

APPENDIX:

Do Winners Spread More Words? Factional
Competition and Local Media Reports on Corruption
Investigation in China

Table A.1: List of the 143 Local Mainstream Newspapers

Newspaper	Party-line	Newspaper	Party-line
Chongqing Morning News	1	Digest Weekly	0
Securities Times	1	Wen Wei Po	0
Zhejiang Daily	1	Communication World Weekly	0
Changsha Evening News	1	Daily new newspaper	0
Yangtze River Daily	1	Sichuan Economic Daily	0
Yunnan Daily	1	Sichuan Workers Daily	0
Yinchuan Evening News	1	Market Guide	0
Yangcheng Evening News	1	Daily Life Report	0
Xi'an Evening News	1	Shenyang Evening News	0
Xi'an Daily	1	Shenzhen Evening News	0
Wuxi Daily	1	Shenzhen Business Daily	0
Tianjin Daily	1	Shenzhen Metropolis Daily	0
Sichuan Daily	1	Shenjiang Service Guide	0
Shijiazhuang Daily	1	Shanghai Securities News	0
Shenyang Daily	1	Shanghai Youth Daily	0
Shenzhen Special Zone Daily	1	Shantou Daily	0
Shanghai Financial News	1	Shanxi Daily	0
Shantou Special Zone Evening News	1	Qianjiang Evening News	0
Shantou Metropolis Daily	1	Entrepreneur daily	0
Three Gorges Evening News	1	Qilu Evening News	0
Youth news	1	Rural new newspaper	0
Qinghai Daily	1	Southern Morning Post	0
Qingdao Daily	1	South China Today	0
Rural public	1	Southern Weekend	0
Ningxia Daily	1	Southern Metropolis Daily	0
Nanjing Daily	1	Private Economic Newspaper	0
Southern Daily	1	Weekly Digest	0
Liaoning Daily	1	Daily News	0
Lanzhou Daily	1	Daily Economic News	0
Kunming Daily	1	Luzhong Morning News	0
Tonight News	1	Liaoshen Evening News	0
Liberation Daily	1	Financial Management for 1 Week	0
Jiangxi Daily	1	Lanzhou Evening News	0
Jinan Daily	1	Lanzhou Morning News	0
Hubei Daily	1	Crystal Newspaper	0
Henan Daily	1	Economic Observer	0
Henan Legal News	1	Jinling Evening News	0
Hefei Evening News	1	Morning Newspaper Today	0
Hainan Daily	1	Jiangnan Evening News	0
Haikou Evening News	1	Jiangnan Times	0
Harbin Daily	1	Jiangnan Metropolis Daily	0
Guangzhou Daily	1	Jianghuai Morning News	0
Gansu Daily	1	Huaxi Metropolis News	0
Fujian Daily	1	Henan Business Daily	0
Metropolitan time	1	Henan Daily Rural Edition	0
Public daily	1	Straits Metropolis Daily	0
Dalian Daily	1	Hainan Special Zone Daily	0
Chengdu Daily	1	International Financial Newspaper	0
Anhui Daily	1	Guangxi Daily	0

Newspaper	Party-line	Newspaper	Party-line
Chongqing Evening News	0	Gansu farmers report	0
Chongqing Business Daily	0	Panyu Daily	0
Middle-aged Times	0	Oriental Morning Post	0
Quality Service Report	0	Dianchi Morning News	0
Securities Market Weekly	0	First Financial Daily	0
Securities Market Red Weekly	0	Contemporary Life Newspaper	0
Yangzi Evening News	0	Dalian Evening News	0
Yan Zhao Evening News	0	Dahe News	0
Information Times	0	Spring City Evening News	0
Information Daily	0	Chutian Gold News	0
Evening News	0	Chutian Metropolis Daily	0
News World	0	City Morning Newspaper	0
Morning News	0	City Evening News	0
New Evening News	0	Chengdu Evening News	0
Xinmin Weekly	0	Chengdu Business Daily	0
Xinmin Evening News	0	Newspaper Abstracts	0
New Express	0	Baoan Daily	0
New Newspaper	0	Peninsula Metropolis News	0
Xihai Metropolis Daily	0	Peninsula Morning News	0
Western Business Daily	0	Anhui Business Daily	0
Wuhan Evening News	0	21 st Century Business Herald	0
Wuhan Morning News	0		

