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| Table A: Description of the sample of local politicians |
|  | Total average | Male average | Female average | T-test: significant difference between male and female average |
| Age | 46.78 | 47.47 | 45 | \*\*\* |
| Party | 3.59 | 3.65 | 3.46 | \*\* |
| Opposition | 0.42 | 0.43 | 0.39 | \* |
| Marital Status* Living with a partner
 | 0.79 | 0.80 | 0.77 | Not Significant |
| Children | 0.77 | 0.78 | 0.74 | Not Significant |
| Education level* Higher education
 | 0.74 | 0.72 | 0.77 | \* |
| \*\*\* p<0.01, \*\* p<0.05, \* p<0.1 |

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| Table B: Expenditure preferences categorized as left-wing or right-wing policies based upon average policy preferences of left- and right-wing respondents. |
|  | Left-wing average | Right-wing average | Policy Ideology | Wilcoxon Mann Whitney Test: averages differ |
| Welfare |

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| 2,717 |

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| 2,168 |

 | Left | \*\*\* |
| Administration |

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| 1,872 |

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| 1,641 |

 | Left | \*\*\* |
| Environment |

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| 2,512 |

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| 2,108 |

 | Left | \*\*\* |
| Culture |

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| 2,053 |

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| 1,828 |

 | Left | \*\*\* |
| Mobility |

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| 2,561 |

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| 2,447 |

 | Left | \*\*\* |
| Road safety |

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| 2,514 |

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| 2,467 |

 | Left | NS |
| Education |

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| 2,227 |

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| 2,127 |

 | Left | \*\*\* |
| Regional planning |

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| 2,194 |

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| 2,129 |

 | Left | NS |
| Economy |  2,228 |  2, 478 | Right | \*\*\* |
| Crime |

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| 2,061 |

 |  2,466 | Right | \*\*\* |
| \*\*\* p<0.01, \*\* p<0.05, \* p<0.1 |

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| Table C: The weighted average score per policy area with the deviation of the average male and female score. |
| Spending on | Weighted average score | Average male deviation from the average score | Average female deviation from the average score |
| Welfare | 2,341 | -0,7% | 2,7% |
| Administration | 1,745 | -0,3% | 0,4% |
| Environment | 2,184 | -0,4% | 0,8% |
| Culture | 1,875 | -1,8% | 4,0% |
| Mobility | 2,459 | 0,7% | -1,8% |
| Education | 2,117 | -0,5% | 1,4% |
| Economy | 2,377 | 0,4% | -0,7% |
| Crime | 2,290 | -0,9% | 2,2% |

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| Table D. Marginal effects of women’s support for an increase in spending (N = 1,055) |
| Woman | Administration | Environment | Crime | Mobility | Education | Culture | Welfare | Economy |
| h1=1 | -0.011 | 0.019\* | 0.014\*\* | 0.002 | 0.0003 | -0.075\*\*\* | -0.024\* | 0.004 |
|  | (0.027) | (0.011) | (0.007) | (0.005) | (0.011) | (0.024) | (0.014) | (0.012) |
| h1=2 | 0.009 | 0.019\* | 0.044\*\* | 0.010 | 0.0002 | 0.025\*\*\* | -0.019\* | 0.006 |
|  | (0.021) | (0.011) | (0.020 ) | (0.025) | (0.008) | (0.008) | (0.012) | (0.017) |
| h1=3 | 0.002 | -0.038\* | -0.058\*\* | -0.011 | -0.0005 | 0.050\*\*\* | 0.043\* | -0.010 |
|  | (0.006) | (0.021) | (0.026) | (0.030) | (0.019) | (0.016) | (0.026) | (0.029) |
| Standard errors in parentheses\*\*\* p<0.01, \*\* p<0.05, \* p<0.1 |

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| Table E. Marginal effects of women’s support for an increase in spending - stepwise regression (N = 1,055) |
| Woman | Environment | Crime | Culture | Welfare |
| h1=1 | 0.023\*\* | 0.012\*\* | -0.067\*\*\* | -0.025 \*\* |
|  | (0.010) | (0.006) | (0.024) | (0.012) |
| h1=2 | 0.034\*\* | 0.044\*\* | 0.022\*\* | -0.030\*\* |
|  | (0.014) | (0.022) | (0.009) | (0.015) |
| h1=3 | -0.057\*\* | -0.056\*\* | 0 045\*\*\* | 0.055 \*\* |
|  | (0.023) | (0.027) | (0 .016) | (0.027) |
| Standard errors in parentheses\*\*\* p<0.01, \*\* p<0.05, \* p<0.1 |

