Online Appendix

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A Data Sources

Biographical data

We created an individual level dataset of all presidents, presidential candidates, vice-presidents, vice-presidential candidates, and ministers for Argentina since 1983, Brazil since 1985 and Mexico since 1988. We downloaded each individual's Wikipedia page and recorded the following variables: full name, time period (election year for candidates, presidencies for elected presidents and cabinet ministers), gender, birth date, city and state of birth, city and state in which his/her career was developed, year of election (for presidents and vice-presidents only), end year of constitutional mandate (for presidents and vice-presidents only), date when they started and ended the position, type of office (minister, secretary, etc), and portfolio (finance, defense, etc). When Wikipedia data was lacking we relied on alternative sources like university websites, legislature lineup pages, news articles, or media interviews.

Demographics

Population data comes from official census figures. For Argentina the census years are 1980, 1991, 2001, 2010 and 2022, publicly available at Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Censos (INDEC). For Mexico census years are 1980, 1990, 2000, 2010 and 2020, from the Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Geografía (INEGI). And for Brazil census years are 1980, 1991, 2000, 2010 and 2022, data is also publicly available at Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística (IBGE).

Electoral results

Candidates' vote shares come from the Dirección Nacional Electoral (DINE) and the Cámara Nacional Electoral (CNE) for Argentina, the Centro de Estudios de la Democracia (CEDE) and Instituto Nacional Electoral (INE) for Mexico, and Tribunal Superior Eleitoral (TSE) for Brazil. Presidential elections in Argentina were held in 1983, 1989, 1995, 1999, 2003, 2007, 2011, 2015, 2019 and 2023. In Mexico: 1988, 1994, 2000, 2006, 2012, 2018 and 2024. And in Brazil: 1989, 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010, 2014, 2018 and 2022. Municipal-level electoral results from Mexico come from the Recent Mexican Election Vote Returns Repository Magar (N.d.).[1] Subnational Democracy Indexes come from the Subnational Politics Project (Giraudy, González and Urdinez 2025), which we extended as needed using the reported by the authors.

Fiscal transfers and public works

For Argentina we built our transfers data on the basis of figures from the Dirección Nacional de Asuntos Provinciales (DNAP) with Fundación Norte y Sur as support, and used official budget expenditures from Dirección de Datos Abiertos for public works –filtered by *Bienes de Uso* (Fixed Assets) and *Construcciones* (Construction). For Brazil we relied on the Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada (IPEA) cross-checking with the Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística (IBGE) and Ministério da Economia for transfers, and used public works data reported by the Senate's SIGA website –filtered by *Investimentos* (Investments) and *Aplicacoes Diretas* (Direct Application). For Mexico we use data from the Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Geografía (INEGI) for transfers, and *Ramo 23* data from Mexico's Secretaría de Hacienda y Crédito Público. We provide details about *Ramo 23* in page 22 of the main text.

[1] The list municipalities comprising the *Grupo Atlacomulco* comes from Toribio (2006): Atlacomulco, Tianguistenco, Acambay, Almoloya del Río, Chalco, Cuautitlán, Cuautitlán Izcalli, Ecatepec, El Oro, Ixtapan, Ixtlahuaca, Jocotitlán, Lerma, Metepec, Naucalpan, Nezahualcóyotl, San Felipe del Progreso, Sultepec, Temascalcingo, Temascaltepec, Tenancingo, Tenango del Valle, Texcoco, Timilpan, Tlalnepantla, Toluca, Valle de Bravo, Villa del Carbón, Zumpango, Aculco, Almoloya de Juárez, Amecameca, Atizapán de Zaragoza, Huixquilcan, Isidro Fabela, Ixtapaluca, Jilotepec, Ozumba, San Mateo Atenco, Tejupilco, Valle de Chalco, Xalatlaco and Zinacantepec.

B Election Results

Reference parties

Table A1 lists all candidates for each reference party, the district where they developed their career, and the % of positive votes they obtained at the national level in the first round of the election.

States' electoral weights

Figure A1 shows each state's electoral weight as the proportion of positive votes cast nationally for every election included in the sample. The black squares indicates the actual margin of victory (in the first round) between the first-placed candidate and the runner-up –whose political bases are displayed in blue and pink, respectively.

Robustness checks

- Table A2 replicates the estimations in Table 1 but (a) including controls; (b) excluding idiosyncratic observations: (i) the PJ in 2003 (three official candidates); (ii) the UCR in 1989 (the electoral college system allowed a candidate to have different vice-presidential candidates); and (iii) the PRD since 2018 (i.e., not counting MORENA as a continuation of the PRD); and (iv) reference parties that received less than 5% of the national vote: the UCR in 2003, the PSDB in 2022, and the Brazilian incumbent in 1989 and 2018; or (c) coding candidates who switched districts as having multiple political bases: Fernández de Kirchner, Carrió and Scioli in Argentina; Brizola in Brazil; and Cárdenas, Calderón and López Obrador in Mexico.
- Table A3 replicates the estimations in Table 1 but accounting for candidates' state of birth.
- Table A4 reports the results distinguishing between *movers* and *remainers*.
- Table A5 reports alternative model specifications: random effects and pooled specifications with Driscoll and Kraay (1998) standard errors.

Table A1: List of reference parties and their presidential candidates

Argentina	incumbent	1st placed	2nd placed	PJ	UCR (+ allies)*
1983	**	Alfonsín (PBA) 51.7	Luder (PBA) 40.2	Luder (PBA) 40.2	Alfonsín (PBA) 51.7
1989	Angeloz (CBA) 37.1	Menem (LR) 47.5	Angeloz (CBA) 37.1	Menem (LR) 47.5	Angeloz (CBA) 37.1
1995	Menem (LR) 49.9	Menem (LR) 49.9	Bordón (MZA) 29.3	Menem (LR) 49.9	Massaccesi (RN) 17.0
1999	Duhalde (PBA) 38.3	De la Rúa (CABA) 48.4	Duhalde (PBA) 38.3	Duhalde (PBA) 38.3	De la Rúa (CABA) 48.4
2003	Kirchner (SC) 22.2	Menem (LR) 24.5	Kirchner (SC) 22.2	CM/NK/ARS (LR/SC/SL) 24/22/14†	Moreau (PBA) 2.3
2007	CFK (PBA) 45.3	CFK (PBA) 45.3	Carrió (CABA) 23.0	CFK (PBA) 45.3	Lavagna (CABA) 16.9
2011	CFK (PBA) 54.1	CFK (PBA) 54.1	Binner (SFE) 16.8	CFK (PBA) 54.1	Alfonsín (h) (PBA) 11.1
2015	Scioli (PBA) 37.1	Scioli (PBA) 37.1	Macri (CABA) 34.2	Scioli (PBA) 37.1	Macri (CABA) 34.2
2019	Macri (CABA) 40.3	Fernández (CABA) 48.2	Macri (CABA) 40.3	Fernández (CABA) 48.2	Macri (CABA) 40.3
2023	Massa (PBA) 36.8	Massa (PBA) 36.8	Milei (CABA) 30.1	Massa (PBA) 36.8	Bullrich (CABA) 23.7

Brazil	incumbent	1st placed	2nd placed	PT	PSDB
1989	Guimaraes (SP) 4.7	Collor (AL) 30.5	Lula (SP) 17.2	Lula (SP) 17.2	Covas (SP) 11.5
1994	Cardoso (SP) 54.3	Cardoso (SP) 54.3	Lula (SP) 27.0	Lula (SP) 27.0	Cardoso (SP) 54.3
1998	Cardoso (SP) 53.2	Cardoso (SP) 53.2	Lula (SP) 31.8	Lula (SP) 31.8	Cardoso (SP) 53.2
2002	Serra, Jose (SP) 23.2	Lula (SP) 46.4	Serra, Jose (SP) 23.2	Lula (SP) 46.4	Serra, Jose (SP) 23.2
2006	Lula (SP) 48.6	Lula (SP) 48.6	Alckmin (SP) 41.6	Lula (SP) 48.6	Alckmin (SP) 41.6
2010	Rousseff (RS) 46.9	Rousseff (RS) 46.9	Serra, Jose (SP) 32.6	Rousseff (RS) 46.9	Serra, Jose (SP) 32.6
2014	Rousseff (RS) 41.6	Rousseff (RS) 41.6	Neves (MG) 33.5	Rousseff (RS) 41.6	Neves (MG) 33.5
2018	Meirelles (GO) 1.2	Bolsonaro (RJ) 46.0	Haddad (SP) 29.3	Haddad (SP) 29.3	Alckmin (SP) 4.8
2022	Bolsonaro (RJ) 43.2	Lula (SP) 48.4	Bolsonaro (RJ) 43.2	Lula (SP) 48.4	

Mexico	incumbent	1st placed	2nd placed	PRI	PAN	PRD‡
1988	Salinas (DF) 50.5	Salinas (DF) 50.5	Cárdenas (MI) 30.9	Salinas (DF) 50.5	Clouthier (SIN) 17.1	Cárdenas (MI) 30.9
1994	Zedillo (DF) 50.2	Zedillo (DF) 50.2	Cevallos (DF) 26.7	Zedillo (DF) 50.2	Cevallos (DF) 26.7	Cárdenas (MI) 17.1
2000	Labastida (SIN) 36.9	Fox (GTO) 43.5	Labastida (SIN) 36.9	Labastida (SIN) 36.9	Fox (GTO) 43.5	Cárdenas (DF) 17.0
2006	Calderón (MI) 37.0	Calderón (MI) 37.0	AMLO (DF) 36.4	Madrazo (TAB) 22.9	Calderón (MI) 37.0	AMLO (DF) 36.4
2012	V. Mota (DF) 26.0	Peña Nieto (MEX) 39.2	AMLO (DF) 32.4	Peña Nieto (MEX) 39.2	V. Mota (DF) 26.0	AMLO (DF) 32.4
2018	Meade (DF) 16.9	AMLO (DF) 54.8	Anaya (QRO) 22.9	Meade (DF) 16.9	Anaya (QRO) 22.9	AMLO (DF) 54.8
2024	Sheinbaum (DF) 61.3	Sheinbaum (DF) 61.3	Gálvez (DF) 28.1		Gálvez (DF) 28.1	Sheinbaum (DF) 61.3

Presidential candidate, district where (s)he developed his or her career, and percentage of positive votes obtained at the national level, for all reference parties included in the sample. All percentages calculated over *positive* votes, i.e. excluding blank and null ballots. * *Alianza* in 1999; *Juntos por el Cambio* / *Cambiemos* since 2015. ** The outgoing military regime did not officially support any candidate. † The PJ officially fielded 3 candidates: Carlos Menem, Néstor Kirchner, and Adolfo Rodríguez Saá. ‡ FDN in 1988; MORENA since 2018.

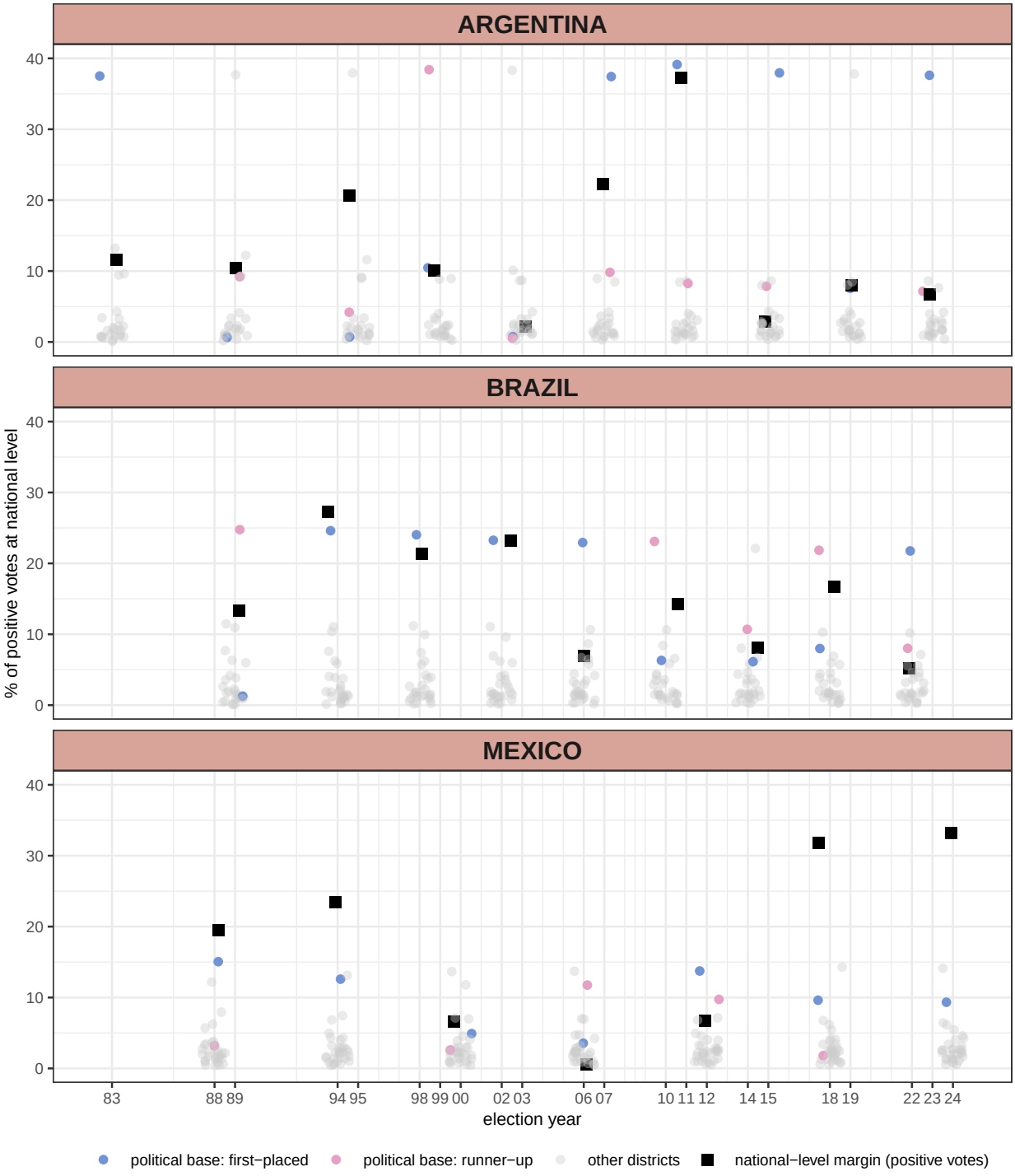

Figure A1: States' electoral weight in national elections. The square **black** dots indicate the first-placed candidate's margin of victory at the *national* level (as a percentage of positive votes), while the small gray circles indicate each state's percentage of positive votes in the *national* election. When pink dots are not visible, it is because the first- and the second-placed candidate had the same political base.

