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|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | *Relative Divergence* |
| **Year in Vacancy** | **0.115\***  **(0.061)** | **-0.047\***  **(0.027)** | **0.066**  **(0.047)** |
| **Year in Congress** | **0.225\***  **(0.115)** | **-0.084**  **(0.052)** | **0.169\*\***  **(0.078)** |
| President-Filibuster Distance | 3.043\*\*\*  (0.564) | 0.203  (0.228) | 0.277  (0.368) |
| Divided Government | -3.670  (4.228) | 2.504  (2.307) | -1.789  (2.757) |
| President-Filibuster Distance  x Divided Government | 2.576  (2.842) | -1.749  (1.556) | 1.266  (1.856) |
| Tier One | -0.118  (0.259) | 0.037  (0.084) | -0.014  (0.173) |
| Tier Two | 0.028  (0.102) | 0.040  (0.045) | -0.054  (0.065) |
| Presidential Approval | -0.005  (0.005) | 0.001  (0.003) | -0.006  (0.004) |
| Nomination Attempt | -0.167\*  (0.098) | 0.082\*\*  (0.034) | -0.143\*\*  (0.063) |
| President's First Term | 0.114  (0.179) | -0.099  (0.067) | 0.195\*  (0.109) |
| Constant | -6.300\*\*\*  (0.855) | -0.169  (0.330) | -1.111\*\*  (0.539) |
| *F*-Test | 6.424\*\*\* | 1.834\* | 1.934\*\* |
| R2 | 0.060 | 0.018 | 0.023 |
| Number of Nominations | 849 | 849 | 849 |

**Table A-1: OLS Models of Nominee Ideology**

*Note*: Standard errors clustered on vacancy-attempt in parentheses. Two-tailed tests: \*\*\* *p* < 0.01; \*\* *p* < 0.05 \* *p* < 0.1

**Table A-2: OLS Models of Nominee Ideology**

**(Including *President-Agency Agreement*)**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | *Relative Divergence* |
| **Year in Vacancy** | **0.116\***  **(0.062)** | **-0.047\***  **(0.027)** | **0.066**  **(0.047)** |
| **Year in Congress** | **0.266\*\***  **(0.117)** | **-0.113\*\***  **(0.052)** | **0.209\*\*\***  **(0.080)** |
| President-Filibuster Distance | 2.856\*\*\*  (0.598) | 0.267  (0.234) | 0.198  (0.380) |
| Divided Government | -3.747  (4.247) | 2.691  (2.334) | -2.180  (2.767) |
| President-Filibuster Distance x Divided Government | 2.622  (2.854) | -1.869  (1.574) | 1.523  (1.862) |
| Tier One | -0.074  (0.265) | 0.017  (0.085) | 0.012  (0.173) |
| Tier Two | 0.047  (0.103) | 0.023  (0.045) | -0.034  (0.064) |
| Presidential Approval | -0.006  (0.005) | 0.001  (0.003) | -0.007\*  (0.004) |
| President-Agency Agreement | -0.060  (0.046) | 0.007  (0.023) | -0.016  (0.030) |
| Nomination Attempt | -0.174\*  (0.097) | 0.086\*\*\*  (0.033) | -0.147\*\*  (0.062) |
| President's First Term | 0.162  (0.180) | -0.130\*\*  (0.066) | 0.247\*\*  (0.108) |
| Constant | -6.001\*\*\*  (0.910) | -0.221  (0.344) | -1.013\*  (0.563) |
| *F*-Test | 6.083\*\*\* | 2.083\*\* | 2.161\*\* |
| R2 | 0.063 | 0.021 | 0.028 |
| Number of Nominations | 828 | 828 | 828 |

*Note:* *President-Agency Agreement* is coded 0 if the Clinton–Lewis (Clinton and Lewis 2008) score for the agency in question is in the interquartile range (suggesting a moderate agency), 1 if it is in the lowest (highest) quartile (indicating a more liberal [conservative] agency) and the President is a Democrat (Republican) and, conversely, -1 if the score is in the highest (lowest) quartile and the President is a Democrat (Republican). Standard errors clustered on vacancy-attempt in parentheses. Two-tailed tests: \*\*\* *p* < 0.01; \*\* *p* < 0.05 \* *p* < 0.1

**Table A-3: Heckman Selection Models of Executive Nominations and Nominee Ideology (Including *President-Agency Agreement*)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| **Year in Vacancy** | **0.170\*\***  **(0.068)** | **-0.051\*\*\***  **(0.012)** |  | **-0.050\***  **(0.026)** | **-0.048\*\*\***  **(0.013)** |  | **0.072**  **(0.047)** | **-0.049\*\*\***  **(0.013)** |
|  |  |
| **Year in Congress** | **0.328\*\*\***  **(0.125)** | **-0.379\*\*\***  **(0.044)** |  | **-0.115\*\***  **(0.051)** | **-0.395\*\*\***  **(0.041)** |  | **0.214\*\*\***  **(0.079)** | **-0.397\*\*\***  **(0.041)** |
|  |  |
| President-Filibuster Distance | 2.047\*\*\*  (0.742) | 0.800\*\*\*  (0.161) |  | 0.306  (0.237) | 0.822\*\*\*  (0.162) |  | 0.110  (0.393) | 0.824\*\*\*  (0.162) |
|  |  |
| Divided Government | -14.208\*\*  (6.289) | 7.856\*\*\*  (1.051) |  | 3.190  (2.412) | 7.884\*\*\*  (1.057) |  | -3.309  (2.925) | 7.902\*\*\*  (1.057) |
|  |  |
| President-Filibuster Distance x Divided Government | 9.594\*\*  (4.219) | -5.285\*\*\*  (0.706) |  | -2.201  (1.624) | -5.304\*\*\*  (0.711) |  | 2.276  (1.965) | -5.316\*\*\*  (0.710) |
|  |  |
| Tier One | -1.060\*\*  (0.466) | 0.715\*\*\*  (0.102) |  | 0.061  (0.100) | 0.714\*\*\*  (0.103) |  | -0.088  (0.190) | 0.715\*\*\*  (0.103) |
|  |  |
| Tier Two | -0.133  (0.131) | 0.120\*\*\*  (0.028) |  | 0.031  (0.046) | 0.114\*\*\*  (0.029) |  | -0.052  (0.065) | 0.114\*\*\*  (0.029) |
|  |  |
| Presidential Approval | -0.005  (0.006) | 0.003\*\*  (0.001) |  | 0.001  (0.003) | 0.003\*\*  (0.001) |  | -0.006\*  (0.004) | 0.003\*\*  (0.001) |
|  |  |
| President-Agency Agreement | -0.049  (0.048) | -0.014  (0.012) |  | 0.007  (0.023) | -0.016  (0.012) |  | -0.015  (0.030) | -0.016  (0.012) |
|  |  |
| Nomination Attempt | -0.285\*\*  (0.116) | 0.109\*\*\*  (0.034) |  | 0.091\*\*\*  (0.032) | 0.113\*\*\*  (0.034) |  | -0.158\*\*\*  (0.061) | 0.113\*\*\*  (0.034) |
|  |  |
| President's First Term | 0.137  (0.186) | -0.077\*  (0.042) |  | -0.129\*\*  (0.066) | -0.081\*  (0.042) |  | 0.245\*\*  (0.107) | -0.081\*  (0.042) |
|  |  |
| Daily Workload |  | 0.028\*\*\*  (0.003) |  |  | 0.032\*\*\*  (0.002) |  |  | 0.031\*\*\*  (0.002) |
|  |  |
| Pending Nominations |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |  |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |  |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |
| Agriculture |  | 0.053  (0.057) |  |  | 0.056  (0.061) |  |  | 0.055  (0.061) |
|  |  |
| Commerce |  | 0.011  (0.051) |  |  | 0.006  (0.055) |  |  | 0.009  (0.056) |
|  |  |
| Justice |  | -0.085  (0.055) |  |  | -0.123\*\*  (0.053) |  |  | -0.121\*\*  (0.053) |
|  |  |
| Labor |  | -0.068  (0.073) |  |  | -0.109  (0.072) |  |  | -0.108  (0.071) |
|  |  |
| National Security |  | -0.057  (0.045) |  |  | -0.071  (0.048) |  |  | -0.071  (0.048) |
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|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| Social Welfare |  | -0.130\*\*\*  (0.047) |  |  | -0.147\*\*\*  (0.048) |  |  | -0.148\*\*\*  (0.048) |
|  |  |
| Infrastructure |  | -0.023  (0.042) |  |  | -0.018  (0.046) |  |  | -0.018  (0.046) |
|  |  |
| Nondepartmental |  | -0.052  (0.053) |  |  | -0.080  (0.054) |  |  | -0.079  (0.054) |
|  |  |
| Constant | 0.719  (2.848) | -4.454\*\*\*  (0.260) |  | -0.528  (0.481) | -4.502\*\*\*  (0.260) |  | -0.319  (0.793) | -4.508\*\*\*  (0.260) |
|  |  |
| Arctangent of | -1.173\*\*\*  (0.367) | |  | 0.132  (0.136) | |  | -0.205  (0.146) | |
|  |  |
| Ln() | 0.792\*\*\*  (0.237) | |  | -0.466\*\*\*  (0.079) | |  | -0.081\*  (0.043) | |
|  |  |
| Wald Test | 62.406\*\*\* | |  | 25.858\*\*\* | |  | 25.711\*\*\* | |
| Bayesian Information Criterion | 13966.085 | |  | 12638.451 | |  | 13256.252 | |
| Log Likelihood | -6758.826 | |  | -6095.009 | |  | -6403.910 | |
| Number of Vacancy-Days | 256903 | |  | 256903 | |  | 256903 | |
| Number of Nominations | 828 | |  | 828 | |  | 828 | |

Note: *President-Agency Agreement* is coded 0 if the Clinton–Lewis (Clinton and Lewis 2008) score for the agency in question is in the interquartile range (suggesting a moderate agency), 1 if it is in the lowest (highest) quartile (indicating a more liberal [conservative] agency) and the President is a Democrat (Republican) and, conversely, -1 if the score is in the highest (lowest) quartile and the President is a Democrat (Republican). Standard errors clustered on vacancy-attempt in parentheses. Two-tailed tests: \*\*\* *p* < 0.01; \*\* *p* < 0.05 \* *p* < 0.1

**Table A-4: Heckman Selection Models of Executive Nominations and Nominee Ideology (Excluding Commissions and Agencies With Party-Balancing Requirements)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| **Year in Vacancy** | **0.138\*\***  **(0.067)** | **-0.048\*\*\***  **(0.013)** |  | **-0.056\*\***  **(0.028)** | **-0.047\*\*\***  **(0.013)** |  | **0.080**  **(0.049)** | **-0.047\*\*\***  **(0.013)** |
|  |  |
| **Year in Congress** | **0.280\*\***  **(0.119)** | **-0.374\*\*\***  **(0.040)** |  | **-0.100\***  **(0.054)** | **-0.372\*\*\***  **(0.041)** |  | **0.209\*\***  **(0.082)** | **-0.374\*\*\***  **(0.041)** |
|  |  |
| President-Filibuster Distance | 2.962\*\*\*  (0.652) | 0.893\*\*\*  (0.161) |  | 0.294  (0.243) | 0.891\*\*\*  (0.161) |  | 0.185  (0.392) | 0.892\*\*\*  (0.161) |
|  |  |
| Divided Government | -6.389  (6.112) | 8.332\*\*\*  (1.078) |  | 3.226  (2.552) | 8.302\*\*\*  (1.079) |  | -2.562  (3.081) | 8.316\*\*\*  (1.079) |
|  |  |
| President-Filibuster Distance  x Divided Government | 4.367  (4.102) | -5.605\*\*\*  (0.725) |  | -2.228  (1.719) | -5.585\*\*\*  (0.726) |  | 1.777  (2.071) | -5.595\*\*\*  (0.725) |
|  |  |
| Tier One | -0.476  (0.416) | 0.711\*\*\*  (0.104) |  | 0.105  (0.102) | 0.709\*\*\*  (0.104) |  | -0.130  (0.192) | 0.710\*\*\*  (0.104) |
|  |  |
| Tier Two | -0.056  (0.120) | 0.113\*\*\*  (0.030) |  | 0.062  (0.048) | 0.112\*\*\*  (0.030) |  | -0.090  (0.069) | 0.112\*\*\*  (0.030) |
|  |  |
| Presidential Approval | -0.004  (0.005) | 0.003\*\*\*  (0.001) |  | 0.001  (0.003) | 0.003\*\*\*  (0.001) |  | -0.005  (0.004) | 0.003\*\*\*  (0.001) |
|  |  |
| Nomination Attempt | -0.242\*\*  (0.099) | 0.105\*\*\*  (0.034) |  | 0.098\*\*\*  (0.034) | 0.104\*\*\*  (0.034) |  | -0.180\*\*\*  (0.061) | 0.105\*\*\*  (0.034) |
|  |  |
| President's First Term | 0.061  (0.184) | -0.095\*\*  (0.044) |  | -0.097  (0.069) | -0.095\*\*  (0.044) |  | 0.177  (0.113) | -0.095\*\*  (0.044) |
|  |  |
| Daily Workload |  | 0.032\*\*\*  (0.002) |  |  | 0.033\*\*\*  (0.002) |  |  | 0.033\*\*\*  (0.002) |
|  |  |
| Pending Nominations |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |  |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |  |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |
|  |  |
| Agriculture |  | 0.003  (0.073) |  |  | 0.007  (0.074) |  |  | 0.005  (0.074) |
|  |  |
| Commerce |  | -0.005  (0.055) |  |  | -0.008  (0.056) |  |  | -0.004  (0.056) |
|  |  |
| Justice |  | -0.127\*\*  (0.057) |  |  | -0.133\*\*  (0.055) |  |  | -0.132\*\*  (0.055) |
|  |  |
| Labor |  | -0.106  (0.072) |  |  | -0.106  (0.071) |  |  | -0.107  (0.071) |
|  |  |
| National Security |  | -0.090\*  (0.049) |  |  | -0.090\*  (0.049) |  |  | -0.090\*  (0.049) |
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|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| Social Welfare |  | -0.138\*\*\*  (0.048) |  |  | -0.139\*\*\*  (0.048) |  |  | -0.140\*\*\*  (0.048) |
| Infrastructure |  | -0.027  (0.046) |  |  | -0.025  (0.046) |  |  | -0.025  (0.046) |
|  |  |
| Nondepartmental |  | -0.065  (0.057) |  |  | -0.068  (0.055) |  |  | -0.068  (0.055) |
|  |  |
| Constant | -4.139  (2.520) | -4.593\*\*\*  (0.257) |  | -0.647  (0.497) | -4.587\*\*\*  (0.258) |  | -0.304  (0.825) | -4.591\*\*\*  (0.258) |
|  |  |
| Arctangent of | -0.467  (0.416) | |  | 0.178  (0.134) | |  | -0.229  (0.155) | |
|  |  |
| Ln() | 0.411\*\*  (0.165) | |  | -0.428\*\*\*  (0.078) | |  | -0.056  (0.046) | |
|  |  |
| Wald Test | 72.470\*\*\* | |  | 24.155\*\*\* | |  | 25.824\*\*\* | |
| Bayesian Information Criterion | 13500.770 | |  | 12280.858 | |  | 12864.311 | |
| Log Likelihood | -6539.323 | |  | -5929.367 | |  | -6221.094 | |
| Number of Vacancy-Days | 246566 | |  | 246566 | |  | 246566 | |
| Number of Nominations | 803 | |  | 803 | |  | 803 | |

*Note*: Standard errors clustered on vacancy-attempt in parentheses.

