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PART I: INDIVIDUAL-LEVEL ANALYSIS

SECTION 1: DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS AND SUBSTANTIVE EFFECTS

This first section contains some basic information about the voter-level analysis. First, Tables S.1 and S.2 present standard descriptive statistics for the variables employed in the paper's analysis, for both non-elite and upper caste voter samples respectively. Second, Tables S.3 present detailed information on the measures used in the analysis, the concepts they seek to represent, and the sources from which they were constructed (including the wordings of the relevant survey questions). Finally, Tables S.4 and S.5 report the full list of substantive effects for variables registering significant impacts on the electoral preferences of non-elite and elite voters from the paper's analyses (computed from the analyses presented in Table 1 of the main text).

**TABLE S.1: DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS FOR VOTER ANALYSIS
(UPPER CASTE SAMPLE)**

VARIABLE	OBSERVATIONS	MEAN	STANDARD DEVIATION	MIN	MAX
<i>Non-Party Member</i>	3186	.210	.407	0	1
<i>Liberalization</i>	3264	9.573	2.627	4	16
<i>Ethnic Influence</i>	3264	.054	.226	0	1
<i>Income</i>	3245	3.734	2.038	1	8
<i>Communalism</i>	3264	2.962	1.139	1	4
<i>ConversionBan</i>	3264	2.936	1.185	1	4
<i>Religiosity</i>	3264	13.900	3.586	5	20
<i>Age</i>	3264	40.201	18.918	18	99
<i>Male</i>	3264	1.072	.997	0	2
<i>Education</i>	3264	3.222	2.270	0	9

TABLE S.2: DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS FOR VOTER ANALYSIS (DALIT AND ADIVASI SAMPLE)

VARIABLE	OBSERVATIONS	MEAN	STANDARD DEVIATION	MIN	MAX
<i>Non-Party Member</i>	5226	.190	.413	0	1
<i>Liberalization</i>	5460	9.475	2.312	4	16
<i>Ethnic Influence</i>	5460	.106	.308	0	1
<i>Income</i>	5409	2.15	1.529	1	8
<i>Communalism</i>	5460	2.758	1.059	1	4
<i>ConversionBan</i>	5460	2.864	1.121	1	4
<i>Religiosity</i>	5460	12.573	3.507	5	20
<i>Age</i>	5460	38.897	15.356	18	99
<i>Male</i>	5460	.537	.498	0	1
<i>Education</i>	5460	1.632	2.011	0	9

TABLE S.3: VARIABLES USED IN VOTER-LEVEL ANALYSIS (ALL MEASURES CODED FROM 2004 NES)

CONCEPT	MEASURE	SOURCE
<i>Electoral Support of the BJP</i>	Did you vote for the BJP in 2004?	Question 2a
<i>Switching to Support BJP</i>	Did you vote for the BJP in 2004? (only voters who did not in 1999)	Questions 2a and 5a
<i>Non-party Membership</i>	Other than political parties, are you a member of: Any religious/caste association? Any other associations and organizations like co-operatives, farmers' association, trade unions, welfare organizations, cultural and sports organizations?	Questions 18 and 19
<i>Religiosity</i>	Now I will ask you about a few religious activities. You tell me how often do you practice then- daily, weekly, only on festivals, or never? a. Prayer b. Visiting temple, mosque, church, <i>gurdwara</i> [Sikh temple], etc.	Questions 34a, 34b.
<i>Communalism</i>	To what extent do you agree with these options- fully agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or fully disagree: On the site of the Babri Masjid, only Ram temple should be built	Q34a.
	There should be a legal ban on conversions	Q36h
<i>Income</i>	What is your total monthly household income?	QB19
<i>Influence of Caste Identity</i>	In deciding whom to vote for, whose opinion mattered to you most? (coded 1 only if response was 'caste/community leader')	Q9

TABLE S.3 CONTINUED

CONCEPT	MEASURE	SOURCE
<i>Support for Economic Liberalization</i>	Now I will read out a few statements regarding the economic policy of the country. You tell me, do you fully agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or fully disagree with these statements?	
	The number of government employees should be reduced as paying for their salaries is costly for the country.	Q30b
	The government factories and businesses should be sold/handed over to private companies.	Q30c
	Foreign companies should not be allowed free trade in India (coding was reversed for this question)	Q30d
	People are responsible for their poverty and not their government.	Q30e
<i>Opposition to caste-based employment quotas</i>	There should not be caste-based reservations in jobs.	Q36d

TABLE S.4: SHIFTS IN SIMULATED PROBABILITY OF BJP SUPPORT AMONG DALITS AND ADIVASIS (ESTIMATED FROM MODELS REPORTED IN TABLE 1)

Variable name	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4
Non-Party Member	18.43	16.26	15.27	15.55
Ethnic Influence		-5.80	-5.65	-5.64
Income		7.25	5.79	5.78
Religiosity		11.10	11.61	10.60

Note: Values in percentage points. Predicted values obtained through simulations using the *Clarify* software package while keeping other variables at their means. Only statistically significant explanatory factors from each model are shown above.

TABLE S.5: SHIFTS IN SIMULATED PROBABILITY OF SUPPORTING BJP AMONG UPPER CASTES (ESTIMATED FROM MODELS REPORTED IN TABLE 3)

Variable name	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4
Liberalization		14.86	13.10	14.89
Ethnic Influence		-8.17	-10.93	
Income		16.05	8.87	
Communalism		10.77	9.82	10.92
Religiosity		15.27	16.94	14.91
Education			19.31	19.59

Note: Predicted values obtained through simulations using the *Clarify* software package while keeping other variables at their means. Only statistically significant determinants in each model shown above.

SECTION 2: BASIC ROBUSTNESS CHECKS

In this section I present the results of some preliminary checks on the robustness of the results of the voter-level analysis. First, I present the results of some diagnostics used to examine the survey data. Table S.6 shows that collinearity between the explanatory variables is not an issue within either elite or non-elite voter samples, or among the state-level variables. Next, I examined whether specific observations within each data set were biasing the results. To do so, I examined the Pregibon's delta beta (the equivalent of Cook's distance for logistic regression analyses) across all observations, and present the scatterplots of those values (Figure S.1). This measure of influence revealed no observation exerted what is considered a standard 'high' degree of leverage (>1) on the overall sample. Still, I re-ran the analysis while excluding observations whose influence statistic was twice the mean of the entire sample. These results are presented in Tables S.7 and S.8 and show the key results of the analysis hold and are even improved within this edited sample.

Second, I ran trimmed down specifications that individually assess the impact of each potential confounder included in Table 1 on the relationship between membership and voting. As noted by Ray (2005: 288), potentially confounding effects are often best assessed by models with only the key independent variable and one alleged confounder. The models below suggest the key results are unchanged by such verification. Among the Dalit and Adivasi sample (Table S.9), *Non-Party Member* remains highly significant, while ideology (*Communalism*) and policy preferences for liberalization (*Liberalization*) do not exert a significant influence. Among upper castes (Table S.10), *Non-Party Member* remains insignificant across the different specifications, while *Liberalization* and support for the signature Hindu nationalist demand (*Communalism*) remain significant determinants of BJP support.

Thirdly, I include alternative measures of economic and ideological policy positions on support for the BJP. In addition to its support of economic liberalization, the BJP has voiced consistent opposition to caste-based reservations for non-elite castes, particularly for employment. This position makes sense given the party's elite profile, and distinguishes the party from its chief rivals. Could it be that the party attracts support from non-elite individuals who (albeit somewhat counter-intuitively) might oppose such a system of reservations? Alternatively could this position- rather than positions on liberalization or Hindu nationalism be explaining *upper caste* support for the party? To assess this possibility, Tables S.11 includes a measure of opposition to caste-based quotas (*No Quotas*), which does not have a significant impact on either sample. Nor does including this measure alter the impact of other variables. Additionally, I test the influence of a different agenda item of Hindu nationalism- opposition to religious conversions- on support for the BJP (Table S.12). The banning of conversions has come to occupy a central place within the Hindutva platform. Briefly, this preoccupation stems from concerns about the proselytizing efforts of minority religions, specifically attempts to induce conversions among Dalit and Adviasi communities. Once again, this measure does not distinguish non-elite supporters of the party. Interestingly, the measure also does not register a significant impact among upper castes, indicating that ideological support

for the BJP among elites is specific to particular demands within the Hindu nationalist ideological agenda.

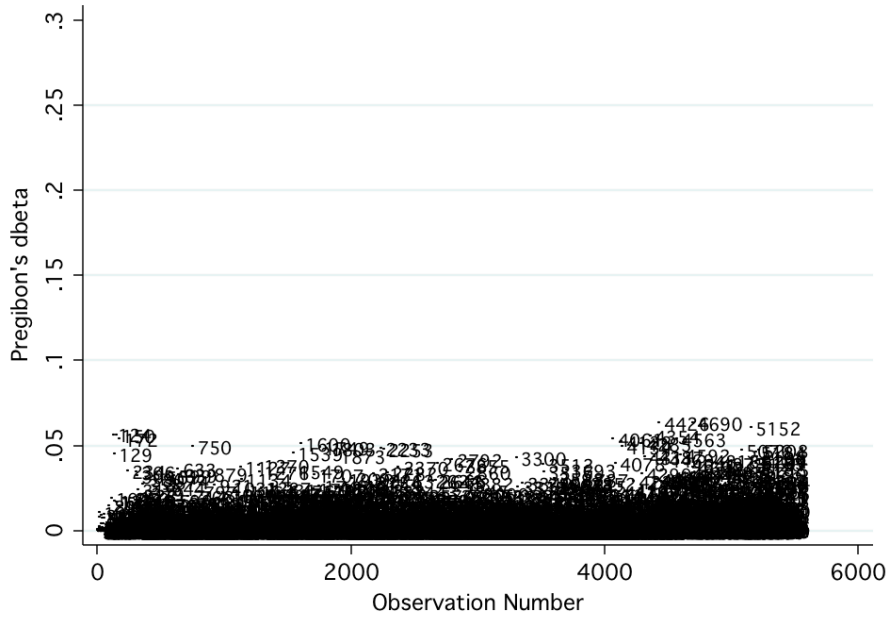
TABLE S.6: NO COLLINEARITY BETWEEN EXPLANATORY VARIABLES IN INDIVIDUAL-LEVEL SAMPLES

S.6A: Dalit and Adivasi Sample

Variable	Variance Inflation Factor (VIF)	Tolerance	R-sq.
<i>Membership</i>	1.01	.986	.014
<i>Liberalization</i>	1.02	.976	.024
<i>Ethnic Influence</i>	1.01	.993	.007
<i>Income</i>	1.04	.964	.036
<i>Communalism</i>	1.01	.980	.020
<i>Religiosity</i>	1.03	.970	.03

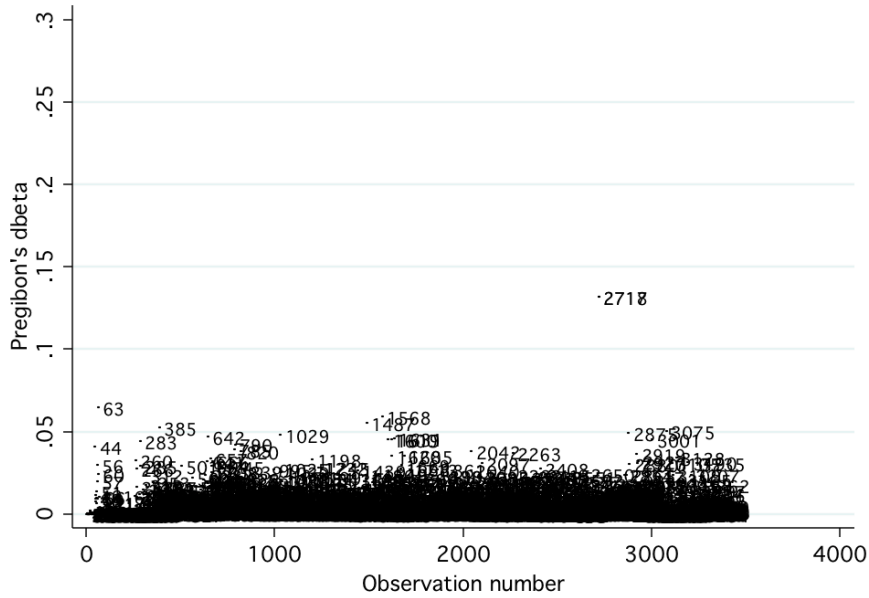
S.6B: Upper Caste Sample

Variable	Variance Inflation Factor (VIF)	Tolerance	R-sq.
<i>Membership</i>	1.01	.986	.014
<i>Liberalization</i>	1.02	.985	.015
<i>Ethnic Influence</i>	1.01	.990	.010
<i>Income</i>	1.01	.986	.014
<i>Communalism</i>	1.02	.985	.015
<i>Religiosity</i>	1.02	.981	.019



NOTE: DERIVED FROM MODEL 3 IN TABLE 1

FIGURE S.1A: PREGIBON'S DELTA-BETA INFLUENCE STATISTIC (NON-ELITE SAMPLE)



NOTE: DERIVED FROM MODEL 3 IN TABLE 3

FIGURE S.1B: PREGIBON'S DELTA-BETA INFLUENCE STATISTIC (ELITE SAMPLE)

FIGURE S1. ACCOUNTING FOR INFLUENTIAL OBSERVATIONS

TABLE S.7: RESULTS AMONG NON-ELITES ARE ROBUST TO EXCLUDING HIGH INFLUENCE OBSERVATIONS¹

VARIABLES	Voting for the BJP (2004)	Switched to BJP (1999- 2004)
	(1)	(2)
<i>Non-Party Member</i>	.432*** (.112)	.311** (.118)
<i>Communalism</i>	.031 (.047)	.066 (.050)
<i>Income</i>	.060* (.026)	.040 (.035)
<i>Ethnic Influence</i>	-.585*** (.139)	-.552 (.311)
<i>Liberalization</i>	.049 (.030)	.037 (.031)
<i>Religiosity</i>	.070*** (.002)	.076*** (.023)
<i>Age</i>		-.008* (.003)
<i>Male</i>	.175* (.075)	.120 (.113)
<i>Education</i>	.021 (.024)	.012 (.047)
Constant	-4.228*** (.386)	-4.464*** (.546)
Number of States	17	17
N	4641	4445
% predicted correctly	81.24	89.13
Log Likelihood	-2215.243	-1348.957

*=p<.05 **=p<.01 ***=p<.001

¹ Defined as twice the mean value of the Pregibon delta-beta statistic for the entire sample.

TABLE S.8: RESULTS AMONG ELITES ARE ROBUST TO EXCLUDING HIGH INFLUENCE OBSERVATIONS (UPPER CASTE SAMPLE)

VARIABLES	Voting for the BJP (2004)	Core BJP supporter (1999-2004)
	(1)	(2)
<i>Non-Party Member</i>	.403 (.343)	.412 (.310)
<i>Communalism</i>	.231*** (.067)	.197*** (.058)
<i>Income</i>	.083 (.033)	.078* (.038)
<i>Ethnic Influence</i>	-.797 (.417)	-.363 (.378)
<i>Liberalization</i>	.108*** (.020)	.108*** (.025)
<i>Religiosity</i>		.058** (.022)
<i>Age</i>	.011* (.005)	.009 (.005)
<i>Male</i>	-.054 (.050)	-.039 (.052)
<i>Education</i>	.169*** (.050)	.143 (.035)
Constant	-7.240*** (.388)	-6.057*** (.540)
Number of States	17	17
N	2098	2245
% predicted correctly	82.13	82.41
Log Likelihood	-852.537	-922/806

*=p<.05 **=p<.01 ***=p<.001

TABLE S.9: MEMBERSHIP EFFECTS ARE ROBUST TO SEPARATELY CONTROLLING FOR INDIVIDUAL POTENTIAL CONFOUNDERS (NON-ELITES)

VARIABLES	Voting for the BJP (2004)				
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
<i>Non-Party Member</i>	.521** (.182)	.539** (.187)	.494** (.187)	.536** (.192)	.536** (.182)
<i>Religiosity</i>	.064** (.023)				
<i>Communalism</i>		.051 (.051)			
<i>Income</i>			.087** (.034)		
<i>Ethnic Influence</i>				-.520** (.128)	
<i>Liberalization</i>					.050 (.029)
Constant	-3.545*** (.225)	-3.033*** (.124)	-3.039*** (.071)	-2.894*** (.036)	-3.334*** (.244)
Number of States	17	17	17	17	17
N	5226	5226	5177	5226	5226
% predicted correctly	80.98	81.00	81.09	81.04	80.98
Log Likelihood	-2286.9548	-2301.9282	-2274.340	-2995.695	-2298.291

***=p<.001 **=p<.01 *=p<.05

TABLE S.10: RESULTS ARE ROBUST TO SEPARATELY CONTROLLING FOR INDIVIDUAL POTENTIAL CONFOUNDERS (ELITES)

VARIABLES	Voting for the BJP (2004)				
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
<i>Non-Party Member</i>	.359 (.215)	.359 (.204)	.343 (.204)	.375 (.204)	.348 (.202)
<i>Religiosity</i>	.052*** (.012)				
<i>Communalism</i>		.154* (.069)			
<i>Income</i>			.091*** (.019)		
<i>Ethnic Influence</i>				.613*** (.175)	
<i>Liberalization</i>					.047** (.017)
Constant	-2.769*** (.137)	-2.687*** (.233)	-2.481*** (.070)	-2.209*** (.036)	-2.626*** (.138)
Number of States	17	17	17	17	17
N	2650	2650	2638	2650	2650
% predicted correctly	72.94	73.09	72.90	73.13	72.94
Log Likelihood	-1465.435	-1465.388	-1461.029	-1467.904	-1468.713

***=p<.001 **=p<.01 *=p<.05

TABLE S.11: RESULTS ARE NOT AFFECTED BY CONTROLLING FOR ADDITIONAL POLICY MEASURE: (BJP OPPOSITION TO CASTE-BASED RESERVATIONS)

VARIABLES	Voting for the BJP (2004)	
	Dalit/Adivasis	Upper Castes
<i>Non-Party Member</i>	.466** (.176)	.272 (.178)
<i>Religiosity</i>	.060** (.023)	.048*** (.015)
<i>Communalism</i>	.031 (.047)	.137* (.066)
<i>Income</i>	.057* (.026)	.052* (.024)
<i>Caste Influence</i>	-.509*** (.149)	-.477** (.176)
<i>Liberalization</i>	.049 (.029)	.045** (.017)
<i>No Quotas</i>	.035 (.041)	.003 (.032)
<i>Age</i>	-.002 (.002)	.005 (.004)
<i>Male</i>	.148* (.077)	-.022 (.052)
<i>Education</i>	.021 (.025)	.088*** (.029)
Constant	-4.135*** (.398)	-4.061*** (.239)
Number of States	17	17
N	5177	2637
% predicted correctly	81.09	72.70
Log Likelihood	-2244.368	-1435.382

***=p<.001 **=p<.01 *=p<.05

TABLE S.12: RESULTS ARE NOT AFFECTED BY INCLUDING ADDITIONAL IDEOLOGICAL POLICY MEASURE: (SUPPORT FOR BANNING RELIGIOUS CONVERSIONS)

VARIABLES	Voting for the BJP (2004)	
	Dalit/Adivasis	Upper Castes
<i>Non-Party Member</i>	.474** (.175)	.275 (.173)
<i>Religiosity</i>	.060** (.023)	.052*** (.014)
<i>ConversionBan</i>	.063 (.038)	-.036 (.057)
<i>Income</i>	.059* (.026)	.052* (.023)
<i>Caste Influence</i>	-.508*** (.152)	-.494** (.170)
<i>Liberalization</i>	.049 (.029)	.046** (.017)
<i>Age</i>	-.002 (.002)	.004 (.004)
<i>Male</i>	.148 (.078)	.010 (.051)
<i>Education</i>	.022 (.026)	.085** (.030)
Constant	-4.147*** (.399)	-3.607*** (.240)
Number of States	17	17
N	5177	2637
% predicted correctly	81.15	72.82
Log Likelihood	-2243.72	-1441.19

***=p<.001 **=p<.01 *=p<.05

SECTION 3: CONTROLLING FOR VOTER OPINIONS OF POLITICAL PARTIES

A. VIEWS OF BJP PERFORMANCE

In this section, I examine whether the key results of my analysis are confounded by a voter's preferences regarding specific political parties. Most importantly, do the results hold when we control for a respondent's satisfaction with the BJP's performance as a political party? The NES allows us to derive a number of indicators of such an opinion. Tables S.13A (non-elites) and S.13B (elites) includes measures of respondent satisfaction with the BJP-led coalition's tenure in office (1999-2004), and with improvement in a voter's pocketbook during that period. Not surprisingly, both measures of satisfaction register positive and significant impacts within both samples. More importantly, the key results within each sample remained robust to the inclusion of these variables. Associational membership remains a significant predictor of non-elite support, while preferences for economic liberalization and Hindu nationalist ideology do not. Among elite supporters, we continue to obtain the inverse of these results.

