

# The Short-Run Consequences of January 6

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- Does this polarization start after **salient** and **interpretable** events?
- What are **politicians** and **voters'** reactions to political scandals?

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- *Economics of social media*
  - Causes and consequences of social media activity (Müller and Schwarz, 2023; D'Amico and Tabellini, 2022; Beknazar-Yuzbashev et al., 2022) ⇒ Apply the production-consumption framework from Aridor et al. (2024) in an observational setting

Today

Background

Data

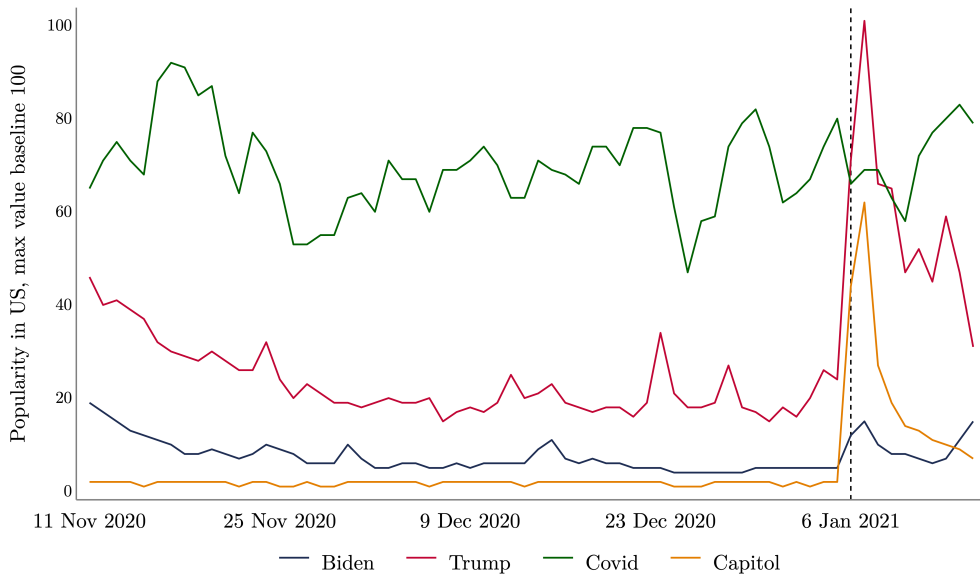
Supply side

Demand side

January 6, 2021



# How salient was it in the US? Google trends



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## - *Survey data*

- **Nationscape survey:** nationally representative weekly public-opinion survey, use data from November 11, 2020 to February 3, 2021 [▶ Descriptives](#)
- **Civic capital:** combine different measures at the county level from Social Capital Project (2018) and Rupasingha et al. (2006)
- **Congress district variables:** demographic data from Ruggles et al. (2023), electoral data from Daily Kos Elections (2020)

Supply side: politicians' communication strategy



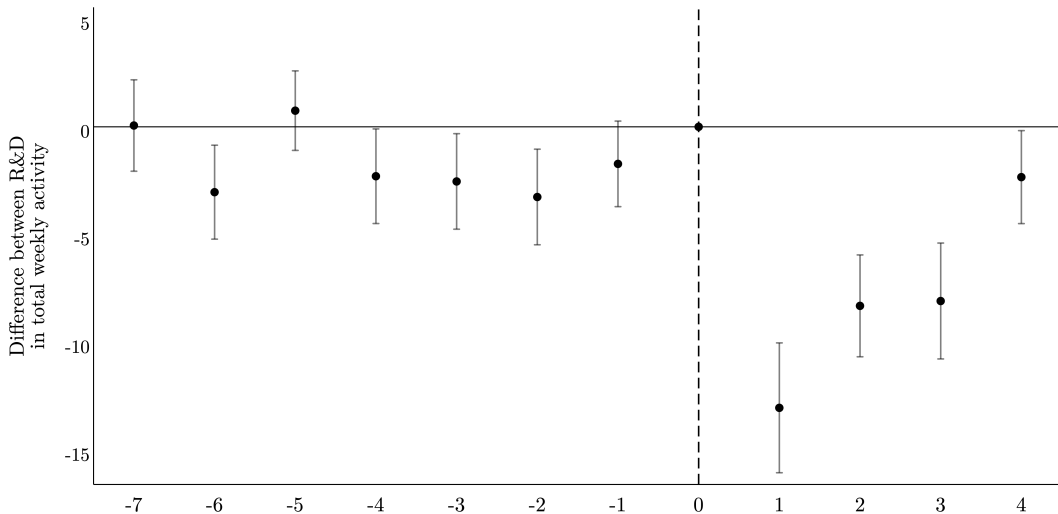
## Activity specification

$$Y_{i,t} = \beta_0 + \alpha_i + \psi_t + \sum_{\substack{\tau=-7 \\ \tau \neq 0}}^4 \mu_\tau \left[ \mathbb{1}(\text{Republican}_i) \times \mathbb{1}(\tau) \right] + \varepsilon_{i,t} \quad (1)$$

- $Y_{i,t}$ : number of tweets that individual  $i$  has made in window  $t$  or an indicator for the extensive margin of activity in that week
- $\alpha_i, \psi_t$ : individual FE, time-window FE
- $\mathbb{1}(\text{Republican}_i)$ : 1 if  $i$  is a Republican
- $\mathbb{1}(\tau)$ : 1 if we are in period  $\tau$

$\{\mu_\tau\}_\tau$ : evolution of the difference between Republicans and Democrats' posting activity compared to the week right before January 6