Two-tailed tests: \*\*\* *p* < 0.01; \*\* *p* < 0.05 \* *p* < 0.1

**Table A-5: Heckman Selection Models of Executive Nominations and Nominee Ideology (Excluding Commissions and Agencies With Party-Balancing Requirements; Including *President-Agency Agreement*)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| **Year in Vacancy** | **0.132\*\***  **(0.067)** | **-0.049\*\*\***  **(0.013)** |  | **-0.053\***  **(0.028)** | **-0.048\*\*\***  **(0.013)** |  | **0.076**  **(0.049)** | **-0.049\*\*\***  **(0.013)** |
|  |  |
| **Year in Congress** | **0.325\*\*\***  **(0.121)** | **-0.382\*\*\***  **(0.041)** |  | **-0.132\*\***  **(0.054)** | **-0.379\*\*\***  **(0.041)** |  | **0.253\*\*\***  **(0.084)** | **-0.381\*\*\***  **(0.041)** |
|  |  |
| President-Filibuster Distance | 2.918\*\*\*  (0.644) | 0.829\*\*\*  (0.168) |  | 0.314  (0.251) | 0.826\*\*\*  (0.168) |  | 0.161  (0.408) | 0.827\*\*\*  (0.168) |
|  |  |
| Divided Government | -5.337  (5.625) | 8.265\*\*\*  (1.084) |  | 3.239  (2.604) | 8.239\*\*\*  (1.085) |  | -2.639  (3.119) | 8.252\*\*\*  (1.084) |
|  |  |
| President-Filibuster Distance  x Divided Government | 3.656  (3.776) | -5.558\*\*\*  (0.729) |  | -2.235  (1.753) | -5.540\*\*\*  (0.729) |  | 1.826  (2.096) | -5.549\*\*\*  (0.729) |
|  |  |
| Tier One | -0.385  (0.376) | 0.718\*\*\*  (0.102) |  | 0.072  (0.104) | 0.717\*\*\*  (0.102) |  | -0.085  (0.193) | 0.718\*\*\*  (0.102) |
|  |  |
| Tier Two | -0.037  (0.114) | 0.111\*\*\*  (0.030) |  | 0.047  (0.048) | 0.109\*\*\*  (0.030) |  | -0.071  (0.068) | 0.109\*\*\*  (0.030) |
|  |  |
| Presidential Approval | -0.005  (0.005) | 0.003\*\*\*  (0.001) |  | 0.001  (0.003) | 0.003\*\*\*  (0.001) |  | -0.007\*  (0.004) | 0.003\*\*\*  (0.001) |
|  |  |
| President-Agency Agreement | -0.039  (0.046) | -0.019  (0.012) |  | 0.005  (0.024) | -0.019  (0.012) |  | -0.014  (0.031) | -0.019  (0.012) |
| Nomination Attempt | -0.247\*\*  (0.096) | 0.109\*\*\*  (0.034) |  | 0.101\*\*\*  (0.033) | 0.109\*\*\*  (0.034) |  | -0.184\*\*\*  (0.060) | 0.109\*\*\*  (0.034) |
|  |  |
| President's First Term | 0.091  (0.183) | -0.088\*\*  (0.044) |  | -0.128\*  (0.068) | -0.087\*\*  (0.044) |  | 0.228\*\*  (0.112) | -0.087\*\*  (0.044) |
|  |  |
| Daily Workload |  | 0.032\*\*\*  (0.002) |  |  | 0.032\*\*\*  (0.002) |  |  | 0.032\*\*\*  (0.002) |
|  |  |
| Pending Nominations |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |  |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |  |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |
|  |  |
| Agriculture |  | -0.001  (0.074) |  |  | 0.003  (0.074) |  |  | 0.001  (0.074) |
|  |  |
| Commerce |  | -0.003  (0.056) |  |  | -0.006  (0.056) |  |  | -0.002  (0.056) |
|  |  |
| Justice |  | -0.133\*\*  (0.056) |  |  | -0.138\*\*  (0.055) |  |  | -0.137\*\*  (0.055) |
|  |  |
| Labor |  | -0.123\*  (0.071) |  |  | -0.123\*  (0.073) |  |  | -0.124\*  (0.072) |
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|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| National Security |  | -0.081\*  (0.049) |  |  | -0.082\*  (0.049) |  |  | -0.082\*  (0.049) |
| Social Welfare |  | -0.157\*\*\*  (0.049) |  |  | -0.157\*\*\*  (0.049) |  |  | -0.158\*\*\*  (0.049) |
| Infrastructure |  | -0.031  (0.046) |  |  | -0.029  (0.046) |  |  | -0.029  (0.046) |
|  |  |
| Nondepartmental |  | -0.082  (0.058) |  |  | -0.085  (0.057) |  |  | -0.084  (0.057) |
|  |  |
| Constant | -4.401\*\*  (2.135) | -4.494\*\*\*  (0.269) |  | -0.566  (0.522) | -4.486\*\*\*  (0.270) |  | -0.391  (0.851) | -4.489\*\*\*  (0.270) |
|  |  |
| Arctangent of | -0.385  (0.353) | |  | 0.131  (0.143) | |  | -0.185  (0.158) | |
|  |  |
| Ln() | 0.375\*\*\*  (0.121) | |  | -0.447\*\*\*  (0.080) | |  | -0.077\*  (0.043) | |
|  |  |
| Wald Test | 73.227\*\*\* | |  | 28.603\*\*\* | |  | 30.215\*\*\* | |
| Bayesian Information Criterion | 13219.424 | |  | 12018.168 | |  | 12587.229 | |
| Log Likelihood | -6386.596 | |  | -5785.967 | |  | -6070.498 | |
| Number of Vacancy-Days | 241677 | |  | 241677 | |  | 241677 | |
| Number of Nominations | 785 | |  | 785 | |  | 785 | |

Note: *President-Agency Agreement* is coded 0 if the Clinton–Lewis (Clinton and Lewis 2008) score for the agency in question is in the interquartile range (suggesting a moderate agency), 1 if it is in the lowest (highest) quartile (indicating a more liberal [conservative] agency) and the President is a Democrat (Republican) and, conversely, -1 if the score is in the highest (lowest) quartile and the President is a Democrat (Republican). Standard errors clustered on vacancy-attempt in parentheses. Two-tailed tests: \*\*\* *p* < 0.01; \*\* *p* < 0.05 \* *p* < 0.1

**Table A-6: Heckman Selection Models of Executive Nominations and Nominee Ideology (With *Year in Term* Instead of *Year in Congress*)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| **Year in Vacancy** | **0.126\*\***  **(0.061)** | **-0.056\*\*\***  **(0.013)** |  | **-0.049\***  **(0.027)** | **-0.056\*\*\***  **(0.013)** |  | **0.071**  **(0.046)** | **-0.056\*\*\***  **(0.013)** |
|  |  |
| **Year in Term** | **0.218\*\*\***  **(0.072)** | **-0.241\*\*\***  **(0.022)** |  | **-0.072\*\*\***  **(0.027)** | **-0.240\*\*\***  **(0.022)** |  | **0.145\*\*\***  **(0.046)** | **-0.241\*\*\***  **(0.022)** |
|  |  |
| President-Filibuster Distance | 3.530\*\*\*  (0.600) | 0.090  (0.157) |  | 0.006  (0.241) | 0.091  (0.157) |  | 0.673\*  (0.382) | 0.090  (0.157) |
|  |  |
| Divided Government | 4.016  (5.430) | -3.706\*\*\*  (1.312) |  | -0.571  (2.726) | -3.695\*\*\*  (1.313) |  | 4.405  (3.360) | -3.703\*\*\*  (1.313) |
|  |  |
| President-Filibuster Distance  x Divided Government | -2.722  (3.673) | 2.604\*\*\*  (0.889) |  | 0.359  (1.843) | 2.596\*\*\*  (0.890) |  | -2.980  (2.276) | 2.602\*\*\*  (0.890) |
|  |  |
| Tier One | -0.394  (0.370) | 0.809\*\*\*  (0.096) |  | 0.083  (0.105) | 0.808\*\*\*  (0.096) |  | -0.105  (0.196) | 0.809\*\*\*  (0.096) |
|  |  |
| Tier Two | -0.026  (0.107) | 0.141\*\*\*  (0.029) |  | 0.050  (0.045) | 0.140\*\*\*  (0.029) |  | -0.074  (0.067) | 0.140\*\*\*  (0.029) |
|  |  |
| Presidential Approval | -0.000  (0.006) | -0.001  (0.001) |  | -0.000  (0.003) | -0.001  (0.001) |  | -0.003  (0.004) | -0.001  (0.001) |
|  |  |
| Nomination Attempt | -0.196\*\*  (0.099) | 0.118\*\*\*  (0.037) |  | 0.090\*\*\*  (0.034) | 0.118\*\*\*  (0.037) |  | -0.158\*\*  (0.062) | 0.118\*\*\*  (0.037) |
|  |  |
| President's First Term | -0.096  (0.192) | 0.163\*\*\*  (0.047) |  | -0.028  (0.070) | 0.162\*\*\*  (0.047) |  | 0.052  (0.111) | 0.163\*\*\*  (0.047) |
|  |  |
| Daily Workload |  | 0.033\*\*\*  (0.002) |  |  | 0.033\*\*\*  (0.002) |  |  | 0.033\*\*\*  (0.002) |
|  |  |
| Pending Nominations |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |  |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |  |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |
|  |  |
| Agriculture |  | 0.005  (0.060) |  |  | 0.004  (0.060) |  |  | 0.003  (0.060) |
|  |  |
| Commerce |  | -0.048  (0.055) |  |  | -0.051  (0.055) |  |  | -0.048  (0.055) |
|  |  |
| Justice |  | -0.150\*\*\*  (0.055) |  |  | -0.154\*\*\*  (0.054) |  |  | -0.153\*\*\*  (0.054) |
|  |  |
| Labor |  | -0.135\*  (0.074) |  |  | -0.137\*  (0.076) |  |  | -0.137\*  (0.075) |
|  |  |
| National Security |  | -0.113\*\*  (0.048) |  |  | -0.114\*\*  (0.048) |  |  | -0.114\*\*  (0.048) |
| Social Welfare |  | -0.154\*\*\*  (0.047) |  |  | -0.154\*\*\*  (0.047) |  |  |  |
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|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| Infrastructure |  | -0.051  (0.046) |  |  | -0.050  (0.046) |  |  | -0.050  (0.046) |
|  |  |
| Nondepartmental |  | -0.089\*  (0.053) |  |  | -0.091\*  (0.053) |  |  | -0.091\*  (0.053) |
|  |  |
| Constant | -5.830\*\*\*  (1.856) | -3.333\*\*\*  (0.249) |  | -0.040  (0.497) | -3.332\*\*\*  (0.249) |  | -1.382\*  (0.774) | -3.332\*\*\*  (0.249) |
|  |  |
| Arctangent of | -0.310  (0.327) | |  | 0.101  (0.157) | |  | -0.137  (0.167) | |
|  |  |
| Ln() | 0.378\*\*\*  (0.096) | |  | -0.449\*\*\*  (0.075) | |  | -0.079\*\*  (0.038) | |
|  |  |
| Wald Test | 72.101\*\*\* | |  | 23.216\*\* | |  | 25.945\*\*\* | |
| Bayesian Information Criterion | 14275.391 | |  | 12936.116 | |  | 13556.778 | |
| Log Likelihood | -6925.576 | |  | -6255.939 | |  | -6566.270 | |
| Number of Vacancy-Days | 262389 | |  | 262389 | |  | 262389 | |
| Number of Nominations | 849 | |  | 849 | |  | 849 | |

*Note*: Standard errors clustered on vacancy-attempt in parentheses. Two-tailed tests: \*\*\* *p* < 0.01; \*\* *p* < 0.05 \* *p* < 0.1

**Table A-7: Heckman Selection Models of Executive Nominations and Nominee Ideology (With *Year in Term* Instead of *Year in Congress*; Including *President-Agency Agreement*)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| **Year in Vacancy** | **0.131\*\***  **(0.062)** | **-0.059\*\*\***  **(0.013)** |  | **-0.053\***  **(0.027)** | **-0.059\*\*\***  **(0.013)** |  | **0.075**  **(0.047)** | **-0.059\*\*\***  **(0.013)** |
|  |  |
| **Year in Term** | **0.230\*\*\***  **(0.073)** | **-0.243\*\*\***  **(0.023)** |  | **-0.077\*\*\***  **(0.028)** | **-0.243\*\*\***  **(0.023)** |  | **0.152\*\*\***  **(0.047)** | **-0.243\*\*\***  **(0.023)** |
|  |  |
| President-Filibuster Distance | 3.382\*\*\*  (0.637) | 0.049  (0.163) |  | 0.068  (0.247) | 0.051  (0.163) |  | 0.602  (0.397) | 0.050  (0.163) |
|  |  |
| Divided Government | 4.653  (5.490) | -3.847\*\*\*  (1.328) |  | -0.622  (2.746) | -3.837\*\*\*  (1.330) |  | 4.411  (3.381) | -3.847\*\*\*  (1.331) |
|  |  |
| President-Filibuster Distance  x Divided Government | -3.163  (3.714) | 2.701\*\*\*  (0.901) |  | 0.400  (1.857) | 2.694\*\*\*  (0.092) |  | -2.993  (2.290) | 2.701\*\*\*  (0.902) |
|  |  |
| Tier One | -0.359  (0.377) | 0.815\*\*\*  (0.095) |  | 0.072  (0.104) | 0.814\*\*\*  (0.095) |  | -0.091  (0.194) | 0.814\*\*\*  (0.095) |
|  |  |
| Tier Two | -0.009  (0.108) | 0.139\*\*\*  (0.029) |  | 0.035  (0.046) | 0.138\*\*\*  (0.029) |  | -0.057  (0.066) | 0.138\*\*\*  (0.029) |
|  |  |
| Presidential Approval | -0.002  (0.006) | -0.001  (0.001) |  | -0.000  (0.003) | -0.001  (0.001) |  | -0.004  (0.004) | -0.001  (0.001) |
|  |  |
| President-Agency Agreement | -0.060  (0.047) | -0.012  (0.012) |  | 0.008  (0.023) | -0.012  (0.012) |  | -0.017  (0.030) | -0.012  (0.012) |
| Nomination Attempt | -0.208\*\*  (0.100) | 0.122\*\*\*  (0.037) |  | 0.097\*\*\*  (0.033) | 0.122\*\*\*  (0.037) |  | -0.167\*\*\*  (0.061) | 0.122\*\*\*  (0.037) |
|  |  |
| President's First Term | -0.069  (0.193) | 0.174\*\*\*  (0.047) |  | -0.050  (0.069) | 0.173\*\*\*  (0.047) |  | 0.090  (0.111) | 0.174\*\*\*  (0.047) |
|  |  |
| Daily Workload |  | 0.032\*\*\*  (0.002) |  |  | 0.032\*\*\*  (0.002) |  |  | 0.032\*\*\*  (0.002) |
|  |  |
| Pending Nominations |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |  |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |  |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |
|  |  |
| Agriculture |  | -0.000  (0.060) |  |  | -0.001  (0.060) |  |  | -0.001  (0.060) |
|  |  |
| Commerce |  | -0.047  (0.055) |  |  | -0.050  (0.055) |  |  | -0.047  (0.055) |
|  |  |
| Justice |  | -0.153\*\*\*  (0.055) |  |  | -0.157\*\*\*  (0.054) |  |  | -0.156\*\*\*  (0.054) |
|  |  |
| Labor |  | -0.145\*  (0.074) |  |  | -0.144\*  (0.077) |  |  | -0.145\*  (0.075) |
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|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| National Security |  | -0.108\*\*  (0.049) |  |  | -0.109\*\*  (0.049) |  |  | -0.110\*\*  (0.049) |
| Social Welfare |  | -0.165\*\*\*  (0.048) |  |  | -0.164\*\*\*  (0.048) |  |  | -0.165\*\*\*  (0.048) |
| Infrastructure |  | -0.055  (0.046) |  |  | -0.054  (0.046) |  |  | -0.054  (0.046) |
|  |  |
| Nondepartmental |  | -0.108\*\*  (0.055) |  |  | -0.109\*\*  (0.054) |  |  | -0.110\*\*  (0.054) |
|  |  |
| Constant | -5.562\*\*\*  (1.891) | -3.275\*\*\*  (0.259) |  | -0.133  (0.493) | -3.275\*\*\*  (0.259) |  | -1.238  (0.778) | -3.275\*\*\*  (0.259) |
|  |  |
| Arctangent of | -0.310  (0.331) | |  | 0.111  (0.149) | |  | -0.147  (0.160) | |
|  |  |
| Ln() | 0.372\*\*\*  (0.098) | |  | -0.468\*\*\*  (0.080) | |  | -0.092\*\*  (0.039) | |
|  |  |
| Wald Test | 74.550\*\*\* | |  | 26.285\*\*\* | |  | 28.632\*\*\* | |
| Bayesian Information Criterion | 13946.924 | |  | 12616.175 | |  | 13232.668 | |
| Log Likelihood | -6749.246 | |  | -6083.871 | |  | -6392.118 | |
| Number of Vacancy-Days | 256903 | |  | 256903 | |  | 256903 | |
| Number of Nominations | 828 | |  | 828 | |  | 828 | |

