

Rethinking the Measurement of Party Nationalization

Anonymized

Wednesday 11th February, 2015 at 18:19

Abstract

Party nationalization is measured by a variety of indices, none of which is considered fully satisfactory. This paper considers the problem as one of association between vote and territory, and proposes a general latent class based framework for measurement of party system attributes. New indices are formulated in the framework, which relate to other existing indices in party research, are easy to interpret and use, and allow comparisons across electoral systems and theories. For these indices, frequentist and Bayesian uncertainty estimates are available where desirable.