B. PARTY RATINGS: BJP VS. CONGRESS

In this section, I examine the impact of voters holding partisan preferences for the BJP. In the first set of tests, I identify voters who rate the BJP as superior to its main national rival (the Indian National Congress) across a range of measures (governance, corruption, leadership, and terrorism, and an index of all four responses constructed using principal component analysis). Not surprisingly, respondents rating the BJP favorably were more likely to vote for it (the reverse was also true, with voters rating the Congress higher emerging as more likely to vote for the Congress).

More pertinently, Table S.14A demonstrates that the impact of non-party associations remain robust to including each of these measures. In Table S.14B, we see that the main results for associational *Associational Membership*, *Liberalization*, and *Communalism* among elite voters also remain untouched by controlling for voter preferences for the BJP as a party across a range of dimensions. As before, associational membership remains an insignificant predictor, while preferences for liberalization and Hindu nationalist ideology are positively correlated with voting for the BJP.

However, I should note I am somewhat skeptical about whether these measures actually capture a voter's view of the relevant policy item, or just a general partisan preference for the party. For example, positive ratings of the BJP's performance on terrorism exerts a highly significant and substantial effect across the sample, yet only 3.2% of all respondents on the NES rate this as the issue most important to them.

This analysis is even more complicated among the elite sample, by the fact that the main explanatory factors for elite support of the BJP (Liberalization and Communalism) are arguably closely related to voter opinions on the BJP's quality of governance and leadership. Hindu nationalist ideological views might easily drive voters to hold more favorable views of the BJP's leaders or anti-terror strategy, and therefore be highly correlated with the latter. This appears to be what happens in Model 5, where *Communalism* retains a positive effect, but loses statistical significance. Similarly, pro-liberalization voters might prefer the BJP's record on economic governance.

All of that said, the robustness of the results in 14 of the 15 cases of these 3 key

independent variables across 5 models increase confidence in this paper's argument. Further, on Tables S.15A and B I replicate the variables used in Tables S.23A and B, but code them to identify respondents who prefer the Congress on a range of issues. Once again, these variables are significant (and negative in this case), but do not confound any of the key results among elite or non-elite voters.

C. 'LIKING' THE BJP

Table S.16A shows the impact of membership is also robust to including a binary measure identifying respondents who 'like' the BJP as a party (Q15 and 15A on the NES: "Is there any party you particularly like" (If yes) which one?). While this result helps confirm the robustness of the analysis, I have reservations about using measures of 'liking' or 'preferring Party A' as a predictor of 'voting for Party A'. First, the act of voting for a party has repeatedly been found to increase voter preferences for that party, and so concerns of endogeneity are substantial. Second, the conceptual overlap between this predictor and the dependent variable is extreme. I believe the massive coefficient on 'Liking BJP' is more a function of this conceptual proximity, not because it is a genuinely valuable explanatory factor.

Indeed, Table S.16B shows the impact of including similar predictor variables for other parties examined in Table 5 of the main text (the leftist Communist parties, and lower caste 'ethnic party'). In both instances, the "liking" variables register massive coefficients that crowd out or substantially attenuate other impacts found in the analysis (antipathy to economic liberalization for leftists, and the influence of co-ethnic leaders for the Dalit ethnic party). In the face of these results, the robustness of associational membership on BJP support is even more impressive. Yet in all of these models, including such conceptually proximate predictors crowds out more analytically powerful results, leaving us with the simple fact that 'voters vote for parties they like'. The goal of my analysis is to explore *why* voters like the parties they like.

Finally, Table S.16C shows that among elites, the results remain robust for associational membership (not significant), liberalization, and communalism (both significant). The substantive coefficient on communalism does decrease with this specification. However, this could again be viewed as a product of the concerns mentioned above. Among the BJP's elite core especially, a measure of 'liking the BJP' might even be better conceptualized as an alternative measure of the *dependent* variable, rather than an autonomous independent variable. Indeed, communalism and preferences for liberalization prove to be strong predictors of an upper caste 'liking the BJP' in the first place (Model 3).

In sum, while it is heartening that my key results mostly hold even with the inclusion of such powerful measures, these predictors are highly analytically problematic. The concerns raised here are common criticisms of the analytic value of 'party ID' variables in explaining vote choice, not simply within India. Perhaps due to similar concerns, past analyses of political preferences in India (including those using the NES data, and those studying the BJP) have largely not included these variables (e.g. Chhibber 1997, 1999, Verma 2012).

D. VIEWS OF THE OPPOSITION (CONGRESS)

A slightly different question is whether the BJP is simply benefitting from voters *dislike* of its rivals, especially the Indian National Congress. Thus, voter support for the BJP might be motivated by disaffection with the Congress. To examine this possibility, I created a binary variable identifying respondents who specified the Congress as a party they *didn't* like (Q16 and 16A on the NES: “Is there any party you particularly dislike” (If yes) which one?). The results (Table S.26A and S.26B) show that the inclusion of this variable does not change any of the key results among elites or non-elites. More interestingly however, Table S.17A (Model 2) does report a significant interaction effect between non-party membership and disliking Congress. Note the coefficient is tricky to interpret since this is a logistic regression model, but subsequent analysis reveals that this interaction term exerts a positive marginal substantive effect (Table S.17A2) that is significant for most observations in the sample (Figure S2C). Interestingly this interaction term is *not* significant among elite voters (Table S.17B, Figure S2D) Further, an interaction term between membership and actively ‘liking’ the BJP does not register consistently significant impacts among elites or non-elites (Tables S.25A-B, Figures S2A-B).

Thus non-party networks appear particularly effective in recruiting non-elite voters who are displeased with the Congress towards the BJP, rather than those who already like the latter, which is very much in line with my argument.

TABLE S13A. RESULTS ARE ROBUST TO CONTROLLING FOR PERSONAL SATISFACTION WITH BJP-LED CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND POCKETBOOK INCREASES DURING BJP TENURE (NON-ELITE SAMPLE)

VARIABLES	Voted for BJP (2004)	
	(1)	(2)
Association Member	0.494*** (0.142)	0.519*** (0.139)
Liberalization	0.114 (0.065)	0.111 (0.062)
Communalism	0.0688 (0.0547)	0.088 (0.061)
Satisfaction with NDA	0.481*** (0.080)	
Personal Finances Improved during NDA rule		0.389*** (0.097)
<i>Control Variables</i>		
Ethnic Influence	-0.449** (0.166)	-0.433** (0.160)
Income	0.060 (0.0321)	0.0471 (0.035)
Religiosity	0.080*** (0.025)	0.088*** (0.026)
Age	-0.00355 (0.00212)	-0.004* (0.002)
Male	0.145* (0.0709)	0.145 (0.075)
Education	-0.0166 (0.0298)	-0.018 (0.030)
Constant	-3.660*** (0.353)	-2.646*** (0.314)
Log Likelihood	-2298.950	-2359.964
% correctly predicted	81.05	80.74
Observations	5,177	5,037

Note: Unless noted otherwise models include state fixed effects and robust clustered standard errors.

*** p<0.001, ** p<0.01, * p<0.05 For ALL tables in this supplement.

TABLE S13B. RESULTS ARE ROBUST TO CONTROLLING FOR PERSONAL SATISFACTION WITH BJP-LED CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND POCKETBOOK INCREASES DURING BJP TENURE (ELITE SAMPLE)

VARIABLES	Voted for BJP (2004)	
	(1)	(2)
Association Member	0.251 (0.153)	0.245 (0.143)
Liberalization	0.060** (0.025)	0.058** (0.022)
Communalism	0.169** (0.074)	0.208** (0.0753)
Satisfaction with NDA	0.596** (0.073)	
Personal Finances Improved during NDA rule		0.341*** (0.0933)
Ethnic Influence	-0.012 (0.200)	-0.142 (0.214)
Income	0.082* (0.040)	0.0633 (0.0366)
Religiosity	0.065** (0.025)	0.068** (0.029)
Age	-0.002 (0.004)	-0.00120 (0.00462)
Male	0.043 (0.064)	0.0608 (0.0661)
Education	0.014 (0.046)	0.0222 (0.0447)
Constant	-2.993*** (0.396)	-2.051*** (0.379)
Log Likelihood	-1613.503	-1638.759
% correctly predicted	74.85	73.44
Observations	2,637	2,582

TABLE S14A. RESULTS ARE ROBUST TO CONTROLLING FOR POSITIVE RATINGS OF BJP (NON-ELITES)

VARIABLES	Voted for the BJP (2004)				
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Association Member	0.346** (0.130)	0.341** (0.127)	0.315** (0.137)	0.368** (0.140)	.330** (0.123)
Liberalization	0.108 (0.0708)	0.118 (0.0738)	0.108 (0.0769)	0.118 (0.0654)	0.112 (0.0765)
Communalism	0.0739 (0.0657)	0.0566 (0.0649)	0.103 (0.0653)	0.0745 (0.0620)	0.0533 (0.0662)
<i>Control Variables</i>					
BJP is better at:					
<i>Curbing Corruption</i>	1.034*** (0.0921)				
<i>Governance</i>		1.064*** (0.0883)			
<i>Having Good Leaders</i>			1.008*** (0.0734)		
<i>Eradicating Terrorism</i>				1.019*** (0.0750)	
<i>Index (constructed using principal component analysis)</i>					1.053*** (0.0936)
<i>Control Variables:</i>					
Ethnic Influence	-0.549*** (0.165)	-0.498*** (0.165)	-0.617*** (0.169)	-0.545*** (0.159)	-0.477*** (0.163)
Income	0.0594 (0.0330)	0.0655 (0.0367)	0.0515 (0.0320)	0.0654 (0.0351)	0.0537 (0.0361)
Religiosity	0.092*** (0.028)	0.084*** (0.027)	0.087*** (0.027)	0.087*** (0.026)	0.077*** (0.024)
Age	-0.00271 (0.00279)	-0.00261 (0.00272)	-0.00139 (0.00265)	-0.00139 (0.00247)	-0.000867 (0.00296)
Male	0.0845 (0.0800)	0.0656 (0.0819)	0.0563 (0.0804)	0.0443 (0.0855)	0.0216 (0.0855)
Education	-0.0376 (0.0331)	-0.0399 (0.0310)	-0.0457 (0.0317)	-0.0322 (0.0331)	-0.0529* (0.0321)
Constant	-1.958*** (0.318)	-1.927*** (0.322)	-2.126*** (0.306)	-2.050*** (0.297)	-2.154*** (0.315)
Log Likelihood	-2052.570	-2052.354	-2046.206	-2126.023	-1930.659
% correctly predicted	81.63	81.77	8138	81.46	82.40
Observations	5,177	5,177	5,177	5,177	5,177

Note: The models above only include one 'rating' variable at a time, because each of these are highly correlated with each other (with partial correlations of .7 and higher)

**TABLE S14B. RESULTS ARE ROBUST TO CONTROLLING FOR POSITIVE RATINGS OF BJP
(ELITE SAMPLE)**

VARIABLES	Voted for the BJP (2004)				
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Association Member	0.185 (0.157)	0.178 (0.164)	0.149 (0.182)	0.234 (0.174)	0.146 (0.177)
Liberalization	0.056** (0.023)	0.062* (0.025)	0.055** (0.023)	0.065* (0.030)	0.054* (0.028)
Communalism	0.152* (0.075)	0.153* (0.072)	0.142*** (0.040)	0.166* (0.085)	0.119 (0.087)
<i>Control Variables</i>					
BJP is better at:					
<i>Curbing Corruption</i>	1.440*** (0.197)				
<i>Governance</i>		1.868*** (0.184)			
<i>Having Good Leaders</i>			1.936*** (0.193)		
<i>Eradicating Terrorism</i>				1.311*** (0.170)	
<i>Index (constructed using principal component analysis)</i>					1.125*** (0.126)
Ethnic Influence	-0.075 (0.216)	0.0472 (0.213)	-0.0195 (0.183)	-0.0573 (0.182)	0.0554 (0.202)
Income	0.0764 (0.0381)	0.0643 (0.0378)	0.0678* (0.0407)	0.085* (0.041)	0.0717 (0.0407)
Religiosity	0.039** (0.0156)	0.040** (0.0158)	0.036* (0.016)	0.042** (0.016)	0.037* (0.015)
Age	0.000124 (0.00441)	-0.000363 (0.00502)	-0.0012 (0.005)	-0.001 (0.005)	0.000304 (0.00487)
Male	-0.00105 (0.0609)	-0.0238 (0.0585)	-0.017 (0.058)	-0.005 (0.067)	-0.0484 (0.0587)
Education	0.00291 (0.0516)	-0.0168 (0.0514)	-0.021 (0.052)	-0.006 (0.053)	-0.0253 (0.0560)
Constant	-1.834*** (0.373)	-2.071*** (0.399)	-2.126*** (0.306)	-1.818*** (0.372)	-0.955** (0.416)
Log Likelihood	-1548.260	-1477.208	-1470.197	-1572.539	-1441.371
% correctly predicted	78.87	72.62	78.86	78.15	72.94
Observations	2,637	2,637	2,637	2,637	2,637

TABLE S.15A: RESULTS ARE ROBUST TO CONTROLLING FOR POSITIVE RATINGS OF CONGRESS PARTY (NON-ELITE SAMPLE)

VARIABLES	Voted for BJP (2004)				
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Associational member	0.493*** (0.149)	0.327* (0.142)	0.479*** (0.149)	0.509*** (0.152)	0.462*** (0.154)
Congress is better at:					
<i>Curbing Corruption</i>	-1.069*** (0.196)				
<i>Governance</i>		-0.992*** (0.153)			
<i>Having Good Leaders</i>			-1.134*** (0.137)		
<i>Eradicating Terrorism</i>				-0.867*** (0.117)	
<i>Index (constructed using principal component analysis)</i>					-1.085*** (0.0991)
Liberalization	0.147 (0.077)	0.111 (0.066)	0.119 (0.076)	0.140 (0.078)	0.133 (0.081)
Ethnic Influence	-0.627*** (0.169)	-0.478** (0.161)	-0.629*** (0.170)	-0.578*** (0.161)	-0.571*** (0.167)
Income	0.074* (0.034)	0.059* (0.035)	0.070 (0.036)	0.076* (0.036)	0.0692* (0.0365)
Communalism	0.103 (0.069)	0.056 (0.060)	0.121 (0.069)	0.095 (0.069)	0.0889 (0.0715)
Religiosity	0.057*** (0.017)	0.066*** (0.014)	0.060*** (0.014)	0.064*** (0.017)	0.066*** (0.020)
Age	-0.005* (0.003)	-0.002 (0.003)	-0.004 (0.003)	-0.004 (0.002)	-0.00402 (0.00282)
Male	0.215** (0.080)	0.015 (0.082)	0.200** (0.076)	0.192* (0.077)	0.196** (0.0770)
Education	-0.004 (0.035)	-0.056* (0.028)	-0.001 (0.032)	0.010 (0.032)	0.000496 (0.0332)
Constant	-1.465*** (0.337)	-2.473*** (0.307)	-1.504*** (0.332)	-1.607*** (0.330)	-2.333*** (0.320)
Log Likelihood	-2209.929	-2100.482	-2192.666	-2266.4539	-2100.462
% Correctly Classified	81.21	81.80	81.01	81.21	81.59
Observations	5,177	5177	5177	5177	5,177

TABLE S.15B: RESULTS ARE ROBUST TO CONTROLLING FOR POSITIVE RATINGS OF CONGRESS PARTY (ELITE SAMPLE)

VARIABLES	Voted for BJP (2004)				
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Associational member	0.261 (0.155)	0.257 (0.147)	0.263 (0.160)	0.275 (0.156)	0.256 (0.153)
Liberalization	0.064** (0.023)	0.058* (0.027)	0.059* (0.028)	0.064* (0.0323)	0.068** (0.024)
Communalism	0.196* (0.0835)	0.207** (0.0887)	0.194* (0.0930)	0.208** (0.0853)	0.192* (0.0910)
<i>Control Variables</i>					
Congress is better at:					
<i>Curbing Corruption</i>	-1.872*** (0.319)				
<i>Governance</i>		-2.097*** (0.255)			
<i>Having Good Leaders</i>			-2.351*** (0.247)		
<i>Eradicating Terrorism</i>				-1.786*** (0.283)	
<i>Prefer Congress (Index variable)</i>					-1.136*** (0.156)
Ethnic Influence	-0.0183 (0.223)	0.0613 (0.215)	0.0599 (0.207)	0.000297 (0.182)	0.122 (0.218)
Income	0.0865** (0.0389)	0.0836* (0.0387)	0.0864* (0.0401)	0.0889* (0.0399)	0.0902* (0.0395)
Religiosity	0.056*** (0.012)	0.058*** (0.013)	0.058*** (0.012)	0.056*** (0.013)	0.058*** (0.013)
Age	-0.00269 (0.00502)	-0.00358 (0.00570)	-0.00528 (0.00546)	-0.00278 (0.00526)	-0.00398 (0.00570)
Male	0.0646 (0.0675)	0.0748 (0.0677)	0.0677 (0.0708)	0.0668 (0.0729)	0.0734 (0.0695)
Education	0.0188 (0.0458)	0.00650 (0.0470)	0.00701 (0.0465)	0.0229 (0.0474)	0.0106 (0.0476)
Constant	-0.965** (0.424)	-0.837* (0.429)	-0.756* (0.439)	-1.068*** (0.407)	-1.352*** (0.415)
Log Likelihood	-1560.768	-1516.959	-1506.573	-1481.553	-1580.265
% Correctly Classified	77.43	79.36	79.28	77.16	79.89
Observations	2,637	2,637	2,637	2,637	2,637

**TABLE S.16A: RESULTS ARE ROBUST TO CONTROLLING FOR ‘LIKING’ BJP
(NON-ELITE SAMPLE)**

VARIABLES	(1) Voting for BJP	(2) Voting for BJP
Association Member	0.321* (0.159)	.413* (.210)
Liberalization	0.112 (0.090)	.152 (.110)
Communalism	0.014 (0.054)	.015 (.054)
<i>Control Variables</i>		
‘Liking’ BJP	2.336*** (0.161)	2.384*** (.191)
Liking BJP*Member		-.160 ^γ (.251)
Ethnic Influence	-0.495** (0.178)	-.493 (.178)
Income	0.069 (0.038)	.069 (.038)
Religiosity	0.077* (0.038)	.306** (.097)
Age	-0.002 (0.002)	-.002 (.002)
Male	0.073 (0.078)	.071 (.079)
Education	-0.044 (0.039)	-.044 (.039)
Constant	-1.955*** (0.287)	-1.977 (.291)
Log Likelihood	-2156.119	-2154.539
% correctly predicted	83.79	84.12
Observations	5,177	5177

^γ The average coefficient of interaction terms calculated separately for each observation (using the protocol developed by Norton et. al) is slightly positive (.005) and statistically not significant (indeed none of the individual interaction effects were found to be significant). See Figure S2.0A.