Note: *President-Agency Agreement* is coded 0 if the Clinton–Lewis (Clinton and Lewis 2008) score for the agency in question is in the interquartile range (suggesting a moderate agency), 1 if it is in the lowest (highest) quartile (indicating a more liberal [conservative] agency) and the President is a Democrat (Republican) and, conversely, -1 if the score is in the highest (lowest) quartile and the President is a Democrat (Republican). Standard errors clustered on vacancy-attempt in parentheses. Two-tailed tests: \*\*\* *p* < 0.01; \*\* *p* < 0.05 \* *p* < 0.1

**Table A-8a: Heckman Selection Models of Executive Nominations and Nominee Ideology (With Interactions between *Tier One/Tier Two* and *Year in Congress/Year in Vacancy*)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| **Year in Vacancy** | **0.219\*\*\***  **(0.077)** | **-0.073\*\*\***  **(0.013)** |  | **-0.051**  **(0.031)** | **-0.071\*\*\***  **(0.013)** |  | **0.083**  **(0.052)** | **-0.071\*\*\***  **(0.013)** |
|  |  |
| **Year in Congress** | **0.284\***  **(0.154)** | **-0.348\*\*\***  **(0.046)** |  | **-0.092**  **(0.072)** | **-0.360\*\*\***  **(0.045)** |  | **0.158**  **(0.104)** | **-0.362\*\*\***  **(0.045)** |
|  |  |
| Tier One | -1.411\*\*  (0.620) | 0.967\*\*\*  (0.173) |  | 0.128  (0.129) | 0.974\*\*\*  (0.176) |  | -0.237  (0.239) | 0.974\*\*\*  (0.176) |
|  |  |
| Tier Two | 0.006  (0.192) | 0.083\*  (0.046) |  | 0.035  (0.073) | 0.080\*  (0.047) |  | -0.063  (0.115) | 0.080\*  (0.047) |
| **Year in Vacancy x Tier One** | **-1.097\***  **(0.615)** | **-0.314**  **(0.316)** |  | **0.580\*\*\***  **(0.224)** | **-0.302**  **(0.324)** |  | **-1.452\*\*\***  **(0.501)** | **-0.304**  **(0.324)** |
|  |  |
| **Year in Congress x Tier One** | **1.097\***  **(0.605)** | **-0.382**  **(0.235)** |  | **-0.328**  **(0.213)** | **-0.401\***  **(0.241)** |  | **0.870\***  **(0.453)** | **-0.399\***  **(0.240)** |
| **Year in Vacancy x Tier Two** | **-0.234**  **(0.159)** | **0.118\*\*\***  **(0.030)** |  | **-0.003**  **(0.054)** | **0.118\*\*\***  **(0.030)** |  | **-0.033**  **(0.084)** | **0.118\*\*\***  **(0.030)** |
|  |  |
| **Year in Congress x Tier Two** | **-0.028**  **(0.224)** | **-0.039**  **(0.048)** |  | **0.025**  **(0.099)** | **-0.043**  **(0.048)** |  | **0.011**  **(0.144)** | **-0.043**  **(0.048)** |
| President-Filibuster Distance | 2.137\*\*\*  (0.716) | 0.825\*\*\*  (0.156) |  | 0.282  (0.237) | 0.849\*\*\*  (0.157) |  | 0.127  (0.383) | 0.852\*\*\*  (0.157) |
|  |  |
| Divided Government | -14.449\*\*  (6.135) | 7.777\*\*\*  (1.046) |  | 3.291  (2.425) | 7.795\*\*\*  (1.053) |  | -3.312  (2.919) | 7.814\*\*\*  (1.052) |
|  |  |
| President-Filibuster Distance x Divided Government | 9.773\*\*  (4.119) | -5.236\*\*\*  (0.703) |  | -2.274  (1.635) | -5.247\*\*\*  (0.708) |  | 2.279  (1.962) | -5.260\*\*\*  (0.707) |
|  |  |
| Presidential Approval | -0.003  (0.006) | 0.003\*\*  (0.001) |  | 0.001  (0.003) | 0.003\*\*  (0.001) |  | -0.005  (0.004) | 0.003\*\*  (0.001) |
|  |  |
| Nomination Attempt | -0.262\*\*  (0.114) | 0.106\*\*\*  (0.031) |  | 0.088\*\*  (0.035) | 0.110\*\*\*  (0.031) |  | -0.150\*\*  (0.064) | 0.110\*\*\*  (0.031) |
|  |  |
| President's First Term | 0.106  (0.186) | -0.080\*  (0.041) |  | -0.105  (0.066) | -0.084\*\*  (0.042) |  | 0.204\*  (0.108) | -0.084\*\*  (0.042) |
|  |  |
| Daily Workload |  | 0.029\*\*\*  (0.003) |  |  | 0.032\*\*\*  (0.002) |  |  | 0.032\*\*\*  (0.002) |
|  |  |
| Pending Nominations |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |  |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |  |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |
|  |  |
| Agriculture |  | 0.057  (0.058) |  |  | 0.061  (0.062) |  |  | 0.059  (0.062) |
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|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| Commerce |  | 0.007  (0.054) |  |  | -0.001  (0.059) |  |  | 0.003  (0.059) |
| Justice |  | -0.083  (0.054) |  |  | -0.120\*\*  (0.053) |  |  | -0.118\*\*  (0.053) |
|  |  |
| Labor |  | -0.059  (0.074) |  |  | -0.100  (0.073) |  |  | -0.100  (0.073) |
|  |  |
| National Security |  | -0.071  (0.047) |  |  | -0.088\*  (0.050) |  |  | -0.088\*  (0.050) |
| Social Welfare |  | -0.117\*\*  (0.047) |  |  | -0.136\*\*\*  (0.049) |  |  | -0.137\*\*\*  (0.049) |
| Infrastructure |  | -0.021  (0.043) |  |  | -0.016  (0.046) |  |  | -0.016  (0.047) |
|  |  |
| Nondepartmental |  | -0.035  (0.050) |  |  | -0.060  (0.052) |  |  | -0.060  (0.052) |
|  |  |
| Constant | 0.519  (2.720) | -4.492\*\*\*  (0.252) |  | 0.164  (0.131) | -4.545\*\*\*  (0.251) |  | -0.263  (0.774) | -4.551\*\*\*  (0.251) |
|  |  |
| Arctangent of | -1.176\*\*\*  (0.350) | |  | 0.164  (0.131) | |  | -0.231  (0.146) | |
|  |  |
| Ln() | 0.799\*\*\*  (0.225) | |  | -0.441\*\*\*  (0.076) | |  | -0.065  (0.045) | |
|  |  |
| Wald Test | 77.254\*\*\* | |  | 39.984\*\*\* | |  | 44.166\*\*\* | |
| Bayesian Information Criterion | 14372.526 | |  | 13038.535 | |  | 13656.965 | |
| Log Likelihood | -6924.234 | |  | -6257.238 | |  | -6566.453 | |
| Number of Vacancy-Days | 262389 | |  | 262389 | |  | 262389 | |
| Number of Nominations | 849 | |  | 849 | |  | 849 | |

Note: Standard errors clustered on vacancy-attempt in parentheses. Two-tailed tests: \*\*\* *p* < 0.01; \*\* *p* < 0.05 \* *p* < 0.1

**Table A-8b: Marginal Effects of *Year in Vacancy* and *Year in Congress*, Conditional on Appointment Position**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| Year in Vacancy  (Tier One Appointment) | -0.879  (0.618) | -0.012  (0.009) |  | 0.529\*\*  (0.222) | -0.012  (0.009) |  | -1.369\*\*\*  (0.500) | -0.012  (0.009) |
| Year in Vacancy  (Tier Two Appointment) | -0.015  (0.136) | 0.001  (0.000) |  | -0.053  (0.046) | 0.001  (0.000) |  | 0.050  (0.075) | 0.001  (0.000) |
| Year in Vacancy  (Tier Three Appointment) | 0.219\*\*\*  (0.077) | -0.001\*\*\*  (0.000) |  | -0.051  (0.031) | -0.001\*\*\*  (0.000) |  | 0.082  (0.052) | -0.001\*\*\*  (0.000) |
|  |  |
| Year in Congress  (Tier One Appointment) | 1.381\*\*  (0.600) | -0.023\*\*  (0.012) |  | -0.420\*\*  (0.203) | -0.024\*\*  (0.012) |  | 1.028\*\*  (0.444) | -0.024\*\*  (0.012) |
| Year in Congress  (Tier Two Appointment) | 0.256  (0.179) | -0.005\*\*\*  (0.001) |  | -0.068  (0.069) | -0.005\*\*\*  (0.001) |  | 0.169  (0.106) | -0.005\*\*\*  (0.001) |
| Year in Congress  (Tier Three Appointment) | 0.284\*  (0.154) | -0.003\*\*\*  (0.000) |  | -0.092  (0.072) | -0.003\*\*\*  (0.000) |  | 0.158  (0.104) | -0.003\*\*\*  (0.000) |

Note: Results based on the models in Table A-8a. Results for the *Selection* model are the predicted changes in the probability of a nomination put forth. Results for the *Outcome* model are the predicted changes in the dependent variable indicated in the top row.

Two-tailed tests: \*\*\* *p* < 0.01; \*\* *p* < 0.05 \* *p* < 0.1

**Table A-9a: Heckman Selection Models of Executive Nominations and Nominee Ideology (With Interactions between *Presidential Approval* and *Year in Congress/Year in Vacancy*)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| **Year in Vacancy** | **-0.096**  **(0.297)** | **-0.096\***  **(0.052)** |  | **0.256**  **(0.162)** | **-0.095\***  **(0.052)** |  | **-0.321**  **(0.204)** | **-0.095\***  **(0.052)** |
|  |  |
| **Year in Congress** | **0.773**  **(0.538)** | **-0.169**  **(0.104)** |  | **-0.147**  **(0.273)** | **-0.166**  **(0.106)** |  | **0.296**  **(0.391)** | **-0.166**  **(0.106)** |
|  |  |
| Presidential Approval | 0.001  (0.011) | 0.006\*\*  (0.002) |  | 0.004  (0.005) | 0.006\*\*\*  (0.002) |  | -0.009  (0.007) | 0.006\*\*\*  (0.002) |
| **Year in Vacancy x Presidential Approval** | **0.005**  **(0.006)** | **0.001**  **(0.001)** |  | **-0.006\***  **(0.003)** | **0.001**  **(0.001)** |  | **0.007\***  **(0.004)** | **0.001**  **(0.001)** |
|  |  |
| **Year in Congress x Presidential Approval** | **-0.010**  **(0.010)** | **-0.004\***  **(0.002)** |  | **0.001**  **(0.005)** | **-0.005\*\***  **(0.002)** |  | **-0.002**  **(0.007)** | **-0.005\*\***  **(0.002)** |
| President-Filibuster Distance | 2.076\*\*\*  (0.712) | 0.828\*\*\*  (0.156) |  | 0.242  (0.240) | 0.855\*\*\*  (0.157) |  | 0.174\*\*\*  (0.390) | 0.858\*\*\*  (0.157) |
|  |  |
| Divided Government | -15.019\*\*  (5.951) | 8.053\*\*\*  (1.049) |  | 3.586  (2.376) | 8.095\*\*\*  (1.057) |  | -3.716  (2.900) | 8.118\*\*\*  (1.057) |
|  |  |
| President-Filibuster Distance x Divided Government | 10.178\*\*  (3.997) | -5.411\*\*\*  (0.705) |  | -2.471  (1.602) | -5.438\*\*\*  (0.711) |  | 2.555  (1.949) | -5.454\*\*\*  (0.710) |
|  |  |
| Tier One | -1.170\*\*\*  (0.428) | 0.708\*\*\*  (0.103) |  | 0.097  (0.101) | 0.705\*\*\*  (0.105) |  | -0.140  (0.186) | 0.705\*\*\*  (0.105) |
|  |  |
| Tier Two | -0.157  (0.124) | 0.123\*\*\*  (0.028) |  | 0.050  (0.046) | 0.116\*\*\*  (0.029) |  | -0.075  (0.065) | 0.116\*\*\*  (0.029) |
| Nomination Attempt | -0.296\*\*  (0.117) | 0.101\*\*\*  (0.034) |  | 0.094\*\*\*  (0.036) | 0.104\*\*\*  (0.034) |  | -0.164\*\*  (0.065) | 0.104\*\*\*  (0.034) |
|  |  |
| President's First Term | 0.111  (0.185) | -0.089\*\*  (0.041) |  | -0.113\*  (0.065) | -0.094\*\*  (0.042) |  | 0.212\*  (0.108) | -0.094\*\*  (0.042) |
|  |  |
| Daily Workload |  | 0.029\*\*\*  (0.003) |  |  | 0.032\*\*\*  (0.002) |  |  | 0.032\*\*\*  (0.002) |
|  |  |
| Pending Nominations |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |  |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |  |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |
|  |  |
| Agriculture |  | 0.052  (0.056) |  |  | 0.057  (0.060) |  |  | 0.055  (0.060) |
|  |  |
| Commerce |  | 0.010  (0.050) |  |  | 0.002  (0.056) |  |  | 0.006  (0.056) |
| Justice |  | -0.088\*  (0.053) |  |  | -0.129\*\*  (0.053) |  |  | -0.126\*\*  (0.053) |
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|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| Labor |  | -0.053  (0.071) |  |  | -0.095  (0.071) |  |  | -0.095  (0.070) |
| National Security |  | -0.066  (0.044) |  |  | -0.080\*  (0.048) |  |  | -0.080\*  (0.048) |
| Social Welfare |  | -0.114\*\*  (0.045) |  |  | -0.135\*\*\*  (0.047) |  |  | -0.136\*\*\*  (0.047) |
| Infrastructure |  | -0.025  (0.042) |  |  | -0.020  (0.046) |  |  | -0.020  (0.046) |
|  |  |
| Nondepartmental |  | -0.032  (0.049) |  |  | -0.060  (0.052) |  |  | -0.059  (0.051) |
|  |  |
| Constant | 0.660  (2.491) | -4.665\*\*\*  (0.270) |  | -0.752  (0.469) | -4.742\*\*\*  (0.271) |  | -0.059  (0.784) | -4.750\*\*\*  (0.271) |
|  |  |
| Arctangent of | -1.215\*\*\*  (0.311) | |  | 0.180  (0.132) | |  | -0.255\*  (0.143) | |
|  |  |
| Ln() | 0.821\*\*\*  (0.203) | |  | -0.441\*\*\*  (0.075) | |  | -0.060  (0.046) | |
|  |  |
| Wald Test | 65.459\*\*\* | |  | 21.157\*\* | |  | 23.495\* | |
| Bayesian Information Criterion | 14336.792 | |  | 13000.531 | |  | 13623.419 | |
| Log Likelihood | -6931.322 | |  | -6263.192 | |  | -6574.635 | |
| Number of Vacancy-Days | 262389 | |  | 262389 | |  | 262389 | |
| Number of Nominations | 849 | |  | 849 | |  | 849 | |

