

Online Appendix: Policy Mood Index

Below, I report the value of Stimson’s (1999) Policy Mood index for the period under consideration.¹ The index is constructed from survey marginals, and higher values correspond to a leftward shift in the mood of the electorate. Figure 10A plots the biennial estimates for the 1955-1970 period.² Figure 10B instead reports the average value of the mood between elections, for the three electoral terms under considerations (i.e., those references in Figure 6 in the main body) As the figures show, the mood shifted to the left between the 1960 and the 1964 elections, and moved rightward in the following term.

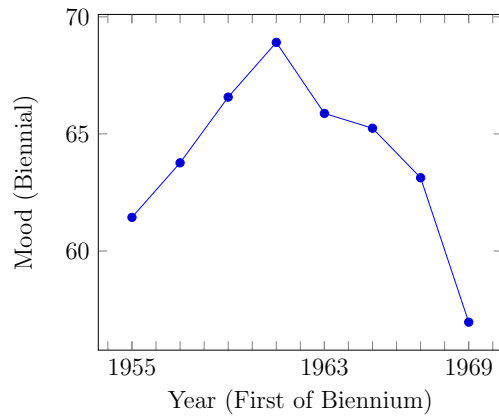


Figure 10A: Stimson’s Policy Mood Index 1955-1970

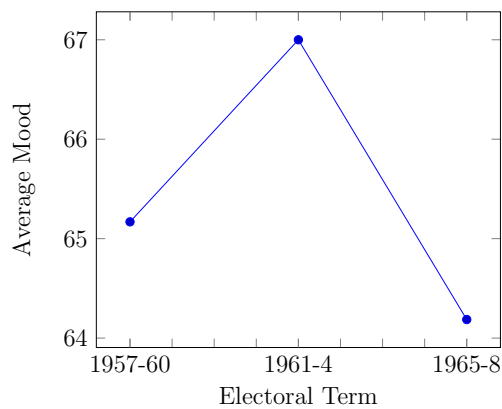


Figure 10B: Electoral-Term Average Stimson’s Policy Mood Index

¹The data are available at <https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataset.xhtml?persistentId=doi:10.7910/DVN/BVEYXY>.

²Annual estimates are not available for this period.