TABLE S.16B: EFFECTS OF “LIKING PARTIES” ON LEFTIST AND ETHNIC PARTY SUPPORT

VARIABLES	Voted for Leftist Party (1)	Voted for Leftist Party (2)	Voted for Lower Caste Ethnic Party (3)	Voted for Lower Caste Ethnic Party (4)
Associational member	0.121 (0.230)	0.0845 (0.235)	-0.119 (0.252)	0.123 (0.282)
Liberalization	-0.189* (0.0880)	-0.173 (0.108)	-0.232 (0.137)	-0.292* (0.134)
Liking “Left”		2.539*** (0.159)		
Ethnic Influence	-0.116 (0.302)	-0.062 (0.361)	0.912*** (0.164)	0.334* (0.159)
Liking “BSP”				4.217*** (0.589)
Income	0.0452 (0.063)	0.002 (0.076)	-0.156*** (0.043)	-0.225*** (0.081)
Communalism	0.014 (0.030)	0.058 (0.035)	-0.136* (0.063)	-0.101* (0.060)
Religiosity	-0.007 (0.148)	-0.033 (0.151)	-0.336 (0.227)	-0.420 (0.300)
Age	-0.002 (0.003)	-0.002 (0.003)	0.008** (0.003)	0.016*** (0.003)
Male	-0.105 (0.147)	-0.162 (0.165)	-0.139 (0.124)	-0.266* (0.159)
Education	-0.045 (0.038)	0.016 (0.038)	0.030 (0.040) (0.240)	0.024 (0.041) (0.220)
Constant	-2.440*** (0.307)	-2.766*** (0.367)	-4.363*** (0.278)	-4.895*** (0.408)
Log Likelihood	-623.574	-551.878	-829.269	-598.929
Percent predicted correctly	91.92	93.78	91.65	95.00
Observations	2,958	2,958	3,962	3,962

**TABLE S.16C: RESULTS ARE ROBUST TO CONTROLLING FOR ‘LIKING’ BJP
(ELITE SAMPLE)**

VARIABLES	(1) DV: “Voting for BJP”	(2) DV: “Voting for BJP”	(3) DV: “Liking’ the BJP
Association Member	0.0211 (0.194)	-.050 (.278)	0.154 (0.162)
Communalism	0.142* (0.068)	(.141) (.068)*	0.374*** (0.056)
Liberalization	0.066** (0.025)	.068 (.026)	0.174* (0.082)
<i>Control Variables</i>			
“Liking BJP”	1.922*** (0.363)	1.873*** (.351)	
Liking BJP*Member		.191 [†] (.276)	
Ethnic Influence	-0.0674 (0.231)	-.069 (.231)	-0.365** (0.144)
Income	0.0846** (0.034)	.084** (.033)	0.017 (0.036)
Religiosity	0.043 (0.220)	.043 (.120)	0.479*** (0.102)
Age	-0.000433 (0.00449)	-.001 (.001)	-0.00593 (0.00410)
Male	-0.0145 (0.0605)	-.015 (.060)	0.175*** (0.0408)
Education	0.0103 (0.0459)	.011 (.045)	0.0518 (0.0354)
Constant	-1.512*** (0.391)	-1.495*** (.403)	-2.333*** (0.347)
Log Likelihood	-1482.351	-1481.996	-1786.612
% correctly predicted	72.47	72.86	71.57
Observations	2,637	2,637	3,169

[†] The average coefficient of interaction terms calculated separately for each observation (using the protocol developed by Norton et. al) is positive (.036) and statistically insignificant, and none of the individual interaction effects are statistically significant. (See Figure S2.0B).

TABLE S.17A: RESULTS ARE ROBUST TO CONTROLLING FOR *DISLIKE* OF CONGRESS PARTY, POSITIVE INTERACTION EFFECT BETWEEN NON-PARTY MEMBERSHIP AND CONGRESS PARTY DISLIKE (NON-ELITE SAMPLE)

VARIABLES	Voted for BJP (2004)	
	(1)	(2)
Associational member	0.456*** (0.145)	0.392** (0.158)
Liberalization	0.126 (0.0704)	0.125 (0.0711)
Communalism	0.110 (0.0608)	0.108 (0.0599)
<i>Control Variables</i>		
Congress Dislike	.526*** (0.090)	0.399*** (0.118)
Nonparty*Congress Dislike		.282* (.144)
Ethnic Influence	-0.601*** (0.169)	-0.604*** (0.169)
Income	0.0725* (0.0363)	0.0709** (0.0360)
Religiosity	0.054*** (0.015)	0.059*** (0.017)
Age	-0.00433* (0.00213)	-0.00424** (0.00210)
Male	0.152* (0.0746)	0.150** (0.0754)
Education	-0.0131 (0.0321)	-0.0120 (0.0315)
Constant	-1.941*** (0.325)	-1.923*** (0.321)
Log Likelihood	-2408.681	-2406.254
% Correctly Classified	81.32	81.34
Observations	5,177	5,177

* The average coefficient of interaction terms calculated separately for each observation (using the protocol developed by Norton et. al) is positive (.144) and significant (p<.001). Practically all of the individual interaction effects are positive, and most are significant. (See Figure S2.0C)

Table S.17A2: Interpreting Substantive Effect of Interaction between Membership and Congress Dislike From Table S.26A: The table below shows that the effect of non-party membership is stronger for those who profess a dislike for the Congress, showing there is an interactive effect of these two variables. However, dislike for the Congress does *not* confound the independent effect of non-party membership on BJP support.

	Predicted Probability of BJP Support		
	Member (2)	Non-Member (1)	Impact of Membership (2)-(1)
Dislike Congress	56.12	30.74	25.38***
Don't Dislike Congress	23.54	11.89	11.65**
Difference in impact of <i>Membership</i> for different levels of <i>Congress Dislike</i>			13.73

***p<.001

**p<.01

TABLE S.17B RESULTS ARE ROBUST TO CONTROLLING FOR DISLIKE OF CONGRESS PARTY, NON-SIGNIFICANT INTERACTION EFFECT BETWEEN NON-PARTY MEMBERSHIP AND CONGRESS PARTY DISLIKE (ELITE SAMPLE)

VARIABLES	Voted for BJP (2004)	
	(1)	(2)
Associational member	0.236 (0.158)	0.289 (0.159)
Liberalization	0.062** (0.025)	0.058** (0.022)
Communalism	0.213** (0.0757)	0.213*** (0.0755)
Congress Dislike	0.770*** (0.256)	0.960*** (0.248)
Nonparty*Congress Dislike		-0.538 [†] (0.307)
Ethnic Influence	-0.132 (0.207)	-0.133 (0.206)
Income	0.0766 (0.0402)	0.0773* (0.0402)
Religiosity	0.045*** (0.012)	0.055*** (0.012)
Age	-0.003 (0.005)	-0.003 (0.005)
Male	0.0542 (0.0657)	0.0525 (0.0662)
Education	0.028 (0.045)	0.027 (0.045)
Constant	-1.363*** (0.392)	-1.368*** (0.395)
Log Likelihood	-1674.324	-1672.996
% Correctly Classified	73.29	73.48
Observations	2,637	2,637

[†] The average coefficient of interaction terms calculated separately for each observation (using the protocol developed by Norton et. al) is also *negative* (-.120) and statistically insignificant, and practically of the individual interaction effects are statistically non-significant. (See Figure S2.0D).

FIGURE S2: INTERACTING MEMBERSHIP WITH PARTY PREFERENCES (ONLY SIGNIFICANT FOR NON-ELITE VOTERS DISLIKING THE CONGRESS)

FIGURE S2A: Z-STATISTICS OF **LIKING BJP*MEMBERSHIP** INTERACTION EFFECTS AMONG **NON-ELITES** (SHOW INTERACTION EFFECTS ARE NOT CLEARLY POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE, AND ARE ALL NON-SIGNIFICANT)

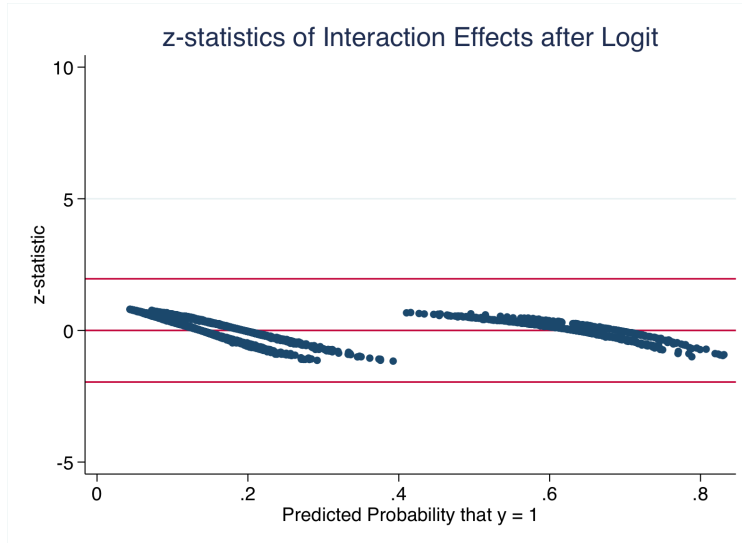
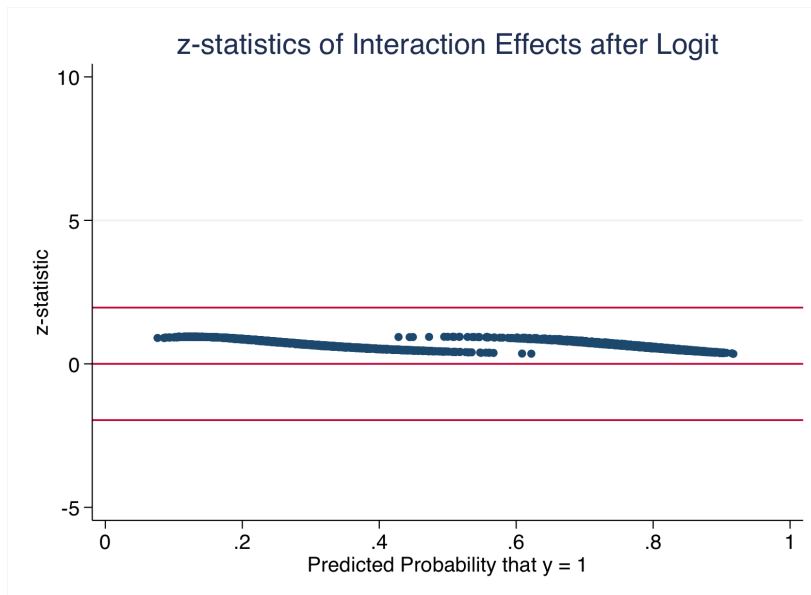


FIGURE S2B: Z-STATISTICS OF **LIKING BJP*MEMBERSHIP** INTERACTION EFFECTS AMONG **ELITES** (SHOW POSITIVE INDIVIDUAL INTERACTION EFFECTS, BUT ALL ARE NON-SIGNIFICANT)



Note: Blue dots represent z-statistics for interaction effects of each individual observation within the dataset calculated using *inteff* command in Stata. Red lines indicate 95% confidence intervals.

FIGURE S2C: Z-STATISTICS OF **DISLIKING CONGRESS*MEMBERSHIP** INTERACTION EFFECTS AMONG **NON-ELITES** (*SHOW POSITIVE AND MOSTLY SIGNIFICANT INDIVIDUAL INTERACTION EFFECTS*)

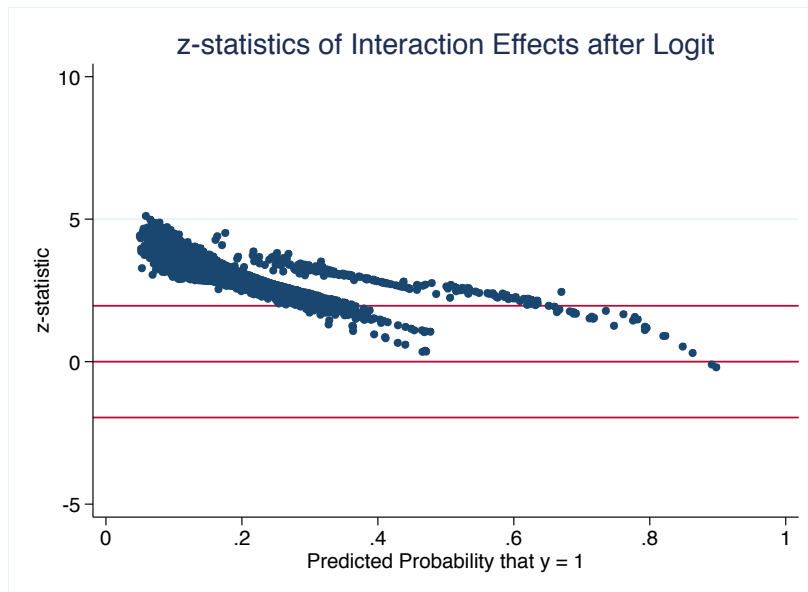
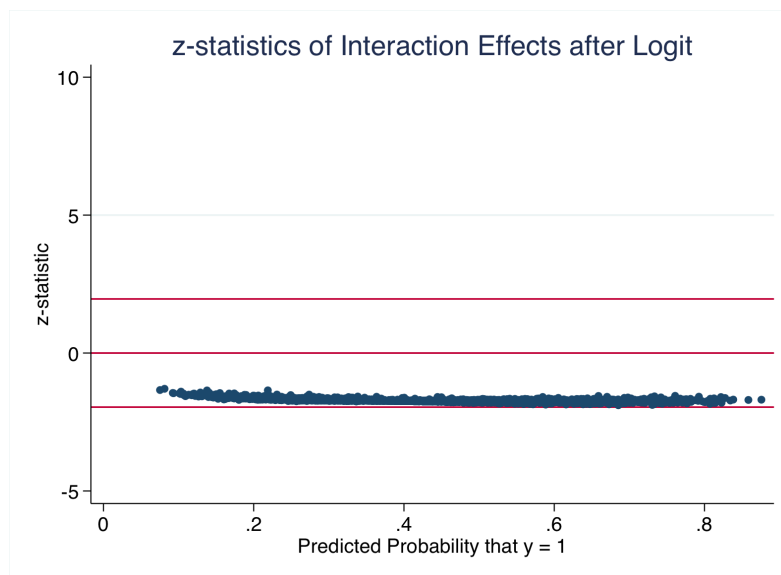


FIGURE S2D: Z-STATISTICS OF **DISLIKING CONGRESS*MEMBERSHIP** INTERACTION EFFECTS AMONG **ELITES** (*SHOWS NEGATIVE AND NON-SIGNIFICANT INTERACTION EFFECTS*)



Note: Blue dots represent z-statistics for interaction effects of each individual observation within the dataset calculated using *inteff* command in Stata. Red lines indicate 95% confidence intervals.

SECTION 4: MEASUREMENT VALIDITY CONCERNS

Section A: Is the impact of *Membership* specific to non-party organizations, or does it also apply to political parties?

Table S.18 checks my argument's emphasis on voter incorporation within *non-party* organizations by including a measure of incorporation within party organizations. Interestingly this latter variable has no impact on poor voter support for the BJP, and does not confound the effect of non-party associations (Column 2). Further, inclusion within party networks does identify upper caste supporters of the BJP, consistent with my argument that the party arm focuses on retaining elite support.

Section B. Is the Impact of *Membership* greater in states where it more likely reflects participation in Hindu nationalist organizations?

These tests show membership matters precisely in those states where it is most likely to measure participation in Hindu nationalist welfare organizations.

One of the very reasonable concerns with the *Associational Membership (Membership)* variable is that the survey instrument provides a noisy measure of inclusion within Hindu nationalist organizations. To partially address such concerns, this section combines information from the citizen survey and Hindu nationalist records on welfare provision. For the *Membership* variable to capture membership within Hindu nationalist welfare organizations, it is plausible to assume *those organizations have to have a local presence*. If they do not, *Membership* is more likely to capture participation in other associations (such as those based on caste or unions). Accordingly, my theory anticipates membership to correlate with BJP support more strongly in states with dense Hindu nationalist networks. Conversely, if membership correlates more strongly with BJP support in states with weak Hindu nationalist networks, the plausibility of my interpretation of the results is weakened.

Statistically, I test this argument by examining how membership's impact on BJP support is conditioned by the state-level welfare index.² I do so by interacting the Hindu nationalist welfare index value for the state in which a respondent resides (*Sangh Service*) with their membership status in non-party associations (*Member*) to create the interaction variable (*Sangh*Member*).

The results, presented in Table S.19, are intriguing. The coefficients for both associational membership and the service index are positive and strongly significant. More importantly for this analysis is the impact of their interaction. However, the substantive and statistical significance of the interaction term within a non-linear framework cannot be interpreted in the same manner as in OLS.³ I therefore use the *inteff* command in Stata, to calculate the interaction effect for each observation separately. According to this test, the mean interaction effect is positive (.488 in the full specification) and significant ($p < .01$). Figure S3A shows the interaction effect is positive for every voter (represented by blue dots) in the sample. Figure S3B shows this positive

² I am grateful to Ana De La O for a helpful discussion on this point.

³ See Norton et. al 2004.

effect is significant for voters with a predicted probability of supporting the BJP $>.2$ (which includes most voters in the sample).