Note: Standard errors clustered on vacancy-attempt in parentheses. Two-tailed tests: \*\*\* *p* < 0.01; \*\* *p* < 0.05 \* *p* < 0.1

**Table A-9b: Marginal Effects of *Year in Vacancy* and *Year in Congress*, Conditional on *Presidential Approval***

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| Year in Vacancy (Presidential Approval at Minimum) | 0.029  (0.166) | -0.001\*\*  (0.000) |  | 0.115  (0.087) | -0.001\*\*  (0.000) |  | -0.139  (0.115) | -0.001\*\*  (0.000) |
| Year in Vacancy (Presidential Approval at 25th Percentile) | 0.105  (0.097) | -0.000\*\*\*  (0.000) |  | 0.031  (0.046) | -0.000\*\*\*  (0.000) |  | -0.030  (0.069) | -0.000\*\*\*  (0.000) |
| Year in Vacancy (Presidential Approval at Median) | 0.170\*\*  (0.072) | -0.000\*\*\*  (0.000) |  | -0.042  (0.030) | -0.000\*\*\*  (0.000) |  | 0.064  (0.052) | -0.000\*\*\*  (0.000) |
|  |  |
| Year in Vacancy (Presidential Approval at 75th Percentile) | 0.210\*\*  (0.088) | -0.000\*\*  (0.000) |  | -0.088\*\*  (0.042) | -0.000\*\*  (0.000) |  | 0.122\*\*  (0.062) | -0.000\*\*  (0.000) |
| Year in Vacancy (Presidential Approval at Maximum) | 0.351  (0.210) | -0.000  (0.001) |  | -0.245\*\*  (0.120) | -0.000  (0.001) |  | 0.325\*\*  (0.149) | -0.000  (0.001) |
| Year in Congress (Presidential Approval at Minimum) | 0.531\*  (0.295) | -0.002\*\*\*  (0.000) |  | -0.115  (0.145) | -0.002\*\*\*  (0.000) |  | 0.234  (0.212) | -0.002\*\*\*  (0.000) |
| Year in Congress (Presidential Approval at 25th Percentile) | 0.386\*\*  (0.168) | -0.003\*\*\*  (0.000) |  | -0.097  (0.076) | -0.003\*\*\*  (0.000) |  | 0.197\*  (0.115) | -0.003\*\*\*  (0.000) |
| Year in Congress (Presidential Approval at Median) | 0.261\*\*  (0.123) | -0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |  | -0.080  (0.053) | -0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |  | 0.165\*\*  (0.079) | -0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |
|  |  |
| Year in Congress (Presidential Approval at 75th Percentile) | 0.184  (0.156) | -0.004\*\*\*  (0.001) |  | -0.070  (0.075) | -0.005\*\*\*  (0.001) |  | 0.145  (0.106) | -0.005\*\*\*  (0.001) |
| Year in Congress (Presidential Approval at Maximum) | -0.087  (0.402) | -0.007\*\*\*  (0.002) |  | -0.035  (0.209) | -0.008\*\*\*  (0.002) |  | 0.076  (0.291) | -0.008\*\*\*  (0.002) |

Note: Results based on the models in Table A-9a. Results for the *Selection* model are the predicted changes in the probability of a nomination put forth. Results for the *Outcome* model are the predicted changes in the dependent variable indicated in the top row. Two-tailed tests: \*\*\* *p* < 0.01; \*\* *p* < 0.05 \* *p* < 0.1

**Table A-10: Heckman Selection Models of Executive Nominations and Nominee Ideology (Excepting Days when the Senate is in Recess)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| **Year in Vacancy** | **0.157\*\***  **(0.067)** | **-0.033\*\***  **(0.013)** |  | **-0.049\***  **(0.028)** | **-0.031\*\***  **(0.013)** |  | **0.072**  **(0.049)** | **-0.031\*\***  **(0.013)** |
|  |  |
| **Year in Congress** | **0.220\*\***  **(0.132)** | **-0.251\*\*\***  **(0.047)** |  | **-0.092**  **(0.059)** | **-0.264\*\*\***  **(0.046)** |  | **0.195\*\***  **(0.087)** | **-0.267\*\*\***  **(0.046)** |
|  |  |
| President-Filibuster Distance | 2.552\*\*\*  (0.683) | 0.590\*\*\*  (0.171) |  | 0.232  (0.273) | 0.618\*\*\*  (0.172) |  | 0.257  (0.429) | 0.623\*\*\*  (0.172) |
|  |  |
| Divided Government | -12.952\*\*  (5.857) | 6.245\*\*\*  (1.149) |  | 2.744  (2.632) | 6.236\*\*\*  (1.155) |  | -2.026  (3.135) | 6.256\*\*\*  (1.155) |
|  |  |
| President-Filibuster Distance  x Divided Government | 8.825\*\*  (3.944) | -4.232\*\*\*  (0.772) |  | -1.903  (1.771) | -4.224\*\*\*  (0.776) |  | 1.416  (2.107) | -4.238\*\*\*  (0.776) |
|  |  |
| Tier One | -1.263\*\*  (0.474) | 0.721\*\*\*  (0.118) |  | 0.103  (0.124) | 0.724\*\*\*  (0.119) |  | -0.122  (0.236) | 0.724\*\*\*  (0.119) |
|  |  |
| Tier Two | -0.208  (0.140) | 0.140\*\*\*  (0.031) |  | 0.057  (0.052) | 0.136\*\*\*  (0.032) |  | -0.071  (0.073) | 0.136\*\*\*  (0.032) |
|  |  |
| Presidential Approval | -0.008  (0.006) | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.001) |  | 0.001  (0.003) | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.001) |  | -0.006\*  (0.004) | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.001) |
|  |  |
| Nomination Attempt | -0.306\*\*  (0.116) | 0.078\*\*  (0.034) |  | 0.102\*\*\*  (0.035) | 0.081\*\*  (0.034) |  | -0.181\*\*\*  (0.065) | 0.081\*\*\*  (0.034) |
|  |  |
| President's First Term | 0.254  (0.211) | -0.108\*\*  (0.0416 |  | -0.101  (0.076) | -0.110\*\*  (0.047) |  | 0.214\*  (0.123) | -0.110\*\*  (0.047) |
|  |  |
| Daily Workload |  | 0.022\*\*\*  (0.003) |  |  | 0.025\*\*\*  (0.002) |  |  | 0.025\*\*\*  (0.002) |
|  |  |
| Pending Nominations |  | 0.003\*\*\*  (0.000) |  |  | 0.003\*\*\*  (0.000) |  |  | 0.003\*\*\*  (0.000) |
|  |  |
| Agriculture |  | 0.050  (0.059) |  |  | 0.045  (0.066) |  |  | 0.045  (0.066) |
|  |  |
| Commerce |  | 0.011  (0.055) |  |  | 0.007  (0.062) |  |  | 0.012  (0.062) |
|  |  |
| Justice |  | -0.100\*  (0.056) |  |  | -0.138\*\*  (0.057) |  |  | -0.135\*\*  (0.058) |
|  |  |
| Labor |  | -0.039  (0.075) |  |  | -0.094  (0.076) |  |  | -0.092  (0.075) |
|  |  |
| National Security |  | -0.066  (0.048) |  |  | -0.092\*  (0.053) |  |  | -0.090\*  (0.053) |
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|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| Social Welfare |  | -0.123\*\*  (0.051) |  |  | -0.163\*\*\*  (0.052) |  |  | -0.162\*\*\*  (0.052) |
| Infrastructure |  | -0.046  (0.045) |  |  | -0.032  (0.050) |  |  | -0.032  (0.050) |
|  |  |
| Nondepartmental |  | -0.034  (0.053) |  |  | -0.063  (0.057) |  |  | -0.061  (0.057) |
|  |  |
| Constant | 0.746  (2.314) | -4.095\*\*\*  (0.274) |  | -0.577  (0.542) | -4.149\*\*\*  (0.278) |  | -0.315  (0.873) | -4.160\*\*\*  (0.278) |
|  |  |
| Arctangent of | -1.296\*\*\*  (0.307) | |  | 0.157  (0.151) | |  | -0.246  (0.167) | |
|  |  |
| Ln() | 0.860\*\*\*  (0.200) | |  | -0.384\*\*\*  (0.079) | |  | -0.033  (0.051) | |
|  |  |
| Wald Test | 56.718\*\*\* | |  | 22.099\*\*\* | |  | 24.210\*\*\* | |
| Bayesian Information Criterion | 11927.208 | |  | 10911.013 | |  | 11389.952 | |
| Log Likelihood | -5757.810 | |  | -5249.713 | |  | -5489.182 | |
| Number of Vacancy-Days | 180865 | |  | 180865 | |  | 180865 | |
| Number of Nominations | 716 | |  | 716 | |  | 716 | |

*Note*: Standard errors clustered on vacancy-attempt in parentheses.

Two-tailed tests: \*\*\* *p* < 0.01; \*\* *p* < 0.05 \* *p* < 0.1

**Table A-11: Heckman Selection Models of Executive Nominations and Nominee Ideology (Including *Commission Structure* Variable)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| **Year in Vacancy** | **0.165\*\***  **(0.066)** | **-0.049\*\*\***  **(0.013)** |  | **-0.049\***  **(0.027)** | **-0.047\*\*\***  **(0.013)** |  | **0.071**  **(0.046)** | **-0.047\*\*\***  **(0.013)** |
|  |  |
| **Year in Congress** | **0.293\*\***  **(0.122)** | **-0.372\*\*\***  **(0.042)** |  | **-0.089\***  **(0.051)** | **-0.387\*\*\***  **(0.040)** |  | **0.179\*\***  **(0.078)** | **-0.389\*\*\***  **(0.040)** |
|  |  |
| President-Filibuster Distance | 2.100\*\*\*  (0.725) | 0.850\*\*\*  (0.155) |  | 0.284  (0.233) | 0.875\*\*\*  (0.156) |  | 0.121  (0.380) | 0.877\*\*\*  (0.156) |
|  |  |
| Divided Government | -14.533\*\*  (6.135) | 7.965\*\*\*  (1.040) |  | 3.219  (2.379) | 7.999\*\*\*  (1.047) |  | -3.244  (2.890) | 8.018\*\*\*  (1.046) |
|  |  |
| President-Filibuster Distance  x Divided Government | 9.825\*\*  (4.119) | -5.361\*\*\*  (0.699) |  | -2.225  (1.603) | -5.384\*\*\*  (0.704) |  | 2.235  (1.942) | -5.396\*\*\*  (0.703) |
|  |  |
| Commission Structure | -0.321 | -0.017 |  | 0.124 | -0.025 |  | -0.206 | -0.025 |
|  | (0.261) | (0.062) |  | (0.087) | (0.062) |  | (0.132) | (0.062) |
| Tier One | -1.139\*\*  (0.454) | 0.711\*\*\*  (0.103) |  | 0.111  (0.100) | 0.707\*\*\*  (0.104) |  | -0.160  (0.190) | 0.707\*\*\*  (0.105) |
|  |  |
| Tier Two | -0.183  (0.135) | 0.122\*\*\*  (0.029) |  | 0.063  (0.047) | 0.114\*\*\*  (0.030) |  | -0.096  (0.068) | 0.114\*\*\*  (0.030) |
|  |  |
| Presidential Approval | -0.004  (0.006) | 0.003\*\*  (0.001) |  | 0.001  (0.003) | 0.003\*\*  (0.001) |  | -0.006  (0.004) | 0.003\*\*\*  (0.001) |
|  |  |
| Nomination Attempt | -0.274\*\*  (0.115) | 0.104\*\*\*  (0.034) |  | 0.088\*\*\*  (0.033) | 0.108\*\*\*  (0.034) |  | -0.155\*\*  (0.062) | 0.108\*\*\*  (0.034) |
|  |  |
| President's First Term | 0.114  (0.184) | -0.087\*\*  (0.041) |  | -0.101  (0.066) | -0.091\*\*  (0.042) |  | 0.198\*  (0.108) | -0.092\*\*  (0.042) |
|  |  |
| Daily Workload |  | 0.029\*\*\*  (0.003) |  |  | 0.032\*\*\*  (0.002) |  |  | 0.032\*\*\*  (0.002) |
|  |  |
| Pending Nominations |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |  |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |  |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |
|  |  |
| Agriculture |  | 0.070  (0.059) |  |  | 0.066  (0.064) |  |  | 0.065  (0.064) |
|  |  |
| Commerce |  | 0.008  (0.051) |  |  | 0.002  (0.055) |  |  | 0.007  (0.056) |
|  |  |
| Justice |  | -0.084  (0.054) |  |  | -0.121\*\*  (0.053) |  |  | -0.119\*\*  (0.053) |
|  |  |
| Labor |  | -0.056  (0.072) |  |  | -0.095  (0.071) |  |  | -0.094  (0.070) |
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|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| National Security |  | -0.067  (0.045) |  |  | -0.079\*  (0.048) |  |  | -0.080\*  (0.048) |
| Social Welfare |  | -0.117\*\*  (0.046) |  |  | -0.134\*\*  (0.047) |  |  | -0.135\*\*\*  (0.047) |
| Infrastructure |  | -0.022  (0.042) |  |  | -0.016  (0.046) |  |  | -0.016  (0.046) |
|  |  |
| Nondepartmental |  | -0.034  (0.050) |  |  | -0.059  (0.052) |  |  | -0.059  (0.052) |
|  |  |
| Constant | 0.701  (2.735) | -4.524\*\*\*  (0.251) |  | -0.652  (0.466) | -4.576\*\*\*  (0.251) |  | -0.149  (0.769) | -4.582\*\*\*  (0.251) |
|  |  |
| Arctangent of | -1.178\*\*\*  (0.343) | |  | 0.181  (0.128) | |  | -0.254\*  (0.142) | |
|  |  |
| Ln() | 0.801\*\*\*  (0.221) | |  | -0.438\*\*\*  (0.076) | |  | -0.058  (0.046) | |
|  |  |
| Wald Test | 65.722\*\*\* | |  | 23.553\*\* | |  | 23.513\*\* | |
| Bayesian Information Criterion | 14318.289 | |  | 12984.721 | |  | 13606.228 | |
| Log Likelihood | -6934.548 | |  | -6267.764 | |  | -6578.518 | |
| Number of Vacancy-Days | 262389 | |  | 262389 | |  | 262389 | |
| Number of Nominations | 849 | |  | 849 | |  | 849 | |

