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Methodological Appendix

Below are the difference of means tests and rare events logit discussed in the article. Information on coding of variables can be found in the paper. For additional information, please contact the authors at lbell@rmc.edu or kevin.scott@ttu.edu.

Summary of Bivariate Analyses

	Did Not Introduce Legislation	Did Introduce Legislation
Judiciary Committee	9.3%	11.3%
Ideological Extremity (Democrats)	-.31	-.04**
Ideological Extremity (Republicans)	.38	.45**
Party Loyalty	82.9%	74.8%**
Seniority	5.19 terms	6.97 terms**
Lawyer	40.17%	44.68%
Vote Share	70.30%	71.25%
District-level Court Support	59.82	51.01**

*significant at 95% level, one-tail; **significant at 99% level, one-tail

Rare Events Logit

Variable	Coefficient (Robust s.e.)
Republican Extremity	3.286** (1.004)
Democratic Extremity	-1.040 (1.290)
Party Loyalty	-1.396 (1.183)
Judiciary Committee Member	0.523 (0.491)
Vote Share in Previous Election	-0.012 (0.011)
Seniority	1.149** (0.257)
Constituency Support	-0.045** (0.012)
Constant	-2.043 (1.264)

*significant at 95% level, two tails; **significant at 99% level, two tails