Online Appendix

Holding Agencies Accountable: Exploring the Effect of
Oversight on Citizens' Approval of Members of Congress

Table Appendix 1: Experiment Design

	Republican Respondents		Democratic Respondents	
	HHS	DOD	HHS	DOD
Copartisans	Republican Oversight (asked about R MCs)	Republican Oversight (asked about R MCs)	Democratic Oversight (asked about D MCs)	Democratic Oversight (asked about D MCs)
Cross-partisans	Democratic Oversight (asked about D MCs)	Democratic Oversight (asked about D MCs)	Republican Oversight (asked about R MCs)	Republican Oversight (asked about R MCs)
No Oversight	No Oversight (asked about R MCs)	No Oversight (asked about R MCs)	No Oversight (asked about R MCs)	No Oversight (asked about R MCs)
No Oversight	No Oversight (asked about D MCs)	No Oversight (asked about D MCs)	No Oversight (asked about D MCs)	No Oversight (asked about D MCs)

Table Appendix 2: Evaluations of Copartisans

	Committee Members		Individual Member	
	DOD	HHS	DOD	HHS
	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4
Republican	0.343	0.529*	0.605**	0.451*
	(0.215)	(0.219)	(0.218)	(0.215)
Oversight Treatment	2.977***	2.761***	3.521***	2.996***
	(0.245)	(0.240)	(0.261)	(0.248)
Republican × Oversight Treatment	-0.807**	-0.897**	-0.849**	-0.762*
	(0.309)	(0.308)	(0.313)	(0.306)
Some College	-0.316	0.311	-0.126	0.382
	(0.273)	(0.256)	(0.273)	(0.253)
College Degree	0.045	0.527*	0.152	0.267
	(0.270)	(0.258)	(0.270)	(0.255)
Some Post-graduate Education	0.470	0.904	0.780	0.432
	(0.494)	(0.468)	(0.511)	(0.475)
Post-graduate Degree	-0.275	0.691*	0.068	0.634*
	(0.314)	(0.303)	(0.315)	(0.302)
Age	0.014*	0.020**	0.017**	0.010
	(0.006)	(0.006)	(0.006)	(0.006)
Female	-0.146	-0.267	-0.234	-0.309
	(0.160)	(0.162)	(0.163)	(0.161)
African American	0.534	0.112	0.414	0.053
	(0.288)	(0.258)	(0.304)	(0.263)
Hispanic	-0.070	-0.104	0.013	-0.195
	(0.253)	(0.272)	(0.266)	(0.263)
N	580	582	580	582
AIC	1537.5	1604	1458.7	1576.8
Log Likelihood	-753.8	-787	-714.4	-773.4

$^{***}p < 0.001$, $^{**}p < 0.01$, $^{*}p < 0.05$

Ordinal logistic regression estimates. The dependent variable in Models 1 and 2 is approval of committee members. The dependent variable in Models 3 and 4 is approval of the individual member.

Table Appendix 3: Evaluations of Cross-partisans

	Committee Members		Individual Member	
	DOD	HHS	DOD	HHS
	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4
Republican	1.113***	0.501*	0.920***	0.622**
	(0.223)	(0.219)	(0.217)	(0.219)
Oversight Treatment	2.561***	2.725***	2.661***	2.880***
	(0.237)	(0.237)	(0.237)	(0.240)
Republican × Oversight Treatment	-0.813**	-0.359	-0.446	-0.533
	(0.308)	(0.308)	(0.306)	(0.306)
Some College	-0.216	0.237	0.080	0.139
	(0.283)	(0.284)	(0.283)	(0.279)
College Degree	0.250	0.567*	0.372	0.503
	(0.281)	(0.278)	(0.279)	(0.273)
Some Post-graduate Education	0.064	-0.201	0.381	-0.214
	(0.441)	(0.460)	(0.458)	(0.448)
Post-graduate Degree	0.448	0.832*	0.447	0.476
	(0.313)	(0.324)	(0.311)	(0.318)
Age	-0.008	-0.008	-0.010	-0.004
	(0.006)	(0.006)	(0.006)	(0.006)
Female	-0.185	-0.294	0.042	-0.233
	(0.160)	(0.159)	(0.159)	(0.158)
African American	0.294	-0.155	0.022	0.110
	(0.275)	(0.287)	(0.274)	(0.282)
Hispanic	0.046	0.794**	0.064	0.765**
	(0.262)	(0.259)	(0.264)	(0.262)
N	579	581	579	581
AIC	1646.6	1590.3	1626.7	1604.2
Log Likelihood	-808.3	-780.1	-798.4	-787.1