*Note*: Standard errors clustered on vacancy-attempt in parentheses. *Commission Structure* coded according to Selin (2015). Two-tailed tests: \*\*\* *p* < 0.01; \*\* *p* < 0.05 \* *p* < 0.1

**Table A-12: Heckman Selection Models of Executive Nominations and Nominee Ideology (Including *Days Since Last Recess* Variable in Selection Equation)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| **Year in Vacancy** | **0.166\*\***  **(0.067)** | **-0.048\*\*\***  **(0.013)** |  | **-0.050\***  **(0.027)** | **-0.046\*\*\***  **(0.013)** |  | **0.073**  **(0.046)** | **-0.047\*\*\***  **(0.013)** |
|  |  |
| **Year in Congress** | **0.299\*\***  **(0.123)** | **-0.371\*\*\***  **(0.042)** |  | **-0.088\***  **(0.051)** | **-0.387\*\*\***  **(0.040)** |  | **0.178\*\***  **(0.078)** | **-0.389\*\*\***  **(0.040)** |
|  |  |
| President-Filibuster Distance | 2.195\*\*\*  (0.700) | 0.863\*\*\*  (0.155) |  | 0.259  (0.232) | 0.887\*\*\*  (0.156) |  | 0.162  (0.379) | 0.890\*\*\*  (0.156) |
|  |  |
| Divided Government | -14.141\*\*  (5.971) | 8.109\*\*\*  (1.042) |  | 3.205  (2.378) | 8.097\*\*\*  (1.050) |  | -3.224  (2.895) | 8.123\*\*\*  (1.050) |
|  |  |
| President-Filibuster Distance  x Divided Government | 9.567\*\*  (4.010) | -5.461\*\*\*  (0.701) |  | -2.217  (1.602) | -5.452\*\*\*  (0.706) |  | 2.224  (1.946) | -5.469\*\*\*  (0.706) |
|  |  |
| Tier One | -1.115\*\*  (0.441) | 0.718\*\*\*  (0.101) |  | 0.098  (0.098) | 0.714\*\*\*  (0.103) |  | -0.139  (0.188) | 0.714\*\*\*  (0.103) |
|  |  |
| Tier Two | -0.154  (0.127) | 0.123\*\*\*  (0.028) |  | 0.051  (0.045) | 0.117\*\*\*  (0.029) |  | -0.076  (0.066) | 0.117\*\*\*  (0.029) |
|  |  |
| Presidential Approval | -0.003  (0.006) | 0.003\*\*  (0.001) |  | 0.001  (0.003) | 0.003\*\*  (0.001) |  | -0.006  (0.004) | 0.003\*\*  (0.001) |
|  |  |
| Nomination Attempt | -0.277\*\*  (0.116) | 0.105\*\*\*  (0.034) |  | 0.088\*\*\*  (0.033) | 0.108\*\*\*  (0.034) |  | -0.155\*\*  (0.062) | 0.109\*\*\*  (0.034) |
|  |  |
| President's First Term | 0.098  (0.185) | -0.088\*\*  (0.041) |  | -0.099  (0.066) | -0.092\*\*  (0.042) |  | 0.195\*  (0.108) | -0.092\*\*  (0.042) |
|  |  |
| Days Since Last Recess |  | 0.001  (0.001) |  |  | 0.001  (0.001) |  |  | 0.001  (0.001) |
| Daily Workload |  | 0.029\*\*\*  (0.003) |  |  | 0.032\*\*\*  (0.002) |  |  | 0.032\*\*\*  (0.002) |
|  |  |
| Pending Nominations |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |  |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |  |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |
|  |  |
| Agriculture |  | 0.058  (0.057) |  |  | 0.060  (0.061) |  |  | 0.059  (0.061) |
|  |  |
| Commerce |  | 0.011  (0.050) |  |  | 0.005  (0.055) |  |  | 0.009  (0.055) |
|  |  |
| Justice |  | -0.079  (0.053) |  |  | -0.117\*\*  (0.053) |  |  | -0.115\*\*  (0.053) |
|  |  |
| Labor |  | -0.054  (0.071) |  |  | -0.094  (0.070) |  |  | -0.093  (0.070) |
| National Security |  | -0.063  (0.045) |  |  | -0.077  (0.048) |  |  | -0.077  (0.048) |
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|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| Social Welfare |  | -0.114\*\*  (0.045) |  |  | -0.133\*\*\*  (0.047) |  |  | -0.133\*\*\*  (0.047) |
| Infrastructure |  | -0.021  (0.042) |  |  | -0.015  (0.045) |  |  | -0.016  (0.045) |
|  |  |
| Nondepartmental |  | -0.036  (0.050) |  |  | -0.061  (0.052) |  |  | -0.061  (0.052) |
|  |  |
| Constant | 0.548  (2.635) | -4.548\*\*\*  (0.250) |  | -0.598  (0.460) | -4.601\*\*\*  (0.250) |  | -0.232  (0.762) | -4.608\*\*\*  (0.250) |
|  |  |
| Arctangent of | -4.548\*\*\*  (0.250) | |  | 0.180  (0.127) | |  | -0.255\*  (0.142) | |
|  |  |
| Ln() | 0.806\*\*\*  (0.218) | |  | 0.180  (0.127) | |  | -0.057  (0.046) | |
|  |  |
| Wald Test | 64.728\*\*\* | |  | 22.537\*\* | |  | 22.679\*\* | |
| Bayesian Information Criterion | 14305.459 | |  | 12972.541 | |  | 13594.384 | |
| Log Likelihood | -6934.372 | |  | -6267.913 | |  | -6578.834 | |
| Number of Vacancy-Days | 262389 | |  | 262389 | |  | 262389 | |
| Number of Nominations | 849 | |  | 849 | |  | 849 | |

*Note*: Standard errors clustered on vacancy-attempt in parentheses. Two-tailed tests: \*\*\* *p* < 0.01; \*\* *p* < 0.05 \* *p* < 0.1

**Table A-13: Heckman Selection Models of Executive Nominations and Nominee Ideology (Including *Years Remaining in President’s Term* Variable)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| **Year in Vacancy** | **0.166\*\***  **(0.071)** | **-0.056\*\*\***  **(0.013)** |  | **-0.051\***  **(0.027)** | **-0.054\*\*\***  **(0.013)** |  | **0.074**  **(0.047)** | **-0.055\*\*\***  **(0.013)** |
|  |  |
| **Year in Congress** | **0.032**  **(0.160)** | **-0.260\*\*\***  **(0.051)** |  | **-0.022**  **(0.076)** | **-0.272\*\*\***  **(0.045)** |  | **0.089**  **(0.105)** | **-0.273\*\*\***  **(0.046)** |
|  |  |
| **Years Remaining in President’s Term** | **-0.257\***  **(0.134)** | **0.167\*\*\***  **(0.024)** |  | **0.065**  **(0.048)** | **0.170\*\*\***  **(0.023)** |  | **-0.088**  **(0.067)** | **0.170\*\*\***  **(0.023)** |
| President-Filibuster Distance | 3.112\*\*\*  (0.660) | 0.379\*\*  (0.163) |  | 0.057  (0.248) | 0.387\*\*  (0.164) |  | 0.442  (0.384) | 0.389\*\*  (0.164) |
|  |  |
| Divided Government | -0.300  (6.144) | -0.072  (1.454) |  | -0.110  (3.407) | -0.248  (1.447) |  | 1.292  (4.017) | -0.238  (1.447) |
|  |  |
| President-Filibuster Distance  x Divided Government | 0.143  (4.148) | 0.117  (0.986) |  | 0.042  (2.306) | 0.238  (0.981) |  | -0.854  (2.722) | 0.231  (0.981) |
|  |  |
| Tier One | -1.068\*  (0.640) | 0.790\*\*\*  (0.098) |  | 0.105  (0.104) | 0.789\*\*\*  (0.099) |  | -0.146  (0.194) | 0.790\*\*\*  (0.099) |
|  |  |
| Tier Two | -0.149  (0.152) | 0.142\*\*\*  (0.029) |  | 0.055  (0.046) | 0.136\*\*\*  (0.029) |  | -0.081  (0.067) | 0.137\*\*\*  (0.029) |
|  |  |
| Presidential Approval | 0.001  (0.006) | -0.000  (0.001) |  | -0.000  (0.003) | -0.000  (0.001) |  | -0.004  (0.004) | -0.000  (0.001) |
|  |  |
| Nomination Attempt | -0.265\*\*  (0.123) | 0.115\*\*\*  (0.036) |  | 0.092\*\*\*  (0.034) | 0.118\*\*\*  (0.036) |  | -0.159\*\*  (0.062) | 0.118\*\*\*  (0.036) |
|  |  |
| President's First Term | -0.162  (0.217) | 0.079\*  (0.048) |  | -0.035  (0.085) | 0.081\*  (0.048) |  | 0.107  (0.123) | 0.081\*  (0.048) |
|  |  |
| Daily Workload |  | 0.030\*\*\*  (0.003) |  |  | 0.032\*\*\*  (0.002) |  |  | 0.032\*\*\*  (0.002) |
|  |  |
| Pending Nominations |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |  |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |  |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |
|  |  |
| Agriculture |  | 0.026  (0.058) |  |  | 0.022  (0.061) |  |  | 0.021  (0.061) |
|  |  |
| Commerce |  | -0.025  (0.053) |  |  | -0.035  (0.056) |  |  | -0.031  (0.056) |
|  |  |
| Justice |  | -0.107\*  (0.063) |  |  | -0.142\*\*\*  (0.054) |  |  | -0.140\*\*\*  (0.054) |
|  |  |
| Labor |  | -0.081  (0.081) |  |  | -0.116  (0.074) |  |  | -0.115  (0.073) |
| National Security |  | -0.088\*  (0.048) |  |  | -0.102\*\*  (0.048) |  |  | -0.102\*\*  (0.048) |
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|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| Social Welfare |  | -0.125\*\*  (0.049) |  |  | -0.140\*\*\*  (0.046) |  |  | -0.140\*\*\*  (0.046) |
| Infrastructure |  | -0.037  (0.043) |  |  | -0.035  (0.046) |  |  | -0.035  (0.046) |
|  |  |
| Nondepartmental |  | -0.051  (0.056) |  |  | -0.075  (0.052) |  |  | -0.075  (0.052) |
|  |  |
| Constant | -0.921  (3.687) | -4.325\*\*\*  (0.254) |  | -0.413  (0.458) | -4.360\*\*\*  (0.248) |  | -0.512  (0.728) | -4.365\*\*\*  (0.248) |
|  |  |
| Arctangent of | -1.036\*  (0.555) | |  | 0.143  (0.139) | |  | -0.214  (0.144) | |
|  |  |
| Ln() | 0.716\*\*  (0.341) | |  | -0.444\*\*\*  (0.075) | |  | -0.066  (0.043) | |
|  |  |
| Wald Test | 63.528\*\*\* | |  | 22.659\*\* | |  | 23.740\*\* | |
| Bayesian Information Criterion | 14259.616 | |  | 12921.256 | |  | 13543.779 | |
| Log Likelihood | -6905.211 | |  | -6236.031 | |  | -6547.293 | |
| Number of Vacancy-Days | 262389 | |  | 262389 | |  | 262389 | |
| Number of Nominations | 849 | |  | 849 | |  | 849 | |

*Note*: Standard errors clustered on vacancy-attempt in parentheses. Two-tailed tests: \*\*\* *p* < 0.01; \*\* *p* < 0.05 \* *p* < 0.1

**Table A-14: Heckman Selection Models of Executive Nominations and Nominee Ideology (Including Interaction Between *Divided Government* and *Presidential Approval* Variables)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| **Year in Vacancy** | **0.188\*\*\***  **(0.069)** | **-0.050\*\*\***  **(0.013)** |  | **-0.056\*\***  **(0.027)** | **-0.048\*\*\***  **(0.013)** |  | **0.083\***  **(0.047)** | **-0.048\*\*\***  **(0.013)** |
|  |  |
| **Year in Congress** | **0.564\*\*\***  **(0.157)** | **-0.394\*\*\***  **(0.044)** |  | **-0.173\*\*\***  **(0.065)** | **-0.411\*\*\***  **(0.042)** |  | **0.318\*\*\***  **(0.098)** | **-0.413\*\*\***  **(0.042)** |
|  |  |
| President-Filibuster Distance | 1.564\*\*  (0.764) | 0.900\*\*\*  (0.158) |  | 0.440\*  (0.250) | 0.927\*\*\*  (0.160) |  | -0.134  (0.413) | 0.929\*\*\*  (0.160) |
|  |  |
| Divided Government | -6.233  (5.732) | 6.941\*\*\*  (1.153) |  | 0.469  (2.691) | 7.018\*\*\*  (1.166) |  | 1.264  (3.213) | 7.043\*\*\*  (1.166) |
|  |  |
| President-Filibuster Distance  x Divided Government | 5.700  (3.791) | -4.843\*\*\*  (0.732) |  | -0.832  (1.712) | -4.886\*\*\*  (0.740) |  | -0.048  (2.023) | -4.903\*\*\*  (0.741) |
|  |  |
| Tier One | -1.250\*\*\*  (0.430) | 0.724\*\*\*  (0.102) |  | 0.130  (0.101) | 0.721\*\*\*  (0.104) |  | -0.190  (0.188) | 0.721\*\*\*  (0.104) |
|  |  |
| Tier Two | -0.203  (0.127) | 0.126\*\*\*  (0.028) |  | 0.065  (0.047) | 0.120\*\*\*  (0.029) |  | -0.099  (0.067) | 0.120\*\*\*  (0.029) |
|  |  |
| Presidential Approval | 0.035\*\*  (0.014) | -0.002  (0.003) |  | -0.011\*  (0.006) | -0.001  (0.003) |  | 0.014  (0.009) | -0.001  (0.003) |
|  |  |
| Presidential Approval x Divided Government | -0.043\*\*\* (0.014) | 0.005\*  (0.003) |  | 0.014\*\*  (0.007) | 0.005  (0.003) |  | -0.022\*\*  (0.010) | 0.005  (0.003) |
| Nomination Attempt | -0.307\*\*\*  (0.117) | 0.106\*\*\*  (0.035) |  | 0.097\*\*\*  (0.034) | 0.109\*\*\*  (0.035) |  | -0.170\*\*\*  (0.062) | 0.110\*\*\*  (0.035) |
|  |  |
| President's First Term | -0.238  (0.208) | -0.045  (0.047) |  | 0.010  (0.088) | -0.051  (0.048) |  | 0.016  (0.133) | -0.052  (0.048) |
|  |  |
| Daily Workload |  | 0.029\*\*\*  (0.003) |  |  | 0.032\*\*\*  (0.002) |  |  | 0.032\*\*\*  (0.002) |
|  |  |
| Pending Nominations |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |  |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |  |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |
|  |  |
| Agriculture |  | 0.056  (0.056) |  |  | 0.056  (0.061) |  |  | 0.055  (0.061) |
|  |  |
| Commerce |  | 0.010  (0.050) |  |  | 0.000  (0.055) |  |  | 0.005  (0.056) |
|  |  |
| Justice |  | -0.079  (0.053) |  |  | -0.118\*\*  (0.053) |  |  | -0.116\*\*  (0.053) |
|  |  |
| Labor |  | -0.054  (0.071) |  |  | -0.096  (0.071) |  |  | -0.095  (0.071) |
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|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| National Security |  | -0.062  (0.044) |  |  | -0.078  (0.048) |  |  | -0.078  (0.048) |
| Social Welfare |  | -0.112\*\*  (0.045) |  |  | -0.133\*\*\*  (0.047) |  |  | -0.133\*\*\*  (0.047) |
| Infrastructure |  | -0.021  (0.042) |  |  | -0.015  (0.046) |  |  | -0.015  (0.046) |
|  |  |
| Nondepartmental |  | -0.032  (0.050) |  |  | -0.060  (0.052) |  |  | -0.060  (0.052) |
|  |  |
| Constant | -0.213  (2.394) | -4.363\*\*\*  (0.266) |  | -0.276  (0.458) | -4.430\*\*\*  (0.267) |  | -0.764  (0.749) | -4.437\*\*\*  (0.267) |
|  |  |
| Arctangent of | -1.229\*\*\*  (0.305) | |  | 0.188  (0.124) | |  | -0.263\*  (0.140) | |
|  |  |
| Ln() | 0.830\*\*\*  (0.199) | |  | -0.439\*\*\*  (0.076) | |  | -0.058  (0.047) | |
|  |  |
| Wald Test | 70.959\*\*\* | |  | 24.590\*\* | |  | 27.568\*\*\* | |
| Bayesian Information Criterion | 14311.350 | |  | 12979.571 | |  | 13600.411 | |
| Log Likelihood | -6931.078 | |  | -6265.189 | |  | -6575.609 | |
| Number of Vacancy-Days | 262389 | |  | 262389 | |  | 262389 | |
| Number of Nominations | 849 | |  | 849 | |  | 849 | |