# Republicans are less active after the event



▶ Extensive margin

▶ Parallel trends violation

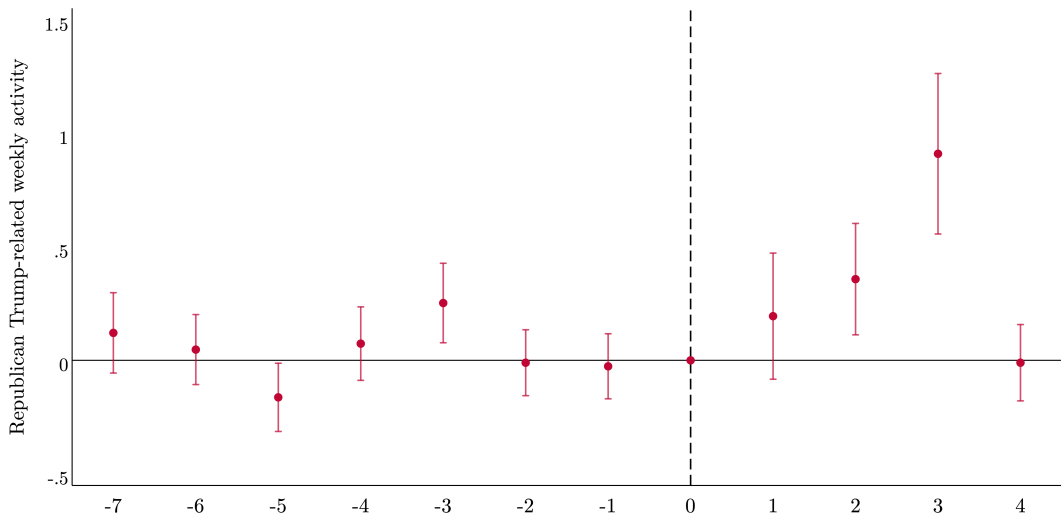
▶ Imputation estimator

## Is it the Trump ban? Unlikely

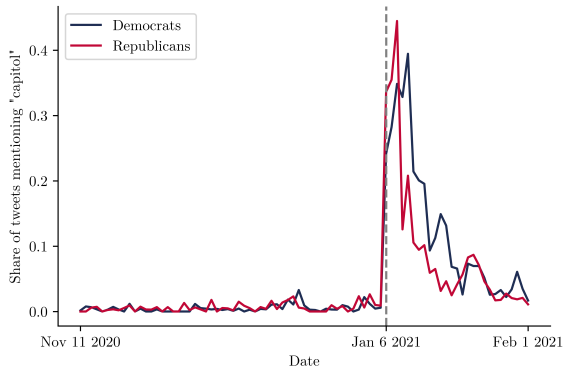
Müller and Schwarz (2023) find that banning Trump decreases overall activity of his followers on Twitter. Unlikely to apply to politicians as well:

- **Cost of reducing activity** is higher for politicians than for average users
- Trump ban was first of its kind, unlikely to happen again

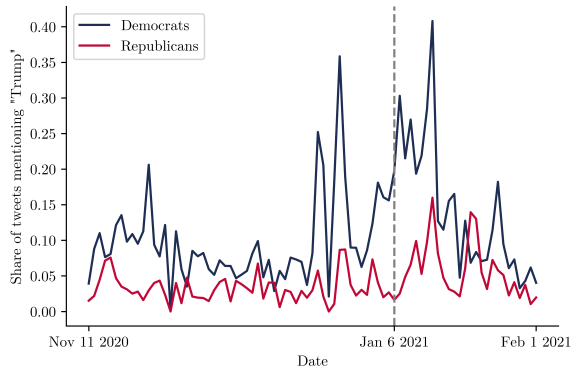
# Republicans mention Trump more after



# What do politicians talk about?



Share mentioning Capitol



Share mentioning Trump

## Formalizing narratives

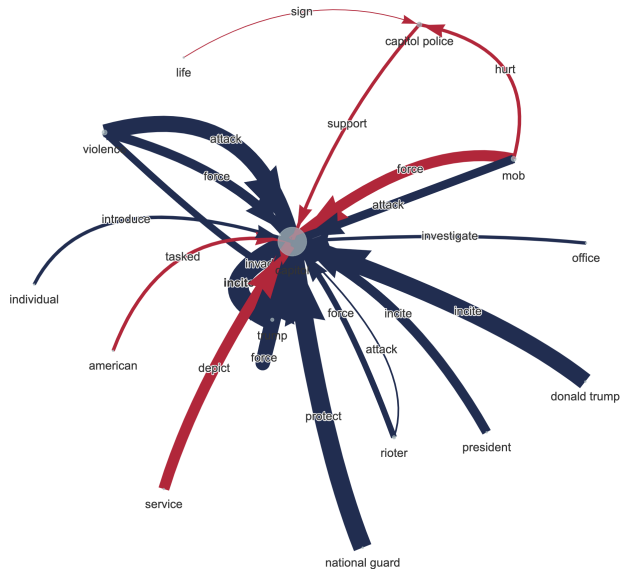
**Narrative:** an agent (who) does something (what) to a patient (whom)

- Same agent/patient but different verb imply completely different meaning  $\Rightarrow$  capture the **nuance** of politicians' arguments
- Semi-supervised approach, advantages similar to LDA but **avoid post-hoc interpretation** [▶ Methodology](#)



Apply the algorithm after January 6 and **estimate narratives both split by party and together**

# Partisan narratives about capitol



## Narratives by party after January 6

Rank	<i>Democratic Party</i>		<i>Republican Party</i>	
	Narrative	Frequency	Narrative	Frequency
1	penny invoke th amendment	72	open paycheckprotection program	40
2	fbi try washington dc	58	ustreasury announce paycheck protection program	22
3	trump incite capitol	50	hate attract hate	19
4	cabinet invoke th amendment	48	legislation stop legislation	18
5	individual incite violence	43	darkness attract darkness	18
6	senate convict donald trump	40	god sign america	18
7	senate support democracy	36	legislation break legislation	18
8	violence attack capitol	36	congress continue bill	17
9	trump incite violence	32	new radical left need change	17
10	president incite violence	32	colleague sign republican study	17



## Double-the-blame vs. damage control?

$$Y_{t,i} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \mathbb{1}(\text{Democrat})_i + \beta_2 \mathbb{1}(\text{capitol} \in \text{tweet})_t + \beta_3 \mathbb{1}(\text{Democrat}) \times \mathbb{1}(\text{capitol} \in \text{tweet})_{t,i} + \delta_c + \alpha_i + \psi_d + \varepsilon_{t,i}$$

- $Y_{t,i}$ : sentiment of tweet  $t$  made by individual  $i$
- $\mathbb{1}(\text{Democrat})$ : 1 if individual is Democrat, 0 if Republican
- $\mathbb{1}(\text{capitol} \in \text{tweet})$ : 1 if word capitol is in the tweet, 0 otherwise
- $\delta_c, \alpha_i, \psi_d$ : chamber, individual, day FE
- Errors are **heteroskedasticity** robust, tweets are weighted by the **square root of total non-stop words** (Enke, 2020)