Table A2: Electoral support by reference party: Adding controls; excluding idiosyncratic observations; accounting for multiple political bases

	PJ				UCR (+ allies)								incumbent				first				second			
(a) Argentina: base	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)
presi: base	16.99	17.20	7.47	14.55	7.42	7.92	9.58	7.42					19.81	19.65	20.27	15.86	15.25	16.36	15.25	14.21	14.64	10.86	16.04	13.87
	(8.16)	(8.27)	(5.42)	(6.48)	(2.95)	(3.39)	(3.29)	(2.95)					(8.92)	(8.88)	(10.73)	(5.78)	(9.61)	(9.17)	(9.61)	(7.95)	(6.12)	(7.09)	(7.11)	(5.51)
VP: base	6.76	6.88	3.97	6.69	0.27	−0.23	−1.04	0.27					2.55	3.11	2.13	2.79	8.99	9.50	8.99	9.76	2.39	3.62	3.46	2.56
	(2.35)	(2.34)	(2.76)	(2.31)	(1.89)	(1.81)	(2.51)	(1.89)					(2.45)	(2.85)	(2.83)	(2.62)	(2.62)	(2.75)	(2.62)	(2.49)	(2.69)	(2.95)	(2.70)	(2.82)
n obs.	288	285	216	288	240	237	192	240					216	215	192	216	240	237	240	240	240	237	216	240
(b) Argentina: base + governor																								
presi: base	6.33	6.58	2.81	7.07	4.64	6.41	5.91	4.64					7.00	7.21	8.17	5.71	4.68	6.41	4.68	7.15	1.61	−0.54	2.50	3.05
	(2.70)	(2.78)	(2.34)	(3.54)	(2.72)	(4.09)	(2.61)	(2.72)					(2.98)	(2.98)	(3.97)	(3.84)	(3.87)	(2.87)	(3.87)	(5.19)	(1.31)	(1.78)	(2.16)	(1.75)
presi: former gov.	18.46	18.40	8.06	18.03	5.37	2.91	7.81	5.37					16.35	15.96	15.99	17.90	19.07	18.29	19.07	16.84	17.68	15.44	19.18	16.33
	(8.63)	(8.78)	(4.85)	(8.29)	(3.73)	(3.81)	(3.27)	(3.73)					(6.07)	(6.20)	(6.66)	(7.13)	(10.25)	(9.47)	(10.25)	(9.62)	(5.61)	(6.50)	(5.98)	(5.71)
VP: base	5.89	5.98	2.30	6.24	−0.28	−0.50	−2.02	−0.28					1.08	1.60	1.14	1.46	5.53	6.37	5.53	6.54	1.56	2.71	2.96	1.54
	(2.25)	(2.18)	(2.40)	(1.97)	(2.16)	(1.89)	(2.76)	(2.16)					(2.35)	(2.66)	(2.73)	(2.50)	(4.07)	(3.95)	(4.07)	(3.82)	(3.34)	(3.74)	(3.57)	(3.37)
VP: former gov.	1.82	1.76	3.96	1.43									7.82	7.67	7.23	7.46	8.51	7.54	8.51	7.50	4.55	3.78	2.73	4.75
	(4.79)	(4.93)	(5.84)	(4.71)									(5.91)	(5.90)	(6.69)	(6.02)	(4.73)	(4.53)	(4.73)	(4.40)	(4.77)	(4.65)	(5.14)	(4.84)
n obs.	288	285	216	288	240	237	192	240					216	215	192	216	240	237	240	240	240	237	216	240
(c) Brazil: base	PT				PSDB								incumbent				first				second			
presi: base	6.34	5.55	6.34	8.84	0.97	0.50	1.23	0.97					5.73	5.09	9.11	5.73	13.26	12.60	13.26	13.26	3.04	3.25	3.04	2.97
	(5.30)	(4.97)	(5.30)	(4.13)	(4.75)	(4.92)	(4.46)	(4.75)					(1.75)	(1.93)	(2.60)	(1.75)	(4.12)	(3.88)	(4.12)	(4.12)	(6.37)	(6.79)	(6.37)	(5.86)
VP: base	1.90	1.00	1.90	6.05	0.50	0.23	0.84	0.50					−0.17	0.12	−2.83	−0.17	0.24	0.25	0.24	0.24	−2.63	−3.48	−2.63	−0.57
	(5.04)	(4.59)	(5.04)	(2.75)	(1.40)	(1.41)	(1.92)	(1.40)					(2.90)	(3.07)	(2.20)	(2.90)	(4.18)	(4.14)	(4.18)	(4.18)	(6.69)	(6.47)	(6.69)	(4.93)
n obs.	243	243	243	243	216	216	189	216					243	242	189	243	243	242	243	243	243	242	243	243
(d) Brazil: base + governor																								
presi: base	4.01	3.74	4.01	5.56	−3.65	−4.00	−5.31	−3.65					5.76	5.08	9.17	5.76	12.66	11.56	12.66	12.66	0.19	0.15	0.19	0.07
	(5.26)	(5.15)	(5.26)	(3.62)	(4.19)	(4.26)	(3.54)	(4.19)					(2.25)	(2.51)	(2.41)	(2.25)	(3.85)	(3.41)	(3.85)	(3.85)	(9.80)	(9.55)	(9.80)	(9.49)
presi: former gov.					4.57	4.83	7.01	4.57									11.53	13.15	11.53	11.53	9.30	9.67	9.30	9.38
					(2.49)	(3.05)	(3.11)	(2.49)									(4.31)	(3.86)	(4.31)	(4.31)	(6.20)	(6.10)	(6.20)	(6.05)
VP: base	−1.20	−1.43	−1.20	0.31	−2.22	−2.42	−2.90	−2.22					−2.77	−2.68	−2.05	−2.77	3.36	2.77	3.36	3.36	−4.35	−4.82	−4.35	−3.84
	(4.91)	(4.96)	(4.91)	(3.63)	(1.70)	(1.75)	(1.60)	(1.70)					(3.91)	(4.19)	(2.97)	(3.91)	(5.83)	(5.87)	(5.83)	(5.83)	(6.53)	(6.57)	(6.53)	(6.20)
VP: former gov.	10.86	8.67	10.86	15.74	11.74	11.90	13.65	11.74					5.88	6.31	−2.95	5.88	−9.29	−7.78	−9.29	−9.29	24.45	21.76	24.45	22.30
	(10.06)	(8.50)	(10.06)	(9.84)	(2.60)	(2.66)	(2.85)	(2.60)					(5.46)	(6.03)	(3.89)	(5.46)	(5.64)	(5.83)	(5.64)	(5.64)	(5.48)	(6.22)	(5.48)	(4.46)
n obs.	243	243	243	243	216	216	189	216					243	242	189	243	243	242	243	243	243	242	243	243
(e) Mexico: base	PRI				PAN				PRD				incumbent				first				second			
presi: base	10.49	12.51	10.49	10.49	5.33	5.66	5.33	3.49	10.89	19.92	12.07	13.80	9.58	12.50	9.58	12.75	7.09	5.11	7.09	11.31	21.17	20.28	21.17	25.42
	(4.88)	(2.88)	(4.88)	(4.88)	(3.26)	(2.82)	(3.26)	(4.33)	(10.03)	(4.84)	(4.77)	(6.83)	(6.24)	(5.65)	(6.24)	(5.76)	(5.58)	(1.66)	(5.58)	(6.32)	(6.04)	(6.17)	(6.04)	(6.15)
n obs.	192	191	192	192	224	222	224	224	224	223	160	224	224	222	224	224	224	222	224	224	224	223	224	224
(f) Mexico: base + governor																								
presi: base	0.28	8.08	0.28	0.28	5.37	6.03	5.37	3.14	10.89	19.92	12.07	15.01	4.60	10.71	4.60	7.98	−2.89	3.12	−2.89	7.02	8.13	12.25	8.13	20.05
	(0.91)	(1.64)	(0.91)	(0.91)	(3.85)	(3.33)	(3.85)	(5.10)	(10.03)	(4.84)	(4.77)	(0.80)	(2.93)	(2.61)	(2.93)	(2.53)	(6.71)	(2.82)	(6.71)	(9.30)	(4.84)	(1.86)	(4.84)	(9.98)
presi: former gov.	16.33	6.57	16.33	16.33	−0.24	−2.20	−0.24	2.05				−1.86	13.69	4.66	13.69	12.02	16.63	3.05	16.63	9.03	21.72	13.44	21.72	11.97
	(3.56)	(4.03)	(3.56)	(3.56)	(3.59)	(3.18)	(3.59)	(4.88)				(10.34)	(4.67)	(9.26)	(4.67)	(4.17)	(5.60)	(3.75)	(5.60)	(7.13)	(3.96)	(5.52)	(3.96)	(7.99)
n obs.	192	191	192	192	224	222	224	224	224	223	160	224	224	222	224	224	224	222	224	224	224	223	224	224
specification	orig.	contr.	excl.	bases	orig.	contr.	excl.	bases	orig.	contr.	excl.	bases	orig.	contr.	excl.	bases	orig.	contr.	excl.	bases	orig.	contr.	excl.	bases

OLS regression estimates (except for the PJ models in columns (1)-(2), (4)-(6), (8), (13)-(14), (16)-(18), (20)-(22) and (23), where observations for 2003 have a weight of 1/3 each). All specifications include fixed effects by state and election year. Standard errors clustered by state in parentheses. Columns (1), (5), (9), (13), (17) and (21) replicate the original estimates from Table 1. Models in columns (2), (6), (10), (14), (18) and (22) include controls for the reference party's vote % in the previous gubernatorial election, an incumbency dummy, the level of subnational democracy from Giraudy, González and Urdinez (2025), and the interaction between the last two. Specifications in columns (3), (7), (11), (15), (19) and (23) exclude the following observations: Argentina 1989 (UCR, incumbent and second): two vice-presidential candidates (allowed by the electoral college system); Argentina 2003 (PJ): the party officially fielded three presidential candidates; Mexico 2018 and 2024 (PRD): the party officially supported the PAN's presidential candidate; and Argentina 2003 (UCR), Brazil 1989 (incumbent), and Brazil 2018 (PSDB and incumbent), which obtained less than 5% of the national vote. For the models in columns (4), (8), (12), (16), (20) and (24), candidates who switched districts are coded as having multiple political bases: Cristina Fernández de Kirchner (ARG, presi, 2007 and 2011 and VP 2019): Santa Cruz & the province of Buenos Aires; Elisa Carrió (ARG, presi, 2007): Chaco & the City of Buenos Aires; Daniel Scioli (ARG, presi, 2015): the city and province of Buenos Aires; Leonel Brizola (BRA, VP, 1998): Rio Grande do Sul (former governor) & Rio de Janeiro; Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas (MEX, presi, 2000): Michoacán (former governor) & Mexico City; Felipe Calderón (MEX, presi, 2006): Mexico City & Michoacán; and Andrés Manuel López Obrador (MEX, presi, 2006, 2012 and 2018): Tabasco & Mexico City.

Table A3: Electoral support by reference party: Accounting for candidates' birthplaces

	PJ			UCR (+ allies)						incumbent			first			second		
(a) Argentina: base, birthplace or both	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)
presi: base	16.99		11.81	7.42		7.98				19.81		19.22	15.25		10.90	14.64		13.55
	(8.16)		(6.18)	(2.95)		(3.82)				(8.92)		(8.05)	(9.61)		(5.98)	(6.12)		(4.56)
presi: birthplace		13.85	6.20		2.58	−1.13					14.29	2.39		14.01	5.97		9.02	2.71
		(7.01)	(3.46)		(3.09)	(3.71)					(8.75)	(4.45)		(9.66)	(6.29)		(6.74)	(5.51)
VP: base	6.76		5.32	0.27		0.32				2.55		0.51	8.99		8.53	2.39		1.51
	(2.35)		(4.79)	(1.89)		(4.35)				(2.45)		(4.19)	(2.62)		(6.69)	(2.69)		(3.91)
VP: birthplace		3.86	1.37		−1.24	−0.36					0.31	3.72		8.42	1.33		−0.40	1.21
		(3.14)	(5.91)		(1.49)	(4.19)					(3.39)	(5.94)		(3.11)	(7.46)		(3.91)	(3.91)
n obs.		288	288		240	240					216	216		240	240		240	240
(b) Argentina: base, birthplace or both + governor																		
presi: base	6.33		−0.19	4.64		4.73				7.00		1.50	4.68		−9.83	1.61		1.46
	(2.70)		(2.08)	(2.72)		(4.49)				(2.98)		(5.47)	(3.87)		(4.12)	(1.31)		(1.40)
presi: former gov.	18.46		19.13	5.37		5.35				16.35		18.45	19.07		26.93	17.68		18.14
	(8.63)		(8.86)	(3.73)		(4.69)				(6.07)		(5.94)	(10.25)		(7.60)	(5.61)		(5.15)
presi: birthplace			6.67			−0.40						5.55			13.00			0.69
			(3.23)			(4.47)						(5.90)			(7.28)			(4.96)
VP: base	5.89		6.01	−0.28		0.25				1.08		1.99	5.53		8.50	1.56		−1.18
	(2.25)		(3.77)	(2.16)		(4.26)				(2.35)		(3.45)	(4.07)		(4.76)	(3.34)		(3.66)
VP: former gov.	1.82		3.39							7.82		8.07	8.51		8.55	4.55		3.41
	(4.79)		(5.16)							(5.91)		(6.33)	(4.73)		(5.62)	(4.77)		(4.84)
VP: birthplace			−1.66			−0.89						−1.17			−3.01			3.87
			(5.39)			(4.09)						(4.24)			(6.28)			(3.17)
n obs.	288		288	240		240				216		216	240		240	240		240
(c) Brazil: base, birthplace or both	PT			PSDB						incumbent			first			second		
presi: base	6.34		7.31	0.97		−0.75				5.73		4.38	13.26		14.13	3.04		−0.97
	(5.30)		(3.35)	(4.75)		(6.88)				(1.75)		(1.72)	(4.12)		(3.25)	(6.37)		(3.60)
presi: birthplace		−1.75	−1.72		1.78	2.03					2.54	2.15		1.30	3.64		7.55	7.94
		(2.62)	(2.69)		(2.94)	(4.53)					(3.73)	(3.73)		(6.50)	(6.67)		(5.32)	(5.20)
VP: base	1.90		−2.47	0.50						−0.17		5.16	0.24		−5.17	−2.63		3.79
	(5.04)		(17.19)	(1.40)						(2.90)		(3.51)	(4.18)		(2.87)	(6.69)		(12.07)
VP: birthplace		0.88	5.31		0.61	0.54					−1.91	−5.80		−0.46	7.21		−3.19	−6.05
		(2.38)	(15.06)		(1.72)	(1.41)					(2.92)	(3.99)		(4.53)	(3.86)		(3.23)	(8.05)
n obs.		243	243		216	216					243	243		243	243		243	243
(d) Brazil: base, birthplace or both + governor																		
presi: base	4.01		5.00	−3.65		−3.92				5.76		4.11	12.66		13.98	0.19		−0.33
	(5.26)		(3.63)	(4.19)		(5.23)				(2.25)		(2.14)	(3.85)		(2.77)	(9.80)		(9.02)
presi: former gov.				4.57		4.27							11.53		9.80	9.30		5.45
				(2.49)		(4.10)							(4.31)		(3.62)	(6.20)		(10.59)
presi: birthplace			−1.87			0.58						1.72			3.22			5.69
			(2.66)			(4.54)						(3.72)			(6.54)			(8.32)
VP: base	−1.20		−11.12	−2.22						−2.77		3.69	3.36		−3.89	−4.35		−2.45
	(4.91)		(15.30)	(1.70)						(3.91)		(4.34)	(5.83)		(3.13)	(6.53)		(11.89)
VP: former gov.	10.86		15.47	11.74		11.73				5.88		7.49	−9.29		−10.82	24.45		22.83
	(10.06)		(15.58)	(2.60)		(2.63)				(5.46)		(5.39)	(5.64)		(5.69)	(5.48)		(10.37)
VP: birthplace			10.75			−2.20						−8.02			9.80			−1.01
			(13.08)			(1.80)						(5.65)			(4.92)			(6.65)
n obs.	243		243	216		216				243		243	243		243	243		243
(e) Mexico: base, birthplace or both	PRI			PAN			PRD			incumbent			first			second		
presi: base	10.49			5.33		5.11	10.89		12.68	9.58			7.09		3.91	21.17		19.43
	(4.88)			(3.26)		(2.13)	(10.03)		(10.63)	(6.24)			(5.58)		(7.62)	(6.04)		(5.39)
presi: birthplace		10.49	10.49		2.88	0.47		2.79	5.96		9.58	9.58		7.83	5.61		12.98	10.43
		(4.88)	(4.88)		(3.80)	(2.40)		(8.65)	(8.31)		(6.24)	(6.24)		(6.42)	(8.54)		(9.00)	(8.70)
n obs.		192	192		224	224		224	224		224	224		224	224		224	224
(f) Mexico: base, birthplace or both + governor																		
presi: base	0.28			5.37		5.10	10.89		12.68	4.60			−2.89		−12.50	8.13		5.68
	(0.91)			(3.85)		(2.60)	(10.03)		(10.63)	(2.93)			(6.71)		(7.18)	(4.84)		(6.22)
presi: former gov.	16.33		16.33	−0.24		0.04				13.69		13.69	16.63		22.03	21.72		22.74
	(3.56)		(3.56)	(3.59)		(2.42)				(4.67)		(4.67)	(5.60)		(6.71)	(3.96)		(5.85)
presi: birthplace			0.28			0.47			5.96			4.60			11.24			11.04
			(0.91)			(2.20)			(8.31)			(2.93)			(7.24)			(8.88)
n obs.	192			224		224	224		224	224			224		224	224		224

OLS regression estimates (except for the PJ models, where observations for 2003 have a weight of 1/3 each). All specifications include fixed effects by state and election year. Standard errors clustered by state in parentheses.