Of course the inclusion of a variable measured at the state-level within an individual-level model requires careful consideration and interpretation (see fn).⁴ A second issue is that, since the interaction term uses a variable observed at the group-level, it essentially serves to compare the equality of coefficients across the different groups partitioned by that variable. In doing so, we assume no group differences in residual variations, which is problematic. Further most statistical efforts to address this issue involve their own problematic assumptions.⁵

However, one simple way to address this issue is to examine the average marginal effect of membership on the predicted probability of supporting the BJP, and to do so for different values of the welfare index (Long 2009).⁶ Figure S3C plots the *difference* in predicted probabilities of members and non-members supporting the BJP across the range of observed values for the Hindu nationalist welfare index. The average marginal impact of membership is negative for low values of the welfare index and is statistically not significant (the 95% confidence intervals cross zero). Yet as we move to higher values of the welfare index, the average marginal impact of membership becomes positive and steadily increases, and becomes statistically significant after the welfare index crosses a value of 0.1. ***In line with my expectations, membership's positive impact on BJP support gets substantively stronger as Sangh service networks grow denser.***

Of course, this test is not foolproof, as the interaction term does not uniquely identify members of Hindu nationalist welfare associations. It therefore remains technically possible that membership in non-religious associations, say unions or caste associations, still drive the results. However in the wake of these results, such an interpretation becomes increasingly theoretically implausible. For example, such an argument would now have to explain why membership in non-Hindu nationalist

⁴ Most importantly, since there is no variation in individual values on this variable within the state, the assumption of independence of individual level observations is violated. Without accounting for such clustering, our estimates of the standard errors for the state-level variable will likely be biased downwards, leading to deflated p-values. To help correct for this, the model includes standard errors corrected for clustering by state. While not a panacea, this method both presented less biased estimates than naïve errors, and is also preferable to alternatives such as hierarchical linear models, which are problematic when dealing with a small number of higher-level units. I prefer this approach to hierarchical multi-level model, because it requires fewer assumptions and data requirements. Because HLM models estimate each of the component levels using MLE it is inadvisable to use it for data with small numbers of higher-level units (Steenbergen and Jones 2002). Thus HLM is not appropriate for a dataset with only 17 state-level units. In such instances, using clustered standard errors has proven to provide more reliable estimates than using naïve standard errors, or using HLM. Further, the technique I use is not appreciably different from the widespread practice of including state dummies within the individual level regressions, which also essentially assign all respondents within the same state a score of the same value.

⁵ Allison (1999) proposes a test that removes the effect of residual variation by assuming that the coefficients for at least one independent variable are the same in both groups. Unfortunately, it is difficult to provide sufficient theoretical or empirical information to justify such an assumption for most analyses.

⁶ First, predicted probabilities can be used to compute *marginal* effects of variables in the model (rather than *multiplicative* effects indicated by the coefficients). Second, Long (2009) notes that predicted probabilities are unaffected by residual variations, and therefore can be used to provide more accurate tests of the significance of differences across groups than examining coefficients.

associations increases the likelihood of BJP support more strongly in states with dense Hindu nationalist associations.

Section C. Do Members Primarily Belong to Non-Religious Organizations?

These tests show members are distinguished by attributes and attitudes more consistent with participation in religious organizations than those organized around labor or caste.

In the first set of tests, I specifically examine whether members are distinguished by traits we would expect of personnel within a) trade and labor unions, b) caste associations, or c) religious organizations. Table S.20A shows that members are not distinguished by employment in occupations that enjoy higher levels of unionization within India (these include public sector employees, and workers in manufacturing). The variable is statistically insignificant across all four specifications. Further, many union members depend directly on the public sector, which provides most formal employment opportunities in India. Thus if union members dominated the *Membership* measure, we would expect to see members oppose moves to reduce or privatize the public sector. Yet the tests in Table S.20A (especially Columns 1 and 2) show no such opposition.

Table S.20B similarly examines whether members are distinguished by traits we would expect of personnel within caste associations. Here I examine three variables: the degree to which respondents agree they should vote in the same way as their caste community members, whether respondents identified their caste leaders as the most important influence on their vote choice, and the degree to which they agree that boys and girls from different castes should not marry. Since caste associations function as socio-political organizations that both regulate the marriage market within caste groups, and function as political lobbies for their members, we would expect members within such associations to respond positively to all three of these measures. Yet these expectations are met in none of the three cases. Further, in two instances, we find significant effects in the *opposite* direction. Members are significantly less likely to agree they should vote with their co-ethnics, and significantly less likely to disapprove of inter-caste marriage. These results cut strongly against the idea of that voters identified by the *Membership* variable are largely participants within caste associations.

Finally, Table S.20C examines whether members are distinguished by traits of those participating in religious organizations. Specifically, I examine if members are marked by higher levels of religious activity, which may make them more likely to affiliate with Hindu nationalist associations. I test whether members are more likely to pray frequently, attend temple, and participate in ritual religious occasions. I anticipate that if *Nonparty* membership is driven by religious associations, we would expect to see members positively distinguished across these three criteria. The results show that the coefficients for all three measures are positive, and in two cases statistically significant. Religious participation also has a substantial impact. The predicted probability of a respondent being an associational member increases from 11.15 percent for someone who never participates in religious rituals, to 19.18 percent if they do so frequently (an increase of 72%).

TABLE S.18: PARTY ORGANIZATIONS ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR NON-ELITE RECRUITMENT

	Dalit and Adivasi Voters		Upper Caste Voters	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
<i>PartyMember</i>	-.090 (.203)	-.152 (184)	1.599*** (.550)	1.581*** (.525)
<i>Non-Party Member</i>		.512*** (.190)		-.059 (.144)
<i>Liberalization</i>	.073 (.058)	.083 (.060)	.197** (.075)	.194* (.080)
<i>Communalism</i>	.053 (.048)	.051 (.048)	.122* (.062)	.121* (.062)
<i>Income</i>	.076** (.028)	.067 (.028)	.049* (.023)	.052* (.022)
<i>EthnicInfluence</i>	-.539*** (.147)	-.533*** (.146)	-.498** (.188)	-.462** (.181)
<i>Religiosity</i>	.245*** (.079)	.236** (.087)	.165*** (.057)	.185*** (.058)
<i>Age</i>	-.001 (.002)	-.002 (.002)	.006 (.004)	.005 (.004)
<i>Male</i>	.175 (.079)	.157 (.073)	-.058 (.047)	-.033 (.051)
<i>Education</i>	.027 (.026)	.023 (.026)	.096 (.032)	.090** (.031)
Constant	-3.027*** (.171)	-2.995*** (.161)	-2.974*** (.234)	-2.931*** (.242)
Number of States	17	17	17	17
N	5207	5059	2699	2637
% predicted correctly	81.20	81.26	73.18	73.04
Log Likelihood	-2256.714	-2193.678	-1449.184	-1416.404

***=p<.001 **=p<.01 *=p<.05

Note: Logistic regression models. Robust standard errors have been corrected for clustering by state. State-level fixed effects included but not reported here.

TABLE S.19 DOES NON-PARTY MEMBERSHIP INCREASE BJP SUPPORT MORE IN STATES WITH DENSE WELFARE NETWORKS?

	Voting for the BJP (2004)	
	(1)	(2)
Service Network Density	7.139*** (1.288)	6.724*** (1.180)
Non-Party Member	1.213*** (.311)	1.129** (.311)
Service*Member	4.407*** [∇] (1.070)	4.189*** [∇] (1.099)
Liberalization		.091 (.067)
Communalism		.107 (.075)
<i>Control Variables</i>		
Religiosity		.285** (.092)
Income		.071 (.036)
Ethnic Influence		-.525 (.149)
Age		-.005* (.002)
Male		.207** (.074)
Education		-.013 (.037)
Constant	-2.751 (.268)	-2.943*** (.394)
Number of States	17	17
N	5226	5177
% predicted correctly	80.90	80.93
Log Likelihood	-2405.971	-2336.894

Note: Robust standard errors clustered by state. Models uses a random effects framework, since the Service index is a unique value for each state, and therefore collinear with the state dummies

[∇] The average coefficient of interaction terms calculated separately for each observation (using the protocol developed by Norton et. al) is positive (.501 in Model 1, .488 in Model 2) and significant (p<.01) in both models.

FIGURE S3A: SERVICE*MEMBER INTERACTION EFFECTS AFTER LOGIT

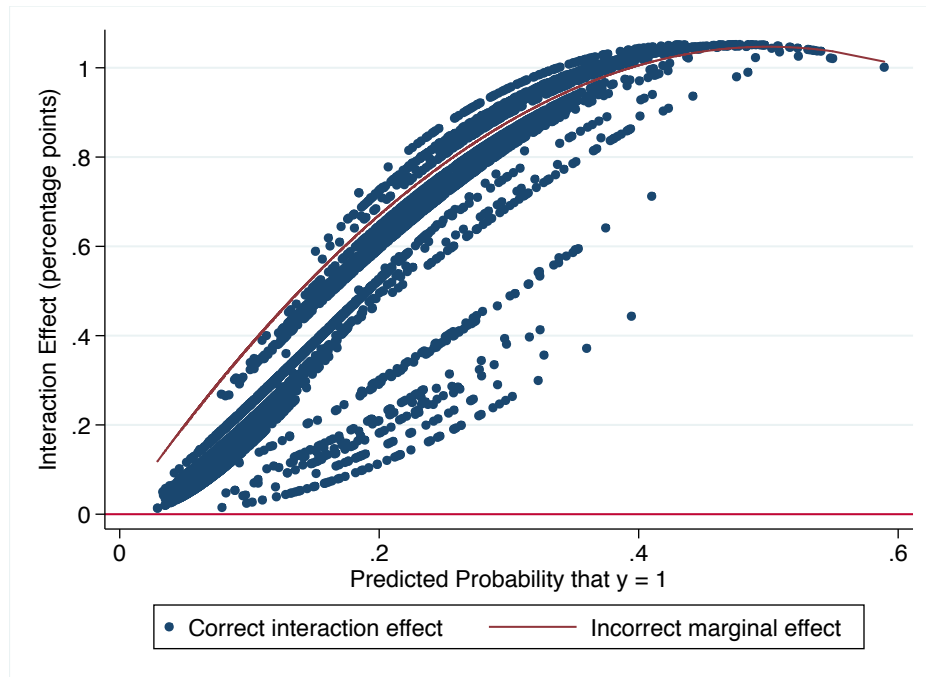
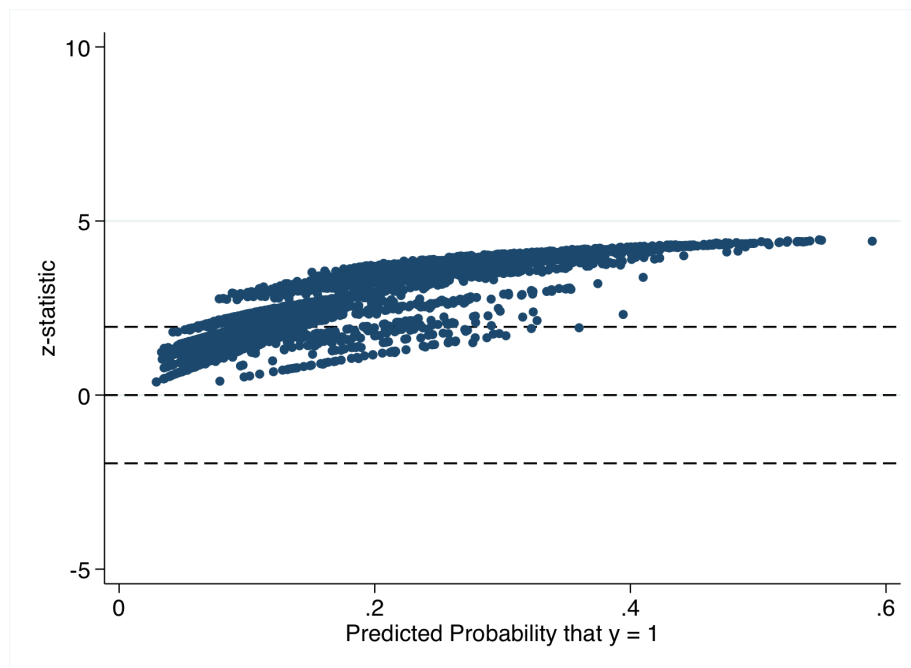
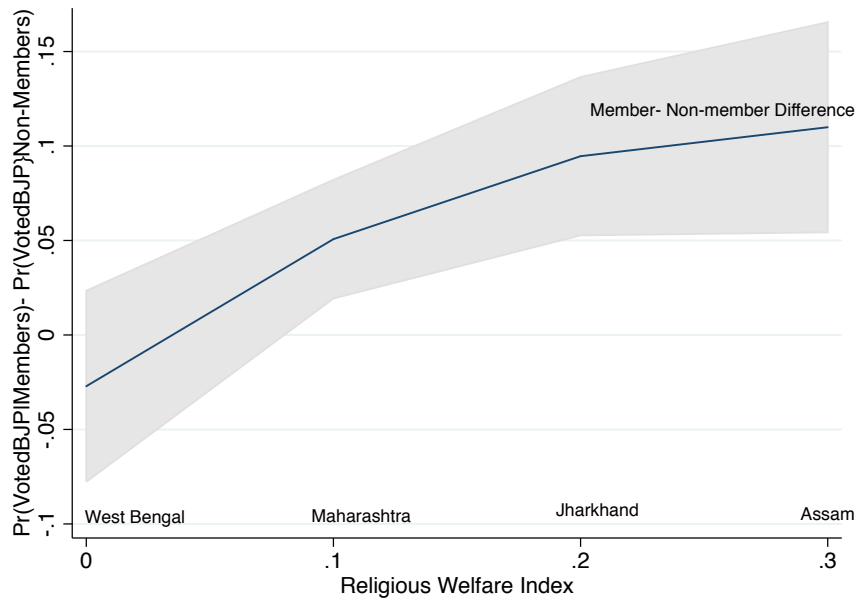


FIGURE S3B: Z-STATISTICS OF SERVICE*MEMBER INTERACTION EFFECTS



Note: Blue dots represent z-statistics for interaction effects of each individual observation within the dataset calculated using *inteff* command in Stata. Red lines indicate 95% confidence intervals.

FIGURE S3C: AVERAGE MARGINAL IMPACT OF MEMBERSHIP INCREASES WHERE HINDU NATIONALIST WELFARE NETWORKS ARE DENSER



NOTE: SHADED AREA INDICATES 95% CONFIDENCE INTERVALS. STATE NAMES ALONG THE X-AXIS IDENTIFY STATES WHOSE WELFARE INDEX MOST CLOSELY APPROXIMATES THE INDEX VALUE THEY IDENTIFY.

TABLE S.20A. IS ASSOCIATIONAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVEN BY UNIONS?
Membership is not determined by opposition to reductions in public sector, or by position in unionized employment sectors, as we would expect from trade union members.

VARIABLES	DV: Non-party Associational Membership		
	(1)	(2)	(3)
Union Jobs	0.115 (0.204)	0.118 (0.205)	0.118 (0.206)
Reduce Government Employees	-0.0659 (0.0513)		
Government Factories Should be Sold to Private Companies		0.0202 (0.0476)	
Foreign Companies Should be Allowed Free Trade			-0.0106 (0.0475)
Age	0.000737 (0.00248)	0.000724 (0.00250)	0.000761 (0.00251)
Male	0.401*** (0.111)	0.397*** (0.110)	0.396*** (0.109)
Education	0.0908*** (0.0254)	0.0928*** (0.0255)	0.0924*** (0.0253)
Urban	0.0262 (0.112)	0.0272 (0.113)	0.0279 (0.112)
Income	0.120*** (0.0343)	0.125*** (0.0326)	0.124*** (0.0324)
Constant	-2.525*** (0.211)	-2.716*** (0.168)	-2.652*** (0.231)
Log Likelihood	-1837.585	-1838.730	-1838.801
Percent Correctly Predicted	87.27	87.27	87.29
Observations	5,177	5,177	5,177

TABLE S.20B. IS NONPARTY MEMBERSHIP DRIVEN BY CASTE ASSOCIATIONS?
Members are actually *less* likely to believe they should vote with their caste community and *less* likely to believe inter-caste marriage should be banned (both are the inverse of what we would expect of caste association members).

VARIABLES	DV: Non-party Associational Membership		
	(1)	(2)	(3)
Vote with Caste Community	-0.0572* (0.0287)		
Caste Leader Most Important Influence		0.0952 (0.168)	
Disapprove of Inter-Caste Marriage			-0.0918* (0.0419)
Age	0.000720 (0.00252)	0.000799 (0.00254)	0.000880 (0.00252)
Male	0.383*** (0.107)	0.390*** (0.106)	0.381*** (0.107)
Education	0.0871*** (0.0258)	0.0934*** (0.0256)	0.0860*** (0.0265)
Urban	0.0260 (0.111)	0.0333 (0.113)	0.0242 (0.113)
Income	0.126*** (0.0314)	0.128*** (0.0325)	0.125*** (0.0323)
Constant	-2.520*** (0.184)	-2.690*** (0.191)	-2.455*** (0.225)
Log Likelihood	-1837.945	-1838.856	-1835.934
Percent Correctly Predicted	87.27	87.27	87.29
Observations	5,177	5,177	5,177

TABLE S.20C. IS NONPARTY MEMBERSHIP DRIVEN BY RELIGIOUS ASSOCIATIONS?
Non-party Members are found to pray more frequently, and attend religious services more frequently.

VARIABLES	DV: Non-party Associational Membership		
	(1)	(2)	(3)
Pray Frequently	0.0716* (0.0364)		
Visiting Temple		0.0896 (0.0594)	
Religious Services			0.132* (0.0595)
Give Donations for Religious Activities			
Communalism	-0.0642 (0.0423)	-0.0632 (0.0411)	-0.0681 (0.0418)
Age	0.000541 (0.00251)	0.000666 (0.00246)	0.000351 (0.00250)
Male	0.411*** (0.107)	0.394*** (0.107)	0.401*** (0.107)
Education	0.0878*** (0.0258)	0.0886*** (0.0256)	0.0883*** (0.0261)
Urban	0.0228 (0.113)	0.0250 (0.111)	0.0276 (0.112)
Income	0.123*** (0.0312)	0.123*** (0.0320)	0.125*** (0.0311)
Constant	-2.679*** (0.268)	-2.693*** (0.323)	-2.714*** (0.251)
Log Likelihood	-1836.638	-1836.480	-1822.870
% Correctly Predicted	87.21	87.23	87.23
Observations	5,177	5,177	5,177

SECTION 5: CAUSAL SEQUENCING: DOES VOTE CHOICE PRECEDE MEMBERSHIP?

The specifications in Table S.21 show that while associational membership significantly distinguishes voters *switching* to support the BJP between 1999 and 2004 (Column 1), it does not distinguish those already supporting the party in 1999 (Column 2). This increases confidence that non-party associations are drawing voters towards the party, rather than supporters of the party being drawn into these associations.