*Note*: Standard errors clustered on vacancy-attempt in parentheses. Two-tailed tests: \*\*\* *p* < 0.01; \*\* *p* < 0.05 \* *p* < 0.1

**Table A-15: Heckman Selection Models of Executive Nominations and Nominee Ideology (Omitting Vacancies on Commissions)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| **Year in Vacancy** | **0.145\*\***  **(0.066)** | **-0.048\*\*\***  **(0.013)** |  | **-0.056\*\***  **(0.028)** | **-0.048\*\*\***  **(0.013)** |  | **0.080\***  **(0.048)** | **-0.048\*\*\***  **(0.013)** |
|  |  |
| **Year in Congress** | **0.275\*\***  **(0.118)** | **-0.375\*\*\***  **(0.040)** |  | **-0.099\***  **(0.054)** | **-0.373\*\*\***  **(0.040)** |  | **0.207\*\***  **(0.082)** | **-0.374\*\*\***  **(0.040)** |
|  |  |
| President-Filibuster Distance | 2.904\*\*\*  (0.656) | 0.898\*\*\*  (0.159) |  | 0.305  (0.239) | 0.896\*\*\*  (0.159) |  | 0.160  (0.385) | 0.897\*\*\*  (0.159) |
|  |  |
| Divided Government | -6.611  (6.247) | 8.317\*\*\*  (1.075) |  | 3.253  (2.541) | 8.286\*\*\*  (1.076) |  | -2.642  (3.058) | 8.301\*\*\*  (1.076) |
|  |  |
| President-Filibuster Distance  x Divided Government | 4.514  (4.193) | -5.598\*\*\*  (0.723) |  | -2.246  (1.711) | -5.577\*\*\*  (0.723) |  | 1.831  (2.056) | -5.587\*\*\*  (0.723) |
|  |  |
| Tier One | -0.493  (0.433) | 0.714\*\*\*  (0.104) |  | 0.107  (0.101) | 0.713\*\*\*  (0.104) |  | -0.135  (0.192) | 0.714\*\*\*  (0.104) |
|  |  |
| Tier Two | -0.063  (0.122) | 0.117\*\*\*  (0.030) |  | 0.062  (0.048) | 0.116\*\*\*  (0.030) |  | -0.091  (0.068) | 0.116\*\*\*  (0.030) |
|  |  |
| Presidential Approval | -0.004  (0.005) | 0.003\*\*\*  (0.001) |  | 0.001  (0.003) | 0.003\*\*\*  (0.001) |  | -0.005  (0.004) | 0.003\*\*\*  (0.001) |
|  |  |
| Nomination Attempt | -0.242\*\*  (0.100) | 0.101\*\*\*  (0.034) |  | 0.097\*\*\*  (0.034) | 0.101\*\*\*  (0.034) |  | -0.179\*\*\*  (0.061) | 0.101\*\*\*  (0.034) |
|  |  |
| President's First Term | 0.058  (0.183) | -0.097\*\*  (0.043) |  | -0.096  (0.069) | -0.096\*\*  (0.043) |  | 0.176  (0.112) | -0.096\*\*  (0.043) |
|  |  |
| Daily Workload |  | 0.032\*\*\*  (0.002) |  |  | 0.033\*\*\*  (0.002) |  |  | 0.032\*\*\*  (0.002) |
|  |  |
| Pending Nominations |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |  |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |  |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |
|  |  |
| Agriculture |  | 0.003  (0.073) |  |  | 0.008  (0.074) |  |  | 0.005  (0.074) |
|  |  |
| Commerce |  | -0.005  (0.055) |  |  | -0.008  (0.056) |  |  | -0.004  (0.056) |
|  |  |
| Justice |  | -0.124\*\*  (0.057) |  |  | -0.130\*\*  (0.055) |  |  | -0.128\*\*  (0.055) |
|  |  |
| Labor |  | -0.103  (0.072) |  |  | -0.104  (0.071) |  |  | -0.105  (0.070) |
| National Security |  | -0.090\*  (0.049) |  |  | -0.090\* (0.049) |  |  | -0.090\*  (0.049) |
| Social Welfare |  | -0.144\*\*\*  (0.048) |  |  | -0.146\*\*\*  (0.048) |  |  | -0.147\*\*\*  (0.048) |
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|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| Infrastructure |  | -0.026  (0.046) |  |  | -0.023  (0.046) |  |  | -0.023  (0.046) |
|  |  |
| Nondepartmental |  | -0.060  (0.056) |  |  | -0.063  (0.055) |  |  | -0.063  (0.055) |
|  |  |
| Constant | -3.988  (2.648) | -4.595\*\*\*  (0.255) |  | -0.673  (0.488) | -4.588\*\*\*  (0.256) |  | -0.248  (0.811) | -4.592\*\*\*  (0.256) |
|  |  |
| Arctangent of | -0.482  (0.441) | |  | 0.184  (0.132) | |  | -0.237  (0.152) | |
|  |  |
| Ln() | 0.416\*\*  (0.178) | |  | -0.429\*\*\*  (0.078) | |  | -0.056  (0.047) | |
|  |  |
| Wald Test | 73.365\*\*\* | |  | 24.275\*\*\* | |  | 25.931\*\*\* | |
| Bayesian Information Criterion | 13555.340 | |  | 12330.251 | |  | 12915.904 | |
| Log Likelihood | -6566.471 | |  | -5953.927 | |  | -6246.754 | |
| Number of Vacancy-Days | 248558 | |  | 248558 | |  | 248558 | |
| Number of Nominations | 806 | |  | 806 | |  | 806 | |

*Note*: Standard errors clustered on vacancy-attempt in parentheses. *Commission Structure* coded according to Selin (2015). Two-tailed tests: \*\*\* *p* < 0.01; \*\* *p* < 0.05 \* *p* < 0.1

**Table A-16: Correlations Between Excluded Variables and Outcome Variables**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* |  | *Relative Divergence* |
| Daily Workload | 0.008 |  | 0.005 |  | -0.021 |
| Pending Nominations | **0.092** |  | **-0.130** |  | **0.146** |
| Agriculture | 0.008 |  | -0.020 |  | 0.022 |
| Commerce | -0.003 |  | -0.029 |  | -0.019 |
| Justice | **-0.060** |  | 0.040 |  | **-0.058** |
| Labor | -0.041 |  | **0.103** |  | **-0.071** |
| National Security | 0.001 |  | 0.001 |  | 0.005 |
| Social Welfare | 0.047 |  | -0.039 |  | 0.049 |
| Infrastructure | 0.026 |  | -0.056 |  | 0.048 |
| Nondepartmental | -0.021 |  | **0.080** |  | -0.051 |

*Note*: Pearson correlation coefficients presented for *Daily Workload and Pending Nominations*; pointwise biserial correlations presented for all other variables. **Bolded** values are those where the 90% confidence interval about the indicated correlation coefficient does not contain zero.

**Table A-17: Heckman Selection Models of Executive Nominations and Nominee Ideology (Omitting Excluded Variables; Identified on Distributional Assumptions Alone)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| **Year in Vacancy** | **0.201\*\*\***  **(0.070)** | **-0.032\*\*\***  **(0.012)** |  | **-0.047\***  **(0.027)** | **-0.032\*\*\***  **(0.012)** |  | **0.066**  **(0.047)** | **-0.032\*\*\***  **(0.012)** |
|  |  |
| **Year in Congress** | **0.422\*\*\***  **(0.131)** | **-0.058\*\***  **(0.023)** |  | **-0.084**  **(0.051)** | **-0.059\*\***  **(0.023)** |  | **0.170\*\***  **(0.078)** | **-0.059\*\***  **(0.023)** |
|  |  |
| President-Filibuster Distance | 1.687\*\*  (0.711) | 0.384\*\*\*  (0.133) |  | 0.204  (0.227) | 0.394\*\*\*  (0.133) |  | 0.271  (0.366) | 0.394\*\*\*  (0.133) |
|  |  |
| Divided Government | -19.396\*\*\*  (5.508) | 5.714\*\*\*  (0.976) |  | 2.515  (2.278) | 5.704\*\*\*  (0.978) |  | -1.875  (2.727) | 5.704\*\*\*  (0.978) |
|  |  |
| President-Filibuster Distance  x Divided Government | 13.110\*\*\*  (3.703) | -3.825\*\*\*  (0.655) |  | -1.757  (1.537) | -3.818\*\*\*  (0.657) |  | 1.323  (1.836) | -3.818\*\*\*  (0.657) |
|  |  |
| Tier One | -2.084\*\*\*  (0.383) | 0.691\*\*\*  (0.086) |  | 0.038  (0.082) | 0.694\*\*\*  (0.086) |  | -0.024  (0.168) | 0.694\*\*\*  (0.086) |
|  |  |
| Tier Two | -0.329\*\*\*  (0.124) | 0.113\*\*\*  (0.022) |  | 0.040  (0.044) | 0.115\*\*\*  (0.022) |  | -0.055  (0.064) | 0.115\*\*\*  (0.022) |
|  |  |
| Presidential Approval | -0.005  (0.006) | 0.001  (0.001) |  | 0.001  (0.003) | 0.001  (0.001) |  | -0.006  (0.004) | 0.001  (0.001) |
|  |  |
| Nomination Attempt | -0.398\*\*\*  (0.130) | 0.072\*\*  (0.029) |  | 0.082\*\*  (0.034) | 0.073\*\*  (0.029) |  | -0.144\*\*  (0.062) | 0.073\*\*  (0.029) |
|  |  |
| President's First Term | 0.177  (0.207) | -0.017  (0.039) |  | -0.099  (0.066) | -0.017  (0.039) |  | 0.195\*  (0.108) | -0.017  (0.039) |
|  |  |
| Constant | 5.254\*\*\*  (1.704) | -3.396\*\*\*  (0.203) |  | -0.177  (0.326) | -3.410\*\*\*  (0.204) |  | -1.052\*\*  (0.533) | -3.410\*\*\*  (0.204) |
|  |  |
| Arctangent of | -1.769\*\*\*  (0.125) | |  | 0.003  (0.008) | |  | -0.018  (0.014) | |
|  |  |
| Ln() | 1.178\*\*\*  (0.090) | |  | -0.452\*\*\*  (0.072) | |  | -0.085\*\*\*  (0.032) | |
|  |  |
| Wald Test | 94.561\*\*\* | |  | 18.842\*\* | |  | 19.897\*\* | |
| Bayesian Information Criterion | 14499.787 | |  | 13198.433 | |  | 13821.176 | |
| Log Likelihood | -7100.163 | |  | -6449.485 | |  | -6760.857 | |
| Number of Vacancy-Days | 262389 | |  | 262389 | |  | 262389 | |
| Number of Nominations | 849 | |  | 849 | |  | 849 | |

*Note*: Standard errors clustered on vacancy-attempt in parentheses. Two-tailed tests: \*\*\* *p* < 0.01; \*\* *p* < 0.05 \* *p* < 0.1

**Table A-18: Heckman Selection Models of Executive Nominations and Nominee Ideology; Cohort Analysis of Initial George W. Bush Vacancies (From 1/6/2001 to 2/3/2001, Inclusive)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| **Year in Vacancy** | **0.476\*\*\***  **(0.144)** | **-0.150\*\*\***  **(0.038)** |  | **-0.077**  **(0.056)** | **-0.149\*\*\***  **(0.039)** |  | **0.193\*\*\***  **(0.056)** | **-0.149\*\*\***  **(0.039)** |
|  |  |
| **Year in Congress** | **-0.644**  **(0.897)** | **-0.022**  **(0.204)** |  | **-0.207**  **(0.508)** | **-0.018**  **(0.206)** |  | **-0.104**  **(0.453)** | **-0.024**  **(0.205)** |
|  |  |
| Tier One | -1.681\*  (0.985) | 1.065\*\*\*  (0.218) |  | -0.092  (0.456) | 1.067\*\*\*  (0.217) |  | -0.224  (0.417) | 1.067\*\*\*  (0.217) |
|  |  |
| Tier Two | 0.082  (0.278) | 0.196\*\*\*  (0.065) |  | -0.112  (0.149) | 0.197\*\*\*  (0.065) |  | 0.093  (0.149) | 0.198\*\*\*  (0.065) |
|  |  |
| Presidential Approval | 0.003  (0.015) | -0.001  (0.004) |  | -0.001  (0.006) | -0.001  (0.004) |  | 0.002  (0.008) | -0.001  (0.004) |
|  |  |
| Nomination Attempt | -0.902\*\*  (0.390) | 0.390\*  (0.201) |  | 0.148  (0.151) | 0.393\*  (0.201) |  | -0.305  (0.206) | 0.394\*\*  (0.201) |
|  |  |
| Daily Workload |  | 0.021\*\*\*  (0.005) |  |  | 0.022\*\*\*  (0.005) |  |  | 0.021\*\*\*  (0.005) |
|  |  |
| Pending Nominations |  | 0.005\*\*\*  (0.001) |  |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.001) |  |  | 0.005\*\*\*  (0.001) |
|  |  |
| Constant | 3.945\*  (2.389) | -3.552\*\*\*  (0.308) |  | 0.142  (1.161) | -3.553\*\*\*  (0.309) |  | 0.016  (1.020) | -3.556\*\*\*  (0.309) |
|  |  |
| Arctangent of | -1.166\*\*\*  (0.398) | |  | 0.061  (0.486) | |  | -0.345  (0.289) | |
|  |  |
| Ln() | 0.791\*\*\*  (0.248) | |  | -0.412\*\*  (0.161) | |  | -0.103  (0.123) | |
|  |  |
| Wald Test | 25.545\*\*\* | |  | 24.603\*\*\* | |  | 25.646\*\*\* | |
| Bayesian Information Criterion | 2389.055 | |  | 2183.934 | |  | 2256.401 | |
| Log Likelihood | -1100.494 | |  | -997.933 | |  | -1034.167 | |
| Number of Vacancy-Days | 34481 | |  | 34481 | |  | 34481 | |
| Number of Nominations | 141 | |  | 141 | |  | 141 | |