Table A4: Electoral support by reference party: Distinguishing between *movers* and *remainers*

	PJ		UCR (+ allies)				incumbent		first		second	
(a) Argentina	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
presi: base	15.20	1.94	11.66	10.77			16.11	5.35	16.86	3.01	8.47	-31.88
	(7.25)	(5.27)	(4.11)	(4.88)			(12.08)	(7.89)	(8.95)	(5.21)	(10.40)	(4.59)
presi: base × mover	-5.06	6.91	-4.55	-11.39			2.05	-7.93	-10.46	-35.06	7.43	44.40
	(5.04)	(4.83)	(3.87)	(4.83)			(5.67)	(5.53)	(7.55)	(8.52)	(11.77)	(10.74)
presi: former gov.		24.57		2.98				17.75		35.49		48.27
		(9.02)		(6.90)				(7.01)		(5.76)		(12.67)
presi: former gov. × mover		-30.43		7.87								-44.58
		(9.25)		(6.45)								(17.00)
presi: birthplace	4.25	3.19	-4.62	-4.94			6.48	4.07	2.37	0.63	6.20	7.48
	(4.94)	(5.47)	(4.22)	(3.99)			(8.40)	(7.50)	(7.23)	(8.06)	(1.35)	(1.30)
VP: base	18.80	17.74	-7.69	-7.59			14.95	13.01	24.99	22.65	5.71	10.66
	(3.66)	(4.39)	(5.16)	(5.09)			(3.91)	(3.05)	(3.04)	(3.77)	(4.90)	(4.92)
VP: base × mover	-24.45	-19.41	12.13	11.20			-23.89	-18.90	-29.95	-23.43	-5.34	-12.14
	(3.82)	(4.66)	(8.30)	(8.29)			(4.79)	(4.75)	(6.04)	(4.94)	(8.91)	(8.07)
VP: former gov.		0.41						3.84		5.49		-1.41
		(5.40)						(6.00)		(5.39)		(5.80)
VP: birthplace	-9.25	-10.16	6.01	5.41			-6.56	-7.73	-11.83	-13.67	-2.37	-2.49
	(1.74)	(1.74)	(4.68)	(4.54)			(3.80)	(3.39)	(2.55)	(3.33)	(2.84)	(2.92)
n obs.	288	288	240	240			216	216	240	240	240	240
(b) Brazil	PT		PSDB				incumbent		first		second	
presi: base	-5.53	-5.34	6.86	5.20			1.99	1.31	14.13	13.98	-10.57	-22.31
	(5.13)	(5.43)	(4.91)	(4.82)			(4.84)	(4.95)	(3.25)	(2.77)	(4.80)	(6.12)
presi: base × mover	13.52	13.94	-13.80	-13.26			1.61	1.33			9.03	19.95
	(3.59)	(3.62)	(4.54)	(4.20)			(5.82)	(6.02)			(5.91)	(8.47)
presi: former gov.				0.46						9.80		18.39
				(2.47)						(3.63)		(4.32)
presi: birthplace	0.21	0.28	-4.81	-4.79			3.03	2.59	3.64	3.22	12.00	11.32
	(1.56)	(1.53)	(2.21)	(2.27)			(5.06)	(5.06)	(6.67)	(6.56)	(5.89)	(6.65)
VP: base	-29.83	-29.57	0.10	-2.38			-0.73	-4.95	2.04	5.91	-13.92	-14.78
	(2.59)	(2.63)	(1.39)	(1.77)			(5.24)	(6.71)	(4.24)	(5.97)	(9.54)	(9.22)
VP: base × mover	51.80	55.46					11.96	17.04	-7.21	-9.80	34.29	33.25
	(4.13)	(5.55)					(10.76)	(12.85)	(3.86)	(4.93)	(9.62)	(11.17)
VP: former gov.		-3.92		11.47				9.35		-10.82		4.57
		(3.86)		(2.70)				(5.81)		(5.70)		(7.57)
VP: birthplace	28.99	29.30					-0.61	-1.33			7.86	8.20
	(2.20)	(2.55)					(4.19)	(4.04)			(5.27)	(5.20)
n obs.	243	243	216	216			243	243	243	243	243	243
(c) Mexico	PRI		PAN		PRD		incumbent		first		second	
presi: base	10.49	0.28	2.01	2.04	-11.31	-11.31	9.58	4.60	-20.23	-24.14	-0.25	-12.50
	(4.90)	(0.91)	(5.85)	(5.83)	(1.37)	(1.37)	(6.25)	(2.95)	(3.22)	(3.93)	(14.87)	(9.53)
presi: base × mover			4.98	5.87	34.14	34.14			43.64	37.45	26.50	26.31
			(6.39)	(6.55)	(1.83)	(1.83)			(5.05)	(6.60)	(15.42)	(10.47)
presi: former gov.		16.33		-2.73				13.69		9.85		25.43
		(3.58)		(2.45)				(4.70)		(4.48)		(4.55)
presi: former gov. × mover												-6.98
												(6.87)
presi: birthplace			2.35	2.41	17.04	17.04			25.11	24.86	17.20	16.71
			(1.39)	(1.42)	(1.68)	(1.68)			(4.35)	(4.58)	(11.48)	(11.75)
n obs.	192	192	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224

OLS regression estimates (except for the PJ models, where observations for 2003 have a weight of 1/3 each). All specifications include fixed effects by state and election year. Standard errors clustered by state in parentheses. *movers* are those candidates who were born in one state but have their political base in another.

Table A5: Electoral support by reference party: Alternative model specifications

	PJ*				UCR (+ allies)								incumbent				first				second			
(a) Argentina: base	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)
presi: base	16.99	15.29	8.41	8.41	7.42	8.18	9.04	9.04					19.81	16.85	11.50	11.50	15.25	13.18	7.99	7.99	14.64	15.28	15.28	15.28
	(8.16)	(3.43)	(7.15)	(6.86)	(2.95)	(2.29)	(2.95)	(3.49)					(8.92)	(4.05)	(6.53)	(5.35)	(9.61)	(3.59)	(6.56)	(6.38)	(6.12)	(3.02)	(6.02)	(5.90)
VP: base	6.76	5.67	1.19	1.19	0.27	1.37	3.53	3.53					2.55	0.78	−2.58	−2.58	8.99	7.37	2.32	2.32	2.39	2.42	2.42	2.42
	(2.35)	(3.04)	(2.09)	(1.44)	(1.89)	(2.11)	(2.51)	(1.68)					(2.45)	(3.72)	(2.83)	(1.31)	(2.62)	(3.29)	(2.50)	(2.15)	(2.69)	(3.02)	(4.78)	(4.83)
test p-val.		0.256	0.273	0.273		0.010	0.479	0.479						0.113	0.714	0.714		0.045	0.286	0.286		0.882	0.658	0.658
(b) Argentina: base + governor																								
presi: base	6.33	4.26	0.17	0.17	4.64	4.94	−2.50	−2.50					7.00	4.26	7.93	7.93	4.68	2.32	−0.25	−0.25	1.61	2.01	4.56	4.56
	(2.70)	(4.59)	(4.26)	(3.94)	(2.72)	(3.13)	(7.09)	(6.73)					(2.98)	(6.99)	(4.94)	(3.02)	(3.87)	(4.96)	(3.81)	(3.20)	(1.31)	(5.47)	(6.22)	(6.77)
presi: former gov.	18.46	19.32	16.72	16.72	5.37	6.47	23.93	23.93					16.35	16.95	5.87	5.87	19.07	20.25	16.93	16.93	17.68	18.96	16.16	16.16
	(8.63)	(5.58)	(9.05)	(7.66)	(3.73)	(4.27)	(10.26)	(10.57)					(6.07)	(7.85)	(8.58)	(7.89)	(10.25)	(6.54)	(8.34)	(7.50)	(5.61)	(6.44)	(7.50)	(7.21)
VP: base	5.89	4.37	0.38	0.38	−0.28	0.73	0.96	0.96					1.08	−0.61	−5.38	−5.38	5.53	3.90	1.25	1.25	1.56	2.60	−0.28	−0.28
	(2.25)	(3.90)	(2.53)	(2.53)	(2.16)	(2.15)	(3.17)	(2.42)					(2.35)	(4.27)	(2.76)	(2.59)	(4.07)	(3.72)	(2.97)	(2.57)	(3.34)	(3.37)	(4.75)	(4.71)
VP: former gov.	1.82	3.36	5.02	5.02									7.82	9.01	14.54	14.54	8.51	9.71	5.19	5.19	4.55	3.07	16.40	16.40
	(4.79)	(6.19)	(6.40)	(6.32)									(5.91)	(8.82)	(8.41)	(8.67)	(4.73)	(7.92)	(6.36)	(4.05)	(4.77)	(7.39)	(4.42)	(4.46)
test p-val.		0.680	0.460	0.460		0.026	0.169	0.169						0.305	0.786	0.786		0.230	0.552	0.552		0.792	0.455	0.455
n obs.	288	288	288	288	240	240	240	240					216	216	216	216	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240
(c) Brazil: base	PT				PSDB								incumbent				first				second			
presi: base	6.34	2.66	−3.80	−3.80	0.97	5.35	8.24	8.24					5.73	0.55	−0.01	−0.01	13.26	6.28	2.63	2.63	3.04	3.84	3.87	3.87
	(5.30)	(4.58)	(2.44)	(2.20)	(4.75)	(4.74)	(1.94)	(1.55)					(1.75)	(3.72)	(2.37)	(2.21)	(4.12)	(4.46)	(3.87)	(3.62)	(6.37)	(4.00)	(3.24)	(3.20)
VP: base	1.90	0.08	−3.36	−3.36	0.50	0.32	−1.43	−1.43					−0.17	−1.45	−1.55	−1.55	0.24	−2.35	−3.13	−3.13	−2.63	−2.37	−2.35	−2.35
	(5.04)	(3.49)	(3.72)	(4.55)	(1.40)	(3.33)	(3.36)	(3.43)					(2.90)	(3.65)	(3.09)	(3.28)	(4.18)	(4.34)	(3.10)	(3.06)	(6.69)	(3.91)	(3.92)	(3.79)
test p-val.		0.349	0.411	0.411		0.316	0.468	0.468						0.121	0.494	0.494		0.014	0.273	0.273		0.980	0.959	0.959
(d) Brazil: base + governor																								
presi: base	4.01	0.74	−4.56	−4.56	−3.65	3.00	11.09	11.09					5.76	0.86	−0.27	−0.27	12.66	3.59	0.22	0.22	0.19	0.68	−1.21	−1.21
	(5.26)	(4.72)	(2.76)	(2.88)	(4.19)	(6.04)	(5.28)	(5.21)					(2.25)	(3.73)	(2.63)	(2.42)	(3.85)	(4.86)	(3.27)	(2.80)	(9.80)	(4.98)	(3.80)	(3.10)
presi: former gov.					4.57	3.16	−5.71	−5.71									11.53	19.45	16.01	16.01	9.30	10.32	15.70	15.70
					(2.49)	(6.21)	(12.46)	(12.43)									(4.31)	(13.42)	(3.05)	(2.92)	(6.20)	(8.16)	(5.99)	(4.70)
VP: base	−1.20	−3.01	−5.74	−5.74	−2.22	−1.61	−10.23	−10.23					−2.77	−4.87	0.68	0.68	3.36	−2.12	−5.54	−5.54	−4.35	−3.66	−2.82	−2.82
	(4.91)	(3.99)	(4.29)	(5.10)	(1.70)	(3.72)	(6.75)	(7.34)					(3.91)	(4.92)	(8.27)	(7.87)	(5.83)	(5.31)	(4.62)	(4.29)	(6.53)	(4.20)	(3.60)	(3.22)
VP: former gov.	10.86	11.88	11.37	11.37	11.74	8.63	35.17	35.17					5.88	7.65	−4.99	−4.99	−9.29	−0.75	8.00	8.00	24.45	18.50	14.89	14.89
	(10.06)	(7.55)	(6.24)	(7.39)	(2.60)	(7.55)	(5.82)	(4.56)					(5.46)	(7.39)	(14.40)	(15.44)	(5.64)	(9.14)	(6.19)	(6.47)	(5.48)	(12.14)	(4.76)	(4.68)
test p-val.		0.605	0.420	0.420		0.475	0.177	0.177						0.291	0.364	0.364		0.037	0.451	0.451		0.401	0.798	0.798
n obs.	243	243	243	243	216	216	216	216					243	243	243	243	243	243	243	243	243	243	243	243
(e) Mexico: base	PRI				PAN				PRD				incumbent				first				second			
presi: base	10.49	7.21	0.00	0.00	5.33	5.46	7.02	7.02	10.89	12.11	16.85	16.85	9.58	−3.64	−4.93	−4.93	7.09	−2.75	−2.75	−2.75	21.17	19.83	19.83	19.83
	(4.88)	(3.20)	(8.06)	(8.91)	(3.26)	(2.37)	(4.12)	(3.40)	(10.03)	(4.06)	(5.81)	(6.38)	(6.24)	(3.90)	(6.35)	(6.46)	(5.58)	(4.11)	(5.89)	(6.04)	(6.04)	(3.88)	(4.95)	(3.89)
test p-val.		0.001	0.994	0.994		0.695	0.980	0.980		0.413	0.139	0.139		0.000	0.993	0.993		0.003	0.654	0.654		0.688	0.161	0.161
(f) Mexico: base + governor																								
presi: base	0.28	−6.37	−10.73	−10.73	5.37	5.28	2.43	2.43	10.89	12.11	16.85	16.85	4.60	−10.54	−14.50	−14.50	−2.89	−13.77	−14.20	−14.20	8.13	7.16	3.70	3.70
	(0.91)	(4.87)	(5.72)	(4.58)	(3.85)	(2.61)	(4.34)	(4.35)	(10.03)	(4.06)	(5.81)	(6.38)	(2.93)	(4.45)	(5.12)	(4.78)	(6.71)	(6.21)	(5.94)	(5.83)	(4.84)	(5.83)	(3.38)	(4.02)
presi: former gov.	16.33	22.45	21.47	21.47	−0.24	1.12	32.12	32.12					13.69	21.20	33.51	33.51	16.63	19.30	20.05	20.05	21.72	22.18	28.22	28.22
	(3.56)	(6.44)	(10.89)	(7.63)	(3.59)	(6.51)	(2.80)	(2.09)					(4.67)	(8.20)	(6.43)	(4.95)	(5.60)	(8.22)	(5.54)	(3.77)	(3.96)	(7.70)	(3.31)	(4.21)
test p-val.		0.022	0.685	0.685		0.105	0.198	0.198		0.413	0.139	0.139		0.001	0.230	0.230		0.019	0.389	0.389		0.972	0.209	0.209
n obs.	192	192	192	192	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224
specification	TWFE	RE	DK	DK(AR(1))	TWFE	RE	DK	DK(AR(1))	TWFE	RE	DK	DK(AR(1))	TWFE	RE	DK	DK(AR(1))	TWFE	RE	DK	DK(AR(1))	TWFE	RE	DK	DK(AR(1))