## Double-the-blame vs. damage control!

	<i>Dependent variable: xlm compound score</i>			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Democrat	0.094*** (0.033)	0.104*** (0.033)		
<b>1(capitol ∈ tweet)</b>	0.084** (0.040)	0.089** (0.039)	0.052 (0.034)	0.188*** (0.031)
<b>Democrat × 1(capitol ∈ tweet)</b>	-0.496*** (0.045)	-0.497*** (0.045)	-0.421*** (0.039)	-0.421*** (0.035)
Chamber FE		✓		
Individual FE			✓	✓
Day FE				✓
Observations	32278	32278	32275	32275
$\mathbb{E}(\text{Dependent variable})$	0.036	0.036	0.036	0.036
Dependent variable std. dev.	0.679	0.679	0.679	0.679

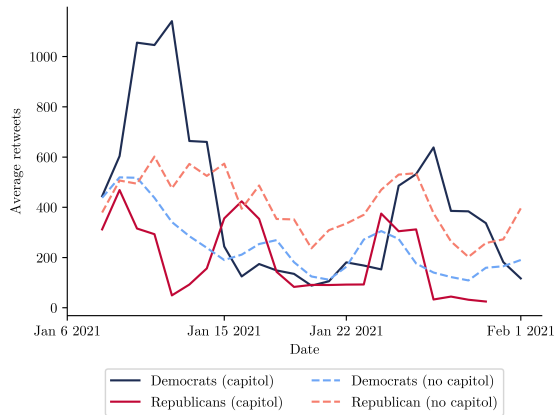
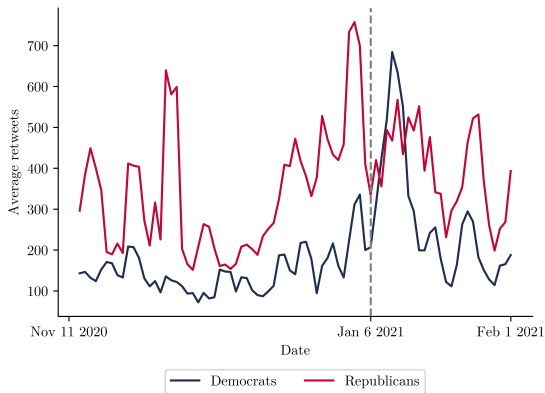
▶ capitol before Capitol

▶ Extreme Republicans

▶ Extreme Democrats

Demand side: voters' reaction from Twitter

# Engagement on Twitter: Retweets



► Likes

## Who's more popular when talking about capitol?

$$Y_{t,i} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \mathbb{1}(\text{capitol} \in \text{tweet})_t + \beta_2 \mathbb{1}(\text{Republican}) \times \mathbb{1}(\text{capitol} \in \text{tweet}) + \delta \mathbb{1}(\text{Negative sentiment})_{t,i} + \alpha_i + \psi_d + \gamma_h + \varepsilon_{t,i}$$

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	Likes		Retweets	
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<b>1(capitol ∈ tweet)</b>	942.925** (473.761)	431.941 (481.979)	189.492** (89.489)	111.274 (89.941)
Republican × <b>1(capitol ∈ tweet)</b>	-865.553 (533.696)	-796.243 (492.561)	-222.604** (105.197)	-200.177** (97.129)
Individual FE	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hour of the day FE	✓	✓	✓	✓
Day FE		✓		✓
Observations	19208	19208	19208	19208
Adj. R <sup>2</sup>	0.182	0.182	0.175	0.179
ℰ(Dependent variable)	1619.524	1619.524	287.024	287.024
Dependent variable std. dev.	9771.391	9771.391	1686.288	1686.288

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Turn to **representative** survey data on attitudes!



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## Changes in attitudes towards Trump after January 6

$$Y_{i,t} = \alpha + \sum_{\substack{\tau=-6 \\ \tau \neq 0}}^2 \beta_{\tau} \mathbb{1}(i, \tau) + \gamma X_{i,t} + \varepsilon_{i,t}$$

- $Y_{i,t}$ : attitude of individual  $i$  in wave  $t$
- $\mathbb{1}(i, \tau)$ : 1 if individual is in wave  $\tau$
- $X_{i,t}$ : individual level controls
- Errors clustered at the Congress District level
- Estimated **separately** for Democrats and Republicans
- Estimated on 9 different waves, each with  $\approx 1.5k$  respondents for each political affiliation

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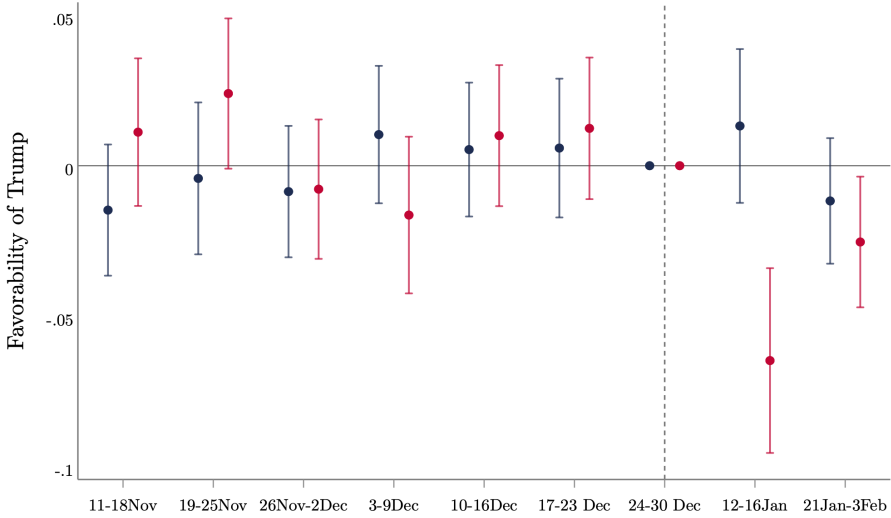
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- Survey is cross-sectional:
  - Results are driven by inherent differences between the control group (those interviewed right before January 6) and the rest of the sample
  - Within political affiliation, **cross-section** across waves is **very similar** for demographics and ideology ▶ Descriptives

# Attitudes towards Trump worsened for Republicans



- ▶ Attitudes towards Reps
- ▶ Attitudes towards Biden
- ▶ Matching results
- Democrats
- Republicans
- ▶ Pre-post matching results