*Note*: Standard errors clustered on vacancy-attempt in parentheses. Two-tailed tests: \*\*\* *p* < 0.01; \*\* *p* < 0.05 \* *p* < 0.1

**Table A-19: Heckman Selection Models of Executive Nominations and Nominee Ideology (Omitting *Tier One* Positions)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| **Year in Vacancy** | **0.171\*\***  **(0.067)** | **-0.148**  **(0.126)** |  | **-0.052\***  **(0.027)** | **-0.047\*\*\***  **(0.013)** |  | **0.077\***  **(0.046)** | **-0.047\*\*\***  **(0.013)** |
|  |  |
| **Year in Congress** | **0.272\*\***  **(0.123)** | **-0.005**  **(0.006)** |  | **-0.082**  **(0.052)** | **-0.393\*\*\***  **(0.040)** |  | **0.162\*\***  **(0.078)** | **-0.396\*\*\***  **(0.040)** |
|  |  |
| President-Filibuster Distance | 2.000\*\*\*  (0.713) | -0.273\*\*  (0.117) |  | 0.278  (0.244) | 0.842\*\*\*  (0.159) |  | 0.067  (0.393) | 0.845\*\*\*  (0.159) |
|  |  |
| Divided Government | -15.674\*\*  (6.124) | 0.186  (0.189) |  | 3.457  (2.423) | 7.956\*\*\*  (1.050) |  | -3.931  (2.941) | 7.978\*\*\*  (1.049) |
|  |  |
| President-Filibuster Distance  x Divided Government | 10.604\*\*\*  (4.113) | -5.343\*\*\*  (0.700) |  | -2.389  (1.633) | -5.357\*\*\*  (0.705) |  | 2.702  (1.976) | -5.372\*\*\*  (0.705) |
|  |  |
| Tier Two | -0.148  (0.126) | 0.117\*\*\*  (0.028) |  | 0.051  (0.045) | 0.110\*\*\*  (0.029) |  | -0.076  (0.066) | 0.110\*\*\*  (0.029) |
|  |  |
| Presidential Approval | -0.005  (0.006) | 0.003\*\*\*  (0.001) |  | 0.001  (0.003) | 0.003\*\*\*  (0.001) |  | -0.006  (0.004) | 0.003\*\*\*  (0.001) |
|  |  |
| Nomination Attempt | -0.273\*\*  (0.117) | 0.111\*\*\*  (0.034) |  | 0.087\*\*  (0.034) | 0.115\*\*\*  (0.035) |  | -0.151\*\*  (0.063) | 0.115\*\*\*  (0.035) |
|  |  |
| President's First Term | 0.186  (0.189) | -0.100\*\*  (0.041) |  | -0.110  (0.068) | -0.104\*\*  (0.041) |  | 0.229\*\*  (0.109) | -0.104\*\*  (0.041) |
|  |  |
| Daily Workload |  | 0.030\*\*\*  (0.003) |  |  | 0.033\*\*\*  (0.002) |  |  | 0.033\*\*\*  (0.002) |
|  |  |
| Pending Nominations |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |  |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |  |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |
|  |  |
| Agriculture |  | 0.069  (0.058) |  |  | 0.067  (0.062) |  |  | 0.066  (0.062) |
|  |  |
| Commerce |  | 0.020  (0.052) |  |  | 0.013  (0.056) |  |  | 0.018  (0.056) |
|  |  |
| Justice |  | -0.077  (0.053) |  |  | -0.113\*\*  (0.053) |  |  | -0.111\*\*  (0.053) |
|  |  |
| Labor |  | -0.047  (0.073) |  |  | -0.087  (0.072) |  |  | -0.087  (0.072) |
|  |  |
| National Security |  | -0.017  (0.043) |  |  | -0.025  (0.048) |  |  | -0.025  (0.047) |
| Social Welfare |  | -0.103\*\*  (0.046) |  |  | -0.124\*\*\*  (0.048) |  |  | -0.125\*\*\*  (0.048) |
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|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| Infrastructure |  | -0.015  (0.043) |  |  | -0.010  (0.046) |  |  | -0.011  (0.046) |
|  |  |
| Nondepartmental |  | -0.028  (0.050) |  |  | -0.054  (0.053) |  |  | -0.055  (0.052) |
|  |  |
| Constant | 0.834  (2.645) | -4.526\*\*\*  (0.256) |  | -0.650  (0.481) | -4.579\*\*\*  (0.256) |  | -0.060  (0.785) | -4.585\*\*\*  (0.256) |
|  |  |
| Arctangent of | -1.181\*\*\*  (0.338) | |  | 0.192  (0.128) | |  | -0.267\*  (0.142) | |
|  |  |
| Ln() | 0.802\*\*\*  (0.219) | |  | -0.425\*\*\*  (0.077) | |  | -0.055  (0.048) | |
|  |  |
| Wald Test | 58.995\*\*\* | |  | 20.247\*\* | |  | 21.415\*\* | |
| Bayesian Information Criterion | 13804.921 | |  | 12544.084 | |  | 13122.181 | |
| Log Likelihood | -6702.934 | |  | -6072.516 | |  | -6361.564 | |
| Number of Vacancy-Days | 260510 | |  | 260510 | |  | 260510 | |
| Number of Nominations | 815 | |  | 815 | |  | 815 | |

*Note*: Standard errors clustered on vacancy-attempt in parentheses. Two-tailed tests: \*\*\* *p* < 0.01; \*\* *p* < 0.05 \* *p* < 0.1

**Table A-20: Heckman Selection Models of Executive Nominations and Nominee Ideology (Omitting *Tier Two* Positions)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| **Year in Vacancy** | **0.166**  **(0.139)** | **-0.064\*\*\***  **(0.014)** |  | **-0.047**  **(0.033)** | **-0.062\*\*\***  **(0.014)** |  | **0.064**  **(0.056)** | **-0.062\*\*\***  **(0.014)** |
|  |  |
| **Year in Congress** | **0.331\***  **(0.187)** | **-0.421\*\*\***  **(0.071)** |  | **-0.089**  **(0.073)** | **-0.427\*\*\***  **(0.055)** |  | **0.185\***  **(0.107)** | **-0.428\*\*\***  **(0.055)** |
|  |  |
| President-Filibuster Distance | 3.386\*\*  (1.440) | 0.903\*\*\*  (0.237) |  | -0.048  (0.295) | 0.931\*\*\*  (0.215) |  | 0.747  (0.519) | 0.931\*\*\*  (0.215) |
|  |  |
| Divided Government | -9.741  (14.558) | 8.041\*\*\*  (1.420) |  | 3.286  (3.406) | 8.099\*\*\*  (1.407) |  | -2.041  (4.019) | 8.107\*\*\*  (1.407) |
|  |  |
| President-Filibuster Distance  x Divided Government | 6.561  (9.691) | -5.398\*\*\*  (0.955) |  | -2.313  (2.302) | -5.436\*\*\*  (0.947) |  | 1.449  (2.701) | -5.442\*\*\*  (0.947) |
|  |  |
| Tier One | -0.768  (1.250) | 0.685\*\*\*  (0.110) |  | 0.042  (0.114) | 0.668\*\*\*  (0.108) |  | -0.054  (0.221) | 0.669\*\*\*  (0.108) |
|  |  |
| Presidential Approval | -0.000  (0.009) | 0.002  (0.002) |  | 0.001  (0.004) | 0.002  (0.002) |  | -0.004  (0.005) | 0.002  (0.002) |
|  |  |
| Nomination Attempt | -0.141  (0.189) | 0.091\*\*  (0.037) |  | 0.061  (0.049) | 0.093\*\*  (0.037) |  | -0.109  (0.089) | 0.093\*\*  (0.037) |
|  |  |
| President's First Term | -0.163  (0.258) | -0.103\*  (0.062) |  | -0.011  (0.088) | -0.107\*  (0.059) |  | 0.088  (0.153) | -0.107\*  (0.059) |
|  |  |
| Daily Workload |  | 0.029\*\*\*  (0.005) |  |  | 0.031\*\*\*  (0.003) |  |  | 0.031\*\*\*  (0.003) |
|  |  |
| Pending Nominations |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.001) |  |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |  |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |
|  |  |
| Agriculture |  | -0.033  (0.093) |  |  | -0.054  (0.088) |  |  | -0.054  (0.088) |
|  |  |
| Commerce |  | -0.070  (0.119) |  |  | -0.050  (0.124) |  |  | -0.049  (0.124) |
|  |  |
| Justice |  | -0.229\*  (0.131) |  |  | -0.267\*\*\*  (0.077) |  |  | -0.266\*\*\*  (0.077) |
|  |  |
| Labor |  | -0.167  (0.156) |  |  | -0.188  (0.129) |  |  | -0.187  (0.129) |
|  |  |
| National Security |  | -0.110  (0.082) |  |  | -0.098  (0.085) |  |  | -0.099  (0.085) |
| Social Welfare |  | -0.203\*\*  (0.103) |  |  | -0.213\*\*\*  (0.081) |  |  | -0.213\*\*\*  (0.081) |
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|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| Infrastructure |  | -0.052  (0.085) |  |  | -0.071  (0.078) |  |  | -0.070  (0.078) |
|  |  |
| Nondepartmental |  | -0.107  (0.099) |  |  | -0.130\*  (0.073) |  |  | -0.130\*  (0.073) |
|  |  |
| Constant | -2.866  (8.656) | -4.491\*\*\*  (0.380) |  | 0.005  (0.618) | -4.532\*\*\*  (0.334) |  | -1.470  (1.138) | -4.533\*\*\*  (0.334) |
|  |  |
| Arctangent of | -0.894  (1.329) | |  | 0.114  (0.205) | |  | -0.143  (0.240) | |
|  |  |
| Ln() | 0.658  (0.774) | |  | -0.403\*\*\*  (0.088) | |  | -0.039  (0.051) | |
|  |  |
| Wald Test | 53.324\*\*\* | |  | 10.719 | |  | 13.415 | |
| Bayesian Information Criterion | 8210.525 | |  | 7483.257 | |  | 7825.669 | |
| Log Likelihood | -3913.065 | |  | -3549.432 | |  | -3720.637 | |
| Number of Vacancy-Days | 164772 | |  | 164772 | |  | 164772 | |
| Number of Nominations | 474 | |  | 474 | |  | 474 | |

*Note*: Standard errors clustered on vacancy-attempt in parentheses. Two-tailed tests: \*\*\* *p* < 0.01; \*\* *p* < 0.05 \* *p* < 0.1

**Table A-21: Heckman Selection Models of Executive Nominations and Nominee Ideology (Omitting *Tier Three* Positions)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| **Year in Vacancy** | **0.120**  **(0.142)** | **0.043**  **(0.033)** |  | **-0.062**  **(0.052)** | **0.044**  **(0.033)** |  | **0.064**  **(0.087)** | **0.044**  **(0.033)** |
|  |  |
| **Year in Congress** | **0.183**  **(0.182)** | **-0.344\*\*\***  **(0.059)** |  | **-0.118\***  **(0.070)** | **-0.341\*\*\***  **(0.059)** |  | **0.199\***  **(0.114)** | **-0.343\*\*\***  **(0.059)** |
|  |  |
| President-Filibuster Distance | 2.249\*\*  (0.971) | 1.063\*\*\*  (0.238) |  | 0.379  (0.339) | 1.055\*\*\*  (0.240) |  | -0.126  (0.525) | 1.061\*\*\*  (0.239) |
|  |  |
| Divided Government | -3.834  (9.234) | 8.733\*\*\*  (1.622) |  | 0.462  (2.735) | 8.715\*\*\*  (1.626) |  | -0.887  (4.015) | 8.737\*\*\*  (1.624) |
|  |  |
| President-Filibuster Distance  x Divided Government | 2.730  (6.236) | -5.900\*\*\*  (1.090) |  | -0.319  (1.827) | -5.887\*\*\*  (1.093) |  | 0.631  (2.702) | -5.902\*\*\*  (1.092) |
|  |  |
| Tier One | -0.373  (0.543) | 0.655\*\*\*  (0.101) |  | 0.030  (0.117) | 0.655\*\*\*  (0.101) |  | -0.047  (0.195) | 0.653\*\*\*  (0.101) |
|  |  |
| Presidential Approval | -0.005  (0.008) | 0.004\*\*  (0.002) |  | 0.002  (0.004) | 0.004\*\*  (0.002) |  | -0.007  (0.005) | 0.004\*\*  (0.002) |
|  |  |
| Nomination Attempt | -0.335\*\*  (0.137) | 0.057  (0.055) |  | 0.130\*\*\*  (0.050) | 0.056  (0.055) |  | -0.216\*\*  (0.084) | 0.056  (0.056) |
|  |  |
| President's First Term | 0.242  (0.248) | -0.066  (0.060) |  | -0.172\*  (0.099) | -0.065  (0.060) |  | 0.235  (0.152) | -0.066  (0.060) |
|  |  |
| Daily Workload |  | 0.033\*\*\*  (0.003) |  |  | 0.033\*\*\*  (0.003) |  |  | 0.033\*\*\*  (0.003) |
|  |  |
| Pending Nominations |  | 0.003\*\*\*  (0.000) |  |  | 0.003\*\*\*  (0.000) |  |  | 0.003\*\*\*  (0.000) |
|  |  |
| Agriculture |  | 0.131  (0.096) |  |  | 0.138  (0.093) |  |  | 0.136  (0.093) |
|  |  |
| Commerce |  | 0.035  (0.067) |  |  | 0.031  (0.067) |  |  | 0.035  (0.067) |
|  |  |
| Justice |  | 0.162\*  (0.085) |  |  | 0.162\*  (0.087) |  |  | 0.164\*  (0.086) |
|  |  |
| Labor |  | -0.053  (0.090) |  |  | -0.056  (0.092) |  |  | -0.054  (0.087) |
|  |  |
| National Security |  | -0.139\*\*  (0.064) |  |  | -0.141\*\*  (0.062) |  |  | -0.139\*\*  (0.062) |
| Social Welfare |  | -0.100\*  (0.061) |  |  | -0.100  (0.061) |  |  | -0.101\*  (0.061) |
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|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| Infrastructure |  | 0.010  (0.065) |  |  | 0.019  (0.059) |  |  | 0.015  (0.059) |
|  |  |
| Nondepartmental |  | 0.218  (0.434) |  |  | 0.246  (0.400) |  |  | 0.265  (0.425) |
|  |  |
| Constant | -3.664  (4.045) | -4.770\*\*\*  (0.384) |  | -0.611  (0.747) | -4.756\*\*\*  (0.386) |  | 0.049  (1.138) | -4.767\*\*\*  (0.385) |
|  |  |
| Arctangent of | -0.318  (0.703) | |  | 0.093  (0.253) | |  | -0.197  (0.249) | |
|  |  |
| Ln() | 0.350\*  (0.197) | |  | -0.542\*\*\*  (0.121) | |  | -0.120\*  (0.069) | |
|  |  |
| Wald Test | 25.140\*\*\* | |  | 17.494\*\* | |  | 15.637\* | |
| Bayesian Information Criterion | 6830.092 | |  | 6134.320 | |  | 6468.379 | |
| Log Likelihood | -3230.920 | |  | -2883.034 | |  | -3050.063 | |
| Number of Vacancy-Days | 99496 | |  | 99496 | |  | 99496 | |
| Number of Nominations | 409 | |  | 409 | |  | 409 | |