TWFE (respectively, RE) specifications include fixed (respectively, random) effects by state and year. DK and DK(AR(1)) models are estimated by pooled OLS. In TWFE and RE specifications, standard errors are clustered by state. DK specifications use Driscoll-Kraay standard errors (Driscoll and Kraay 1998). In RE specifications, p-values correspond to a Hausman test of the null hypothesis that state- and year-level effects are uncorrelated with the regressors. In DK and DK(AR(1)) specifications, the p-values correspond to a Breusch-Pagan test of the null hypothesis of homoskedasticity across states. * WLS for the PJ models; the party had 3 official candidates in 2003, which are included with a weight of 1/3 each.

C Cabinet nominations

List of presidents

Table A6 presents the list of presidents included in the cabinet sample.

Birthplace vs. political base of ministers and presidents

The Sankey plots in Figure A2 shows the proportion of ministers whose birth and career states coincided with the president's political base. We see that it is more common for ministers who were born outside of the president's political base to move there than the other way round.

Portfolio classification

Table A7 shows the classification by country and topic given formal names change. We first prompted Claude *and* chatGPT to classify the portfolios. We then manually checked this classification taking into account (a) the portfolio's official rank (e.g., "Cabinet chief" is high-rank); (b) its traditional prestige (Foreign Affairs, Interior and the Treasury are high-ranking ministries); (c) the amount of money it is responsible for spending; and (d) the manner of people that is directly affected by the ministry's actions. For that reason, a given portfolio's rank may vary between countries; due to the War on Drugs, Defense is high-ranking in Mexico but medium-ranking in Argentina and Brazil. Tourism is much more economically relevant in Mexico as well.

Robustness checks

- Table A8 replicates the results in Table 2 but including acting vice-presidents and interims, measuring the variables by *presidency* instead of president, and using runner-ups as placebos.

- Table A9 replicates the results in Table 2 but (a) allowing Cristina Fernández de Kirchner, Felipe Calderón and Andrés Manuel López Obrador to have multiple political bases; or (b) including controls.
- Table A10 accounts for presidents' and ministers' birthplaces.
- Table A11 distinguishes between *movers* and *remainers*.
- Table A12 reports alternative model specifications: random effects and pooled specifications with Driscoll and Kraay (1998) standard errors.
- Table A13 report separate results for high-, medium- and low-prestige portfolios.

Table A6: Presidents included in the sample

Argentina ($N = 10$)	type	N_{terms}	election year	start date	end date	state of birth	political base	former gov.
Alfonsín, Raúl Ricardo	president	1	1983	1983-12-10	1989-07-07	BUENOS AIRES	BUENOS AIRES	NO
Menem, Carlos Saúl	president	2	1989	1989-07-08	1999-12-09	LA RIOJA	LA RIOJA	YES
De la Rúa, Fernando	president	1	1999	1999-12-10	2001-12-20	CORDOBA	CITY OF BUENOS AIRES	YES
Rodríguez Saá, Adolfo	interim	1		2001-12-23	2001-12-30	SAN LUIS	SAN LUIS	YES
Duhalde, Eduardo Alberto	interim	1		2002-01-02	2003-05-24	BUENOS AIRES	BUENOS AIRES	YES
Kirchner, Néstor Carlos	president	1	2003	2003-05-25	2007-12-09	SANTA CRUZ	SANTA CRUZ	YES
Fernández de Kirchner, Cristina	president	2	2007	2007-12-10	2015-12-09	BUENOS AIRES	BUENOS AIRES	NO
Macri, Mauricio	president	1	2015	2015-12-10	2019-12-09	BUENOS AIRES	CITY OF BUENOS AIRES	YES
Fernández, Alberto Ángel	president	1	2019	2019-12-10	2023-12-09	CITY OF BUENOS AIRES	CITY OF BUENOS AIRES	NO
Milei, Javier Gerardo	president	1	2023	2023-12-10		CITY OF BUENOS AIRES	CITY OF BUENOS AIRES	NO
Brazil ($N = 9$)								
Sarney de Araújo Costa, José	vice-president	1	1985	1985-03-15	1990-03-14	MARANHAO	MARANHAO	YES
Collor de Mello, Fernando Affonso	president	1	1989	1990-03-15	1992-10-01	RIO DE JANEIRO	ALAGOAS	YES
Cautiero Franco, Itamar Augusto	vice-president	1	1989	1992-10-02	1994-12-31	NONE (BRAZILIAN SEA)	MINAS GERAIS	NO
Cardoso, Fernando Henrique	president	2	1994	1995-01-01	2002-12-31	RIO DE JANEIRO	SAO PAULO	NO
Lula da Silva, Luiz Inácio (1)	president	2	2002	2003-01-01	2010-12-31	PERNAMBUCO	SAO PAULO	NO
Rousseff, Dilma Vana	president	2	2010	2011-01-01	2016-05-11	MINAS GERAIS	RIO GRANDE DO SUL	NO
Temer Lulia, Michel Miguel Elias	vice-president	1	2014	2016-05-12	2018-12-31	SAO PAULO	SAO PAULO	NO
Bolsonaro, Jair Messias	president	1	2018	2019-01-01	2022-12-31	SAO PAULO	RIO DE JANEIRO	NO
Lula da Silva, Luiz Inácio (2)	president	1	2022	2023-01-01		PERNAMBUCO	SAO PAULO	NO
Mexico ($N = 7$)								
Salinas de Gortari, Carlos	president	1	1988	1988-12-01	1994-11-30	MEXICO CITY	MEXICO CITY	NO
Zedillo Ponce de León, Ernesto	president	1	1994	1994-12-01	2000-11-30	MEXICO CITY	MEXICO CITY	NO
Fox Quesada, Vicente	president	1	2000	2000-12-01	2006-11-30	MEXICO CITY	GUANAJUATO	YES
Calderón Hinojosa, Felipe de Jesús	president	1	2006	2006-12-01	2012-11-30	MICHOACAN	MICHOACAN	NO
Peña Nieto, Enrique	president	1	2012	2012-12-01	2018-11-30	MEXICO	MEXICO	YES
López Obrador, Andrés Manuel	president	1	2018	2018-12-01	2024-09-30	TABASCO	MEXICO CITY	YES
Sheinbaum Pardo, Claudia	president	1	2024	2024-10-01		MEXICO CITY	MEXICO CITY	YES

For presidents currently in office (Milei, Lula and Sheinbaum) we consider their last day to be November 30, 2024. *Although he formally resigned on December 29, 1992, he had been suspended on October 1st, 1992, with vice-president Franco taking office and revamping the cabinet. We thus code Francos's term as beginning on October 2nd. †Although she was formally deposed on August 31, 2016, she had been suspended on May 12, 2016, with vice-president Temer taking office and revamping the cabinet. We thus code Temer's term as beginning on May 12.

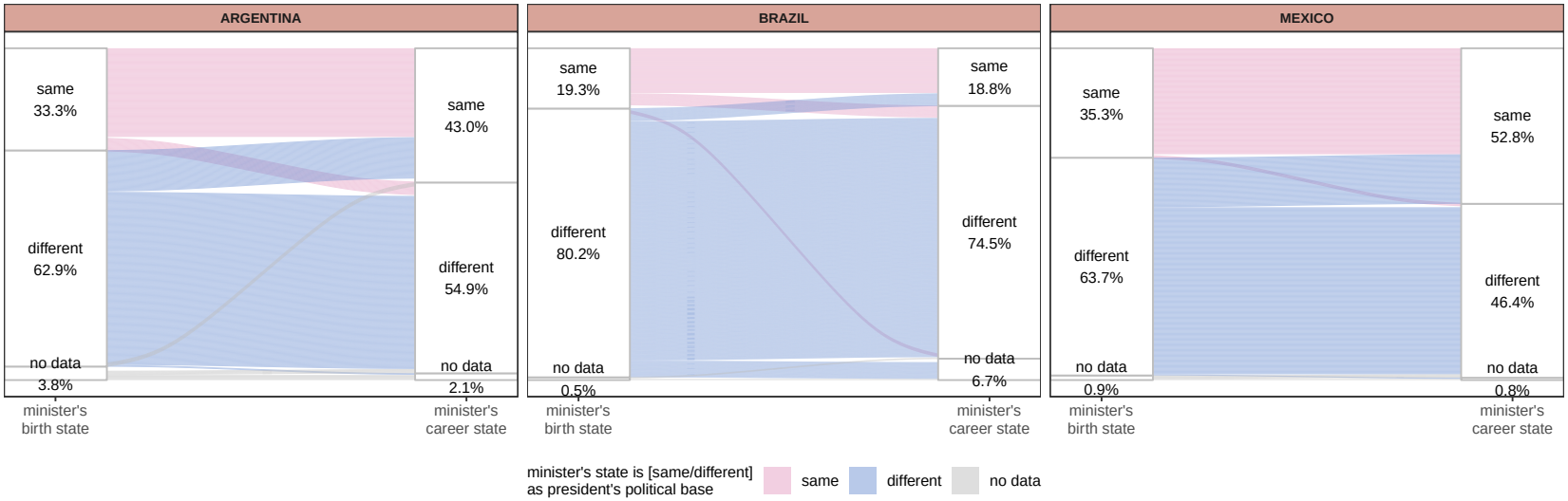

Figure A2: Sankey diagrams showing the percentage of ministers (weighted by the length of their tenure) whose state of birth and the state where they developed their career coincided with the president's political base. It is more common for ministers who were born outside of the president's political base to move there than the other way round.

Table A7: Portfolio rank

portfolio	Argentina	Brazil	Mexico
Agriculture	Medium	Medium	Medium
Cabinet chief	High	High	
Children welfare		Low	
Communications	Low	Low	
Communications & transportation		Medium	Medium
Culture	Low	Low	Low
Defense	Medium	Medium	High
Digital services & modernization	Low	Low	Low
Drugs	Low		
Economic coordination	Medium	Medium	High*
Economic coordination (secretariat)		Low	
Economic development	Medium	Medium	Medium
Education	Medium	Medium	Medium
Energy	Medium	Medium	Medium
Environment	Low	Low	Low
Fishing		Low	Low
Foreign affairs	High	High	High
Health	Medium	Medium	Medium
Human rights		Low	
Infrastructure	Medium	Medium	
Intelligence	Medium	Medium	
Interior	High	High	High
Interior (secretariat)		Low	
Irrigation		Low	
Justice	Medium	Medium	Medium
Labor	Medium	Medium	Medium
Legal affairs	Low	Low	Low
Navy & air force		Low	High
Ports & aviation		Low	
Private secretary	Low	Low	Low
Public finances	High	High	High
Public relations	Low	Low	
Public security	Medium	Medium	High
Regional integration		Medium	
Science & technology	Low	Low	Low
Small business development		Low	
Social welfare	Medium	Medium	Medium
Special projects	Low	Low	
Sports	Low	Low	
Tourism	Low	Low	Medium
Transportation	Medium	Medium	
Urban services	Low	Low	
Women & minorities	Low	Low	Low

* Until its dissolution in 1992, the *Secretaría de Programación y Presupuesto* (SPP) was a kind of superministry coordinating all economic affairs. Three presidents (de la Madrid, Salinas and Zedillo) were former SPP chairmen.

Table A8: State representation in the cabinet: acting VPs and interims; *presidencies* instead of presidents; and runner-ups as placebos