# What explains these results?

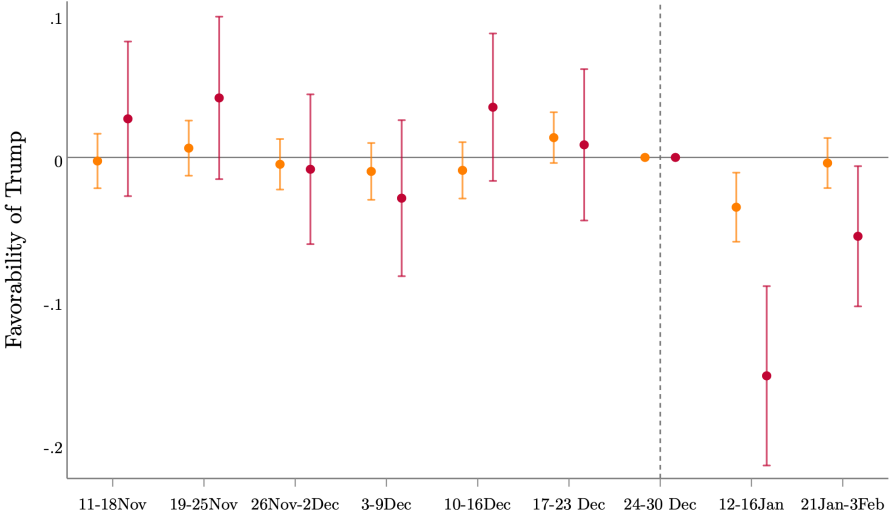
- **Belief about election:**

- If you think Biden **did not win the election**, you may interpret January 6 as a justified protest
- The (negative) effect should be **stronger** for Republicans believing Biden won the election

- **Civic capital:**

- Higher levels of civic capital are associated with higher levels of political accountability (Nannicini et al., 2013)
- The (negative) effect should be stronger for Republicans coming from Districts with higher levels of civic capital

# The effect is (much) stronger for those believing Biden won the election





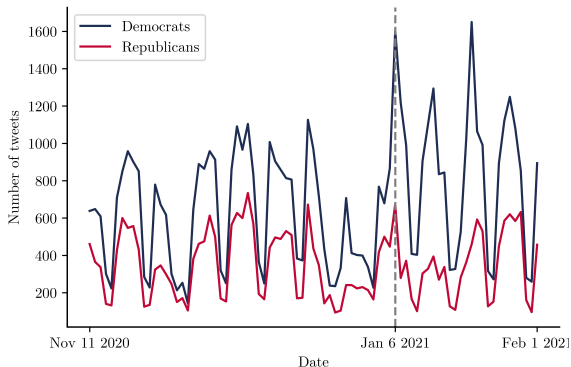
## Conclusion

- Study **both sides of the political equilibrium** in the immediate aftermath of a major scandal
- Politicians have incentives to adjust their communication strategies along several margins and **offer competing narratives**
- Find both a **behavioral** (avoiding capitol) and **accountability** (worsening attitudes towards Trump) channel of voters' reaction

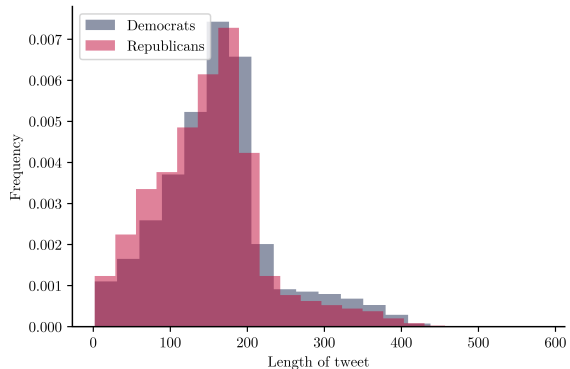
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# Appendix

# Twitter Descriptives



Number of tweets by party



Length of tweets by party

## Twitter Summary Statistics

	N	Mean	SD	Min	Max
Democratic users	224				
Tweets per Democratic user		256.089	186.006	9.000	1459.000
Republican users	190				
Tweets per Republican user		153.289	185.767	1.000	1771.000
Number of words in tweet	86745	19.244	8.713	1.000	80.000
Share after January 5		0.375			
Share mentioning capitol		0.043			
Sentiment	86745	0.098	0.680	-0.943	0.986
Sentiment in capitol tweets	86745	-0.006	0.148	-0.930	0.980

## Twitter: comparing the two datasets

	N	Mean	SD	Min	Max
<b>Panel A: Only <i>congresstweets</i></b>					
Democratic users	224				
Tweets per Democratic user		101.683	134.617	1.000	978.000
Republican users	185				
Tweets per Republican user		68.114	126.436	1.000	1271.000
Number of words in tweet	35378	21.220	9.932	1.000	80.000
Share after January 5		0.377			
Share mentioning capitol		0.046			
Sentiment	35378	0.062	0.669	-0.942	0.986
Sentiment in capitol tweets	35378	-0.009	0.149	-0.930	0.980
<b>Panel B: Consumption sample</b>					
Democratic users	174				
Tweets per Democratic user		197.972	111.465	5.000	500.000
Republican users	145				
Tweets per Republican user		113.959	104.213	1.000	500.000
Number of words in tweet	51367	17.884	7.464	1.000	51.000
Share after January 5		0.374			
Share mentioning capitol		0.042			
Sentiment	51367	0.122	0.687	-0.943	0.986
Sentiment in capitol tweets	51367	-0.005	0.148	-0.925	0.980

