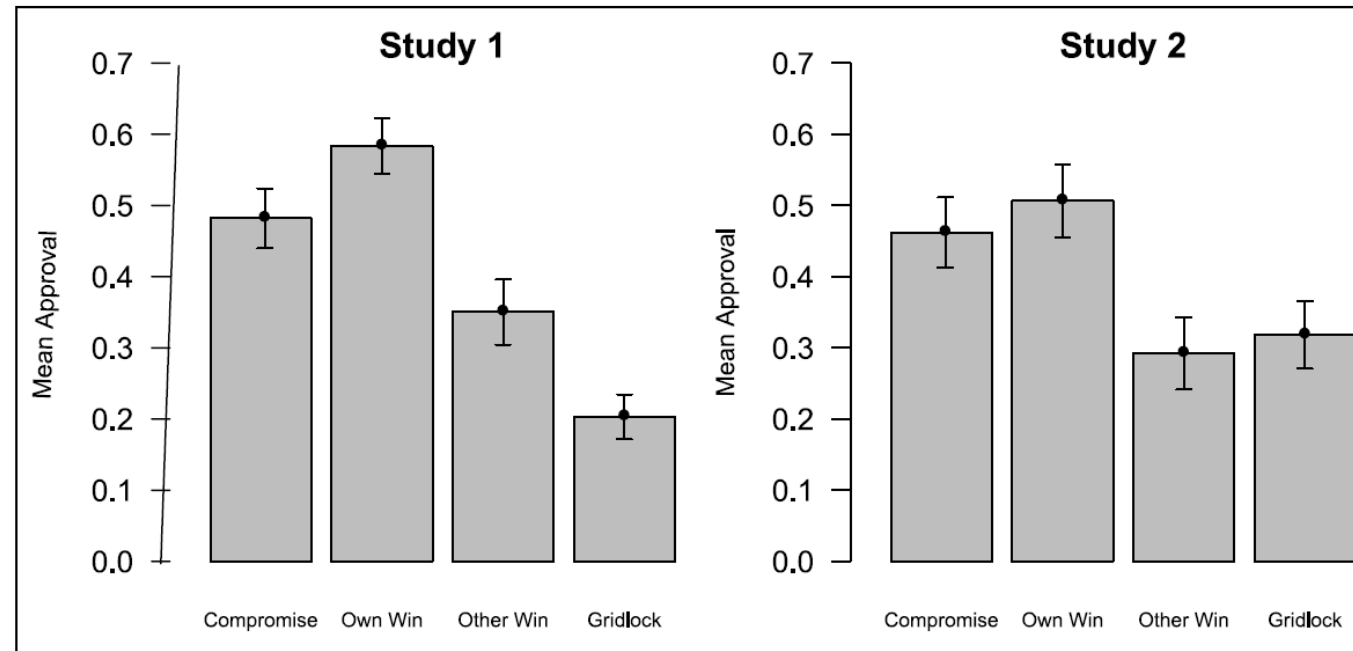


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Public opinion on compromise and bipartisanship

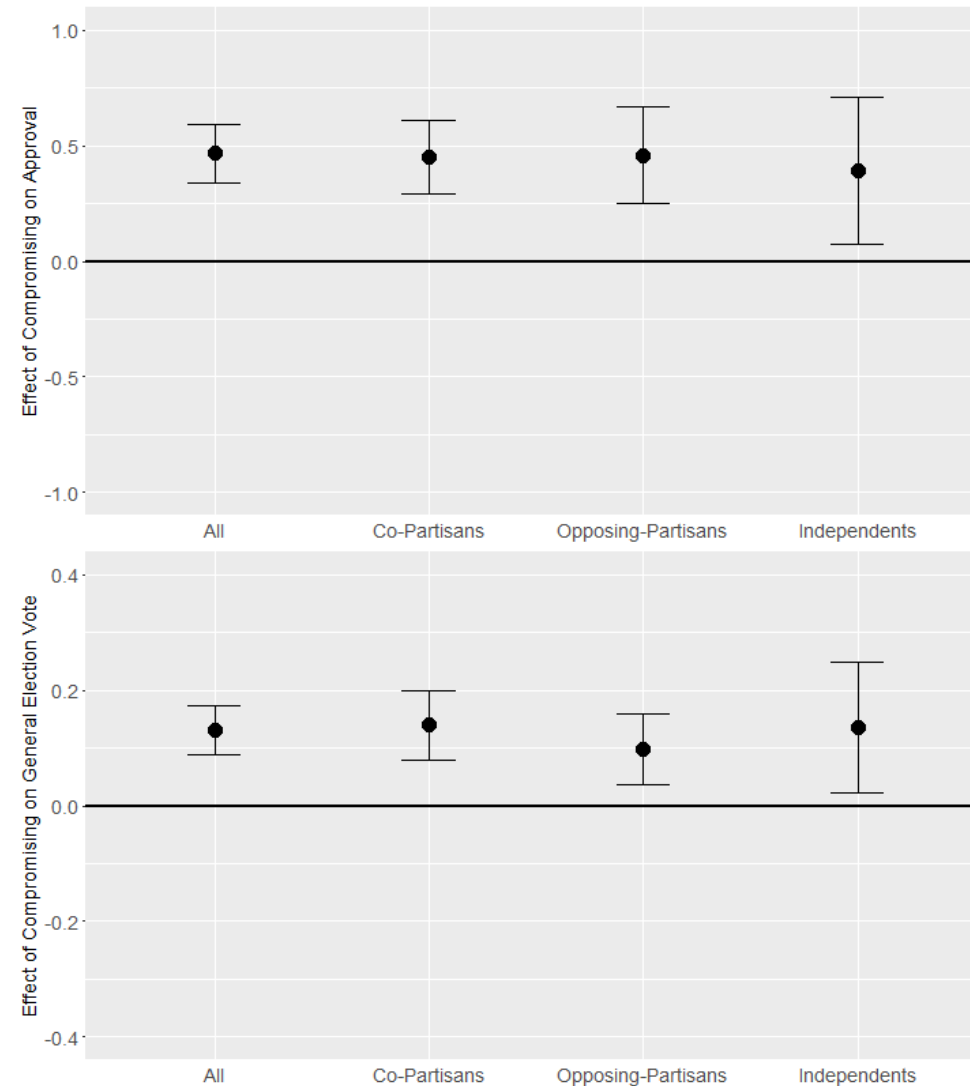
When people from both parties share the same end goal, even a victory for the opposing side is better than gridlock