	DV: % ministers − % population								DV: ministers per 10M population							
	initial cabinet				full term				initial cabinet				full term			
(a) Argentina: base	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)
presi: base	25.36	30.43	21.30	−3.91	18.71	26.53	17.72	−5.62	69.02	72.43	54.69	−4.08	65.07	71.17	53.90	−4.02
	(0.95)	(1.41)	(1.69)	(2.82)	(1.98)	(2.27)	(2.06)	(3.07)	(37.41)	(34.03)	(27.88)	(3.51)	(41.89)	(37.15)	(30.76)	(2.57)
VP: base	9.80	10.52	5.40	−2.31	7.58	8.24	4.45	−2.50	0.23	−0.84	−3.76	−8.36	−7.30	−6.95	−5.77	−7.02
	(4.38)	(4.78)	(4.53)	(1.03)	(2.55)	(3.10)	(2.82)	(1.84)	(10.54)	(12.99)	(7.56)	(6.71)	(14.23)	(16.01)	(8.96)	(7.24)
(b) Argentina: base + governor																
presi: base	24.68	26.31	20.20	−2.58	18.29	20.34	16.99	−9.33	20.63	24.75	14.43	−6.50	14.10	20.60	13.42	−7.20
	(1.28)	(2.02)	(0.87)	(10.45)	(1.33)	(5.32)	(1.80)	(9.41)	(13.70)	(10.72)	(10.33)	(4.49)	(10.36)	(9.17)	(10.15)	(4.52)
presi: former gov.	0.89	6.12	1.72	−1.96	0.44	9.48	1.05	4.88	95.25	75.91	78.89	2.70	100.57	80.70	79.42	3.84
	(2.39)	(4.66)	(2.44)	(12.38)	(2.82)	(9.82)	(3.16)	(11.03)	(45.26)	(28.80)	(30.38)	(6.28)	(48.38)	(31.96)	(37.62)	(5.72)
VP: base	12.06	12.47	6.50	−3.24	9.58	9.39	5.49	−3.50	−15.63	−8.20	−12.15	−12.04	−25.33	−15.84	−14.51	−10.00
	(4.22)	(4.44)	(5.03)	(1.32)	(1.71)	(3.14)	(3.24)	(2.54)	(10.83)	(15.65)	(8.42)	(9.54)	(16.04)	(19.68)	(11.13)	(10.41)
VP: former gov.	−14.17	−15.70	−8.94	3.03	−12.27	−12.45	−8.09	3.13	13.91	5.46	10.02	11.79	22.32	12.64	12.17	9.49
	(4.22)	(4.44)	(5.03)	(1.33)	(1.71)	(3.14)	(3.24)	(2.55)	(10.83)	(15.65)	(8.42)	(9.54)	(16.04)	(19.68)	(11.13)	(10.42)
n obs.	192	240	240	240	192	240	240	240	192	240	240	240	192	240	240	240
(c) Brazil: base																
presi: base	5.03	6.85	5.22	2.09	2.54	4.74	2.83	0.86	0.87	1.05	0.94	0.48	1.07	1.54	0.68	0.25
	(2.81)	(2.63)	(2.40)	(0.50)	(2.19)	(1.74)	(1.72)	(0.23)	(0.70)	(0.41)	(0.49)	(0.23)	(1.09)	(0.58)	(0.48)	(0.13)
VP: base	3.20	2.71	2.98	4.21	0.82	1.55	0.85	2.89	0.40	0.19	0.42	0.44	0.05	0.51	0.15	0.21
	(1.19)	(2.11)	(0.89)	(1.50)	(0.56)	(0.84)	(0.27)	(1.84)	(0.10)	(0.20)	(0.13)	(0.37)	(0.56)	(0.42)	(0.17)	(0.33)
(d) Brazil: base + governor																
presi: base	6.70	9.46	6.77	0.72	3.24	5.80	3.48	1.82	0.31	0.73	0.64	0.40	0.95	1.39	0.39	0.29
	(4.69)	(3.25)	(3.94)	(1.07)	(3.56)	(2.39)	(2.78)	(0.58)	(0.68)	(0.37)	(0.51)	(0.39)	(1.64)	(0.84)	(0.56)	(0.14)
presi: former gov.	−3.01	−7.17	−3.26	3.26	−0.97	−2.77	−1.03	−2.73	3.03	1.48	2.45	0.25	0.93	0.78	1.86	−0.14
	(4.69)	(3.35)	(3.94)	(1.94)	(3.56)	(2.52)	(2.78)	(0.76)	(0.68)	(0.79)	(0.51)	(0.35)	(1.64)	(0.90)	(0.56)	(0.13)
VP: base	5.84	5.33	5.72	4.61	2.08	2.75	2.14	3.05	0.56	0.45	0.61	0.39	0.23	0.72	0.15	0.25
	(1.93)	(3.25)	(1.74)	(1.82)	(0.82)	(1.68)	(1.19)	(1.88)	(0.19)	(0.28)	(0.20)	(0.37)	(0.95)	(0.84)	(0.30)	(0.38)
VP: former gov.	−7.44	−7.34	−7.34	−1.73	−3.56	−3.36	−3.49	−3.63	−0.52	−0.80	−0.67	0.69	−0.52	−0.62	−0.10	−0.43
	(3.96)	(2.64)	(3.58)	(1.43)	(2.95)	(2.01)	(3.20)	(1.45)	(0.48)	(0.24)	(0.49)	(0.28)	(2.29)	(1.89)	(0.55)	(0.29)
n obs.	162	243	243	243	162	243	243	243	162	243	243	243	162	243	243	243
(e) Mexico: base																
presi: base	17.15	17.15	17.15	−5.42	17.37	17.37	17.37	−1.87	4.03	4.03	4.03	−1.53	4.31	4.31	4.31	−0.72
	(5.71)	(5.71)	(5.71)	(2.90)	(4.18)	(4.18)	(4.18)	(0.21)	(1.27)	(1.27)	(1.27)	(0.43)	(0.70)	(0.70)	(0.70)	(0.50)
(f) Mexico: base + governor																
presi: base	11.51	11.51	11.51	7.24	13.11	13.11	13.11	8.82	3.24	3.24	3.24	1.43	4.15	4.15	4.15	2.02
	(4.89)	(4.89)	(4.89)	(3.96)	(3.19)	(3.19)	(3.19)	(5.19)	(0.99)	(0.99)	(0.99)	(1.48)	(0.29)	(0.29)	(0.29)	(1.95)
presi: former gov.	9.40	9.40	9.40	−21.11	7.10	7.10	7.10	−17.82	1.32	1.32	1.32	−4.93	0.27	0.27	0.27	−4.57
	(5.21)	(5.21)	(5.21)	(9.53)	(3.87)	(3.87)	(3.87)	(7.39)	(1.01)	(1.01)	(1.01)	(2.60)	(0.72)	(0.72)	(0.72)	(2.14)
n obs.	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224
sample	orig.	all	presidency	runner-up	orig.	all	presidency	runner-up	orig.	all	presidency	runner-up	orig.	all	presidency	runner-up

OLS regression estimates. All specifications include state fixed effects. Standard errors clustered by state in parentheses. Columns (1), (5), (9) and (13) replicate the original estimates from Table 2 and only include elected presidents. Models in columns (2), (6), (10) and (14) add acting vice-presidents and interims to the sample. Specifications in columns (3), (7), (11) and (15) include only elected presidents, but multiple terms, consecutive or not, are treated as separate observations. Note that this does not change the results for Mexico. For the models in columns (4), (8), (12) and (16), the explanatory variables are measured for the runner-up (as well as his or her vice-presidential candidate) who *failed* to win the election, rather than for the actual (vice-)president.

Table A9: State representation in the cabinet: Multiple political bases and controls

	DV: % ministers − % population								DV: ministers per 10M population							
	initial cabinet				full term				initial cabinet				full term			
(a) Argentina: base	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)
presi: base	25.36	26.98	25.08	23.01	18.71	20.54	18.32	15.92	69.02	84.79	65.96	66.59	65.07	110.01	59.77	61.13
	(0.95)	(0.79)	(1.16)	(1.50)	(1.98)	(3.03)	(1.88)	(1.62)	(37.41)	(43.59)	(35.33)	(36.13)	(41.89)	(70.99)	(37.92)	(38.47)
VP: base	9.80	8.24	9.64	7.93	7.58	6.01	7.36	5.37	0.23	−5.50	−1.49	2.64	−7.30	−18.38	−10.27	−5.48
	(4.38)	(4.12)	(4.47)	(4.20)	(2.55)	(2.74)	(2.71)	(2.16)	(10.54)	(12.21)	(9.78)	(9.97)	(14.23)	(21.30)	(12.33)	(13.19)
(b) Argentina: base + governor																
presi: base	24.68	26.13	24.62	19.09	18.29	20.25	18.20	11.95	20.63	54.92	20.30	3.41	14.10	94.52	13.35	−6.35
	(1.28)	(1.15)	(1.15)	(4.99)	(1.33)	(2.48)	(1.54)	(2.02)	(13.70)	(38.84)	(14.51)	(10.95)	(10.36)	(83.93)	(11.89)	(12.52)
presi: former gov.	0.89	1.76	0.35	7.07	0.44	0.51	−0.29	7.13	95.25	67.86	92.46	113.06	100.57	35.40	94.23	120.76
	(2.39)	(1.36)	(2.57)	(6.88)	(2.82)	(2.93)	(2.76)	(4.48)	(45.26)	(31.57)	(44.99)	(42.62)	(48.38)	(44.94)	(47.14)	(46.84)
VP: base	12.06	9.71	12.02	8.46	9.58	7.39	9.53	5.34	−15.63	−16.02	−15.81	−22.77	−25.33	−26.10	−25.75	−32.57
	(4.22)	(4.02)	(4.38)	(4.86)	(1.71)	(2.66)	(1.97)	(2.27)	(10.83)	(11.88)	(9.97)	(13.15)	(16.04)	(21.03)	(13.60)	(17.90)
VP: former gov.	−14.17	−11.82	−14.60	−11.03	−12.27	−10.08	−12.86	−7.89	13.91	14.30	11.65	18.03	22.32	23.10	17.18	18.91
	(4.22)	(4.02)	(4.50)	(5.49)	(1.71)	(2.66)	(1.88)	(2.83)	(10.83)	(11.88)	(9.34)	(13.86)	(16.04)	(21.03)	(12.76)	(20.80)
n obs.	192	192	192	168	192	192	192	168	192	192	192	168	192	192	192	168
(c) Brazil: base																
presi: base	5.03	5.03	4.28	4.99	2.54	2.54	2.04	2.62	0.87	0.87	0.64	−0.52	1.07	1.07	0.59	−0.94
	(2.81)	(2.81)	(2.98)	(3.36)	(2.19)	(2.19)	(2.30)	(2.51)	(0.70)	(0.70)	(0.73)	(0.53)	(1.09)	(1.09)	(1.19)	(0.95)
VP: base	3.20	3.20	3.15	3.69	0.82	0.82	0.78	1.14	0.40	0.40	0.38	0.22	0.05	0.05	0.02	−0.64
	(1.19)	(1.19)	(0.99)	(1.15)	(0.56)	(0.56)	(0.54)	(0.64)	(0.10)	(0.10)	(0.14)	(0.43)	(0.56)	(0.56)	(0.69)	(0.81)
(d) Brazil: base + governor																
presi: base	6.70	6.70	5.94	6.82	3.24	3.24	2.73	3.59	0.31	0.31	0.07	−0.40	0.95	0.95	0.45	−0.92
	(4.69)	(4.69)	(4.89)	(5.16)	(3.56)	(3.56)	(3.68)	(3.71)	(0.68)	(0.68)	(0.74)	(0.69)	(1.64)	(1.64)	(1.76)	(1.19)
presi: former gov.	−3.01	−3.01	−3.06		−0.97	−0.97	−1.00		3.03	3.03	3.02		0.93	0.93	0.90	
	(4.69)	(4.69)	(4.78)		(3.56)	(3.56)	(3.65)		(0.68)	(0.68)	(0.71)		(1.64)	(1.64)	(1.73)	
VP: base	5.84	5.84	5.69	7.16	2.08	2.08	1.98	2.98	0.56	0.56	0.51	0.43	0.23	0.23	0.13	−0.60
	(1.93)	(1.93)	(1.77)	(2.94)	(0.82)	(0.82)	(0.89)	(1.90)	(0.19)	(0.19)	(0.29)	(0.44)	(0.95)	(0.95)	(1.14)	(0.86)
VP: former gov.	−7.44	−7.44	−7.15	−8.49	−3.56	−3.56	−3.37	−4.49	−0.52	−0.52	−0.43	−0.53	−0.52	−0.52	−0.34	−0.11
	(3.96)	(3.96)	(3.78)	(5.16)	(2.95)	(2.95)	(2.86)	(3.79)	(0.48)	(0.48)	(0.49)	(1.16)	(2.29)	(2.29)	(2.22)	(2.00)
n obs.	162	162	162	135	162	162	162	135	162	162	162	135	162	162	162	135
(e) Mexico: base																
presi: base	17.15	11.64	16.94	15.86	17.37	14.49	17.24	16.73	4.03	2.68	3.98	3.60	4.31	3.90	4.24	4.11
	(5.71)	(4.86)	(5.68)	(5.81)	(4.18)	(4.41)	(4.17)	(4.24)	(1.27)	(0.93)	(1.25)	(1.43)	(0.70)	(0.70)	(0.68)	(0.84)
(f) Mexico: base + governor																
presi: base	11.51	4.24	11.59	11.13	13.11	9.28	13.16	13.44	3.24	1.24	3.26	3.34	4.15	3.31	4.18	4.95
	(4.89)	(2.58)	(4.87)	(4.26)	(3.19)	(3.36)	(3.18)	(2.93)	(0.99)	(0.62)	(0.98)	(0.96)	(0.29)	(0.50)	(0.28)	(0.52)
presi: former gov.	9.40	15.74	8.98	7.88	7.10	11.08	6.86	5.50	1.32	3.06	1.22	0.43	0.27	1.25	0.11	−1.40
	(5.21)	(4.78)	(5.36)	(6.56)	(3.87)	(3.90)	(3.93)	(4.71)	(1.01)	(1.05)	(1.03)	(1.50)	(0.72)	(0.84)	(0.71)	(0.95)
n obs.	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224
sample	original	mult. bases	% votes	all controls	original	mult. bases	% votes	all controls	original	mult. bases	% votes	all controls	original	mult. bases	% votes	all controls

OLS regression estimates. All specifications include state fixed effects. Standard errors clustered by state in parentheses. Columns (1), (5), (9) and (13) replicate the original estimates from Table 2. In the models in columns (2), (6), (10) and (14), Cristina Fernández de Kirchner, Felipe Calderón and Andrés Manuel López Obrador are coded as having multiple political bases. Models in columns (3), (7), (11) and (15) control for the % of votes received by the president in the first round of the election. Those in columns (4), (8), (12) and (16) add further controls: the % of seats in the lower chamber, minority, coalition and reelection dummies, the president party's ideology, provincial population density (logged), the president party's vote % in the last gubernatorial election held in the province, a provincial incumbency dummy, the level of subnational democracy and the interaction between the last two.

Table A10: State representation in the cabinet: Accounting for presidents' and ministers' birthplaces