# Nationscape Demographic Characteristics: Republican

	Wave								
	11-18Nov	19-25Nov	26Nov-2Dec	3-9Dec	10-16Dec	17-23Dec	23-30Dec	12-15Jan	21Jan-3Feb
<b>Demographics</b>									
Male	0.585	0.563	0.529	0.532	0.605	0.521	0.491	0.555	0.509
Employed	0.547	0.575	0.577	0.523	0.524	0.530	0.576	0.494	0.510
Age	46.354	47.667	46.998	49.979	49.213	51.115	49.110	51.270	50.286
White	0.877	0.875	0.909	0.904	0.887	0.899	0.884	0.893	0.879
Black	0.034	0.044	0.029	0.028	0.040	0.041	0.044	0.035	0.040
Income < 25 K	0.293	0.247	0.263	0.242	0.263	0.250	0.236	0.237	0.253
Income ≤ 25K < 75K	0.373	0.418	0.402	0.414	0.410	0.431	0.418	0.415	0.416
Income ≥ 75K	0.333	0.335	0.336	0.343	0.327	0.319	0.346	0.349	0.331
College	0.634	0.653	0.640	0.679	0.670	0.658	0.658	0.687	0.572
<b>Ideology</b>									
Liberal	0.088	0.108	0.086	0.081	0.094	0.071	0.076	0.067	0.074
Moderate	0.280	0.268	0.273	0.257	0.240	0.241	0.244	0.250	0.240
Conservative	0.656	0.642	0.665	0.678	0.684	0.701	0.694	0.692	0.702
Believes in election fraud	0.640	0.658	0.640	0.635	0.657	0.641	0.641	0.666	0.640
Seen the NYT last week	0.275	0.278	0.253	0.257	0.242	0.241	0.259	0.217	0.227
Seen Fox News last week	0.622	0.580	0.576	0.563	0.550	0.522	0.557	0.554	0.536
N	1838	1458	2232	1734	1861	1942	1919	1224	3049

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# Nationscape Demographic Characteristics: Democrats

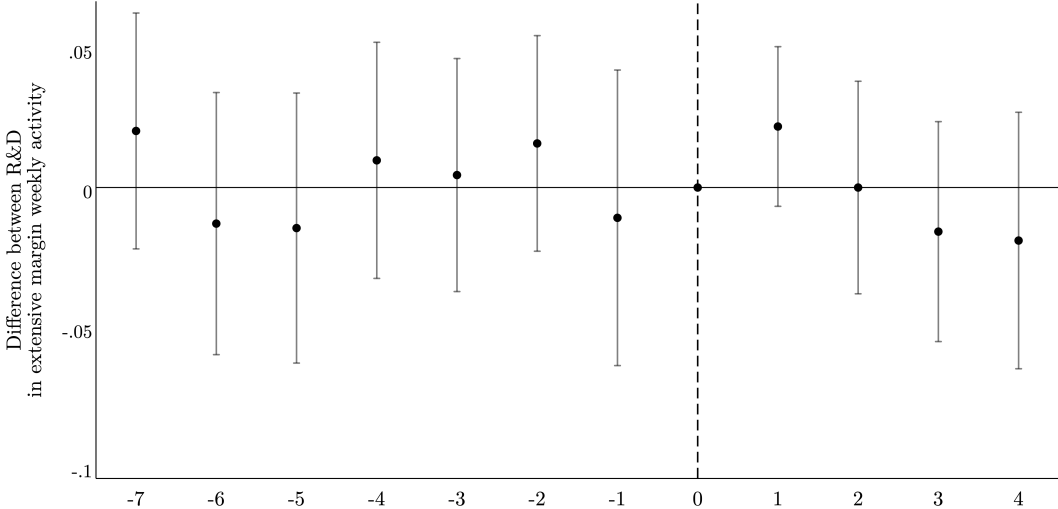
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Employed	0.583	0.598	0.596	0.560	0.559	0.562	0.589	0.560	0.555
Age	42.645	42.957	43.785	44.620	45.149	45.676	44.187	46.286	45.366
White	0.660	0.675	0.688	0.680	0.674	0.657	0.667	0.665	0.644
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Conservative	0.143	0.155	0.148	0.135	0.163	0.141	0.120	0.143	0.136
Believes in election fraud	0.046	0.045	0.042	0.048	0.053	0.045	0.049	0.047	0.058
Seen the NYT last week	0.435	0.467	0.433	0.415	0.418	0.424	0.427	0.371	0.393
Seen Fox News last week	0.469	0.445	0.392	0.371	0.383	0.362	0.362	0.371	0.374
N	2253	1956	2608	2124	2473	2481	2583	1654	3752

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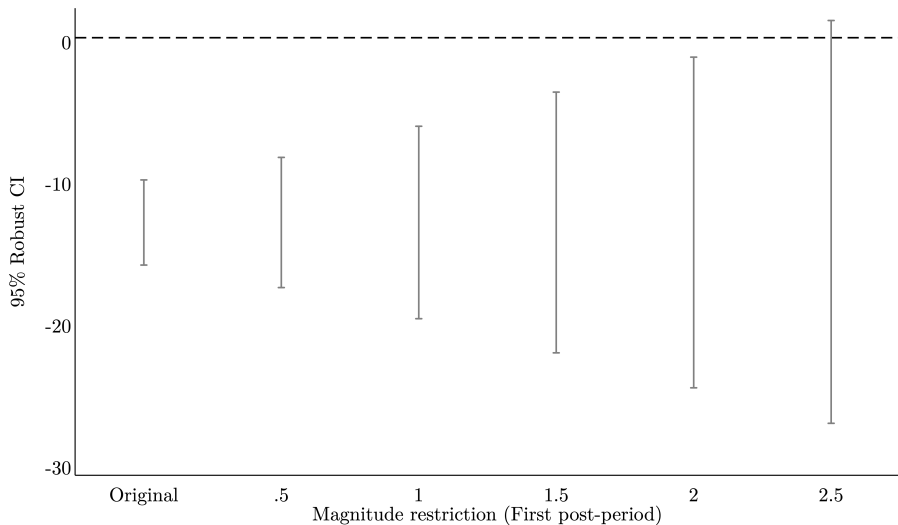
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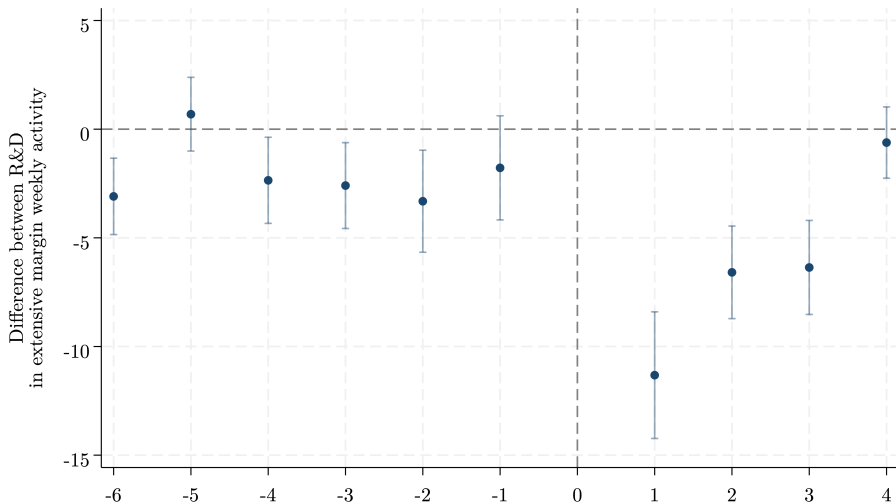
# Supply side: Activity Results, Extensive Margin



