

## Supplementary Materials

**Supplementary Table A.1.**

**Placebo Test of Impact of Party Competition in Other Spending Areas, 1880–1980**

	Public Safety Spending		Social Service Spending		Other Spending Categories	
Legislative Party Competition	\$0.18 (0.18)	\$0.09 (0.14)	-\$0.15 (0.45)	-\$0.70** (0.36)	\$0.95 (0.81)	-\$0.20 (0.76)
Electoral Competition		-0.32** (0.18)		1.07** (0.45)		0.19 (1.19)
Democratic House		-4.89 (8.75)		70.99*** (23.24)		57.37 (38.79)
Democratic Senate		20.60 (13.69)		26.51 (32.15)		36.24 (60.08)
Democratic Governor		-3.98 (5.75)		-33.33** (16.84)		-42.92 (40.73)
Income Per Capita		0.02*** (0.00)		0.01** (0.01)		0.03** (0.02)
Foreign-Born %		-3.56** (1.66)		-2.45 (2.85)		-18.46*** (6.17)
Black %		1.15 (1.17)		3.20 (3.28)		6.03 (6.99)
Other Non-White %		1.21 (5.32)		6.35 (7.45)		47.31*** (15.59)
Urban Population %		1.56 (1.08)		-2.45 (1.79)		6.36** (3.57)
State Fixed Effects	<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>
Year Fixed Effects	<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>
Observations	396	378	396	378	326	310
R-squared	0.89	0.93	0.92	0.93	0.88	0.91

*Note: Table entries are regression coefficients, with standard errors clustered by state in parentheses. \*\*\* p<0.01, \*\* p<0.05, \* p<0.10 in a one-tailed test.*

**Supplementary Table A.2.**  
**Party Competition Predicts Higher Human Capital Spending, 1880-1960**

	Education Spending		Health Spending		Transportation Spending	
Legislative Party Competition	0.98***	0.72**	0.23**	0.12	0.20	0.15
	(0.28)	(0.31)	(0.10)	(0.09)	(0.29)	(0.25)
Electoral Competition		-0.29		0.15		0.20
		(0.38)		(0.12)		(0.44)
Democratic House		-3.30		-9.88**		-23.91
		(19.17)		(4.36)		(17.08)
Democratic Senate		29.15*		-3.63		-22.85
		(14.63)		(3.40)		(19.69)
Democratic Governor		-10.09		3.10		-1.77
		(12.63)		(3.14)		(14.19)
Income Per Capita		0.012**		0.008***		0.00
		(0.01)		(0.00)		(0.00)
Foreign-Born %		-5.80**		-1.23**		-4.84*
		(2.17)		(0.49)		(2.73)
Black %		4.80***		-0.12		0.64
		(1.75)		(0.48)		(2.15)
Other Non-White %		-22.89***		-9.170***		-8.04
		(5.28)		(2.26)		(11.51)
Urban Population %		4.627***		0.25		3.251*
		(1.17)		(0.28)		(1.76)
State Fixed Effects	<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>
Year Fixed Effects	<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>
Observations	304	288	232	218	280	265
R-squared	0.95	0.97	0.84	0.90	0.88	0.89

Note: Table entries are regression coefficients, with standard errors clustered by state in parentheses. \*\*\* p<0.01, \*\* p<0.05, \* p<0.10 in a one-tailed test.