	DV: % ministers − % population						DV: ministers per 10M population					
	initial cabinet			full term			initial cabinet			full term		
(a) Argentina: base, birthplace or both	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
presi: base	25.36		26.57	18.71		14.05	69.02		57.43	65.07		48.64
	(0.95)		(3.66)	(1.98)		(4.76)	(37.41)		(31.51)	(41.89)		(35.25)
presi: birthplace		6.51	−1.92		5.34	4.60		12.88	15.39		16.53	21.35
		(1.12)	(3.82)		(1.49)	(4.26)		(7.93)	(12.38)		(14.04)	(13.98)
VP: base	9.80		11.30	7.58		15.66	0.23		0.68	−7.30		−4.37
	(4.38)		(5.33)	(2.55)		(5.11)	(10.54)		(13.66)	(14.23)		(17.03)
VP: birthplace		1.11	−2.26		−0.21	−8.01		−0.68	3.75		−5.92	2.56
		(4.31)	(7.13)		(1.77)	(5.73)		(1.09)	(11.87)		(4.74)	(13.29)
n obs.	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192
(b) Argentina: base, birthplace or both + governor												
presi: base	24.68		25.38	18.29		12.00	20.63		−25.63	14.10		−39.83
	(1.28)		(3.97)	(1.33)		(4.83)	(13.70)		(33.22)	(10.36)		(38.08)
presi: former gov.	0.89		0.27	0.44		1.54	95.25		112.33	100.57		120.28
	(2.39)		(2.95)	(2.82)		(3.41)	(45.26)		(28.61)	(48.38)		(31.82)
presi: birthplace			−0.83			5.96			47.01			54.73
			(3.52)			(4.00)			(34.19)			(37.31)
VP: base	12.06		13.69	9.58		17.83	−15.63		−1.72	−25.33		−8.10
	(4.22)		(4.58)	(1.71)		(4.35)	(10.83)		(34.05)	(16.04)		(39.37)
VP: former gov.	−14.17		−13.70	−12.27		−12.57	13.91		3.77	22.32		10.67
	(4.22)		(4.11)	(1.71)		(1.42)	(10.83)		(4.80)	(16.04)		(8.29)
VP: birthplace			−2.10			−7.96			−3.77			−5.58
			(7.05)			(5.69)			(30.32)			(35.42)
n obs.	192		192	192		192	192		192	192		192
(c) Brazil: base, birthplace or both												
presi: base	5.03		4.21	2.54		2.51	0.87		0.85	1.07		1.16
	(2.81)		(2.33)	(2.19)		(1.99)	(0.70)		(0.78)	(1.09)		(1.13)
presi: birthplace		−1.14	−3.75		−0.04	−0.13		0.23	−0.07		0.21	0.37
		(2.78)	(3.65)		(2.48)	(2.71)		(0.53)	(0.79)		(0.82)	(1.04)
VP: base	3.20		1.81	0.82		0.09	0.40		0.32	0.05		−0.86
	(1.19)		(0.91)	(0.56)		(0.76)	(0.10)		(0.19)	(0.56)		(0.36)
VP: birthplace		7.70	0.58		2.79	0.83		1.24	0.07		1.07	1.18
		(0.91)	(1.26)		(1.32)	(0.57)		(0.40)	(0.10)		(1.47)	(0.58)
n obs.	162	162	162	162	162	162	162	162	162	162	162	162
(d) Brazil: base, birthplace or both + governor												
presi: base	6.70		5.82	3.24		3.31	0.31		0.25	0.95		1.11
	(4.69)		(4.19)	(3.56)		(3.36)	(0.68)		(0.71)	(1.64)		(1.69)
presi: former gov.	−3.01		−2.14	−0.97		−1.04	3.03		3.08	0.93		0.77
	(4.69)		(4.19)	(3.56)		(3.36)	(0.68)		(0.71)	(1.64)		(1.69)
presi: birthplace			−3.73			−0.11			−0.22			0.32
			(3.33)			(2.52)			(0.80)			(1.05)
VP: base	5.84		2.48	2.08		0.41	0.56		0.33	0.23		−0.81
	(1.93)		(0.78)	(0.82)		(0.59)	(0.19)		(0.20)	(0.95)		(0.35)
VP: former gov.	−7.44		−8.16	−3.56		−4.04	−0.52		−0.57	−0.52		−0.85
	(3.96)		(3.34)	(2.95)		(3.00)	(0.48)		(0.48)	(2.29)		(2.50)
VP: birthplace			3.21			2.13			0.23			1.45
			(1.40)			(0.75)			(0.18)			(1.03)
n obs.	162		162	162		162	162		162	162		162
(e) Mexico: base, birthplace or both												
presi: base	17.15		13.18	17.37		15.25	4.03		3.34	4.31		3.51
	(5.71)		(5.19)	(4.18)		(4.44)	(1.27)		(1.25)	(0.70)		(0.87)
presi: birthplace		0.40	7.01		−0.15	3.74		0.36	1.21		0.81	1.42
		(2.50)	(3.88)		(2.81)	(2.66)		(0.99)	(0.72)		(0.89)	(0.42)
n obs.	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224
(f) Mexico: base, birthplace or both + governor												
presi: base	11.51		2.48	13.11		7.79	3.24		1.76	4.15		2.72
	(4.89)		(6.07)	(3.19)		(4.74)	(0.99)		(1.07)	(0.29)		(0.55)
presi: former gov.	9.40		14.36	7.10		10.02	1.32		2.13	0.27		1.05
	(5.21)		(4.09)	(3.87)		(2.88)	(1.01)		(1.06)	(0.72)		(0.79)
presi: birthplace			10.68			6.30			1.75			1.69
			(4.48)			(2.31)			(0.93)			(0.44)
n obs.	224		224	224		224	224		224	224		224

OLS regression estimates. All specifications include state fixed effects. Standard errors clustered by state in parentheses. In columns (2), (5), (8) and (11), both the president's and the ministers' states are defined as those in which they were born, even if they developed their political career elsewhere. In all other columns, ministers' states are defined as those where they developed their political career. Only elected presidents are included.

Table A11: State representation in the cabinet, by president: Distinguishing between *movers* and *remainers*

	DV: % min. − % pop.				DV: min. per 10M			
(a) Argentina	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	president's initial cabinet		president's full term		president's initial cabinet		president's full term	
presi: base	19.23	18.86	7.07	6.50	71.77	6.97	67.49	-4.30
	(1.13)	(0.61)	(2.34)	(1.64)	(41.43)	(4.69)	(45.66)	(0.54)
presi: base × mover	13.68	11.96	13.21	11.21	-27.67	-150.59	-37.21	-172.93
	(2.62)	(3.49)	(2.28)	(4.97)	(28.10)	(1.62)	(32.65)	(7.57)
presi: former gov.		0.35		0.92		167.66		186.00
		(2.72)		(5.23)		(4.72)		(7.46)
presi: birthplace	4.88	5.25	10.93	11.27	2.70	2.35	5.23	4.67
	(0.65)	(0.64)	(0.38)	(0.21)	(1.41)	(0.22)	(1.93)	(0.53)
VP: base	22.85	25.09	24.57	26.67	-12.54	3.95	-13.14	4.18
	(3.86)	(3.76)	(2.28)	(1.05)	(14.51)	(1.68)	(15.90)	(2.93)
VP: base × mover	-22.16	-21.79	-17.40	-17.13	26.68	7.71	19.79	-1.44
	(0.77)	(0.72)	(0.83)	(0.65)	(11.92)	(1.41)	(13.61)	(0.82)
VP: former gov.		-13.39		-12.22		-5.00		0.42
		(4.46)		(1.49)		(1.51)		(3.74)
VP: birthplace	-14.18	-13.80	-17.41	-17.14	18.29	-0.68	13.63	-7.60
	(0.77)	(0.72)	(0.83)	(0.65)	(11.92)	(1.41)	(13.61)	(0.82)
n obs.	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192
(b) Brazil								
presi: base	4.21	5.82	2.51	3.31	0.85	0.25	1.16	1.11
	(2.33)	(4.21)	(1.99)	(3.37)	(0.78)	(0.71)	(1.13)	(1.70)
presi: former gov.		-2.14		-1.04		3.08		0.77
		(4.21)		(3.37)		(0.71)		(1.70)
presi: birthplace	-3.75	-3.73	-0.13	-0.11	-0.07	-0.22	0.37	0.32
	(3.65)	(3.34)	(2.71)	(2.53)	(0.79)	(0.80)	(1.04)	(1.05)
VP: base	2.39	5.69	0.92	2.55	0.39	0.56	0.32	0.64
	(1.67)	(1.66)	(1.21)	(0.92)	(0.22)	(0.30)	(0.90)	(1.29)
VP: base × mover	-0.58	-3.21	-0.83	-2.13	-0.07	-0.23	-1.18	-1.45
	(1.26)	(1.40)	(0.57)	(0.75)	(0.10)	(0.18)	(0.58)	(1.03)
VP: former gov.		-8.16		-4.04		-0.57		-0.85
		(3.35)		(3.01)		(0.48)		(2.51)
n obs.	162	162	162	162	162	162	162	162
(c) Mexico								
presi: base	11.75	4.96	17.38	11.70	3.36	2.28	4.04	3.35
	(5.92)	(4.54)	(2.89)	(2.76)	(0.76)	(0.71)	(1.22)	(0.95)
presi: base × mover	2.58	-8.10	-3.84	-12.77	-0.03	-1.72	-0.97	-2.05
	(12.85)	(13.77)	(5.61)	(5.63)	(2.19)	(2.11)	(0.96)	(1.70)
presi: former gov.		17.05		14.26		2.70		1.73
		(4.53)		(2.41)		(0.92)		(1.36)
presi: birthplace	8.16	7.75	2.02	1.67	1.19	1.13	0.99	0.94
	(7.22)	(7.02)	(1.24)	(0.89)	(1.21)	(1.18)	(0.83)	(0.87)
n obs.	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224

OLS regression estimates. All specifications include fixed effects by state. Standard errors clustered by state in parentheses. Only elected presidents are included in the sample. *movers* are those presidents who were born in one state but have their political base in another.

Table A12: State representation in the cabinet: Alternative model specifications

	DV: % ministers − % population								DV: ministers per 10M population							
	initial cabinet				full term				initial cabinet				full term			
(a) Argentina: base	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)
presi: base	25.36	25.72	35.16	35.16	18.71	19.07	29.42	29.42	69.02	70.67	72.48	72.48	65.07	71.68	75.72	75.72
	(0.95)	(1.68)	(8.85)	(9.51)	(1.98)	(1.70)	(9.22)	(9.78)	(37.41)	(7.81)	(30.01)	(22.02)	(41.89)	(12.89)	(34.90)	(26.08)
VP: base	9.80	10.09	16.82	16.82	7.58	7.89	16.11	16.11	0.23	−4.08	−7.17	−7.17	−7.30	−10.10	−12.58	−12.58
	(4.38)	(1.68)	(9.69)	(9.19)	(2.55)	(1.70)	(9.34)	(7.81)	(10.54)	(7.81)	(10.15)	(7.70)	(14.23)	(12.89)	(11.85)	(9.02)
test p-val.		0.057	0.000	0.000		0.043	0.000	0.000		0.016	0.000	0.000		0.032	0.227	0.227
(b) Argentina: base + governor																
presi: base	24.68	24.91	27.49	27.49	18.29	18.55	22.28	22.28	20.63	22.50	22.78	22.78	14.10	20.44	21.73	21.73
	(1.28)	(2.19)	(15.27)	(17.16)	(1.33)	(2.24)	(16.89)	(18.70)	(13.70)	(8.90)	(12.41)	(13.24)	(10.36)	(16.22)	(13.68)	(14.16)
presi: former gov.	0.89	1.08	13.71	13.71	0.44	0.59	12.63	12.63	95.25	103.70	106.50	106.50	100.57	111.18	116.08	116.08
	(2.39)	(2.88)	(17.25)	(16.31)	(2.82)	(2.94)	(18.42)	(18.42)	(45.26)	(12.28)	(33.74)	(28.77)	(48.38)	(22.33)	(42.04)	(35.76)
VP: base	12.06	12.35	18.83	18.83	9.58	9.92	18.14	18.14	−15.63	−16.55	−17.16	−17.16	−25.33	−23.47	−23.94	−23.94
	(4.22)	(1.86)	(12.30)	(12.70)	(1.71)	(1.89)	(11.39)	(10.89)	(10.83)	(7.32)	(10.44)	(9.92)	(16.04)	(13.36)	(12.69)	(12.98)
VP: former gov.	−14.17	−14.48	−20.99	−20.99	−12.27	−12.62	−20.53	−20.53	13.91	14.05	14.47	14.47	22.32	18.97	19.00	19.00
	(4.22)	(4.41)	(12.00)	(12.49)	(1.71)	(4.50)	(11.05)	(10.61)	(10.83)	(18.66)	(10.30)	(9.58)	(16.04)	(33.95)	(12.58)	(12.12)
test p-val.		0.000	0.000	0.000		0.000	0.000	0.000		0.007	0.076	0.076		0.023	0.922	0.922
n obs.	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192
(c) Brazil: base																
presi: base	5.03	5.45	6.48	6.48	2.54	3.03	4.70	4.70	0.87	0.88	0.99	0.99	1.07	1.15	1.45	1.45
	(2.81)	(1.45)	(2.81)	(2.67)	(2.19)	(1.29)	(2.20)	(2.28)	(0.70)	(1.16)	(0.54)	(0.63)	(1.09)	(1.89)	(0.73)	(0.73)
VP: base	3.20	2.89	1.99	1.99	0.82	0.75	0.22	0.22	0.40	0.36	0.18	0.18	0.05	0.07	0.12	0.12
	(1.19)	(1.41)	(2.47)	(2.57)	(0.56)	(1.25)	(1.42)	(1.45)	(0.10)	(1.12)	(0.48)	(0.40)	(0.56)	(1.83)	(0.54)	(0.45)
test p-val.		0.187	0.348	0.348		0.159	0.894	0.894		0.970	0.695	0.695		0.986	0.851	0.851
(d) Brazil: base + governor																
presi: base	6.70	7.04	8.04	8.04	3.24	3.78	5.56	5.56	0.31	0.41	0.80	0.80	0.95	1.12	1.73	1.73
	(4.69)	(1.66)	(2.87)	(2.89)	(3.56)	(1.50)	(2.43)	(2.63)	(0.68)	(1.35)	(0.38)	(0.40)	(1.64)	(2.22)	(0.87)	(0.84)
presi: former gov.	−3.01	−3.47	−4.77	−4.77	−0.97	−1.61	−3.67	−3.67	3.03	2.77	1.62	1.62	0.93	0.53	−1.20	−1.20
	(4.69)	(3.61)	(2.77)	(2.81)	(3.56)	(3.24)	(2.36)	(2.53)	(0.68)	(2.91)	(0.28)	(0.31)	(1.64)	(4.79)	(1.02)	(1.02)
VP: base	5.84	5.31	3.85	3.85	2.08	1.87	0.74	0.74	0.56	0.55	0.46	0.46	0.23	0.26	0.28	0.28
	(1.93)	(1.70)	(2.94)	(2.95)	(0.82)	(1.53)	(1.87)	(1.83)	(0.19)	(1.37)	(0.49)	(0.38)	(0.95)	(2.26)	(0.57)	(0.44)
VP: former gov.	−7.44	−7.12	−6.32	−6.32	−3.56	−3.28	−2.00	−2.00	−0.52	−0.56	−0.74	−0.74	−0.52	−0.56	−0.62	−0.62
	(3.96)	(2.87)	(2.85)	(3.18)	(2.95)	(2.56)	(1.87)	(1.76)	(0.48)	(2.30)	(0.29)	(0.25)	(2.29)	(3.79)	(1.62)	(1.37)
test p-val.		0.348	0.670	0.670		0.308	0.985	0.985		0.990	0.940	0.940		0.996	0.987	0.987
n obs.	162	162	162	162	162	162	162	162	162	162	162	162	162	162	162	162
(e) Mexico: base																
presi: base	17.15	17.91	45.37	45.37	17.37	17.78	45.64	45.64	4.03	4.98	11.65	11.65	4.31	5.04	11.64	11.64
	(5.71)	(1.61)	(13.98)	(16.28)	(4.18)	(1.20)	(13.60)	(15.65)	(1.27)	(0.87)	(3.52)	(4.11)	(0.70)	(0.77)	(3.24)	(3.69)
test p-val.		0.000	0.000	0.000		0.000	0.000	0.000		0.000	0.000	0.000		0.000	0.000	0.000
(f) Mexico: base + governor																
presi: base	11.51	12.36	46.29	46.29	13.11	13.57	48.25	48.25	3.24	4.34	12.17	12.17	4.15	5.02	12.85	12.85
	(4.89)	(2.20)	(19.77)	(21.43)	(3.19)	(1.63)	(18.75)	(20.29)	(0.99)	(1.23)	(4.83)	(5.24)	(0.29)	(1.09)	(4.15)	(4.49)
presi: former gov.	9.40	9.16	−1.62	−1.62	7.10	6.97	−4.57	−4.57	1.32	1.06	−0.90	−0.90	0.27	0.05	−2.13	−2.13
	(5.21)	(2.57)	(27.02)	(25.05)	(3.87)	(1.90)	(26.08)	(24.10)	(1.01)	(1.46)	(6.66)	(6.04)	(0.72)	(1.29)	(6.07)	(5.52)
test p-val.		0.332	0.000	0.000		1.000	0.000	0.000		0.000	0.000	0.000		0.000	0.000	0.000
n obs.	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224
sample	FE (original)	RE	DK(AR(0))	DK(AR(1))	FE (original)	RE	DK(AR(0))	DK(AR(1))	FE (original)	RE	DK(AR(0))	DK(AR(1))	FE (original)	RE	DK(AR(0))	DK(AR(1))

FE (respectively, RE) specifications include fixed (respectively, random) effects by state. DK and DK(AR(1)) models are estimated by pooled OLS. In FE and RE specifications, standard errors are clustered by state. DK specifications use Driscoll-Kraay standard errors (Driscoll and Kraay 1998). In RE specifications, p-values correspond to a Hausman test of the null hypothesis that state-level effects are uncorrelated with the regressors. In DK and DK(AR(1)) specifications, the p-values correspond to a Breusch-Pagan test of the null hypothesis of homoskedasticity across states.