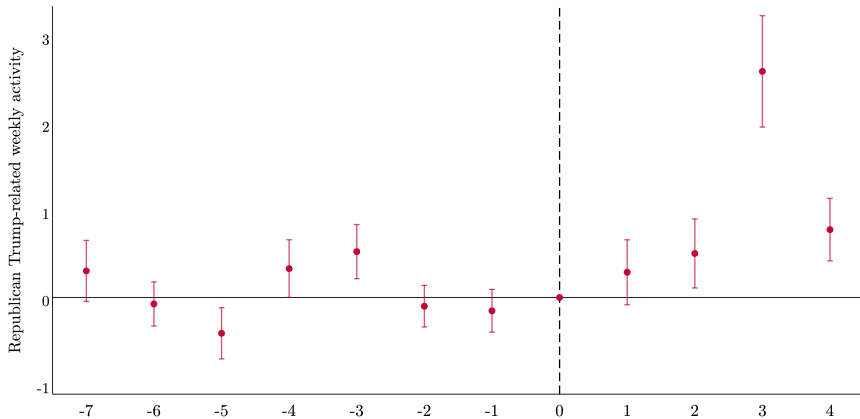
## Robust to 2.5 times maximum violation of parallel trends!



# Robust to imputation estimator



# Republicans mention Trump more after: extended keywords

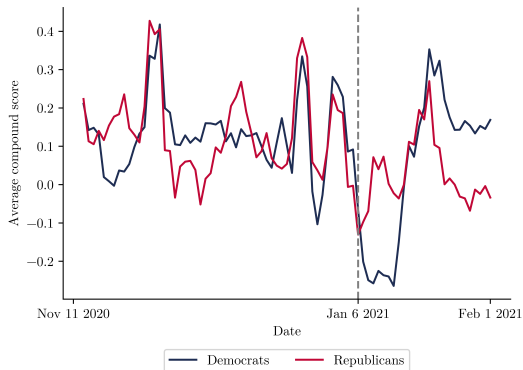


# The RELATIO package

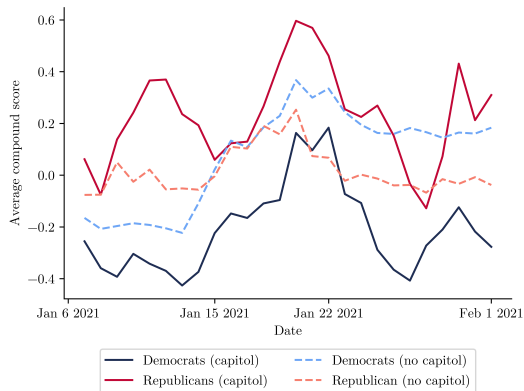
- **Pre-processing:** break down the corpus in sentences and apply SRL to assign role of agent, patient, and verb.
- **Dimensionality reduction:**
  - $\mathcal{A}_0$  is the set of agents,  $\mathcal{V}$  is the set of verbs,  $\mathcal{A}_1$  is the set of the sets of agents, verbs, and patients respectively
  - Extract latent entities  $E \leq |\mathcal{A}_0 \cup \mathcal{A}_1|$  through **named entity recognition** and **K-means algorithm** with 100 clusters
  - Normalize the set of verbs  $\mathcal{V}$  and add the prefix “not” to negated verbs

$$\text{AGENT ENTITY} \xrightarrow{\text{(NEGATED) VERB}} \text{PATIENT ENTITY} \in E \times \mathcal{V} \times E = \mathcal{N}$$

# Evolution of sentiment



Over the whole period



capitol and non-capitol

## Is capitol used differently by the two parties?

	<i>Dependent variable: xlm compound score</i>			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Democrat	-0.013 (0.041)	-0.008 (0.041)		
<b>1(capitol ∈ tweet)</b>	0.146* (0.075)	0.149** (0.074)	0.155** (0.061)	0.147** (0.064)
Democrat × <b>1(capitol ∈ tweet)</b>	0.072 (0.093)	0.071 (0.093)	0.073 (0.078)	0.084 (0.081)
Chamber FE		✓		
Individual FE			✓	✓
Day FE				✓
Observations	54050	54050	54047	54047
$\mathbb{E}(\text{Dependent variable})$	0.124	0.124	0.124	0.124
Dependent variable std. dev.	0.684	0.684	0.684	0.684

## Extreme Republicans are more positive about capitol...

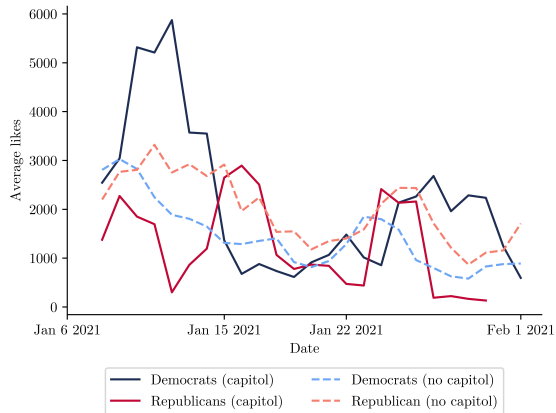
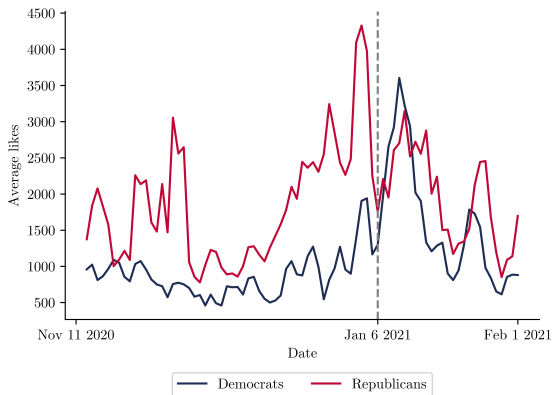
	<i>Dependent variable: xlm compound score</i>			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
<b>1(capitol ∈ tweet)</b>	-0.039 (0.080)	-0.042 (0.069)	-0.043 (0.063)	0.002 (0.056)
<b>1(capitol ∈ tweet) × 1(Nominate &gt; 0.5)</b>	0.235** (0.099)	0.241*** (0.090)	0.199** (0.077)	0.213*** (0.071)
Chamber FE		✓		
Individual FE			✓	✓
Day FE				✓
Observations	7904	7904	7901	7901
ℰ(Dependent variable)	0.009	0.009	0.009	0.009
Dependent variable std. dev.	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682