Table A.2: Summary Statistics

Variable	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min.	Max.	N
Corruption News	1.211	4.743	0	161	13050
Corruption News/Total News	0.14	3.469	0	200	9396
Total News	727.257	1302.433	1	14217	8795
Patron Power (News)	0.151	0.239	0	0.861	13050
Patron Power (Event)	0.151	0.239	0	0.861	13050
Power Difference	0	0.341	-0.861	0.861	13050
President Power	0.536	0.092	0.415	0.708	13050
PS-GN Same Faction (News)	0.229	0.42	0	1	13050
PS-GN Same Faction (Event)	0.229	0.42	0	1	13050
Age Gap	4.414	3.59	0	18	12992
Years in Office Gap	2.236	2.168	0	13	13050

Table A.3: Distinct President and Premier Power from Other Committee Members

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	Corruption News			Corruption News/Total News		
Patron Power (News, PP)	0.972*** (0.194)	0.948*** (0.190)	0.926*** (0.185)	0.177*** (0.043)	0.066 (0.045)	0.221*** (0.057)
Patron Power (Event, PP)	-0.003 (0.144)	0.036 (0.145)	-0.017 (0.141)	-0.029 (0.050)	-0.042 (0.053)	-0.073 (0.071)
Patron Power (News, NoPP)	-0.164 (0.320)	-0.195 (0.328)	-0.246 (0.337)	-0.084 ⁺ (0.049)	-0.250** (0.088)	0.210** (0.075)
Patron Power (Event, NoPP)	1.533*** (0.418)	1.584*** (0.410)	1.461*** (0.397)	0.004 (0.119)	-0.003 (0.117)	-0.105 (0.166)
PS-GN Same Faction (News)	0.222* (0.106)	0.207 ⁺ (0.108)	0.206 ⁺ (0.108)	-0.072* (0.029)	-0.136*** (0.037)	-0.156*** (0.041)
PS-GN Same Faction (Event)	-0.054 (0.104)	-0.031 (0.111)	-0.034 (0.112)	0.071 (0.065)	0.063 (0.064)	0.067 (0.065)
Age Gap	-0.017 ⁺ (0.010)	-0.017 ⁺ (0.010)	-0.015 (0.011)	-0.002 (0.005)	-0.004 (0.006)	-0.009 (0.006)
Years in Office Gap	-0.095*** (0.016)	-0.095*** (0.016)	-0.096*** (0.016)	0.005 (0.011)	0.007 (0.011)	0.008 (0.011)
News=0 and Event=1		-0.126 (0.211)			0.488 (0.312)	
News=1 and Event=0		0.062 (0.211)			0.900* (0.396)	
News=1 and Event=1		-0.053 (0.210)			0.824* (0.341)	
Single Faction Ties (News)			0.051 (0.109)			0.599*** (0.170)
Multiple Faction Ties (News)			0.100 (0.105)			0.191 ⁺ (0.103)
Single Faction Ties (Event)			-0.164 (0.101)			0.012 (0.067)
Multiple Faction Ties (Event)			-0.044 (0.128)			0.096 (0.080)
Constant	1.171*** (0.077)	1.206*** (0.196)	1.185*** (0.122)	0.122* (0.048)	-0.562 ⁺ (0.287)	-0.145 ⁺ (0.085)
News-Event Province Dyad FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observations	12992	12992	12992	9380	9380	9380
Adjusted R^2	0.355	0.355	0.355	0.126	0.128	0.129

Robust standard errors in parentheses

⁺ $p < 0.10$, * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$

Table A.4: Alternative Definitions of Factional Connection (Workplace Connection Only)