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| Table F: Support for an increase in expenditures: ordered logit with *Party-Ideology* variable |
| VARIABLES | Administration | Environment | Crime | Mobility | Education | Culture | Welfare | Economy |
| Woman | 0.090 | -0.400\*\* | -0.506\*\*\* | -0.070 | -0.067 | 0.448\*\*\* | 0.279 | -0.073 |
|  | (0.179) | (0.191) | (0.185) | (0.171) | (0.197) | (0.167) | (0.173) | (0.166) |
| Party ideology | -0.283\*\*\* | -0.566\*\*\* | 0.631\*\*\* | -0.148\*\*\* | -0.114\*\* | -0.241\*\*\* | -0.622\*\*\* | 0.209\*\*\* |
|  | (0.054) | (0.057) | (0.061) | (0.051) | (0.056) | (0.049) | (0.058) | (0.048) |
| Opposition | -0.278 | 0.854\*\*\* | 0.414\*\* | 1.005\*\*\* | 1.137\*\*\* | 0.871\*\*\* | 1.114\*\*\* | 0.509\*\*\* |
|  | (0.177) | (0.188) | (0.186) | (0.175) | (0.202) | (0.168) | (0.178) | (0.163) |
| Age | 4.77e-05 | -0.012 | 0.011 | -0.007 | -0.027\*\*\* | 0.007 | 0.023\*\*\* | 0.008 |
|  | (0.008) | (0.008) | (0.008) | (0.007) | (0.009) | (0.007) | (0.007) | (0.007) |
| Marital | 0.397\* | 0.438\* | 0.289 | -0.182 | 0.496\* | -0.064 | -0.004 | -0.115 |
|  | (0.237) | (0.254) | (0.251) | (0.232) | (0.258) | (0.223) | (0.232) | (0.222) |
| Education level | -0.183 | 0.413\*\* | -0.520\*\* | 0.120 | -0.699\*\*\* | -0.195 | -0.181 | -0.161 |
|  | (0.198) | (0.207) | (0.204) | (0.189) | (0.217) | (0.182) | (0.185) | (0.180) |
| Children | 0.234 | 0.180 | 0.177 | 0.356 | 0.0120 | 0.073 | -0.350 | 0.267 |
|  | (0.208) | (0.218) | (0.221) | (0.203) | (0.269) | (0.227) | (0.238) | (0.225) |
| Municipality specific dummies included | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES |
| μ1 | -1.575\* | -6.455\*\*\* | 1.318 | -3.734\*\*\* | -5.674\*\*\* | -1.183 | -5.108\*\*\* | -1.045 |
|  | (0.928) | (1.142) | (1.150) | (1.075) | (1.151) | (0.895) | (0.937) | (0.874) |
| μ | 3.930\*\*\* | -1.247 | 6.669\*\*\* | 0.605 | 0.046 | 2.433\*\*\* | -1.965\*\* | 2.024\*\* |
|  | (0.952) | (1.113) | (1.179) | (1.056) | (1.119) | (0.901) | (0.922) | (0.872) |
| Pseudo R² | 0.249 | 0.313 | 0.309 | 0.239 | 0.325 | 0.243 | 0.282 | 0.240 |
| LR chi² | 405.61\*\*\* | 534.85\*\*\* | 535.27\*\*\* | 414.59\*\*\* | 526.14\*\*\* | 502.57\*\*\* | 581.53\*\*\* | 480.97\*\*\* |
| Observations | 1,055 | 1,055 | 1,055 | 1,055 | 1,055 | 1,055 | 1,055 | 1,055 |
| Standard errors in parentheses\*\*\* p<0.01, \*\* p<0.05, \* p<0.1 |