$^{***}p < 0.001$, $^{**}p < 0.01$, $^{*}p < 0.05$

Ordinal logistic regression estimates. The dependent variable in Models 1 and 2 is approval of committee members. The dependent variable in Models 3 and 4 is approval of the individual member.

Table Appendix 4: Evaluations of Copartisans − Interaction with Agency

	Republican Respondents		Democratic Respondents	
	Committee members	Individual member	Committee members	Individual member
	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4
Oversight Treatment	1.992***	2.500***	2.852***	2.915***
	(0.234)	(0.246)	(0.245)	(0.247)
DOD	0.021	0.064	0.319	0.075
	(0.216)	(0.218)	(0.212)	(0.208)
Oversight Treatment × DOD	0.095	0.284	-0.022	0.246
	(0.312)	(0.315)	(0.303)	(0.303)
Some College	-0.177	0.159	0.149	0.130
	(0.281)	(0.282)	(0.252)	(0.249)
College Degree	0.169	0.198	0.413	0.285
	(0.285)	(0.284)	(0.247)	(0.244)
Some Post-graduate Education	0.335	0.539	1.043*	0.631
	(0.467)	(0.487)	(0.501)	(0.496)
Post-graduate Degree	-0.116	0.157	0.533	0.616*
	(0.328)	(0.328)	(0.292)	(0.293)
Age	0.018**	0.018**	0.014*	0.008
	(0.006)	(0.006)	(0.006)	(0.006)
Female	-0.190	-0.230	-0.219	-0.316
	(0.161)	(0.162)	(0.162)	(0.162)
African American	-0.039	-0.264	0.338	0.321
	(0.451)	(0.478)	(0.215)	(0.218)
Hispanic	0.309	0.329	-0.390	-0.445
	(0.277)	(0.277)	(0.248)	(0.251)
N	561	561	601	601
AIC	1553.4	1458.04	1591.2	1579.9
Log Likelihood	-761.7	-714.02	-780.6	-774.9

$^{***}p < 0.001$, $^{**}p < 0.01$, $^{*}p < 0.05$

Ordinal logistic regression estimates. The dependent variable in Models 1 and 3 is approval of committee members. The dependent variable in Models 2 and 4 is approval of the individual member. The reference category for agency is HHS.

Table Appendix 5: Difference in Means

Difference in Mean Approval Between Oversight & No Oversight Conditions[a]

	DOD		HHS	
	Republican (R) Respondents	Democratic (D) Respondents	Republican (R) Respondents	Democratic (D) Respondents
Approval of Copartisans[d]				
Committee Members	1.23	1.66^b	1.21	1.65^b
Individual Member	1.41	1.80^b	1.35	1.63
Approval of Cross-partisans				
Committee Members	1.11	1.63^b	1.43^e	1.62
Individual Member	1.33	1.68^c	1.37	1.69^c

[a] All difference in means between oversight and no oversight conditions are statistically significant ($p \leq 0.05$)

[b] Difference between the differences for D and R resp. for DOD/HHS is statistically significant ($p \leq 0.05$)

[c] Difference between the differences for D and R resp. for DOD/HHS is statistically significant ($p \leq 0.10$)

[d] Copartisan approval: For agency comparisons, none of the differences between the differences for DOD and HHS among among R/D resp. are statistically significant at the 0.10 level.

[e] Cross-partisan approval: For agency comparisons, one of the differences between the differences for DOD and HHS among R/D resp. is statistically significant at the 0.10 level.