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	Corruption News			Corruption News/Total News		
Patron Power (News)	1.174*** (0.227)	0.839*** (0.218)	0.869*** (0.236)	0.267*** (0.059)	0.045 (0.071)	0.360*** (0.084)
Patron Power (Event)	0.155 (0.177)	0.085 (0.181)	-0.333 (0.209)	-0.029 (0.063)	-0.040 (0.069)	-0.079 (0.102)
PS-GN Same Faction (News)	0.096 (0.111)	-0.047 (0.111)	-0.044 (0.112)	-0.182*** (0.045)	-0.292*** (0.069)	-0.210*** (0.052)
PS-GN Same Faction (Event)	0.097 (0.101)	0.064 (0.106)	-0.018 (0.111)	0.102 (0.082)	0.097 (0.079)	0.089 (0.075)
Age Gap	-0.015 (0.010)	-0.015 (0.010)	-0.011 (0.010)	-0.002 (0.005)	-0.000 (0.005)	-0.005 (0.005)
Years in Office Gap	-0.094*** (0.016)	-0.100*** (0.016)	-0.104*** (0.016)	0.004 (0.011)	0.003 (0.011)	0.006 (0.011)
News=0 and Event=1		0.227 (0.164)			0.237 (0.173)	
News=1 and Event=0		0.599*** (0.138)			0.608* (0.249)	
News=0 and Event=0		0.654*** (0.157)			0.533** (0.200)	
Single Faction Ties (News)			0.496*** (0.081)			0.600*** (0.168)
Multiple Faction Ties (News)			0.455*** (0.087)			0.138+ (0.080)
Single Faction Ties (Event)			-0.143 (0.103)			-0.010 (0.044)
Multiple Faction Ties (Event)			0.397** (0.131)			0.047 (0.059)
Constant	1.275*** (0.075)	0.880*** (0.142)	0.957*** (0.106)	0.119* (0.048)	-0.280+ (0.150)	-0.095 (0.065)
Observations	12992	12992	12992	9380	9380	9380
Adjusted R^2	0.352	0.354	0.355	0.127	0.128	0.130

Standard errors clustered at News-Event province dyad in parentheses.

+ $p < 0.10$, * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$

Table A.5: Alternative Definitions of Factional Connection (Workplace Connection Only, Power Difference)

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	Corruption News			Corruption News/Total News		
Δ Patron Power	0.509*** (0.122)	0.377** (0.125)	0.600*** (0.152)	0.149** (0.046)	0.043 (0.055)	0.214** (0.069)
PS-GN Same Faction (News)	0.203+ (0.122)	-0.013 (0.114)		-0.163*** (0.041)	-0.291*** (0.069)	
PS-GN Same Faction (Event)	0.205* (0.099)	0.098 (0.105)	-0.010 (0.111)	0.119 (0.079)	0.097 (0.078)	0.099 (0.075)
Age Gap	-0.011 (0.010)	-0.013 (0.010)	-0.010 (0.010)	-0.001 (0.005)	-0.000 (0.005)	-0.004 (0.006)
Years in Office Gap	-0.085*** (0.015)	-0.097*** (0.016)	-0.103*** (0.016)	0.005 (0.011)	0.003 (0.011)	0.009 (0.011)
News=0 and Event=1		0.324* (0.165)			0.238 (0.171)	
News=1 and Event=0		0.696*** (0.142)			0.609* (0.246)	
News=0 and Event=0		0.849*** (0.169)			0.534** (0.193)	
Single Faction Ties (News)			0.507*** (0.086)			0.576*** (0.163)
Multiple Faction Ties (News)			0.522*** (0.103)			0.110 (0.072)
Single Faction Ties (Event)			-0.126 (0.103)			-0.003 (0.045)
Multiple Faction Ties (Event)			0.476*** (0.133)			0.084+ (0.049)
Constant	1.388*** (0.069)	0.845*** (0.145)	0.938*** (0.112)	0.139** (0.049)	-0.280+ (0.149)	-0.099 (0.064)
Observations	12992	12992	12992	9380	9380	9380
Adjusted R^2	0.351	0.353	0.355	0.127	0.128	0.129

Standard errors clustered at News-Event province dyad in parentheses.

+ $p < 0.10$, * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$

Table A.6: Major Factions in the 15th - 18th Party Congress

Name	Major Factions	Name	Major Factions
15th Congress : Shanghai Clique vs. Youth League		17th Congress: Youth League vs. Shanghai Clique	
Jiang Zemin	Shanghai Clique	Hu Jintao	Youth League
Li Peng		Wu Bangguo	Shanghai Clique
Zhu Rongji	Shanghai Clique	Wen Jiabao	
Li Ruihuan	Youth League	Jia Qinglin	Shanghai Clique
Hu Jintao	Youth League	Li Changchun	Shanghai Clique
Wei Jianxing		Xi Jinping	(Princeling)
Li Lanqing	Shanghai Clique	Li Keqiang	Youth League
		He Guoqiang	
		Zhou Yongkang	Shanghai Clique
16th Congress: Shanghai Clique vs. Youth League		18th Congress: Princeling vs. Youth League	
Hu Jintao	Youth League	Xi Jinping	Princeling
Wu Bangguo	Shanghai Clique	Li Keqiang	Youth League
Wen Jiabao		Zhang Dejiang	Princeling
Jia Qinglin	Shanghai Clique	Yu Zhengsheng	Princeling
Zeng Qinghong	Shanghai Clique	Liu Yunshan	Youth League
Huang Ju	Shanghai Clique	Wang Qishan	Princeling
Wu Guanzheng	Shanghai Clique	Zhang Gaoli	(Shanghai Clique)
Li Changchun	Shanghai Clique		
Luo Gan			