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| Table G: Support for an increase in expenditures: stepwise ordered logit with *Party-Ideology* variable |
| VARIABLES | Administration | Environment | Crime | Mobility | Education | Culture | Welfare | Economy |
| Woman |  | -0.393\*\* | -0.364\*\* |  |  | 0.361\*\*\* | 0.258\*\* |  |
|  |  | (0.153) | (0.146) |  |  | (0.137) | (0.140) |  |
| Party ideology | -0.248\*\*\* | -0.468\*\*\* | 0.468\*\*\* | -0.118\*\*\* | -0.115\*\*\* | -0.187\*\*\* | -0.493\*\*\* | 0.192\*\*\* |
|  | (0.043) | (0.043) | (0.048) | (0.039) | (0.044) | (0.040) | (0.047) | (0.038) |
| Opposition | -0.308\*\* | 0.708\*\*\* | 0.295\*\* | 0.685\*\*\* | 0.847\*\*\* | 0.677\*\*\* | 0.790\*\*\* | 0.418\*\*\* |
|  | (0.136) | (0.144) | (0.137) | (0.130) | (0.156) | (0.131) | (0.136) | (0.127) |
| Age |  |  | 0.011\* | -0.023\*\*\* | 0.011\*\* | 0.011\*\* |  |  |
|  |  |  | (0.005) | (0.006) | (0.005) | (0.005) |  |  |
| Marital |  |  |  | 0.412\*\* |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | (0.195) |  |  |  |  |
| Education level | -0.272\* | 0.474\*\*\* | -0.398\*\*\* | -0.415\*\* |  |  |  |  |
|  | (0.154) | (0.162) | (0.154) | (0.169) |  |  |  |  |
| Children | 0.305\* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | (0.156) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Municipality specific dummies included | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES |
| *μ1* | -2.260\*\*\* | -5.299\*\*\* | -1.073\*\*\* | -4.122\*\*\* | -4.609\*\*\* | -1.206\*\*\* | -4.471\*\*\* | -1.447\*\*\* |
|  | (0.311) | (0.325) | (0.401) | (0.326) | (0.450) | (0.328) | (0.379) | (0.236) |
| *μ2* | 2.437\*\*\* | -0.948\*\*\* | 3.426\*\*\* | 0.704\*\*\* | 0.188 | 1.743\*\*\* | -1.837\*\*\* | 1.175\*\*\* |
|  | (0.301) | (0.244) | (0.409) | (0.154) | (0.404) | (0.332) | (0.356) | (0.226) |
| Pseudo R² | 0.103 | 0.153 | 0.152 | 0.075 | 0.176 | 0.100 | 0.139 | 0.085 |
| LR chi² | 167.59\*\*\* | 262.16\*\*\* | 263.17\*\*\* | 130.12\*\*\* | 284.97\*\*\* | 206.88\*\*\* | 285.36\*\*\* | 171.07\*\*\* |
| Observations | 1,055 | 1,055 | 1,055 | 1,055 | 1,055 | 1,055 | 1,055 | 1,055 |
| Standard errors in parentheses\*\*\* p<0.01, \*\* p<0.05, \* p<0.1 |