## While extreme Democrats are more negative about capitol

	<i>Dependent variable: xlm compound score</i>			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
<b>1(capitol ∈ tweet)</b>	-0.425*** (0.023)	-0.416*** (0.022)	-0.371*** (0.022)	-0.208*** (0.020)
<b>1(capitol ∈ tweet) × 1(Nominate &lt; -0.5)</b>	-0.098 (0.060)	-0.098 (0.061)	-0.124** (0.054)	-0.087* (0.047)
Chamber FE		✓		
Individual FE			✓	✓
Day FE				✓
Observations	18523	18523	18523	18523
$\mathbb{E}$ (Dependent variable)	0.028	0.028	0.028	0.028
Dependent variable std. dev.	0.681	0.681	0.681	0.681

# Engagement on Twitter: likes



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## Democrats were not more popular when tweeting about capitol before Jan 6

	Likes		Retweets	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
<b>1</b> (capitol $\in$ tweet)	-821.814 (531.224)	-953.690 (644.849)	-148.119 (107.687)	-171.798 (106.747)
Republican $\times$ <b>1</b> (capitol $\in$ tweet)	551.416 (913.266)	644.127 (714.692)	99.904 (122.293)	115.692 (121.842)
Individual FE	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hour of the day FE	✓	✓	✓	✓
Day FE		✓		✓
Observations	32154	32154	32154	32154
Adj. R <sup>2</sup>	0.273	0.273	0.228	0.232
$\mathbb{E}$ (Dependent variable)	1045.511	1045.511	184.036	184.036
Dependent variable std. dev.	6196.444	6196.444	1125.166	1125.166

## No overall differences in engagement

	Likes		Retweets	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Democrat $\times$ After January 6	272.946 (318.034)	175.633 (320.165)	-8.374 (62.994)	-24.909 (63.755)
Individual FE	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hour of the day FE	✓	✓	✓	✓
Day FE		✓		✓
Observations	51365	51365	51365	51365
Adj. R <sup>2</sup>	0.203	0.203	0.182	0.187
$\mathbb{E}$ (Dependent variable)	1261.123	1261.123	222.692	222.692
Dependent variable std. dev.	7736.383	7736.383	1363.457	1363.457

## No overall differences in engagement, even excluding capitol tweets

	Likes		Retweets	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Democrat $\times$ After January 6	95.989 (308.906)	9.235 (312.516)	-50.161 (63.856)	-63.065 (64.932)
Individual FE	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hour of the day FE	✓	✓	✓	✓
Day FE		✓		✓
Observations	49226	49226	49226	49226
Adj. R <sup>2</sup>	0.214	0.214	0.200	0.205
$\mathbb{E}$ (Dependent variable)	1217.317	1217.317	214.314	214.314
Dependent variable std. dev.	7471.128	7471.128	1292.816	1292.816

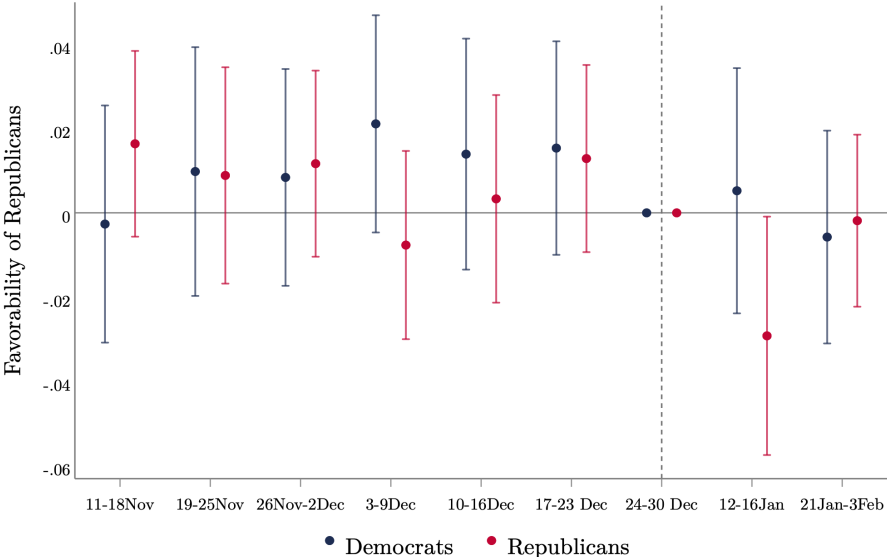
## Negativity about capitol seems to pay off for Democrats...

	Likes		Retweets	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
<b>1(capitol ∈ tweet)</b>	597.073*	-125.471	58.774	-57.574
	(304.215)	(378.157)	(42.021)	(56.917)
Negative sentiment	1099.928***	847.249***	229.277***	189.095***
	(224.571)	(199.156)	(42.594)	(37.304)
Negative sentiment × <b>1(capitol ∈ tweet)</b>	495.560	681.594	202.980	233.016*
	(598.378)	(593.967)	(125.120)	(124.939)
Individual FE	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hour of the day FE	✓	✓	✓	✓
Day FE		✓		✓
Observations	13622	13622	13622	13622
Adj. R <sup>2</sup>	0.155	0.155	0.138	0.143
ℰ(Dependent variable)	1551.751	1551.751	254.394	254.394
Dependent variable std. dev.	1.0e+04	1.0e+04	1691.367	1691.367