Table A.7: Alternative Definitions of Factions (No faction as single faction)

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	Corruption News			Corruption News/Total News		
Patron Power (News)	0.483*** (0.135)	0.726*** (0.160)	0.797*** (0.173)	-0.035 (0.070)	0.050 (0.072)	0.060 (0.043)
Patron Power (Event)	-0.088 (0.111)	-0.149 (0.166)	-0.204 (0.186)	0.066 (0.105)	-0.071 (0.198)	-0.149 (0.215)
PS-GN Same Faction (News)	-0.319+ (0.168)	-0.136 (0.160)	-0.096 (0.148)	-0.574* (0.260)	-0.510* (0.234)	-0.512* (0.228)
PS-GN Same Faction (Event)	-0.138+ (0.078)	-0.140 (0.086)	-0.143+ (0.086)	-0.071 (0.067)	-0.096 (0.074)	-0.099 (0.075)
Age Gap	-0.008 (0.010)	-0.009 (0.010)	-0.008 (0.010)	-0.003 (0.005)	-0.003 (0.005)	-0.002 (0.005)
Years in Office Gap	-0.089*** (0.015)	-0.089*** (0.015)	-0.089*** (0.015)	0.006 (0.011)	0.006 (0.011)	0.007 (0.011)
News=0 and Event=1		-0.041 (0.167)			0.221 (0.254)	
News=1 and Event=0		-0.540** (0.169)			-0.039 (0.137)	
News=1 and Event=1		-0.423* (0.178)			0.008 (0.221)	
Single Faction Ties (News)			-0.402** (0.147)			-0.150* (0.076)
Multiple Faction Ties (News)			-0.631** (0.218)			-0.143 (0.141)
Single Faction Ties (Event)			0.053 (0.126)			0.140 (0.173)
Multiple Faction Ties (Event)			0.104 (0.162)			0.224 (0.222)
News-Event Province Dyad FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observations	12992	12992	12992	9380	9380	9380
Adjusted R^2	0.350	0.350	0.350	0.127	0.127	0.127

Robust standard errors in parentheses

+ $p < 0.10$, * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$

Table A.8: Alternative Definitions of Factions (No faction as one united faction)

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	Corruption News			Corruption News/Total News		
Patron Power (News)	0.484*** (0.136)	0.725*** (0.161)	0.795*** (0.174)	-0.042 (0.071)	0.052 (0.071)	0.053 (0.041)
Patron Power (Event)	-0.067 (0.111)	-0.156 (0.166)	-0.244 (0.187)	0.139 (0.124)	0.055 (0.154)	0.018 (0.135)
PS-GN Same Faction (News)	-0.385* (0.160)	-0.228 (0.154)	-0.187 (0.142)	-0.511* (0.232)	-0.445* (0.205)	-0.450* (0.199)
PS-GN Same Faction (Event)	-0.181* (0.076)	-0.189* (0.083)	-0.197* (0.084)	-0.094 (0.070)	-0.106 (0.078)	-0.109 (0.080)
Age Gap	-0.008 (0.010)	-0.008 (0.010)	-0.008 (0.010)	-0.002 (0.005)	-0.002 (0.005)	-0.002 (0.005)
Years in Office Gap	-0.089*** (0.015)	-0.088*** (0.015)	-0.089*** (0.015)	0.006 (0.011)	0.006 (0.011)	0.006 (0.011)
News=0 and Event=1		-0.016 (0.168)			0.169 (0.225)	
News=1 and Event=0		-0.515** (0.170)			-0.059 (0.143)	
News=1 and Event=1		-0.372* (0.179)			-0.067 (0.201)	
Single Faction Ties (News)			-0.386** (0.147)			-0.173* (0.083)
Multiple Faction Ties (News)			-0.595** (0.224)			-0.150 (0.148)
Single Faction Ties (Event)			0.086 (0.127)			0.083 (0.142)
Multiple Faction Ties (Event)			0.168 (0.165)			0.119 (0.164)
News-Event Province Dyad FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observations	12992	12992	12992	9380	9380	9380
Adjusted R^2	0.350	0.351	0.351	0.127	0.127	0.127