*Note*: Standard errors clustered on vacancy-attempt in parentheses. Two-tailed tests: \*\*\* *p* < 0.01; \*\* *p* < 0.05 \* *p* < 0.1

**Table A-22: Heckman Selection Models of Executive Nominations and Nominee Ideology (Only *Tier Three* Positions)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| **Year in Vacancy** | **0.133**  **(0.087)** | **-0.062\*\*\***  **(0.014)** |  | **-0.048**  **(0.033)** | **-0.061\*\*\***  **(0.014)** |  | **0.068**  **(0.056)** | **-0.061\*\*\***  **(0.014)** |
|  |  |
| **Year in Congress** | **0.292\***  **(0.158)** | **-0.455\*\*\***  **(0.055)** |  | **-0.083**  **(0.076)** | **-0.452\*\*\***  **(0.055)** |  | **0.162**  **(0.108)** | **-0.453\*\*\***  **(0.055)** |
|  |  |
| President-Filibuster Distance | 3.417\*\*\*  (1.013) | 0.877\*\*\*  (0.222) |  | -0.077  (0.328) | 0.878\*\*\*  (0.221) |  | 0.664  (0.557) | 0.878\*\*\*  (0.221) |
|  |  |
| Divided Government | -7.457  (8.357) | 8.198\*\*\*  (1.400) |  | 3.428  (3.498) | 8.195\*\*\*  (1.403) |  | -2.854  (4.143) | 8.205\*\*\*  (1.402) |
|  |  |
| President-Filibuster Distance  x Divided Government | 5.073  (5.577) | -5.508\*\*\*  (0.942) |  | -2.414  (2.364) | -5.505\*\*\*  (0.943) |  | 2.001  (2.783) | -5.512\*\*\*  (0.943) |
|  |  |
| Presidential Approval | -0.003  (0.008) | 0.003\*  (0.002) |  | 0.001  (0.004) | 0.003\*  (0.002) |  | -0.005  (0.005) | 0.003\*  (0.002) |
|  |  |
| Nomination Attempt | -0.087  (0.141) | 0.103\*\*\*  (0.037) |  | 0.058  (0.050) | 0.103\*\*\*  (0.037) |  | -0.100  (0.091) | 0.103\*\*\*  (0.037) |
|  |  |
| President's First Term | -0.045  (0.266) | -0.132\*\*  (0.058) |  | -0.018  (0.092) | -0.131\*\*  (0.058) |  | 0.133  (0.156) | -0.131\*\*  (0.058) |
|  |  |
| Daily Workload |  | 0.031\*\*\*  (0.003) |  |  | 0.032\*\*\*  (0.003) |  |  | 0.032\*\*\*  (0.003) |
|  |  |
| Pending Nominations |  | 0.005\*\*\*  (0.000) |  |  | 0.005\*\*\*  (0.000) |  |  | 0.005\*\*\*  (0.000) |
|  |  |
| Agriculture |  | -0.024  (0.095) |  |  | -0.037  (0.090) |  |  | -0.037  (0.090) |
|  |  |
| Commerce |  | -0.061  (0.132) |  |  | -0.050  (0.130) |  |  | -0.049  (0.130) |
|  |  |
| Justice |  | -0.232\*\*\*  (0.084) |  |  | -0.242\*\*\*  (0.077) |  |  | -0.241\*\*\*  (0.077) |
|  |  |
| Labor |  | -0.186  (0.133) |  |  | -0.186  (0.133) |  |  | -0.185  (0.134) |
|  |  |
| National Security |  | 0.057  (0.081) |  |  | 0.063  (0.080) |  |  | 0.061  (0.080) |
| Social Welfare |  | -0.196\*\*  (0.084) |  |  | -0.195\*\*  (0.084) |  |  | -0.195\*\*  (0.083) |
| Infrastructure |  | -0.046  (0.082) |  |  | -0.054  (0.079) |  |  | -0.053  (0.079) |
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|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| Nondepartmental |  | -0.098  (0.078) |  |  | -0.104  (0.074) |  |  | -0.105  (0.073) |
|  |  |
| Constant | -5.103  (3.851) | -4.573\*\*\*  (0.346) |  | 0.010  (0.641) | -4.569\*\*\*  (0.346) |  | -1.338  (1.147) | -4.571\*\*\*  (0.345) |
|  |  |
| Arctangent of | -0.431  (0.651) | |  | 0.130  (0.193) | |  | -0.148  (0.226) | |
|  |  |
| Ln() | 0.441\*  (0.247) | |  | -0.380\*\*\*  (0.090) | |  | -0.036  (0.052) | |
|  |  |
| Wald Test | 49.736\*\*\* | |  | 9.333 | |  | 11.552 | |
| Bayesian Information Criterion | 7713.496 | |  | 7055.017 | |  | 7356.073 | |
| Log Likelihood | -3676.735 | |  | -3347.496 | |  | -3498.024 | |
| Number of Vacancy-Days | 162893 | |  | 162893 | |  | 162893 | |
| Number of Nominations | 440 | |  | 440 | |  | 400 | |

*Note*: Standard errors clustered on vacancy-attempt in parentheses. Two-tailed tests: \*\*\* *p* < 0.01; \*\* *p* < 0.05 \* *p* < 0.1

**Table A-23a: Heckman Selection Models of Executive Nominations and Nominee Ideology (With Interactions between *Year in Administration* and *Year in Congress/Year in Vacancy*)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| **Year in Vacancy** | **0.192\*\***  **(0.097)** | **-0.024**  **(0.023)** |  | **-0.069\***  **(0.038)** | **-0.020**  **(0.023)** |  | **0.126\***  **(0.065)** | **-0.020**  **(0.023)** |
|  |  |
| **Year in Congress** | **0.222**  **(0.235)** | **-0.443\*\*\***  **(0.084)** |  | **-0.091**  **(0.113)** | **-0.475\*\*\***  **(0.078)** |  | **0.305\***  **(0.162)** | **-0.476\*\*\***  **(0.079)** |
|  |  |
| President-Filibuster Distance | 0.130\*\*  (0.053) | -0.075\*\*\*  (0.012) |  | -0.022  (0.020) | -0.077\*\*\*  (0.011) |  | 0.038  (0.029) | -0.077\*\*\*  (0.011) |
|  |  |
| **Year in Vacancy x Year in Administration** | **-0.018**  **(0.026)** | **-0.005**  **(0.006)** |  | **0.010**  **(0.013)** | **-0.005**  **(0.006)** |  | **-0.030\***  **(0.017)** | **-0.005**  **(0.006)** |
|  |  |
| **Year in Congress x Year in Administration** | **-0.008**  **(0.048)** | **0.025\*\***  **(0.012)** |  | **0.005**  **(0.025)** | **0.028\*\***  **(0.011)** |  | **-0.032**  **(0.033)** | **0.028\*\***  **(0.011)** |
|  |  |
| President-Filibuster Distance | 3.250\*\*\*  (0.531) | 0.219\*  (0.128) |  | -0.000  (0.210) | 0.238\*  (0.129) |  | 0.467  (0.323) | 0.238\*  (0.129) |
|  |  |
| Divided Government | -0.081  (0.140) | 0.091\*\*\*  (0.029) |  | -0.060  (0.053) | 0.093\*\*\*  (0.029) |  | 0.043  (0.080) | 0.093\*\*\*  (0.029) |
|  |  |
| Presidential Approval | -1.102\*\*  (0.496) | 0.706\*\*\*  (0.101) |  | 0.080  (0.104) | 0.702\*\*\*  (0.102) |  | -0.067  (0.191) | 0.702\*\*\*  (0.102) |
|  |  |
| Tier One | -0.157  (0.135) | 0.125\*\*\*  (0.029) |  | 0.049  (0.049) | 0.118\*\*\*  (0.029) |  | -0.062  (0.067) | 0.118\*\*\*  (0.029) |
|  |  |
| Tier Two | 0.004  (0.006) | -0.001  (0.001) |  | -0.001  (0.003) | -0.001  (0.001) |  | -0.003  (0.004) | -0.001  (0.001) |
|  |  |
| Nomination Attempt | -0.262\*\*  (0.116) | 0.098\*\*\*  (0.035) |  | 0.087\*\*\*  (0.034) | 0.101\*\*\*  (0.035) |  | -0.141\*\*  (0.062) | 0.101\*\*\*  (0.035) |
|  |  |
| Daily Workload |  | 0.029\*\*\*  (0.003) |  |  | 0.032\*\*\*  (0.002) |  |  | 0.031\*\*\*  (0.002) |
|  |  |
| Pending Nominations |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |  |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |  |  | 0.004\*\*\*  (0.000) |
|  |  |
| Agriculture |  | 0.042  (0.057) |  |  | 0.042  (0.062) |  |  | 0.040  (0.062) |
|  |  |
| Commerce |  | -0.014  (0.051) |  |  | -0.024  (0.056) |  |  | -0.020  (0.056) |
|  |  |
| Justice |  | -0.118\*\*  (0.057) |  |  | -0.160\*\*\*  (0.053) |  |  | -0.159\*\*\*  (0.053) |
|  |  |
| Labor |  | -0.075  (0.073) |  |  | -0.116  (0.071) |  |  | -0.118\*  (0.070) |
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|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| National Security |  | -0.079\*  (0.045) |  |  | -0.094\*\*  (0.048) |  |  | -0.095\*\*  (0.048) |
|  |  |
| Social Welfare |  | -0.129\*\*\*  (0.047) |  |  | -0.150\*\*\*  (0.047) |  |  | -0.151\*\*\*  (0.047) |
|  |  |
| Infrastructure |  | -0.041  (0.042) |  |  | -0.039  (0.046) |  |  | -0.039  (0.046) |
|  |  |
| Nondepartmental |  | -0.047  (0.051) |  |  | -0.075  (0.052) |  |  | -0.076  (0.051) |
|  |  |
| Constant | -1.763  (2.415) | -3.214\*\*\*  (0.220) |  | -0.120  (0.421) | -3.247\*\*\*  (0.221) |  | -0.914  (0.686) | -3.248\*\*\*  (0.221) |
|  |  |
| Arctangent of | -3.214\*\*\*  (0.220) | |  | 0.174  (0.132) | |  | -0.210  (0.150) | |
|  |  |
| Ln() | 0.791\*\*\*  (0.248) | |  | -0.438\*\*\*  (0.076) | |  | -0.067  (0.044) | |
|  |  |
| Wald Test | 64.411\*\*\* | |  | 21.081\*\* | |  | 23.080\*\* | |
| Bayesian Information Criterion | 14318.003 | |  | 12984.297 | |  | 13603.527 | |
| Log Likelihood | -6934.405 | |  | -6267.552 | |  | -6577.167 | |
| Number of Vacancy-Days | 262389 | |  | 262389 | |  | 262389 | |
| Number of Nominations | 849 | |  | 849 | |  | 849 | |

Note: Both *President’s First Term* and the iteraction between *President-Filibuster Distance* and *Divided Government* were omitted due to collinearity issues. Standard errors clustered on vacancy-attempt in parentheses. Two-tailed tests: \*\*\* *p* < 0.01; \*\* *p* < 0.05 \* *p* < 0.1

**Table A-23b: Marginal Effects of *Year in Vacancy* and *Year in Congress*, Conditional on *Year in Administration***

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Logged President-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Logged Filibuster-Nominee Divergence* | |  | *Relative Divergence* | |
|  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |  | Outcome | Selection |
| Year in Vacancy (First Year in Administration) | 0.174\*\*  (0.081) | -0.0004  (0.0002) |  | -0.059\*  (0.031) | -0.0003  (0.0003) |  | 0.096\*  (0.054) | -0.0004  (0.0003) |
| Year in Vacancy (Second Year in Administration) | 0.156\*\*  (0.072) | -0.0004\*\*  (0.0002) |  | -0.049\*  (0.028) | -0.0004\*\*  (0.0002) |  | 0.067  (0.048) | -0.0004\*\*  (0.0002) |
| Year in Vacancy (Fourth Year in Administration) | 0.120  (0.081) | -0.0004\*\*\*  (0.0001) |  | -0.029  (0.037) | -0.0003\*\*\*  (0.0001) |  | 0.007  (0.053) | -0.0003\*\*\*  (0.0001) |
|  |  |
| Year in Vacancy (Eighth Year in Administration) | 0.048  (0.160) | -0.0003\*  (0.0002) |  | 0.011  (0.082) | -0.0003\*  (0.0002) |  | -0.111  (0.103) | -0.0003\*  (0.0002) |
| Year in Congress (First Year in Administration) | 0.214  (0.195) | -0.0056\*\*\*  (0.0010) |  | -0.086  (0.092) | -0.0062\*\*\*  (0.0010) |  | 0.272\*\*  (0.135) | -0.0062\*\*\*  (0.0010) |
| Year in Congress (Second Year in Administration) | 0.205  (0.160) | -0.0047\*\*\*  (0.0008) |  | -0.081  (0.073) | -0.0050\*\*\*  (0.0007) |  | 0.241\*\*  (0.110) | -0.0050\*\*\*  (0.0007) |
|  |  |
| Year in Congress (Fourth Year in Administration) | 0.188  (0.122) | -0.0030\*\*\*  (0.0004) |  | -0.070  (0.052) | -0.0032\*\*\*  (0.0004) |  | 0.177\*\*  (0.082) | -0.0032\*\*\*  (0.0004) |
| Year in Congress (Eighth Year in Administration) | 0.155  (0.222) | -0.0011\*\*\*  (0.0003) |  | -0.049  (0.110) | -0.0012\*\*\*  (0.0003) |  | 0.050  (0.148) | -0.0011\*\*\*  (0.0003) |

Note: Results based on the models in Table A-23a. Results for the *Selection* model are the predicted changes in the probability of a nomination put forth. Results for the *Outcome* model are the predicted changes in the dependent variable indicated in the top row. Two-tailed tests: \*\*\* *p* < 0.01; \*\* *p* < 0.05 \* *p* < 0.1