However, this analysis does not preclude a voter deciding to vote for the BJP at some point in the five years between 1999 and 2004, and only then joining a non-party organization, again during the same five-year span. One possible way to address such concerns is to test the impact of associational membership on the subsample of respondents who reported making their electoral decision within a few days of the 2004 election. Table S.21 shows that membership increased the likelihood of these ‘late deciders’ voting for the BJP (Column 3), and late deciders *switching* to vote for the BJP (Column 4). In this final specification membership precedes vote choice, except in the unlikely event of the respondent joining a non-party association on election day or just before.

The data is unable to deal with a related concern, that people may have joined associations before 1999, voted for a party other than the BJP, and then changed their mind in 2004. However, this sequencing is less problematic for my argument, which emphasizes that organizational incorporation precedes vote choice, not necessarily that these shifts must be immediate. If a voter joined a Sangh affiliated organization in 1998, and took until 2003 to decide to switch their political allegiance to the BJP, that would not necessarily contradict the logic implied by my analysis.

TABLE S.21: RESULTS SHOW ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTS CORRELATE WITH SWITCHING TO BJP, NOT TO VOTING FOR BJP IN 1999. RESULTS ALSO ARE ROBUST WHEN EXAMINING ‘LATE DECIDERS’ VOTING FOR THE BJP (2004), AND ‘LATE DECIDERS’ SWITCHING TO THE BJP (1999-2004)

VARIABLES	DV: Voted for BJP in 2004			
	Switched to BJP in 2004 (1)	Supported BJP in 1999 (2)	Late Deciders (2004) (3)	Late Deciders <i>Switching to</i> BJP (4)
Associational Member	.331* (.140)	0.275 (0.202)	0.475** (0.196)	0.400* (0.198)
Liberalization	.039 (.031)	0.149 (0.0608)	0.0762 (0.0529)	0.0184 (0.0574)
Communalism	-.471 (.319)	0.142 (0.0825)	-0.0551 (0.0594)	0.0415 (0.105)
<i>Control Variables</i>				
Ethnic Influence	.061 (.049)	-0.673* (0.310)	-0.543* (0.265)	-0.903* (0.378)
Income	.036 (.034)	-0.0282 (0.0747)	0.0357 (0.0375)	0.000172 (0.0506)
Religiosity	.050* (.026)	0.145 (0.115)	0.211 (0.169)	0.157 (0.160)
Age	-.008* (.003)	-0.00242 (0.00472)	0.00399 (0.00266)	0.000162 (0.00347)
Male	.076 (.115)	-0.00450 (0.186)	0.212 (0.110)	0.0624 (0.213)
Education	.011 (.046)	0.0436 (0.0548)	0.0400 (0.0395)	0.0314 (0.0578)
Constant	-4.287*** (.564)	1.147*** (0.298)	-2.192*** (0.250)	-2.465*** (0.333)
Log Likelihood	-1375.259	-420.033	-705.610	-462.945
% correctly classified	88.95	70.28	75.78	83.75
Observations	4,454	720	1157	1157

SECTION 6: FURTHER DETAILS ON MATCHING ANALYSIS

This section contains a couple of additional tests that help confirm the validity of the propensity matching protocol used in Table 3. First, since the propensity matching technique uses replacement, it is possible that only a few control units are being matched with multiple treatment units. As a consequence, we may have members compared with relatively few non-members. Table S.37A shows this is not the case, as 85% of control units within the matched sample are only used once, and 97% are used once or twice.

A second concern is whether ‘nearest’ neighbors are actually closely matched (since the match did not specify calipers around the propensity score differential). Table S.37B shows this is not the case, as most matched pairs had a minimal propensity score difference of less than .001 (on a 0-1 probability scale), and no pair had a difference of greater than .011.

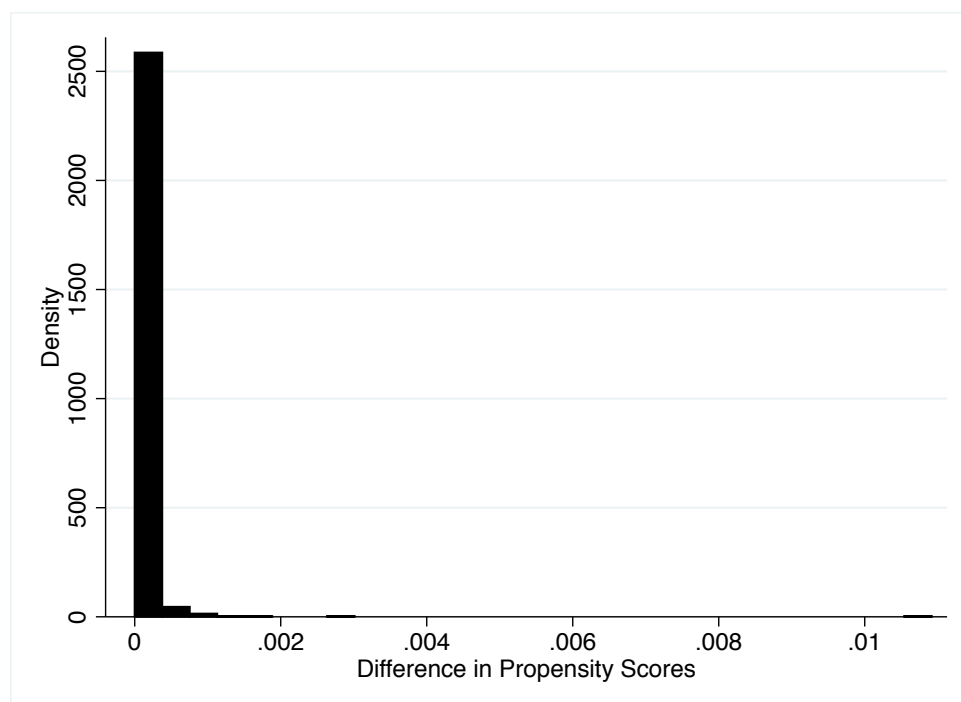
TABLE S.22A: IS MATCHING HIGHLY DEPENDENT ON A FEW CONTROL UNITS?

No- the vast number of control units for the matching are used only once.

Number of Times Control Unit is Used	Frequency	% of Cases
1	657	83.59%
2	106	13.49
3	22	2.80
4	1	0.13

TABLE S.22B: ARE ‘NEAREST’ NEIGHBORS ACTUALLY NEAR?

Yes. Most matched pairs had a propensity score difference of less than .001 on a 0-1 probability scale (i.e. 0.1%). None had higher than a .01 difference.



SECTION 7: ADDITIONAL TESTS

A. OTHER MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES: HINDU NATIONALISM AND RELIGIOUS MINORITIES IN INDIA (SURVEY EVIDENCE)

Does the BJP's success extend to other poor Indians, specifically poor religious minorities? Many minority communities, especially Muslims, make up a significant part of India's poor. Yet there is also greater income heterogeneity within these communities than within Dalit and Adivasi populations. Only 54.98% of Muslims lie within the bottom two income categories on the 2004 NES (earning less than \$22 and \$44 per month). By contrast 71.33% of Dalits and 76.17% of Adivasis are within these two categories. Thus, I replicated the results for the sample of *poor* Muslims (defined as those in the bottom two income categories, which was roughly half the Muslim sample). Table S.23 shows that non-party associations do not exert the same positive effect on support for the BJP among poor Muslims. The second column shows a similar non-impact among low-income Christians (again those within the bottom two income categories).

The evidence also suggests that relatively few poor Muslims or Christians are incorporated within these organizations. However, it is difficult to tell if these low numbers are due to supply or demand-side constraints. Are the low numbers of religious minorities within these associations due to a Hindu nationalist aversion to incorporating religious minorities?⁷ Or is it due to the fact that religious minorities are unlikely to join such organizations, despite the potential material benefits of doing so, because of the BJP's Hindu nationalist?⁸ These are important questions worthy of further inquiry.

B. STATE AND CONSTITUENCY-LEVEL EFFECTS:

I examined if the key results shifted if I did not include state-level fixed effects. Tables S.24 and S.25 present the results for random effects models for non-elite and elite samples respectively. Once again the results were practically identical among the lower caste sample. Membership distinguished non-elite supporters of the BJP not simply within states, as the fixed effects specification measured, but across the national sample. Membership also continued to mark those poor voters *shifting* to support the party, while economic and cultural preferences once again did not. Among upper castes as well, the results were highly similar to those in the main text. The only difference here was regarding the influence of caste leaders, which was previously significantly negatively related to BJP support among elites, and was not significant in these specifications. Overall, the consistence of these findings across fixed and random effects specifications is encouraging.

⁷ Observations from qualitative fieldwork suggests that service activists in central India didn't prevent anyone from coming to their chapters (and there were occasional Christian and Muslim beneficiaries). This suggests the low rates of religious minority incorporation might remain due to the concerns among such communities with Hindu nationalist ideology

⁸ The average level of support for Hindu nationalism, measured on a 4 point scale, was one full point lower among Christians (1.94) and Muslims (1.78) than among Hindus (2.91), a difference that was significant at the .001 level.

Tables S.26A and S.26B repeat the analysis using *constituency*-level fixed effects and robust standard errors corrected for clustering at the constituency level. The results are robust to this specification: non-party membership significantly distinguishes non-elite supporters of the BJP, while support for economic liberalization and Hindu nationalism significantly distinguish elite supporters. The robustness of these results offer strong confirmation of my argument, showing that associational membership marks supporters of the BJP from co-ethnic non-supporters, even within the same electoral constituency. However, including constituency fixed effects does attenuate the sample, as the dummies for constituencies in which the BJP won no votes perfectly predict the outcome variable, and so are dropped from the analysis.

C. COALITIONAL EFFECTS:

Could the BJP's success be the product of the party's alliances with parties who appeal to lower caste and tribal voters? Some of the concerns about this being a 'coalitional effect' is addressed by having the DV measure *votes for the BJP specifically*, and not a coalitional partner. However, it is possible the BJP itself does better with the poor in states where it has coalition partners, specifically those that are seen as low-caste parties or headed by low-caste chief ministers. To assess this possibility, I created an indicator variable that identified those states in which the BJP had coalition partners in the 2004 national elections, and a second variable that specifically identified states in which the BJP had joined a coalition or offered external support to parties seen as having a lower caste base. The results of this analysis are presented in Table S.27 (see fn for a list of parties and states in each case).⁹ Neither coalition variable has a significant impact, and each actually registers a *negative* coefficient.

D. IS THIS CLIENTELISM?

Given that welfare is privately provided out of electoral considerations, can we not think of it as a form of clientelist exchange? In the main text (p. 34), I argue that the benefits provided by the BJP's non-party affiliates are not part of a clientelist exchange because a) they are not provided with exclusion locally, and b) *quid pro quo* is not enforced among recipients. In support of the latter point, I present evidence that the BJP does not appear to attempt to *monitor the reciprocity* of voters incorporated within its non-party networks (a key feature of clientelism).¹⁰

Finding evidence of the presence or absence of micro-level monitoring is of course extremely difficult, and has been the subject of significant debate within studies of distributive politics (e.g. the debate between Stokes 2005 and Nichter 2008). However, the NES 2004 does provide measures of party contact with individual voters. Specifically respondents were asked if they had been visited by party personnel during the election

⁹ National Democratic Alliance Coalition Politics: Janata Dal United(Bihar), Shiva Sena (Maharashtra), Shiromani Akali Dal (Punjab), Asom Gana Parishad (Assam), Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (Jharkhand), Dravida Munnetra Kazagham (Tamil Nadu), Trinamool Congress (Bengal), Biju Janata Dal (Orissa), Indian National Lok Dal (Haryana).

States where BJP Coalition Partners have 'Lower Caste Profile': Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu.

¹⁰ On the importance of monitoring see Stokes 2005.

campaign (NES 2004, Q8).¹¹ If members who were visited by such personnel were more likely to vote for the BJP than members who were not visited, then this would suggest the importance of monitoring efforts in translating non-party activities into votes. A second variable related to monitoring is whether a respondent attended a campaign rally prior to the election. Prior studies have noted that parties often use attendance at these rallies as a signal of a voter's intention to reciprocate at the polls (e.g. Auyero 2001).

Table S.28 show that both measures of monitoring effort are actually *negatively* correlated with the likelihood of a member voting for the BJP, and statistically insignificant. This runs against the expectation of non-party associations forging clientelist ties with their members.

¹¹ See Huber and Suryanarayana 2012 for a similar operationalization.

TABLE S.23: RESULTS ARE NOT REPLICATED AMONG POOR MEMBERS OF RELIGIOUS MINORITY COMMUNITIES (MUSLIM AND CHRISTIAN)

VARIABLES	Voting for BJP (2004)	
	Poor Muslims (1)	Poor Christians (2)
Associational Member	0.840 (0.465)	1.173 (0.650)
Liberalization	-0.283 (0.345)	0.934** (0.453)
Communalism	0.202 (0.169)	0.147 (0.205)
<i>Control Variables</i>		
Ethnic Influence	-0.0308 (0.304)	-0.483 (0.598)
Income	-0.150 (0.396)	-0.00733 (0.426)
Religiosity	-0.217 (0.193)	-0.667 (0.464)
Age	-0.0152* (0.00638)	0.00512 (0.0132)
Male	0.167 (0.269)	-1.568** (0.534)
Education	-0.0364 (0.103)	0.249* (0.105)
Constant	-3.850*** (0.753)	-3.814*** (1.184)
Log Likelihood	-233.564	-61.379
% correctly classified	93.80	94.32
Observations	1,129	370

TABLE S.24: RESULTS AMONG NON-ELITES ARE NOT AFFECTED BY REMOVING STATE FIXED EFFECTS

VARIABLES	Voting for the BJP (2004)			Switched to BJP (99-04)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
<i>Non-Party Member</i>	.609*** (.148)	.545*** (.136)	.538*** (.079)	.531** (.183)
<i>Religiosity</i>		.074*** (.023)	.078*** (.011)	.072** (.024)
<i>Communalism</i>		.109 (.063)	.105 (.074)	.148 (.095)
<i>Income</i>		.070* (.032)	.071** (.024)	.047 (.050)
<i>Caste Influence</i>		-.573*** (.169)	-.575*** (.141)	-.549 (.358)
<i>Liberalization</i>		.069* (.030)	.069* (.032)	.063 (.040)
<i>Age</i>			-.004 (.002)	-.010** (.003)
<i>Male</i>			.157* (.075)	.057 (.115)
<i>Education</i>			-.010 (.020)	.020 (.042)
Constant	-1.579*** (.190)	-3.601*** (.556)	-3.527*** (.245)	-3.803*** (.694)
Number of States	17	17	17	17
N	5226	5177	5177	4454
% predicted correctly	80.90	80.95	80.92	88.95
Log Likelihood	-2518.267	-2430.138	-2426.502	-1497.176

***=p<.001 **=p<.01 *=p<.05

Membership remains significant, and in fact the coefficient increases in a random-effects specification. Support for Hindu nationalism remains insignificant. The only change is that in this specification support for liberalization has a significant effect, but one that is substantively and statistically far less significant than that of membership (and one that is eliminated when excluding prior supporters of the BJP).

**TABLE S.25: RESULTS AMONG ELITES ARE NOT AFFECTED BY REMOVING STATE
FIXED EFFECTS**

VARIABLES	Voting for the BJP (2004)			Core BJP Supporters
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
<i>Non-Party Member</i>	.225 (.174)	.311 (.173)	.277 (.162)	.212 .168
<i>Religiosity</i>		.074 (.023)	.128*** (.013)	.126*** (.028)
<i>Communalism</i>		.227** (.082)	.222*** (.037)	.233** (.084)
<i>Income</i>		.090** (.036)	.078*** (.023)	.080 (.044)
<i>Caste Influence</i>		-.176 (.214)	-.157 (.191)	-.004 (.175)
<i>Liberalization</i>		.074*** (.023)	.072*** (.016)	.076** (.026)
<i>Age</i>			-.003 (.003)	-.003 (.004)
<i>Male</i>			.060 (.044)	.077 (.055)
<i>Education</i>			.022 (.022)	.029 (.042)
Constant	-.355 (.281)	-3.778*** (.740)	-3.779 (.290)	-3.650*** (.735)
Number of States	17	17	17	17
N	2649	2637	2637	2637
% predicted correctly	57.19	62.34	62.85	62.42
Log Likelihood	-1804.004	-1689.394	-1686.797	-1703.2215

***=p<.001 **=p<.01 *=p<.05

**TABLE S.26A RESULTS ARE ROBUST TO USING CONSTITUENCY-LEVEL FIXED EFFECTS
(NON-ELITE SAMPLE)**

VARIABLES	Voted for BJP (2004) (1)
Associational Member	0.466*** (0.136)
Liberalization	-0.00300 (0.0525)
Communalism	0.127 (0.082)
<i>Control Variables</i>	
Ethnic Influence	-0.608*** (0.174)
Income	0.0529 (0.0387)
Religiosity	0.173* (0.0738)
Age	-0.000898 (0.00311)
Male	0.138 (0.0959)
Education	0.0511 (0.0301)
Constant	-19.73*** (0.260)
Log Likelihood	-1728.649
% correctly classified	75.12
Observations	3,452

Note: *** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.1

Robust standard errors clustered by constituency in parentheses.

Sample is smaller since this specification drops constituencies in which BJP did not win any votes.

TABLE S.26B: RESULTS ARE ROBUST TO USING CONSTITUENCY-LEVEL FIXED EFFECTS (ELITE SAMPLE)

VARIABLES	Voted for BJP (2004) (1)
Associational Member	0.243 (0.171)
Liberalization	0.374*** (0.114)
Communalism	0.281*** (0.0656)
<i>Control Variables</i>	
Ethnic Influence	-0.768** (0.369)
Income	0.0501 (0.0368)
Religiosity	0.292*** (0.0998)
Age	0.00178 (0.00446)
Male	-0.00679 (0.0757)
Education	0.0470 (0.0384)
Constant	-19.73*** (0.260)
Log Likelihood	-19.96***
% correctly classified	(0.394)
Observations	1671

Note: *** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.1

Robust standard errors clustered by constituency in parentheses. Sample is smaller since this specification drops constituencies in which BJP did not win any votes.