Energy Policy (a consensus issue) vs. Gun Control (a non-consensus issue)



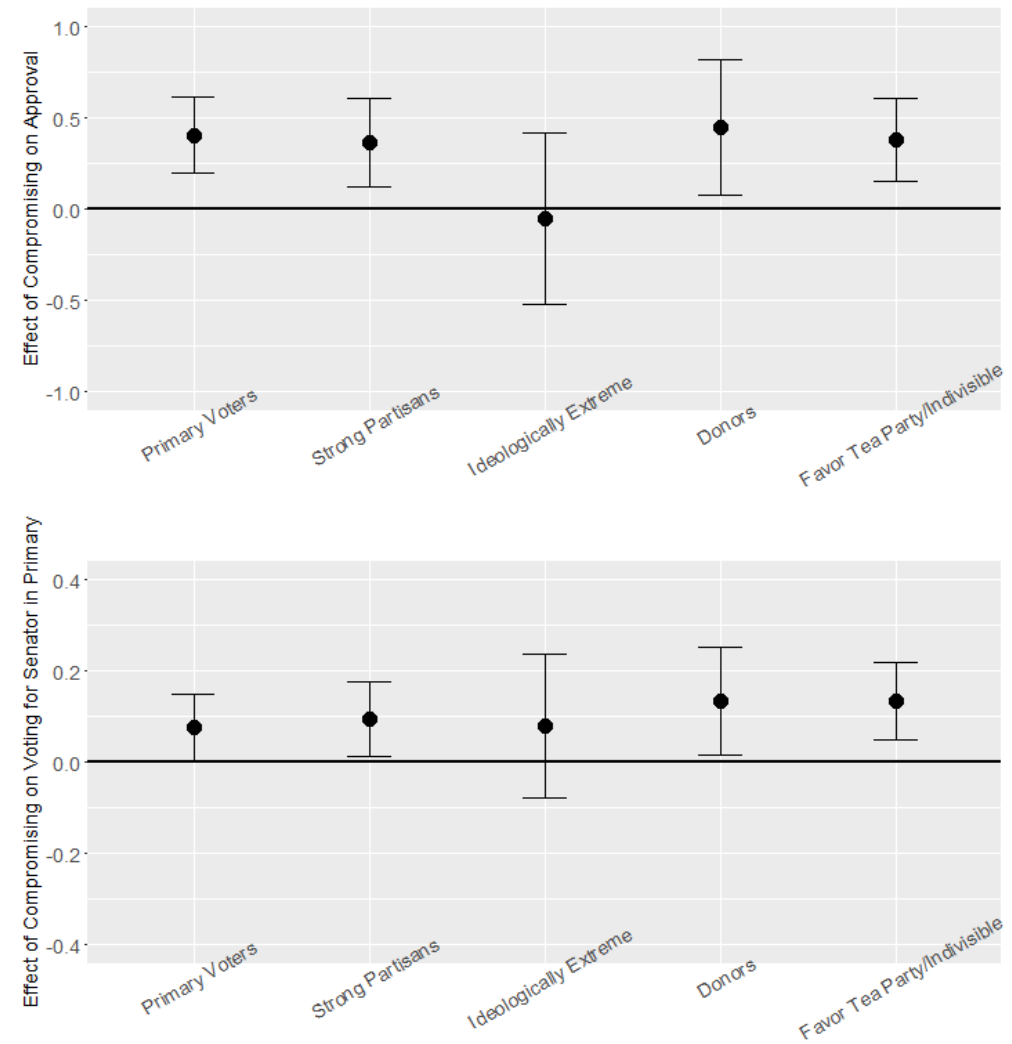
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Voting for compromises generally boosts Senator's approval and vote



Source: Anderson, Sarah E., Daniel M. Butler, and Laurel Harbridge-Yong. 2020. *Rejecting Compromise: Legislators' Fear of Primary Voters*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Even primary voters, on average, favor compromise



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