## ...but not so much for Republicans

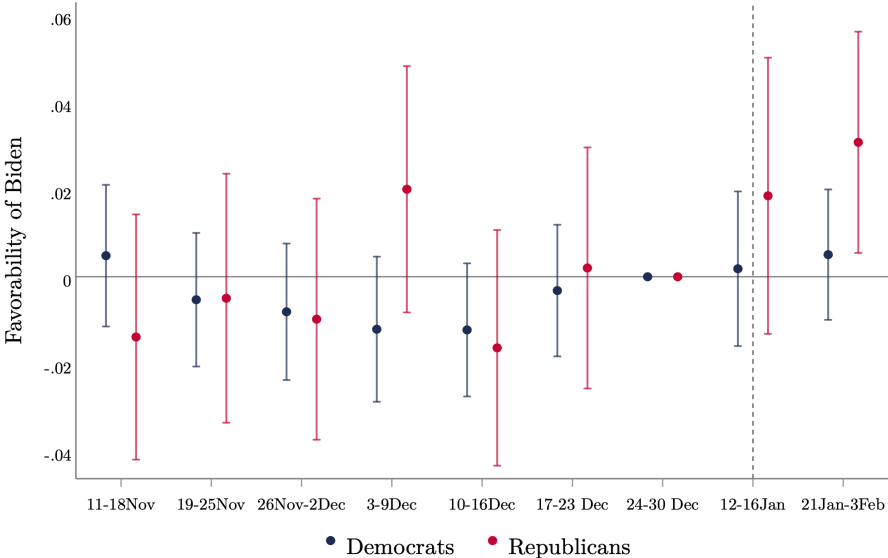
	Likes		Retweets	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
<b>1(capitol ∈ tweet)</b>	336.533 (235.716)	250.891 (268.095)	16.746 (34.236)	6.656 (44.677)
Negative sentiment	867.220*** (182.501)	803.063*** (178.177)	265.572*** (52.293)	255.898*** (49.776)
Negative sentiment × <b>1(capitol ∈ tweet)</b>	-596.852 (450.837)	-527.791 (436.927)	-127.449 (111.422)	-99.735 (96.407)
Individual FE	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hour of the day FE	✓	✓	✓	✓
Day FE		✓		✓
Observations	5586	5586	5586	5586
Adj. R <sup>2</sup>	0.294	0.294	0.271	0.274
ℰ(Dependent variable)	1784.793	1784.793	366.596	366.596
Dependent variable std. dev.	8228.140	8228.140	1671.322	1671.322

# Attitudes towards Republicans worsened for Republicans

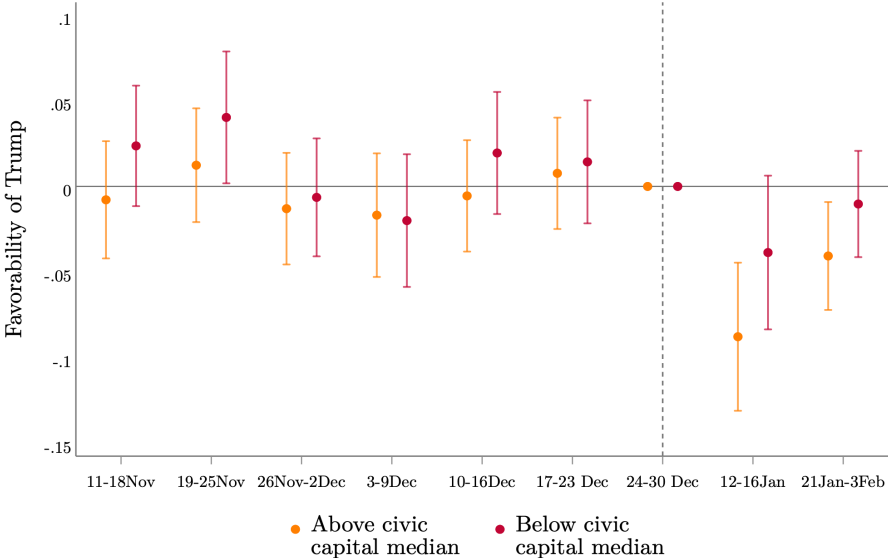




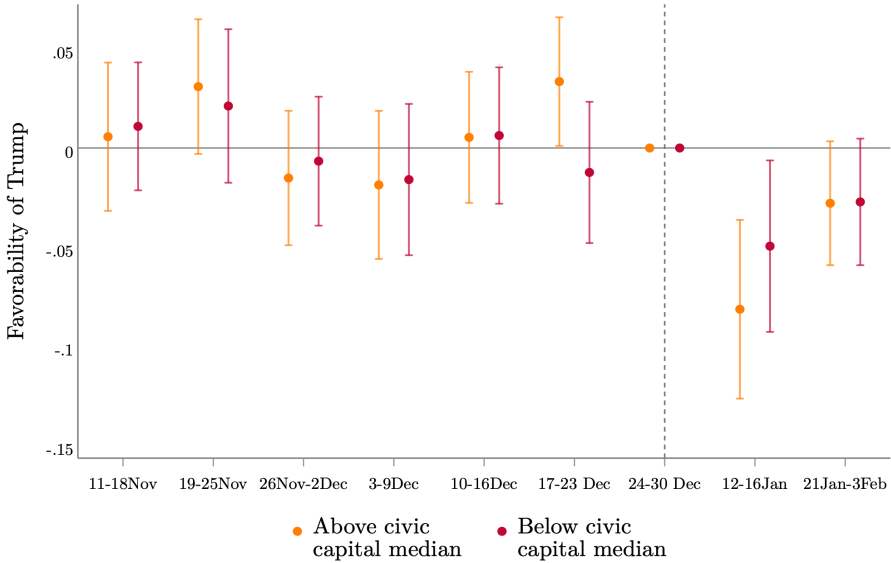
# Attitudes towards Biden (slightly) improved for Republicans



# Civic capital and attitudes towards Trump: I



# Civic capital and attitudes towards Trump: II



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## ATE matching each wave with the baseline wave using demographic and ideological predictors

*Dependent variable: Favorability of Trump*

Wave	11-18Nov	19-25Nov	26Nov-2Dec	3-9Dec	10-16Dec	17-23 Dec	12-16Jan	21Jan-3Feb
Not in wave before January 6	0.018 (0.013)	0.027** (0.013)	-0.012 (0.012)	-0.002 (0.013)	0.013 (0.013)	0.034*** (0.012)	-0.063*** (0.016)	-0.017 (0.012)
Observations	3489	3152	3876	3398	3513	3606	2945	4211

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## ATE pre-post matching with different predictors

*Dependent variable: Favorability of Trump*

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After January 6	-0.042*** (0.008)	-0.034*** (0.007)	-0.026*** (0.008)
Observations	16070	16205	15562
Predictors	Demographic	Ideological	Demographic + Ideological

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