**TABLE S.27: RESULTS ARE ROBUST TO CONTROLLING FOR COALITIONAL EFFECTS
(NON-ELITE SAMPLE)**

VARIABLES	Voted for BJP (2004)	
	(1)	(2)
Associational Member	0.464*** (0.121)	0.506*** (0.139)
Liberalization	0.301 (0.165)	0.317 (0.167)
Ethnic Influence	-0.619*** (0.171)	-0.602*** (0.164)
Income	0.0912*** (0.0320)	0.0726* (0.0342)
Communalism	0.103 (0.0628)	0.104 (0.0590)
Religiosity	0.060** (0.022)	0.067*** (0.020)
Age	-0.00404** (0.00203)	-0.00442** (0.00203)
Male	0.180* (0.0720)	0.175** (0.0769)
Education	-0.00117 (0.0293)	-0.00604 (0.0296)
Coalition Partner in State	-0.411 (0.329)	
Coalition Partner (Low Caste)		-0.307 (0.498)
Constant	-1.702*** (0.352)	-1.776*** (0.329)
Log Likelihood	-2413.617	-2423.491
% correctly classified	81.01	80.95
Observations	5,177	5,177

TABLE S.28: IS THIS CLIENTELISM? NO EVIDENCE THAT MONITORING MECHANISM IS DRIVING NON-PARTY MEMBERS TO SUPPORT THE BJP

VARIABLES	DV: Voted for the BJP (Associational Members Only)	
	(1)	(2)
Visit by Party Worker	-0.0245 (0.0561)	
Attended Rally		-0.141 (0.161)
Liberalization	0.219* (0.104)	0.218* (0.104)
Communalism	-0.0926 (0.275)	-0.105 (0.267)
<i>Control Variables</i>		
Ethnic Influence	0.145* (0.0627)	0.145* (0.0630)
Income	0.130 (0.0922)	0.134 (0.0930)
Religiosity	0.407** (0.144)	0.399** (0.147)
Age	-0.00496 (0.00295)	-0.00514 (0.00296)
Male	0.0426 (0.145)	0.0636 (0.135)
Education	-0.0235 (0.0357)	-0.0216 (0.0361)
Constant	-1.485*** (0.340)	-1.519*** (0.362)
Observations	939	939

SECTION 8: FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE 2004 NATIONAL ELECTIONS STUDY

The 2004 National Election Study (NES) conducted by the Center for the Study of Developing Society (CSDS) in New Delhi, was the largest voter survey (N=25,433) available at the time this study was conducted. In this section I provide additional details about the survey, and show it compares favorably with other widely used surveys, including the Afrobarometer and World Values Survey. Not surprisingly, the NES studies have been the most widely utilized electoral surveys within the study of Indian politics (e.g. Chhibber 1999, Yadav 1999, Chandra 2004, Heath 2005, Ray and Wallace 2007).

Since the Election Commission of India does not keep individual-level voting data, nor does it provide aggregate voting statistics for different caste groups, the NES provides invaluable empirical opportunities to examine the sources of BJP support from different caste constituencies. The CSDS has regularly conducted surveys of voter opinion since 1996, and has done so for both the Lok Sabha (National Parliament) and Vidhan Sabha (State Assembly) elections. The CSDS studies are the largest, most systematic and widely utilized electoral surveys available in the country, and are particularly invaluable for this project as they contain information on both the electoral choices and social profile of a large, representative sample of voters.

For this particular study I am employing data collected during the 2004 Lok Sabha [National Assembly] elections. I was given access to this data as a visiting researcher at CSDS in 2007. Specifically, I was given the raw data files for Dalit, Adivasi, and upper caste Hindu voters in the 17 major states in India: Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal. The sample covers 3411 Dalit respondents, 2048 Adivasi, and 2711 upper caste respondents.

In the words of its executors, the NES is not an exit poll, but a post-poll survey, whose primary purpose is not ‘predicting the number of seats that a...coalition is likely to get. Rather, it is a survey that takes the results as given, and then tries to understand the reasons why voters chose the parties they did.’¹² As the survey team was particularly interested in understanding state-level politics even within national elections, they use a stratified random sampling technique that makes sure the samples within each state are reflective of the state’s share of the country’s total. The interviews were conducted after the votes had been cast in each constituency, but before the results were known. This had the advantage of having respondents report their actual (rather than anticipated) vote choice, but without knowledge of the outcome influencing their answers to the questions.

A. Sampling

A1. Sampling Protocol:

The NES survey is a post-poll survey, not an exit poll. This means that the sampling is not sensitive to whoever is willing to answer survey questions as they walk

¹² For a more detailed report of the methodology of the survey, see ‘Methodology of the National Election Study, 2004’ available at: <http://www.ceri-sciencespo.com/archive/sept04/methodo.pdf>.

out of a polling station. Instead, the NES looks to survey a representative random sample of Indian voters. The NES used a multi-stage weighted sampling design, similar to the Afrobarometer protocol. Within each state, the NES selected a random number of parliamentary constituencies (adjusted for the size of the state's electorate). In total, the survey sampled 420 out of 543 parliamentary constituencies. Within each parliamentary constituency, the NES selected a random number of state assembly constituencies (the units relevant for state-level politics). In total, 932 Assembly Constituencies were selected for the survey. Within each Assembly constituency the local sampling unit was individual polling station areas (typically villages or urban wards), which were again randomly selected. A total of 2380 such polling stations were selected. From each polling station, 15 people were selected randomly from the electoral register (this is nearly *double* the number of people interviewed at each principal local sampling unit for the Afrobarometer surveys).¹³

Investigators visited each individual at their home residence. The survey was administered in the local regional language, and even accounted for variations in the local dominant language *within* states. The respondents were interviewed with partial replacement (i.e. only if another household member fit the same age and gender profile of the intended interviewee). While this substitution violates the principle of purely random sampling, it accounts for a small portion of the final sample (substitution was used in 8.5% of all cases). Further, replacement was only followed if the investigator was not able to meet the interviewee after 2 attempts.

The response rate on the survey is below:

- a. Number of Individuals Contacted: 37,700
- b. Number of completed interviews from 'first contact' interviewees (i.e. excluding those obtained via replacement): 23,271¹⁴
- c. Number of non-completed interviews (refusals, non-contact, and other): 14,429

AAPOR Response Rate 1: $23,271/37,700 = 65.18\%$.

For a breakdown of sample sizes and response rates for each of the 17 states used in the analysis, see Table S.29 below.

¹³ Lokniti Team: National Election Study 2004: An Introduction, Economic and Political Weekly, December 18th, 2004.

¹⁴ The total number of completed interviewees when including replacement was 25,433.

TABLE S.29: STATE-WISE RESPONSE RATES

	Voters Targeted	Voters Interviewed	Substitution Rate	Response Rate (not including substitution)
Andhra Pradesh	1800	1398	2.4	75.26
Assam	1680	1549	7	85.20
Bihar	1800	1191	6.9	59.27
Gujarat	1560	1106	11	59.90
Haryana	1200	883	5.7	67.88
Karnataka	1680	1500	7.7	81.59
Kerala	1440	1104	7.6	69.07
Madhya Pradesh	1740	1193	4.6	63.96
Maharashtra	1920	1494	11	66.81
Orissa	1260	922	18.2	54.97
Punjab	1260	862	9	59.41
Rajasthan	1500	1295	11.5	74.83
Tamil Nadu	1200	887	8.2	65.71
Uttar Pradesh	2400	1709	12	59.21
West Bengal	1260	1026	9.8	71.63
Jharkhand	1260	887	5.3	65.10
Chhattisgarh	1320	918	.9	68.65

A2.

Representativeness:

The NES sample is more than ten times the India sample for the World Values Survey, and is less biased towards more privileged respondents (see below).

	World Values Survey:	2004 National Election Study
<u>Sample Size:</u>	1985	23,271
% with college education	22%	10%
% with no education	29%	35%

The large sample size was in part designed to ensure representative samples of individual states, not simply at the all-India level. Towards this end, the NES looked to achieve at least 1000 interviews in every major state (including the 17 used in this study), which ensured a sampling error of just 3.1% (with a 95% confidence interval). The smallest state-level sample among the cases used in this study was 843 (Tamil Nadu), yielding a 3.3% error margin.

Further, the NES sample was excellent in its representation of conventionally underrepresented groups (see Table S.30). 46.5% of the respondents were women, only 1.8% below their proportion of the Indian population. Further women were under-

sampled by over 5 percentage points in only 1 of the 17 states used in the analysis (Punjab). Further, Dalits and Adivasis (two traditionally under-sampled populations), were actually *overrepresented* within the NES sample. Thus the survey does an excellent job of obtaining responses from members of the two most important communities for this analysis. The only state for which *either* community was under-sampled was among Adivasis in Orissa. The NES does slightly under-sample Muslims, although only by more than 5 percentage points in two states in the sample (Kerala and West Bengal). Overall, these figures suggest the NES does an exemplary job of generating a national sample of Indian voters.

TABLE S.30: REPRESENTATIVENESS OF NES 2004

	Female	Dalit	Adivasi	Muslim
Andhra Pradesh	+0.3	+1.5	-0.4	-0.1
Assam	-0.4	+5.7	+2.2	-3.7
Bihar	+4.7	+1.4	+1.9	0.0
Gujarat	+2.6	+5.3	-0.2	+1.6
Haryana	-3.4	+5.3	+0.8	-1.8
Karnataka	-0.6	+2.6	+2.7	-1.3
Kerala	+1.8	+1.5	+2.2	-6.7
Madhya Pradesh	-1.3	+0.1	-0.1	-0.3
Maharashtra	+1.1	+3.6	+1.8	+0.1
Orissa	+4.8	+1.3	-7.5	-1.2
Punjab	-5.1	-4.1	+1.0	N/A
Rajasthan	-0.2	-2.5	+0.2	+0.3
Tamil Nadu	-2.0	-0.6	+0.4	-1.8
Uttar Pradesh	-1.7	+0.9	+1.1	-2.8
West Bengal	-1.8	+4.5	+5.8	-10.1
Jharkhand	-4.7	-0.2	+1.2	-1.8
Chhattisgarh	-4.8	+2.3	-4.2	-0.8
INDIA	-1.8	+1.7	+0.8	-2.1

NOTE: FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGE POINT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN POPULATION PROPORTIONS ACCORDING TO CENSUS (2001) AND NES (2004).

B. Survey Team Profiles:

The survey team was trained in two phases. In the first phase, the *state coordinators* of the survey, all university faculty, were trained in the survey design, sampling strategy, and interview protocol. In the next phase, each of these coordinators then recruited and trained university students over three days (comparable to the length of training for Afrobarometer) to serve as the enumerators. The students were mostly graduate and undergraduate students in political science, and therefore familiar with electoral politics (especially in their home state). The survey coordinators were told to make efforts to ensure they recruited a suitable number of lower caste and female enumerators. They had mixed success in this endeavor. A quarter of enumerators were women, which ensured they had a significant presence on the survey teams, but were clearly underrepresented.

Caste profiles of the enumerators for the 2004 survey were not available from the Lokniti research institute, but a publicly available report on their 2009 survey team does contain this information.¹⁵ Since enumerators in 2004 and 2009 were selected through a highly comparable process, this information is instructive. The 2009 report found that 21% of the NES enumerators came from a Dalit background, and 11% came from Adivasi backgrounds. In each case this was actually *higher* than their respective proportions within the national electorate (roughly 16 and 9 percent respectively). This level of representation of non-elite social groups is impressive. I should also note that the enumerators identified themselves as representatives of the national survey institute in Delhi, not by their personal names (which would have identified their caste status to interviewees).

Further, the survey teams were designed to match the caste profile of enumerators with those of the majority of interviewees. This strategy does have limits, given the caste heterogeneity of the Indian electorate, even at the *local* level. Survey teams were assigned to specific polling areas, most of which had members of multiple caste groups. It was therefore not feasible to give each caste group a local representative on each survey team. However, this would be an issue with any survey of an ethnically diverse country (and is no different from issues on the Afrobarometer, or Asian Barometer surveys). Indeed, the NES efforts in India to match respondent and enumerator ethnicity are exemplary, given the challenges involved, and at least as impressive as these other more famous surveys.

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¹⁵ Sanjay Kumar, 'Training Workshop: National Election Study 2009.'

C. Sensitive questions:

Of the questions asked on the survey that were actually used within the paper's analysis, the three that are the most potentially sensitive to response biases are those asking respondents about their vote choice, their income, and their views on Hindu nationalist ideology.

C1. Electoral Preferences: In terms of ensuring that people's political preferences remain confidential, the survey team did not ask direct questions about people's vote choice. Instead, each respondent was given a blank dummy ballot that replicated the design of those used by India's Electronic Voting Machines, and placed their ballot choices in a sealed box. The ballots were matched with the rest of the survey instrument using anonymous serial numbers printed on both. This procedure helps minimize concerns about systematic response biases in political responses, and is more careful than those used on a number of global surveys. For example, both the Afrobarometer and World Values Survey ask respondents to openly report their electoral preference to the enumerator.

C2. Income: Asking respondents their income prompts concerns that respondents will be nervous about declaring their income, specifically if they are worried that such information is being collected for a government agency (for tax purposes). Poor respondents working in the informal sector might feel particularly insecure about such questions. For this reason, the NES asks about monthly household income at the very end of the survey questionnaire, so that this item does not induce non-responses for subsequent questions. However it is worth noting that only 186 respondents out of the sample of 20,204 that I worked with did not respond (<1%) to the income question. This proportion was not different amongst the Dalit and Adivasi subsample (51 out of 5460, <1%), suggesting this was not a huge concern. Of course it is still possible people merely underreport their income (rather than not responding to the question).

However, the percentage of Dalit and Adivasi respondents to the NES living in poverty did appear to match official figures. In 2004-05, the rate of poverty (according to India's low official poverty line of \$10/15 per month in rural/urban India) was 36.8% (rural) and 39.8% (urban) for Dalits, and 47.7% (rural) and 33.9% (urban) for Adivasis. The rate among all other castes was 17.86%, and will likely be far lower among upper castes (Planning Commission 2011: 116). These figures matched those in the 2004 National Election Study used here, in which 41% of Dalit respondents and 40.02% of Adivasi respondents came from households earning less than \$1 a day (all other castes: 18.12%).

In addition, I created an index of asset ownership, based on assets the enumerator observes the household to have, which are less susceptible to underreporting. Using an asset index (constructed via component analysis) does not affect any of the major results with either elite or non-elite subsample.

C3. Support for Hindu Nationalism: The final question of concern was the measure of Hindu nationalist ideology, which asked respondents the degree to which they agreed with the demand to exclusively build a temple at the site of a mosque demolished by

Hindu nationalist activists in 1992. However, if respondents had felt uncomfortable with responding to this question, we would have expected a large number of responses within the ‘don’t know’ category. However, a vast majority of respondents expressed a firm opinion on this question (with 77.26 responding, and only 22.74 percent in the ‘don’t know’ category’. Further, over 70% of Dalits and Adivasis provided active responses. Further, within these active responses, each opinion category is well represented (with 36 percent of respondents disagreeing, while 64 percent agree). Nor did the rates of active responses differ substantially between those who supported the BJP (77%) and those who didn’t (70%).

In addition, there may have been a specific concern that Muslims would not feel comfortable responding openly to this question, yet 84.96% of all Muslims and a similar proportion of *poor* Muslims (81.43%) provided an active response. One final concern might be that Muslims feel pressure to falsify their preferences and rate Hindu nationalist agendas favorably. However, the survey reports the vast majority of Muslims disagreeing with this agenda (68%), which would appear to follow conventional expectations of how this community would feel on this specific issue.

This evidence should help mitigate concerns of asymmetries in response rates among members of any particular constituency, which would be the primary problem for the present analysis. Of course, as with any survey, it is impossible to definitively determine the level of bias within response patterns, as we cannot observe the ‘true’ values of each response category. However, the evidence provided above does mitigate concerns that such biases are substantial enough to affect the key findings of the analysis.

D. National versus State Surveys?

Using a national election dataset instead of a compilation of state assembly election data was a major decision with significant ramifications for the research design, and hence requires brief explanation. There would have been obvious advantages to using Vidhan Sabha [State Assembly] data for this study. Under the Indian federal system, state governments possess a great deal of autonomy over a variety of public policies, and for this reason state elections are often more politically charged for local populations than Lok Sabha elections. Further, given that I am specifically looking at disadvantaged populations for whom the most important public services are those controlled by state administrations, there is a strong rationale for examining their political behavior when voting in assembly elections.

Having said this, there were stronger reasons for employing national parliamentary data that ultimately led to the decision to use the 2004 Lok Sabha survey. The biggest concern was the lack of comparability between separate state assembly surveys, as the questions on each differed greatly. This variance made it impossible to aggregate responses across the state-level surveys for more than a small handful of questions. Responses to questions crucial for this analysis were thus either unavailable or unevenly measured across states. Further, since state assembly elections happen by rotation across the country, the responses were not collected synchronously, compounding problems of comparability. Finally, the methodologies used on the various surveys differed somewhat in their techniques of sampling, including their methods for replacing missing respondents. Given these concerns, the national election data appeared

to offer the best opportunities for systematically examining support patterns for the BJP across India.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, it is worth mentioning that the NES 2004, like any survey, is far from perfect. In particular the proportion of female enumerators remains inadequate, and the post-survey quality checking protocol is not transparent, and requires better scrutiny. However, these flaws suggest room for improvement, not discarding the data altogether. This survey remains the most reliable electoral survey in India, and represents a tremendous effort to grapple with the unparalleled complexity of India's vast democracy in the fairest possible manner. In terms of its multistage design, sample representativeness, enumerator diversity (in terms of caste), and instrument design (including the use of dummy ballots), the NES is not only adequate, but arguably superior to many of its better known counterparts (including the Afro- and Asian Barometer, and World Values Survey).

PART II: STATE-LEVEL ANALYSIS

SECTION 9: STATE-LEVEL BASIC STATISTICS AND TRENDS

This first section of Part II presents descriptive information on the state-level analysis on religious welfare in India. Table S.31 presents detailed information on the measures used in the state-level regression analysis, the concepts each measure seeks to represent, and the sources from which they were constructed (including the wordings of the relevant survey questions).

Next I include information on the spread of religious welfare across India. Table S.32 and Figures S.4-S.5 provide additional information on the cross-sectional and temporal spread of service chapters across India from the internal records of Hindu nationalists. The figures further highlight the rapid proliferation of Sangh service wings across India over the past two decades, which supports my contention that this is a relatively recent approach.

Next, Table S.33 provides a simple descriptive disaggregation of shifts in the BJP's performance between 1996 and 2004. The table shows the party made substantial gains with non-elite voters in seven major Indian states, but continued to struggle in the remaining ten. In addition, Figure S.5 shows states where service networks were most rapidly expanded between 1996 and 2004 were also those in which the BJP made the most dramatic *gains* with poor voters during this same period.

Finally, Figures S.6 and S.7 present descriptive evidence refuting alternative explanations of the BJP's success. Figure S.6 shows the weak relationship between the BJP's representation of Dalit and Adivasi candidates and non-elite support for the party *even* when removing the outlier case of West Bengal. Figures S.7A and B shows a similarly weak relationship between communal conflict and BJP vote share, especially when removing the outlier caste of Gujarat.

