

Problem Set 2 - Partisan politics

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Instructions

- It is optional, but highly encouraged to submit solutions to the problem sets.
- I also want to acknowledge that the paper in problem 3 is not on the reading list - so it you should skip one problem - it might be that one.
- In order to submit either email them to mattias.folkestad@iies.su.se please submit a zip-file if you have multiple document, such as code.
- If you want feedback do hand them in a day or so before the TA-session on February 27th.

Problems

1. **The citizen-candidate model:** Problem 5.7.2 in Persson et al. (2000)
2. **Political rents with endogenous value of being in office:** Problem 5.7.6 in Persson et al. (2000)
3. **Politician characteristic regression discontinuity:** In a recent paper Marshall (2022) critiques the literature using close election RD design to estimate the effect of politicians characteristics on down stream outcomes. Choose a paper on the reading list that uses this methodology and discuss the findings in the light of Marshall's critique.

References

- Marshall, J. (2022). Can Close Election Regression Discontinuity Designs Identify Effects of Winning Politician Characteristics? *American Journal of Political Science*.
- Persson, T., G. Tabellini, et al. (2000). Political economics.