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| Table H: Support for an increase in expenditures: ordered logit with interaction-effect (*Woman* \* *Party*) |
| VARIABLES | Administration | Environment |  Crime | Mobility | Education | Culture |  Welfare | Economy |
| Woman\*Party  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Woman\*Groen | 0.0027 | 14.70 | 0.510 | 0.372 | -0.944 | -0.923 | -0.139 | 1.658\*\* |
|  | (0.759) | (822.0) | (0.768) | (0.716) | (0.704) | (0.676) | (0.904) | (0.647) |
| Woman\*sp.a | 0.776 | 0.307 | 0.00585 | -0.164 | -0.901 | 1.047\*\* | 0.612 | 0.697 |
|  | (0.595) | (0.572) | (0.593) | (0.530) | (0.611) | (0.516) | (0.688) | (0.508) |
| Woman\*CD&V | 0.0242 | -0.860\*\*\* | -0.573\* | -0.314 | 9.04e-05 | 0.453 | 0.0857 | -0.506\* |
|  | (0.305) | (0.332) | (0.314) | (0.281) | (0.330) | (0.278) | (0.281) | (0.278) |
| Woman\*Open Vld | -1.077\*\* | 0.209 | -0.208 | 0.287 | 0.605 | 0.856\* | 0.874\* | -0.0969 |
|  | (0.505) | (0.552) | (0.520) | (0.475) | (0.553) | (0.474) | (0.463) | (0.479) |
| Woman\*N-va | 0.350 | -0.395 | -0.621\* | -0.0217 | 0.200 | 0.489 | 0.299 | -0.192 |
|  | (0.316) | (0.354) | (0.324) | (0.312) | (0.365) | (0.299) | (0.304) | (0.304) |
| Woman\*Vlaams Belang | 1.429 | -0.765 | 13.62 | 0.885 | 0.919 | 2.695\*\* | 0.196 | 1.330 |
|  | (1.434) | (1.338) | (1683.4) | (1.279) | (1.355) | (1.347) | (1.209) | (1.204) |
| Party |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  sp.a  | -0.686 | -4.034\*\*\* | 1.356\*\* | -0.181 | -0.967\* | -0.963\*\* | 0.114 | 1.785\*\*\* |
|  | (0.541) | (0.711) | (0.547) | (0.521) | (0.549) | (0.488) | (0.566) | (0.472) |
| CD&V | -0.918\* | -4.768\*\*\* | 2.057\*\*\* | -0.462 | -1.919\*\*\* | -1.912\*\*\* | -1.858\*\*\* | 2.107\*\*\* |
|  | (0.475) | (0.671) | (0.487) | (0.463) | (0.495) | (0.441) | (0.489) | (0.419) |
| Open Vld | -1.311\*\* | -6.156\*\*\* | 2.782\*\*\* | -1.323\*\*\* | -1.849\*\*\* | -2.975\*\*\* | -3.791\*\*\* | 2.067\*\*\* |
|  | (0.525) | (0.728) | (0.540) | (0.511) | (0.548) | (0.488) | (0.540) | (0.468) |
| N-va | -2.049\*\*\* | -5.052\*\*\* | 3.674\*\*\* | -0.447 | -1.594\*\*\* | -1.847\*\*\* | -2.909\*\*\* | 2.464\*\*\* |
|  | (0.464) | (0.665) | (0.486) | (0.453) | (0.474) | (0.425) | (0.483) | (0.409) |
| Vlaams Belang | -0.943 | -5.373\*\*\* | 6.762\*\*\* | -1.605\*\* | -0.960 | -1.230\*\* | -2.590\*\*\* | 2.404\*\*\* |
|  | (0.653) | (0.856) | (0.939) | (0.644) | (0.711) | (0.625) | (0.683) | (0.622) |
| Opposition | -0.282 | 0.429\* | 0.0612 | 0.968\*\*\* | 0.851\*\*\* | 0.619\*\*\* | 1.027\*\*\* | 0.508\*\*\* |
|  | (0.203) | (0.220) | (0.210) | (0.194) | (0.225) | (0.189) | (0.200) | (0.184) |
| Age | -0.002 | -0.008 | 0.012 | -0.006 | -0.025\*\*\* | 0.011 | 0.024\*\*\* | 0.008 |
|  | (0.008) | (0.009) | (0.008) | (0.008) | (0.009) | (0.008) | (0.008) | (0.007) |
| Marital | 0.423\* | 0.639\*\* | 0.368 | -0.166 | 0.563\*\* | 0.00411 | 0.0918 | -0.141 |
|  | (0.241) | (0.276) | (0.258) | (0.235) | (0.263) | (0.227) | (0.237) | (0.226) |
| Education level | -0.218 | 0.291 | -0.479\*\* | 0.106 | -0.715\*\*\* | -0.206 | -0.169 | -0.0921 |
|  | (0.204) | (0.217) | (0.209) | (0.191) | (0.221) | (0.186) | (0.189) | (0.184) |
| Children | 0.280 | -0.132 | 0.105 | 0.245 | -0.0767 | -0.0731 | -0.457\* | 0.303 |
|  | (0.256) | (0.288) | (0.269) | (0.245) | (0.274) | (0.232) | (0.247) | (0.228) |
| Municipality specific dummies included | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES |
| *μ1* | -1.627 | -8.027\*\*\* | 0.145 | -3.559\*\*\* | -6.394\*\*\* | -1.602\* | -3.975\*\*\* | -0.354 |
|  | (1.005) | (1.375) | (1.130) | (1.121) | (1.195) | (0.923) | (0.981) | (0.935) |
| *μ2* | 4.005\*\*\* | -2.662\*\* | 5.566\*\*\* | 0.822 | -0.563 | 2.138\*\* | -0.745 | 2.797\*\*\* |
|  | (1.027) | (1.348) | (1.152) | (1.103) | (1.159) | (0.928) | (0.971) | (0.939) |
| Pseudo R² | 0.268 | 0.363 | 0.327 | 0.246 | 0.337 | 0.264 | 0.299 | 0.254 |
| LR chi² | 437.2 | 620.2 | 566.4 | 427 | 545.2 | 545 | 616.3 | 509.4 |
| Observations | 1,055 | 1,055 | 1,055 | 1,055 | 1,055 | 1,055 | 1,055 | 1,055 |
| Standard errors in parentheses\*\*\* p<0.01, \*\* p<0.05, \* p<0.1 |