TABLE S.31: VARIABLES USED IN STATE-LEVEL ANALYSIS

CONCEPT	MEASURE	SOURCE
<i>Party Fragmentation</i>	Effective Number of Parties	Election Commission of India Reports (1996, 1999, 2004 Lok Sabha editions)
<i>Party Competition</i>	Winning Margin	Election Commission of India Reports (1996, 1999, 2004 Lok Sabha editions)
<i>BJP Non-Elite Support</i>	Percentage of a state's Dalit and Adivasi population supporting the BJP	National Election Study (1996, 1999, 2004)
<i>BJP Elite Support</i>	Percentage of a state's upper caste population supporting the BJP	National Election Study (1996, 1999, 2004)
<i>Public Service Provisioning</i>	Per capita expenditures on social services	Reserve Bank of India's Annual Bulletin.
<i>Communal Violence</i>	Number of Hindu-Muslim Riots within a state (1950-95)	Varshney-Wilkinson Dataset on Hindu-Muslim violence.
<i>Demographic Weight of Significant Religious Minorities</i>	Percentage of state population that is Christian or Muslim.	Census of India (1991, 2001 editions).
<i>Demographic Weight of Dalits and Adivasis</i>	Percentage of state population that is Dalit or Adivasi	Census of India (1991, 2001 editions)
<i>Service Network Strength</i>	Seva Bharati Service Data	Seva Disha reports (1997, 2004) collected by the author from Rashtriya Seva Bharati, New Delhi.
	Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram Service Data	Collected by author from VKA headquarters, Jashpur, Chhattisgarh (2007, 2010).
<i>Non-Service Network Strength</i>	Sangh Parivar <i>shakhas</i>	Collected by author from Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh headquarters, Jhandewalan office, New Delhi, 2007.
<i>Non-Elite Representation</i>	% of un-reserved constituencies for which BJP nominated a Dalit or Adivasi candidate	Election Commission Report (2004 Lok Sabha edition)
<i>Caste polarization</i>	Atrocities against Dalits and Adivasis	National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Annual Reports

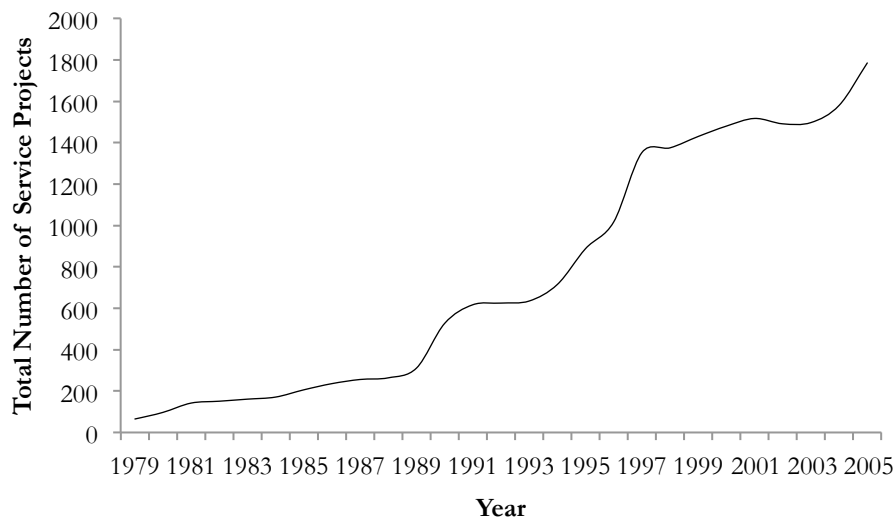
TABLE S.32 A: DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS FOR STATE-LEVEL ANALYSIS

VARIABLE	OBSERVATIONS	MEAN	STANDARD DEVIATION	MIN	MAX
<i>Religious Welfare (logged)</i>	50	-2.741	.998	-5.453	-1.193
<i>Elite Support (logged)</i>	48	3.166	.997	0	4.359
<i>Ethnic Vote Index (logged)</i>	47	-1.306	.388	-2.056	-.352
<i>ENPV (logged)</i>	50	1.397	.310	.728	2.048
<i>Development (logged)</i>	50	4.481	.518	3.369	5.242
<i>Percent Christian</i>	50	2.667	4.494	.064	19.319
<i>Percent Muslim</i>	50	11.692	8.441	1.180	30.915
<i>Percent Non- Elite</i>	50	25.728	8.844	10.9	44

TABLE S.32B: STATE-WISE DATA ON SERVICE ACTIVITIES

State	Seva Bharati	Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram	Dalit Population	Adivasi Population	2004 Sangh Index
Andhra Pradesh	902	604	12,339,496	5,024,104	0.087
Assam	1046	510	1,825,949	3,308,570	0.303
Bihar	114	572	13,048,608	758,351	0.050
Chhattisgarh	1134	1086	2,418,722	6,616,596	0.246
Gujarat	306	1013	3,592,715	7,481,160	0.120
Haryana	284	1	4,091,110	0	0.070
Jharkhand	238	1847	3,189,320	7,087,068	0.203
Karnataka	3189	479	8,563,930	3,463,986	0.289
Kerala	688	325	3,123,941	364,189	0.290
Madhya Pradesh	3015	1703	9,155,177	12,233,474	0.221
Maharashtra	928	1260	9,881,656	8,577,276	0.119
Orissa	250	1494	6,082,063	8,145,081	0.123
Punjab	520	0	9,694,462	7,097,706	0.074
Rajasthan	911	2400	7,028,723	0	0.195
Tamil Nadu	527	306	11,857,504	651,321	0.067
Uttar Pradesh	2790	315	35,148,377	107,963	0.081
West Bengal	205	499	18,452,555	4,406,794	0.031

Sources: Seva Bharati figures from Official Report: Seva Disha 2004, obtained from Sewa Bharati office, Bhopal. Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram figures from VKA national headquarters, Jashpurnagar, Chhattisgarh (obtained on March 30th, 2008). Population figures from 2001 Indian census. Index is computed as follows: (Sewa Bharati Projects + VKA Projects)/ (Combined SC and ST population in the state), and this figure is then multiplied by 1000 for easier readability.



SOURCE: COLLECTED BY AUTHOR FROM SEVA BHARATI OFFICE, GOL MARKET, NEW DELHI (JULY 2010)

FIGURE S.4: GROWTH IN SEVA BHARATI PROJECTS (DELHI WING, 1979-2005)



SOURCE: DATA COLLECTED BY AUTHOR FROM VKA ANNUAL RECORDS, JASHPUR, CHHATTISGARH

FIGURE S.5: GROWTH IN VANVASI KALYAN ASHRAM VILLAGES CONTACTED 1981-2007

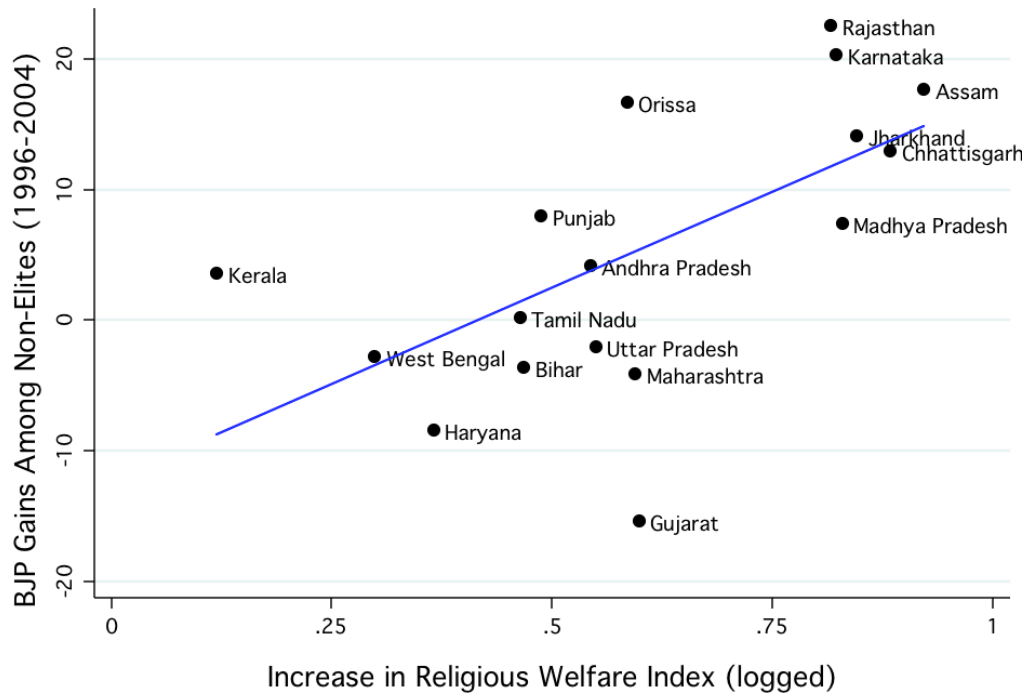
TABLE S.33: BJP GAINS WITH DALITS AND ADIVASIS (1996-2004)

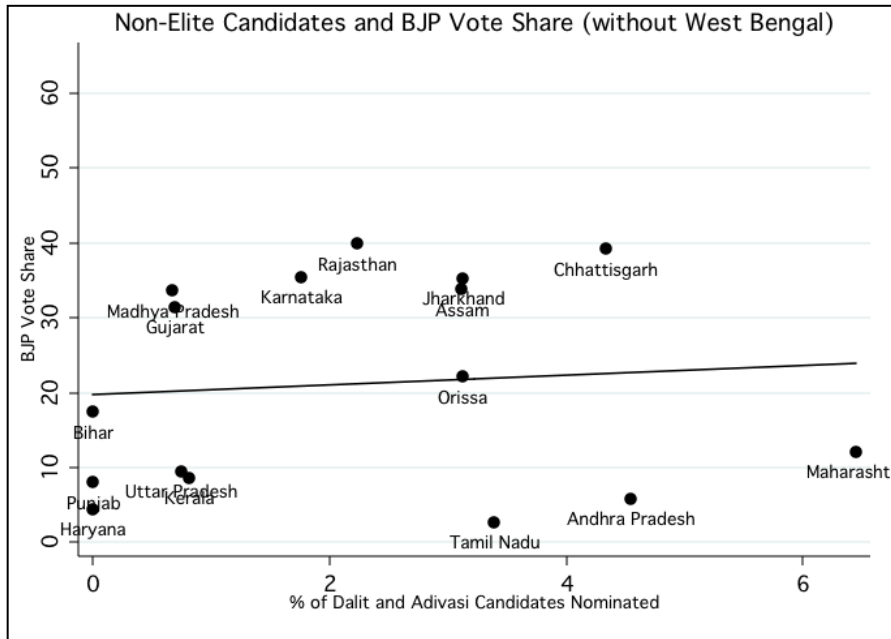
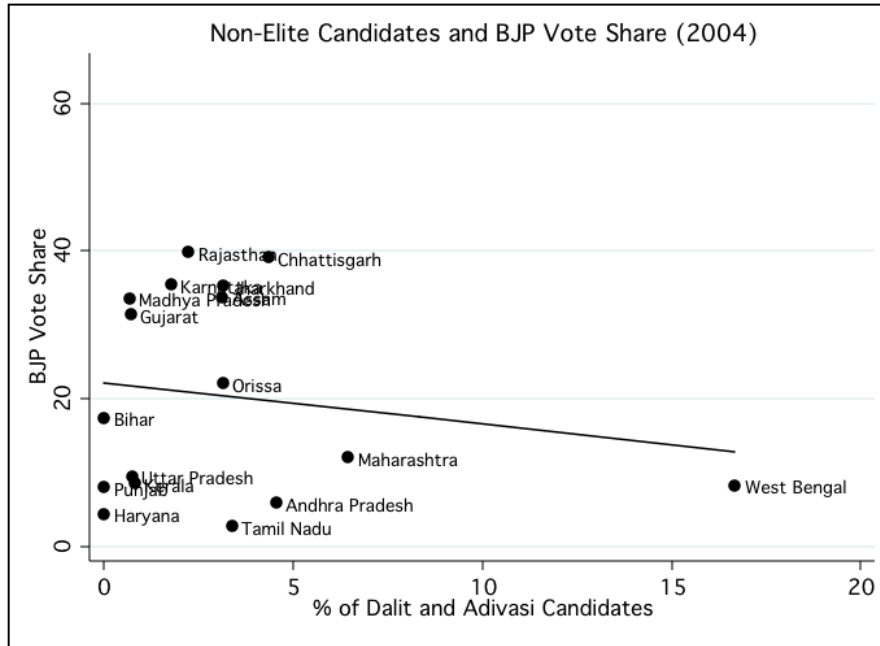
State	BJP Vote Share		
	1996	2004	Change
Assam	16.67	33.79	17.12
Chhattisgarh*	23.14	39.16	15.96
Jharkhand*	12.50	35.23	22.73
Karnataka	15.49	35.42	19.93
MP	26.25	33.63	7.38
Orissa	5.48	22.10	16.62
Rajasthan	17.24	39.86	22.62
<i>Weighted Average (N=7)</i>	17.75	34.33	16.58
<i>Remaining states (N=10)</i>	13.46	11.20	-2.26

Source: National Election Study 1996, 2004.

* Percentages for Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand were calculated by aggregating data from the parliamentary constituencies that would become part of the new states in 2000. These figures were calculated from the 1999 NES, since the sample size for this truncated sample in 1996 was too small to afford a reliable estimate.

FIGURE S.5. *GROWTH* IN SERVICE WINGS CORRELATES WITH *GAINS* IN BJP VOTE SHARE





SOURCE: ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA.

FIGURE S.6: NON-ELITE CANDIDATE REPRESENTATION DOES NOT CORRELATE WITH THE PARTY'S VOTE SHARE AMONG THESE COMMUNITIES

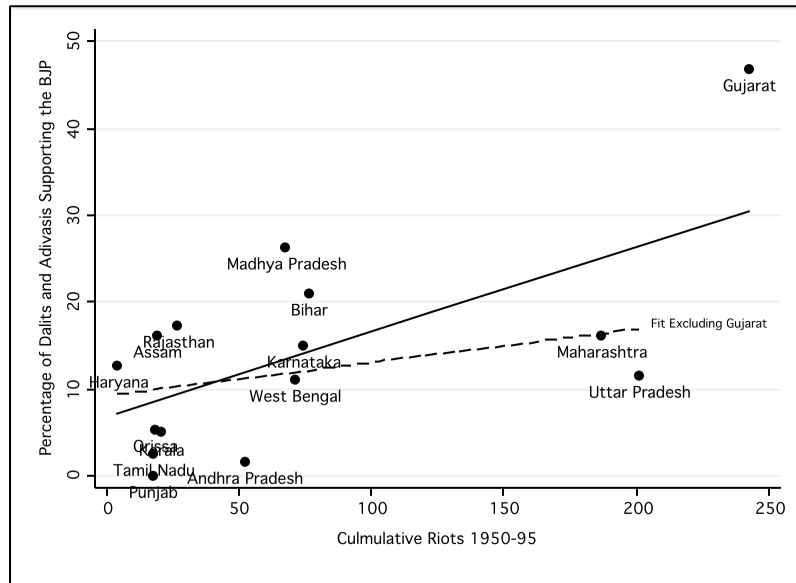
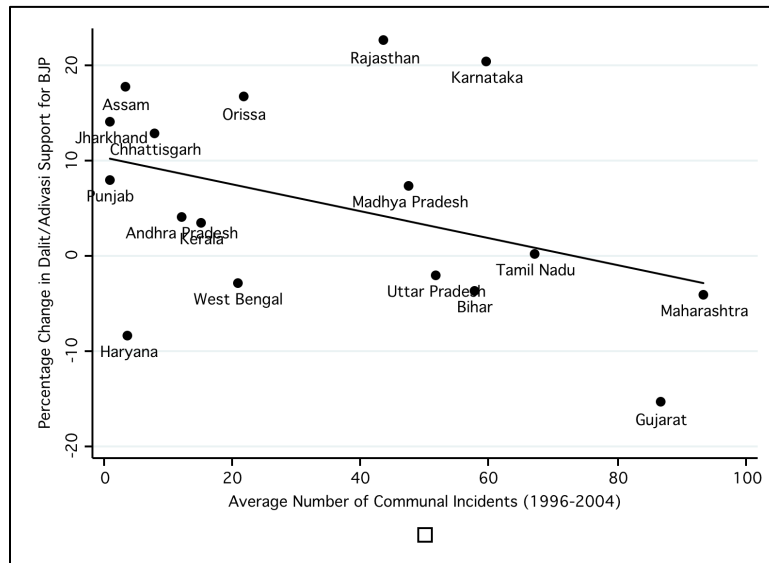


FIGURE S.7A: HISTORICAL TRENDS IN HINDU-MUSLIM VIOLENCE AND BJP VOTE SHARE DO NOT SIGNIFICANTLY CORRELATE (1950-1995)



SOURCES: ELECTION DATA FROM NES 1996, 2004. HISTORICAL RIOT DATA FROM VARSHNEY-WILKINSON DATASET ON HINDU-MUSLIM VIOLENCE. CONTEMPORARY COMMUNAL INCIDENT DATA FROM INDIAN HOME MINISTRY.¹⁶

FIGURE S.7B: RECENT TRENDS IN COMMUNAL CONFLICT AND BJP VOTE SHARE DO NOT SIGNIFICANTLY CORRELATE (1996-2004)

¹⁶ Data collected from Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 52, dated 26.07.2000, and Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 294, dated 21.12.2004 (collected by Indiatat online database).

SECTION 10: STATE-LEVEL ROBUSTNESS CHECKS

This section addresses some additional robustness checks for the state-level analysis presented in Table 6 of the main text in three main parts:

A. Basic checks

First Table S.34 shows that collinearity between the explanatory variables is not an issue within the state-level variables. Table S.35 then examines if the relationship between service network strength and state-level BJP performance is robust to models where the measures of these two factors are not log-transformed (as they are in the models presented in Table 6 of the main text). The results indicate the key relationship holds even with this alternative specification across both random and fixed-effects specifications, and with a lagged dependent variable.

B. Causal sequencing

Next, I address issues of causal sequencing: Column 1 of Table S.36 presents the results for the lagged DV model without the full battery of controls. This spare model might be preferred by some readers, given concerns about limited degrees of freedom are heightened by including a lagged dependent variable (which shrinks the sample from 47 to 32 units).

A second concern is that about the sequencing of the organizational and electoral date. The data for service organizations was collected in 1995, 1997, and 2004, while the electoral data is from 1996, 1999, and 2004. Thus the independent variable is in fact observed prior to the electoral data for the first two periods in the panel, but *not* for 2004. Model 2 therefore tests the results without the 2004 data and finds the results still hold in this specification.

However, omitting the 2004 data also attenuates the sample to 30 units. Another strategy is to match 2004 welfare data with electoral data from *after* the 2004 election. Unfortunately the NES data from India's next parliamentary election (in 2009) is still not available to outside researchers. However, while the raw data remains unavailable, some of the aggregate data on support for the BJP from Dalit and Adivasi voters was published in secondary sources. From this data, I was able to calculate the BJP's vote share from these voters in 2009 for 15 of the 17 major states used in this analysis (see footnote for the procedure used for such calculations).¹⁷ This data allows me to test a specification

¹⁷ Data was available in *Economic and Political Weekly* special issue, Vol. 44, No. 39, September 26th, 2009. Data was not available for Kerala or Haryana. The BJP's vote share throughout this study has been computed as the number of respondents voting for the BJP divided by the number of respondents who voted for any party (i.e. excluding respondents who did not vote). However, the articles reporting 2009 returns did not include data on the number of abstaining respondents. To ensure comparability in the data, I therefore assumed the same state-wise rate of such responses among Dalits and Adivasis in each state in 2009 as each group recorded in 2004. The data for six states (Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, Punjab, and Tamil Nadu) included the BJP within a larger category (either a coalition or a residual 'Others' category). In each case, I assumed the party won the same proportion of votes within this category as it did in 2004. I then multiplied this ratio by the subaltern vote share won by this larger category to get an estimate of the BJP's specific performance. In Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, the Lokniti reports did not

located, although this selection effect did not confound the impact of service wings on BJP vote share.