Table A13: State representation in the cabinet: Distinguishing by portfolio type

	DV: % ministers − % population								DV: ministers per 10M population							
	initial cabinet				full term				initial cabinet				full term			
(a) Argentina: base	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)
presi: base	25.36	11.29	27.38	20.79	18.71	8.19	16.62	21.44	69.02	0.87	41.80	26.34	65.07	1.53	31.88	31.65
	(0.95)	(9.01)	(1.36)	(8.69)	(1.98)	(5.46)	(3.38)	(7.57)	(37.41)	(0.40)	(24.85)	(15.00)	(41.89)	(1.60)	(22.46)	(19.33)
VP: base	9.80	23.55	10.67	2.61	7.58	20.56	3.94	16.96	0.23	2.75	−0.74	−1.79	−7.30	1.14	−4.26	−4.19
	(4.38)	(11.35)	(4.26)	(3.95)	(2.55)	(8.55)	(2.31)	(8.48)	(10.54)	(2.10)	(6.91)	(5.15)	(14.23)	(0.89)	(7.06)	(7.78)
(b) Argentina: base + governor																
presi: base	24.68	16.88	19.16	19.54	18.29	9.62	9.15	25.99	20.63	0.54	9.95	10.14	14.10	−0.62	4.56	10.16
	(1.28)	(15.77)	(4.22)	(14.72)	(1.33)	(11.16)	(3.19)	(15.47)	(13.70)	(0.76)	(6.95)	(7.89)	(10.36)	(1.58)	(4.09)	(8.18)
presi: former gov.	0.89	−12.08	15.69	2.35	0.44	−3.63	14.39	−9.65	95.25	0.51	62.77	31.98	100.57	4.18	53.92	42.47
	(2.39)	(14.14)	(6.80)	(19.53)	(2.82)	(10.96)	(4.88)	(17.19)	(45.26)	(0.70)	(28.82)	(20.91)	(48.38)	(1.88)	(24.95)	(25.53)
VP: base	12.06	31.33	10.63	2.73	9.58	25.54	3.13	22.23	−15.63	3.42	−11.45	−7.60	−25.33	0.75	−13.96	−12.12
	(4.22)	(10.92)	(3.73)	(3.94)	(1.71)	(8.25)	(1.42)	(9.30)	(10.83)	(2.23)	(7.87)	(5.52)	(16.04)	(0.77)	(8.52)	(8.27)
VP: former gov.	−14.17	−36.09	−13.00	−2.72	−12.27	−26.55	−7.33	−23.20	13.91	−4.43	10.74	7.60	22.32	−1.21	12.22	11.31
	(4.22)	(10.92)	(3.73)	(3.94)	(1.71)	(8.25)	(1.42)	(9.30)	(10.83)	(2.23)	(7.87)	(5.52)	(16.04)	(0.77)	(8.52)	(8.27)
n obs.	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192
(c) Brazil: base																
presi: base	5.03	0.99	7.64	3.13	2.54	4.98	3.07	1.03	0.87	−0.02	0.83	0.06	1.07	−0.06	0.80	0.33
	(2.81)	(2.93)	(3.67)	(1.99)	(2.19)	(3.94)	(1.79)	(4.02)	(0.70)	(0.06)	(0.63)	(0.21)	(1.09)	(0.16)	(0.45)	(0.70)
VP: base	3.20	13.06	2.58	−0.33	0.82	5.61	−0.09	−0.67	0.40	0.32	−0.07	0.15	0.05	0.05	−0.01	0.01
	(1.19)	(12.35)	(2.32)	(2.87)	(0.56)	(4.80)	(1.23)	(2.13)	(0.10)	(0.34)	(0.11)	(0.34)	(0.56)	(0.10)	(0.48)	(0.26)
(d) Brazil: base + governor																
presi: base	6.70	7.12	8.63	3.74	3.24	8.70	2.26	2.08	0.31	0.10	0.23	−0.03	0.95	0.01	0.38	0.56
	(4.69)	(4.85)	(6.49)	(2.78)	(3.56)	(4.79)	(2.50)	(5.95)	(0.68)	(0.11)	(0.32)	(0.29)	(1.64)	(0.24)	(0.47)	(1.03)
presi: former gov.	−3.01	−7.23	0.84	−3.85	−0.97	−9.20	3.41	−2.19	3.03	−0.10	3.11	0.03	0.93	−0.13	1.61	−0.56
	(4.69)	(4.85)	(6.49)	(2.78)	(3.56)	(4.79)	(2.50)	(5.95)	(0.68)	(0.11)	(0.32)	(0.29)	(1.64)	(0.24)	(0.47)	(1.03)
VP: base	5.84	24.76	5.50	−0.78	2.08	10.23	−0.38	0.83	0.56	0.57	0.04	−0.06	0.23	0.17	−0.24	0.29
	(1.93)	(17.24)	(5.06)	(3.41)	(0.82)	(6.67)	(2.02)	(2.29)	(0.19)	(0.46)	(0.20)	(0.47)	(0.95)	(0.12)	(0.55)	(0.47)
VP: former gov.	−7.44	−33.11	−8.33	1.39	−3.56	−12.94	0.75	−4.21	−0.52	−0.72	−0.38	0.58	−0.52	−0.33	0.60	−0.79
	(3.96)	(15.92)	(6.15)	(5.22)	(2.95)	(5.84)	(4.44)	(3.67)	(0.48)	(0.42)	(0.24)	(0.61)	(2.29)	(0.13)	(1.36)	(0.91)
n obs.	162	162	162	162	162	162	162	162	162	162	162	162	162	162	162	162
(e) Mexico: base																
presi: base	17.15	2.74	17.44	38.67	17.37	3.27	19.51	32.98	4.03	0.02	1.96	2.04	4.31	0.13	2.29	1.89
	(5.71)	(3.29)	(6.50)	(12.78)	(4.18)	(4.47)	(6.49)	(8.06)	(1.27)	(0.18)	(0.74)	(0.70)	(0.70)	(0.19)	(0.66)	(0.56)
(f) Mexico: base + governor																
presi: base	11.51	−1.09	9.63	41.26	13.11	−5.87	14.94	39.04	3.24	−0.06	1.76	1.54	4.15	−0.34	2.66	1.82
	(4.89)	(1.37)	(6.35)	(11.96)	(3.19)	(3.78)	(8.03)	(2.51)	(0.99)	(0.08)	(1.07)	(0.26)	(0.29)	(0.20)	(1.26)	(0.88)
presi: former gov.	9.40	6.39	13.02	−4.31	7.10	15.24	7.63	−10.10	1.32	0.15	0.33	0.84	0.27	0.78	−0.61	0.10
	(5.21)	(2.79)	(5.05)	(12.07)	(3.87)	(3.41)	(5.57)	(8.16)	(1.01)	(0.16)	(0.69)	(1.01)	(0.72)	(0.13)	(0.97)	(1.35)
n obs.	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224
sample	original	high rank	med. rank	low rank	original	high rank	med. rank	low rank	original	high rank	med. rank	low rank	original	high rank	med. rank	low rank

OLS regression estimates. All specifications include state fixed effects. Standard errors clustered by state in parentheses. Columns (1), (5), (9) and (13) replicate the original estimates from Table 2. In the remaining specifications, the outcome variables are measured separately for ministers classified as being of "high," "medium" and "low" rank, respectively.

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- Figure A3 replicates the estimations in Figure 3 but including all vice-presidents and interims.
- Figure A4 replicates the estimations in Figure 3 but identifying the "treated" state according to the president's birthplace instead of his or her political base.
- Figure A5 replicate Figure 3 including controls: population density, reference party vote share in the previous gubernatorial elections, and level of subnational democracy.
- Figure A6 replicate Figure 3 but including elected vice-presidents.
- Figure A7 replicate Figure 3 but reports the effects of having a presidential runner-up.

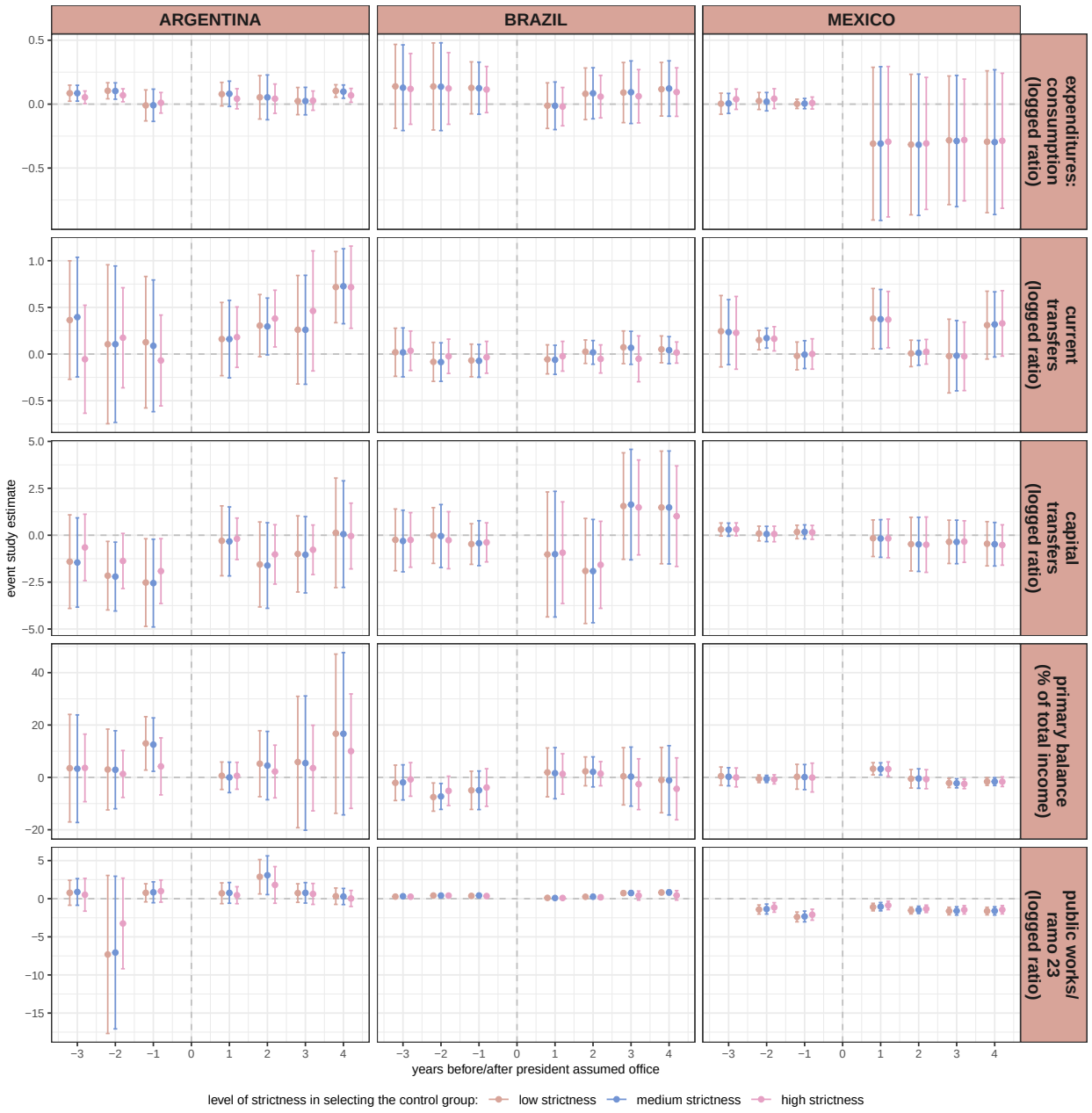

Figure A3: Event study estimates of the effect of having a president whose political base is on state s on different financial indicators in state s: including acting vice-presidents and interims. Coefficients are calculated by stacking state-year observations by presidential transition, then running an OLS model with state-transition and year-transition fixed effects. 95% CIs constructed using standard errors clustered by state-transition, and adjusting for the number of clusters in the sample. (a) **Low strictness** estimates: the control group includes all not-currently-treated states. (b) **Medium strictness** estimates: the control includes never- or not-yet-treated states, but not already-treated states. (c) **High strictness** estimates: the control group only includes states where neither a president, a vice-president nor a runner-up presidential candidate ever had a political base.

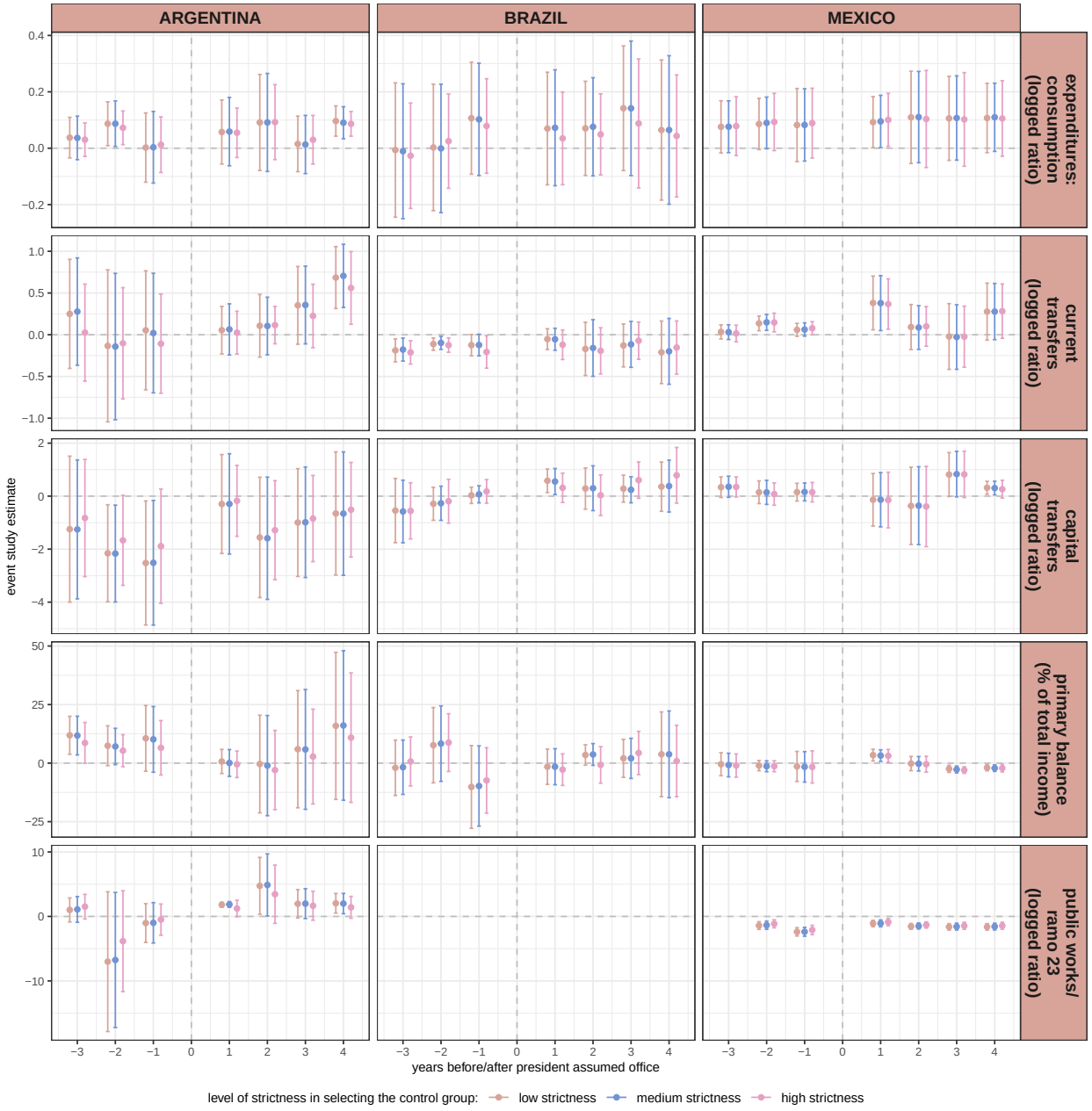

Figure A4: Event study estimates of the effect of having an *elected* president who was **born** in state s on different financial indicators in state s. Coefficients are calculated by stacking state-year observations by presidential transition, then running an OLS model with state-transition and year-transition fixed effects. 95% CIs constructed using standard errors clustered by state-transition, and adjusting for the number of clusters in the sample. (a) **Low strictness** estimates: the control group includes all not-currently-treated states. (b) **Medium strictness** estimates: the control includes never- or not-yet-treated states, but not already-treated states. (c) **High strictness** estimates: the control group only includes states where neither a president, a vice-president nor a runner-up presidential candidate ever had a political base.