However, one might argue that Hindu nationalists were less concerned with the overall numbers of Muslims and Christians, and more specifically with the number of Muslims and Christians *within* a state's lower caste and tribal population. This is because, in the eyes of Hindu nationalists, these non-elite populations are part of a Hindu community, but have proven ripe conversion targets for Christian and Muslim proselytizers. Hindu nationalists worry that the marginalized status of Dalits and Adivasis within Hinduism has provided an opportunity for rival faiths to prey on these communities. Rightly or wrongly, the presence of Dalit and Adivasis Muslims or Christians might serve as a signal to Hindu nationalists of the proselytizing efforts of these rival faiths.

This perception, in turn, might lead Hindu nationalists to build welfare chapters in areas with large Dalit and Adivasi religious minority populations. Table S.37 therefore replaces the measure of a state's Muslim population with a specific measure of the percentage of *Dalits and Adivasis* within a state who are Muslim (using data from the NES survey sample).²⁰ Second, Hindu nationalists are particularly concerned with Christian missionary efforts among Adivasi (tribal) populations specifically.²¹ I therefore replace the measure of a state's Christian population with a specific measure of the percentage of Adivasis who are Christians. However, neither measure significantly correlates with the density of welfare chapters.

A final measure examined whether welfare chapters were concentrated in states where Christian missionaries have been historically active. I obtained data on the number of Protestant missionaries within each of the 17 major Indian states as of 1925 from the dataset used by Woodberry (2012). However, this measure did not appear to significantly correlate with where Hindu nationalists subsequently built their welfare networks (Figure S10).

²⁰ I had to rely on the NES data here, as the Indian census data does not provide specific information on the religious composition of SC/ST communities.

²¹ Adding Dalits to this measure does not change the results.

TABLE S.34: NO COLLINEARITY BETWEEN EXPLANATORY VARIABLES IN STATE-LEVEL SAMPLE

Variable	Variance Inflation Factor (VIF)	Tolerance	R-sq.
<i>Sangh Service (logged)</i>	1.51	.663	.337
<i>ENPV (logged)</i>	1.47	.680	.320
<i>Upper Caste BJP Support (logged)</i>	1.23	.815	.185
<i>Percent Christian</i>	1.78	.562	.438
<i>Percent Muslim</i>	1.37	.729	.271
<i>Percent Dalit/Adivasi</i>	1.87	.534	.467
<i>Social Service Public Spending (logged)</i>	1.38	.726	.274

TABLE S.35: STATE-LEVEL RESULTS ARE ROBUST TO REMOVING LOG-TRANSFORMATION ON DEPENDENT AND KEY INDEPENDENT VARIABLE (FIXED AND RANDOM EFFECTS MODELS)

State-level Dalit and Adivasi Support of the BJP (logged)			
	(1)	(2)	(3)
<i>Religious Welfare (log)</i>	69.283*** (17.172)	34.382*** (11.11)	76.164*** (23.999)
<i>Lagged BJP Support (log)</i>			2.966* (1.898)
<i>Party Fragmentation (log)</i>	-.610 (12.799)	21.160 (15.542)	
<i>Elite Support (log)</i>	6.435*** (.244)	3.903 (3.706)	
<i>Ethnic Voting</i>	-3.983 (6.717)	.935 (5.465)	
<i>Development (log)</i>	-2.567 (5.186)	-4.302 (4.868)	
<i>Non-Elite Population</i>	.385 (.345)	.226 (1.106)	
<i>Christian Population</i>	-.783*** (.281)	-2.257 (11.416)	
<i>Muslim Population</i>	.297 (.261)	-.415 (6.422)	
Constant	-8.298 (52.091)	-9.358 (56.058)	-.323*** (2.672)
Year Fixed Effects?	Yes	Yes	No
State Fixed Effects?	No	Yes	No
N*T	47	47	32
R ²	.57	.76	.53

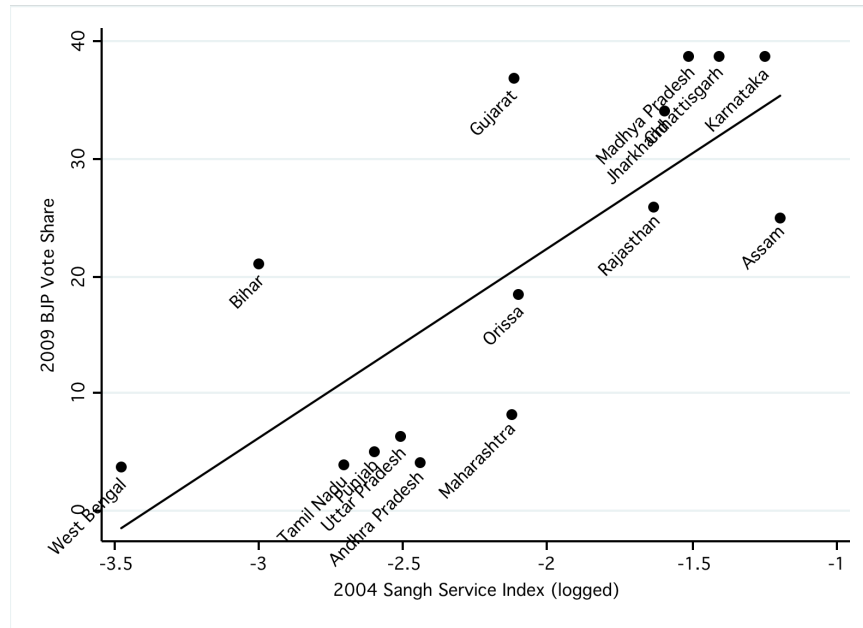
Notes: *p<.05 **p<.01 ***p<.001. The panel is slightly imbalanced (47 instead of 51) due to missing data on some explanatory variables for Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand for 1996 and 1999, as these states were only formed in 2000

TABLE S.36: ADDITIONAL STATE-LEVEL ANALYSES

	Lagged DV without controls	2004 Data Omitted	Using 2009 Electoral Data	Placebo Test 1 DV: <i>Subsequent</i> Level of Welfare
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
<i>Prior BJP Support (log)</i>				.050 (.312)
<i>Religious Welfare (log)</i>	.540* (.177)	.629** (.250)	.237* (.114)	
<i>Lagged BJP Support (log)</i>				
<i>Party Fragmentation (log)</i>		.880 (.789)		1.008 (.591)
<i>Elite Support (log)</i>		.521** (.189)		-.046 (.260)
<i>Ethnic Voting</i>		.190 (.580)		.095 (.358)
<i>Development (log)</i>		-.211 (.340)		.355 (.323)
<i>Non-Elite Population</i>		.065 (.048)		.020 (.038)
<i>Christian Population</i>		-.079 (.059)		.020 (.029)
<i>Muslim Population</i>		.051 (.035)		-.004 (.021)
Constant	2.675*** (.553)	1.026 (3.428)	1.813* (.752)	-5.640 (3.057)
Year Fixed Effects?	NO	Yes	Yes	Yes
State Fixed Effects?	No	No	Yes	No
N*T	32	30	47	30
R ²	.48	.55	.82	.19

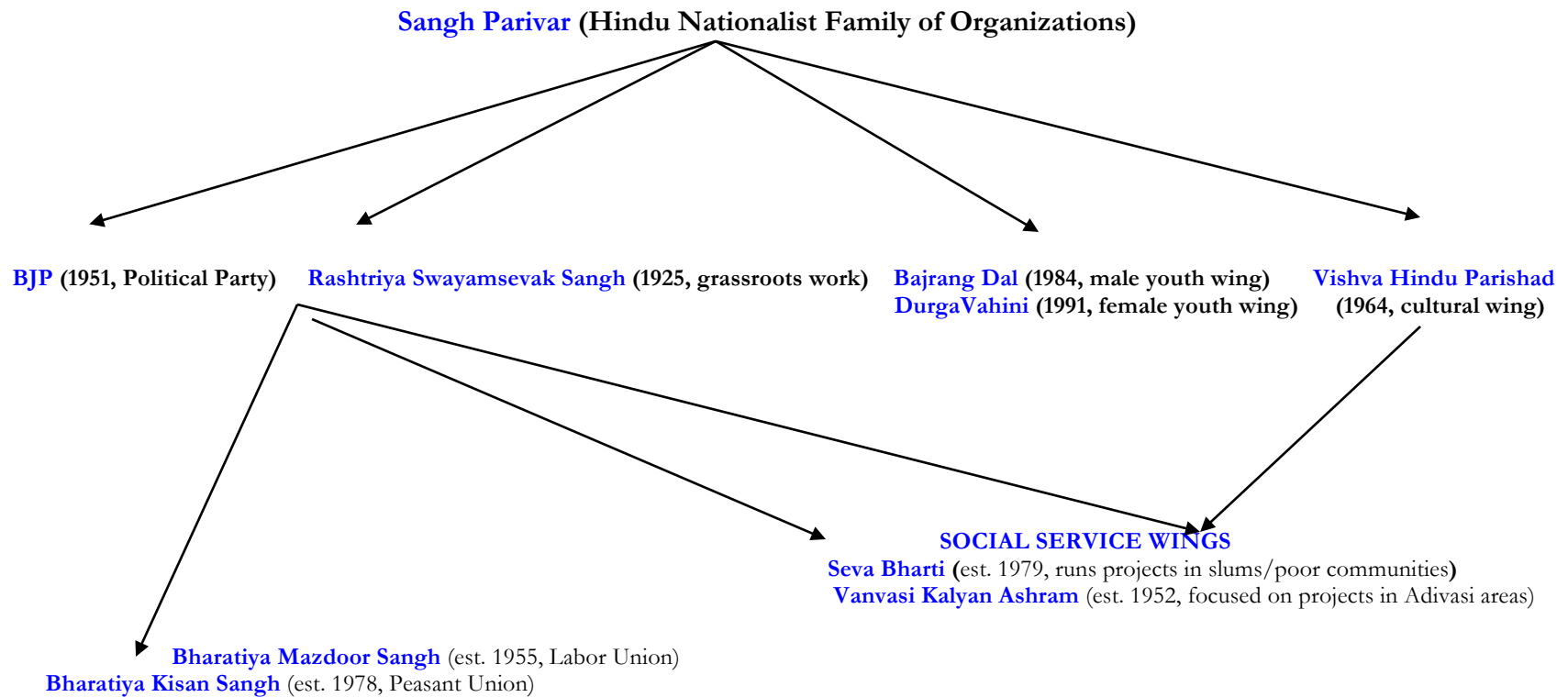
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FIGURE S8: 2009 BJP PERFORMANCE VS. LOGGED SANGH SERVICE INDEX



Note on constructing the 2009 Estimates: See fn 19.

FIGURE S9: NETWORK OF HINDU NATIONALIST ORGANIZATIONS



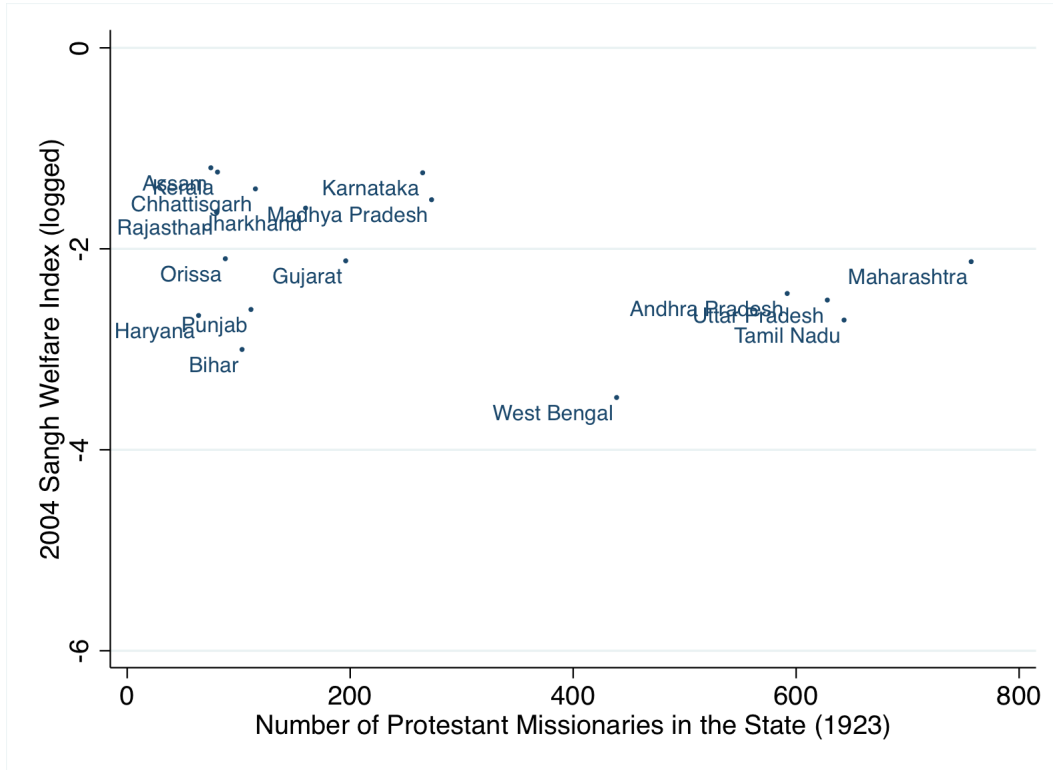
NOTE: FOUNDING DATES IN PARENTHESES

TABLE S.37 NO EVIDENCE THAT WELFARE CHAPTERS ARE CONCENTRATED IN STATES WITH LARGE NON-HINDU DALIT AND ADIVASI POPULATIONS

	Density of Welfare Chapters
	(1)
Party Fragmentation (log)	-.308 (.517)
Elite Support (log)	.104 (.127)
Ethnic Voting (log)	-.057 (.329)
Development (log)	.163 (.231)
Non-Elite Population	-.009 (.023)
Percentage Christian (Adivasis only)	.033 (.043)
Percentage Muslims (Dalits and Adivasis only)	-.031 (.046)
Constant	-3.854* (1.7667)
Year Fixed Effects?	Yes
State Fixed Effects?	No
N*T	47
R ²	.46

Notes: *p<.05 **p<.01 ***p<.001. The panel is slightly imbalanced (47 instead of 51) due to missing data on some explanatory variables for Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand for 1996 and 1999, as these states were only formed in 2000.

FIGURE S10: WELFARE CHAPTERS ARE NOT CONCENTRATED IN STATES WITH HISTORICALLY ACTIVE CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY NETWORKS



NOTE: MISSIONARY DATA FROM: ROBERT WOODBERRY, JUAN CARLOS ESPARZA OCHOA, REID PORTER, AND XIAOYUN LU. 2010. "CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK AND TECHNICAL INNOVATIONS FOR CREATING THE PROJECT ON RELIGION AND ECONOMY CHANGE GEO-SPATIAL DATABASE." PROJECT ON RELIGION AND ECONOMIC CHANGE WORKING PAPER #004.

PART III: THE ARGUMENT BEYOND INDIA: THE CASE OF ISLAH IN YEMEN

The main text (pp. 36-37) reports the results of an analysis of support for Islamist politics in Yemen, which uses responses from a recent Arab Barometer survey conducted in 2006. While the survey did not report the specific electoral preferences of respondents, it did ask them whether they thought it ‘suitable to have a parliamentary system in which only Islamic political parties and factions compete.’²² While far from a perfect measure, it seems reasonable to assume that Yemeni respondents who favor a system *exclusively* comprised of Islamic parties are more likely to support the Islamist Islah party than those who do not.

The survey also recorded respondent participation in civil society associations, in a manner roughly similar to the Indian surveys used in this book. A little less than a third of Yemeni respondents identified as members of formal non-party organizations. Table S.38 presents results from logistic regression models testing the influence of associational activity on a voter’s preference for a system comprised solely of Islamic parties. The tests include a range of control variables derived from the survey (including their piety, the influence of ethnic leaders, and demographic factors), which attempt as far as possible to mimic similar controls from the study of the BJP in India. The analysis reveals that among poorer voters (defined as those self-reporting in the bottom six income deciles), associationally active members were in fact significantly more likely to voice support for an exclusively Islamic party system than non-members. The substantive effects of organizational inclusion were also substantial, doubling the likelihood of such a preference being expressed (from 14 to 30 percent). Conversely, a respondent’s religiosity (measured as the frequency of reading the Quran) did not significantly influence their opinions on this issue.

Equally interestingly, these effects were inverted within the pool of relatively privileged Yemeni respondents. Within this pool of voters, organizational inclusion is negatively and insignificantly correlated with support for Islamic parties. However measures of piety do appear to correlate very strongly with elite political preferences. A comparatively elite Yemeni who reads the Quran everyday is over 30 percentage points more likely to voice support for such a system than one who rarely does so.²³ Thus, the above analysis reveals a strikingly similar divergence in how organizational inclusion and cultural values affect elite and non-elite political preferences in India and Yemen.

²² Question 246, part 2 on the 2006 Arab Barometer Survey Instrument. The survey was conducted in Jordan, Palestine, Algeria, Morocco, Kuwait and Yemen.

²³ The likelihood increases from 11 to 41 percent. These effects of piety and membership do not change if we restrict the sample to the top one, two, or three income deciles.

TABLE S.38:
DETERMINANTS OF SUPPORT FOR ISLAMIC PARTY SYSTEM IN YEMEN (2006)

	Support for Exclusively Islamic Party System			
	Low Income		High Income	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
<i>Associational Member</i>	1.044*** (0.265)	0.956** (0.357)	0.137 (0.199)	-0.285 (0.234)
<i>Reads Quran</i>	-0.010 (0.141)	0.0319 (0.173)	0.374*** (0.099)	0.578*** (0.115)
<i>Rating of Government Economic Performance</i>		-0.360 (0.215)		-0.090 (0.135)
<i>Ethnic Influence (Tribe)</i>		0.217 (0.143)		-0.115 (0.089)
<i>Support Democracy</i>		0.215 (0.193)		0.079 (0.132)
<i>Male</i>		0.137 (0.347)		0.532* (0.213)
<i>Age Group</i>		0.479* (0.223)		-0.361* (0.149)
<i>Education</i>		-0.026 (0.118)		0.108 (0.079)
Constant	-1.708*** (0.432)	-3.223** (1.193)	-2.229*** (0.327)	-2.461** (0.792)
% correctly predicted	79.12	78.18	77.78	86.59
Log likelihood	-178.792	-132.919	-320.756	-188.294
Observations	364	275	639	507

Notes: Robust standard errors in parentheses. *p<.05, **p<.01, ***p<.001.
Variables were coded from questions in the 2006 Arab Barometer Survey instrument.