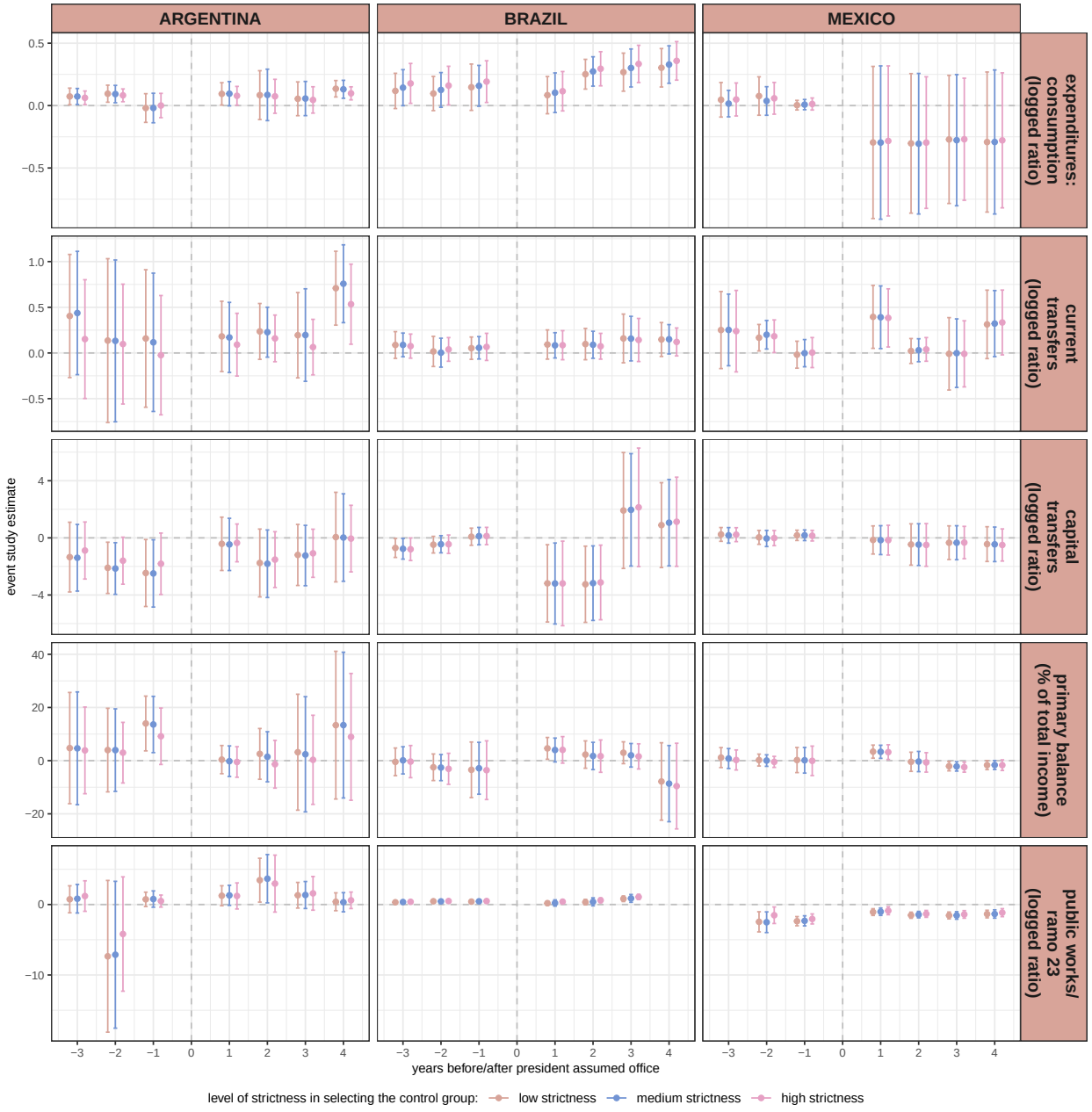

Figure A5: Event study estimates and 95% CIs of the effect of having an *elected* president whose political base is on state s on different financial indicators in s –including **controls**. Coefficients are calculated by stacking state-year observations by presidential transition, then running an OLS model with state-transition and year-transition fixed effects. 95% CIs constructed using standard errors clustered by state-transition, and adjusting for the number of clusters in the sample. Time-varying controls include population density (logged), the reference party's vote % in the previous gubernatorial election, an incumbency dummy, the level of subnational democracy from Giraudy, González and Urdinez (2025), and the interaction between the last two. (a) **Low strictness** estimates: the control group includes all not-currently-treated states. (b) **Medium strictness** estimates: the control includes never- or not-yet-treated states, but not already-treated states. (c) **High strictness** estimates: the control group only includes states where neither a president, a vice-president nor a runner-up presidential candidate ever had a political base.

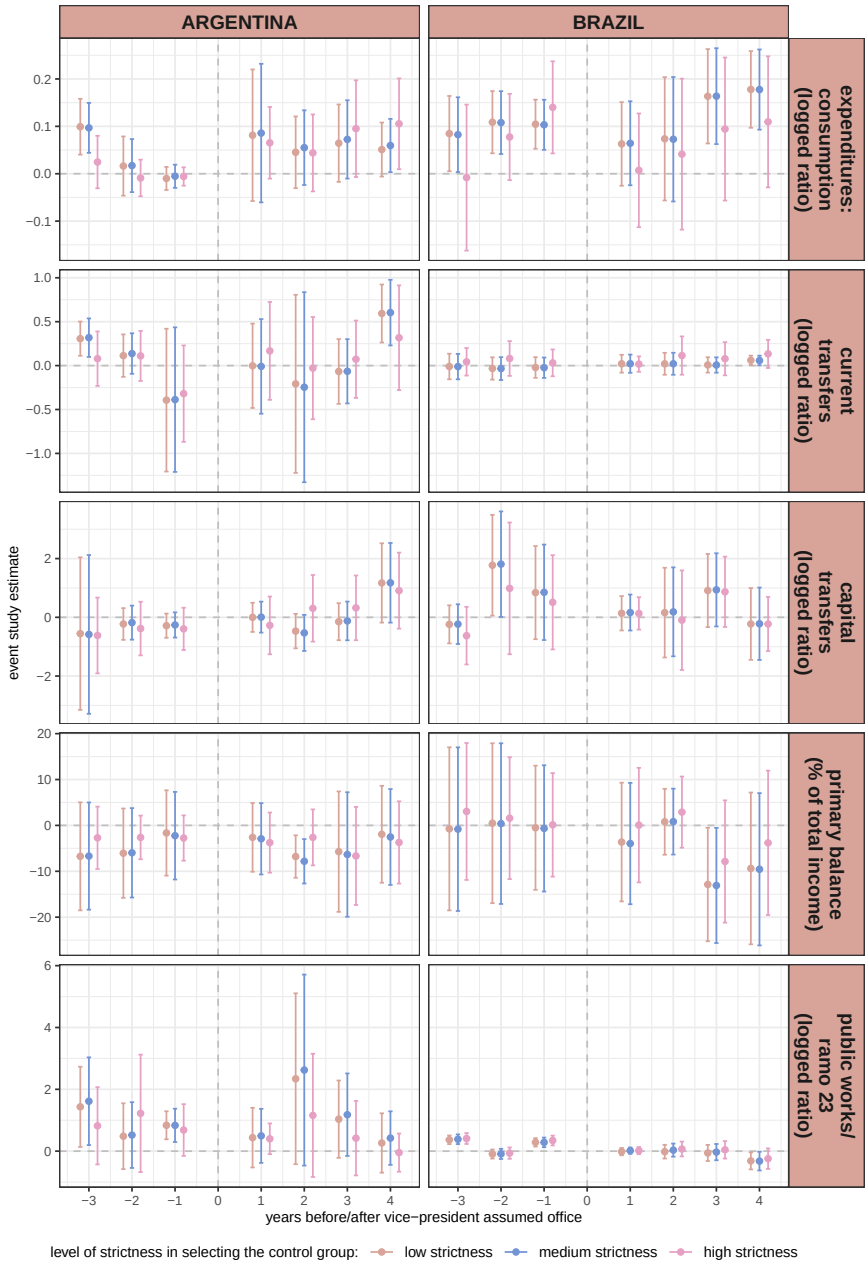

Figure A6: Event study estimates of the effect of having an *elected* **vice-president** whose political base is on state s on different financial indicators in state s. Coefficients are calculated by stacking state-year observations by presidential transition, then running an OLS model with state-transition and year-transition fixed effects. 95% CIs constructed using standard errors clustered by state-transition, and adjusting for the number of clusters in the sample. (a) **Low strictness** estimates: the control group includes all not-currently-treated states. (b) **Medium strictness** estimates: the control includes never- or not-yet-treated states, but not already-treated states. (c) **High strictness** estimates: the control group only includes states where neither a president, a vice-president nor a runner-up presidential candidate ever had a political base.

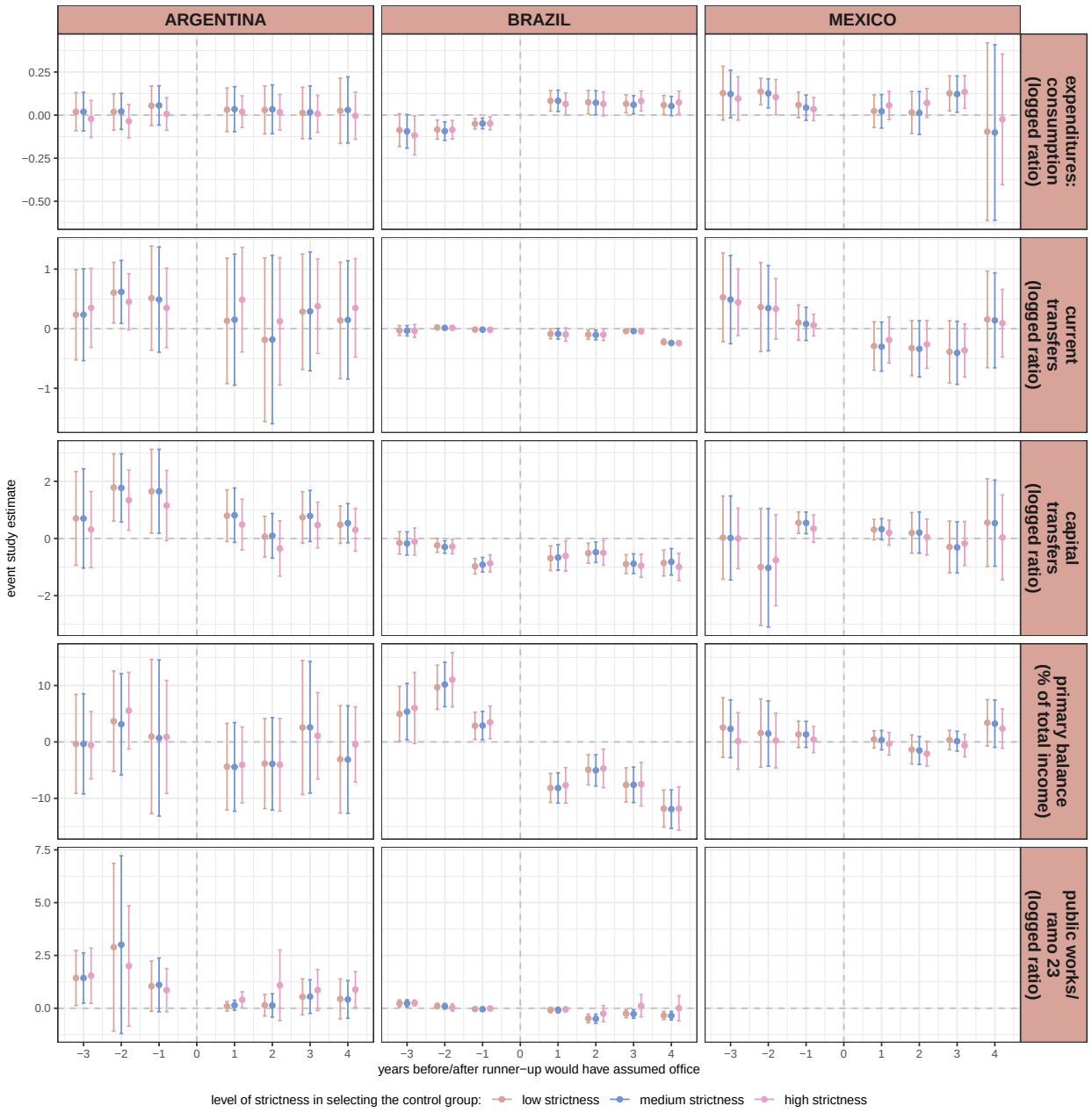

Figure A7: Event study estimates of the effect of having a **runner-up** in the presidential election whose political base is on state s on different financial indicators in state s. Coefficients are calculated by stacking state-year observations by presidential transition, then running an OLS model with state-transition and year-transition fixed effects. 95% CIs constructed using standard errors clustered by state-transition, and adjusting for the number of clusters in the sample. (a) **Low strictness** estimates: the control group includes all not-currently-treated states. (b) **Medium strictness** estimates: the control includes never- or not-yet-treated states, but not already-treated states. (c) **High strictness** estimates: the control group only includes states where neither a president, a vice-president nor a runner-up presidential candidate ever had a political base.

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