Robust standard errors in parentheses

+ $p < 0.10$, * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$

Table A.9: President's Power and Interprovincial News Reports on Corruption Cases

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	Corruption News			Corruption News/Total News		
President Power	-5.932*** (0.399)	-5.862*** (0.406)	-5.888*** (0.409)	-0.104 (0.083)	-0.274** (0.100)	-0.237* (0.100)
Patron Power for PS (News)	1.186*** (0.215)	1.204*** (0.213)	1.211*** (0.216)	0.216*** (0.059)	0.033 (0.079)	0.236** (0.084)
Patron Power for PS (Event)	0.214 (0.166)	0.291 ⁺ (0.167)	0.126 (0.167)	-0.023 (0.051)	-0.066 (0.058)	-0.151 (0.097)
PS-GN Same Faction (News)	0.231* (0.104)	0.238* (0.108)	0.236* (0.109)	-0.069* (0.028)	-0.150*** (0.037)	-0.128*** (0.033)
PS-GN Same Faction (Event)	0.126 (0.095)	0.160 (0.101)	0.138 (0.105)	0.068 (0.068)	0.053 (0.066)	0.048 (0.064)
Age Gap	-0.020* (0.010)	-0.018 ⁺ (0.010)	-0.016 (0.010)	-0.006 (0.006)	-0.009 (0.006)	-0.013* (0.007)
Years in Office Gap	-0.088*** (0.015)	-0.087*** (0.015)	-0.088*** (0.015)	0.006 (0.011)	0.010 (0.011)	0.010 (0.011)
News=0 and Event=1		-0.182 (0.214)			0.554 ⁺ (0.323)	
News=1 and Event=0		-0.063 (0.212)			0.952* (0.409)	
News=1 and Event=1		-0.211 (0.209)			0.919* (0.361)	
Single Faction Ties (News)			-0.035 (0.111)			0.624*** (0.178)
Multiple Faction Ties (News)			-0.044 (0.105)			0.288* (0.121)
Single Faction Ties (Event)			-0.254* (0.100)			0.039 (0.065)
Multiple Faction Ties (Event)			-0.022 (0.130)			0.164* (0.082)
News-Event Province Dyad FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year Fixed Effects	No	No	No	No	No	No
Observations	12992	12992	12992	9380	9380	9380
Adjusted R^2	0.344	0.343	0.344	0.118	0.120	0.120

Robust standard errors in parentheses

⁺ $p < 0.10$, * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$

Table A.10: Political Cycle and Interprovincial News Reports on Corruption Cases

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	Corruption News			Corruption News/Total News		
Patron Power for PS (News)	1.336*** (0.261)	1.299*** (0.259)	1.274*** (0.259)	0.276*** (0.069)	0.118 (0.074)	0.342*** (0.088)
Patron Power for PS (Event)	0.321 (0.215)	0.344 (0.211)	0.144 (0.205)	-0.043 (0.068)	-0.061 (0.071)	-0.112 (0.105)
Year of NPC x Patron Power (News)	-0.760+ (0.419)	-0.760+ (0.418)	-0.758+ (0.419)	-0.241*** (0.063)	-0.262*** (0.067)	-0.229*** (0.062)
Year of NPC x Patron Power (Event)	-0.590+ (0.305)	-0.590+ (0.305)	-0.579+ (0.304)	0.016 (0.061)	0.018 (0.063)	0.018 (0.066)
PS-GN Same Faction (News)	0.184+ (0.099)	0.167 (0.102)	0.163 (0.103)	-0.091** (0.030)	-0.169*** (0.043)	-0.144*** (0.038)
PS-GN Same Faction (Event)	0.082 (0.096)	0.092 (0.103)	0.066 (0.107)	0.072 (0.069)	0.064 (0.067)	0.062 (0.066)
Age Gap	-0.017 (0.010)	-0.017+ (0.010)	-0.014 (0.011)	-0.002 (0.005)	-0.004 (0.006)	-0.009 (0.006)
Years in Office Gap	-0.092*** (0.016)	-0.093*** (0.016)	-0.095*** (0.016)	0.005 (0.011)	0.007 (0.011)	0.008 (0.011)
News=0 and Event=1		-0.061 (0.214)			0.490 (0.312)	
News=1 and Event=0		0.058 (0.210)			0.892* (0.395)	
News=1 and Event=1		0.018 (0.211)			0.817* (0.339)	
Single Faction Ties (News)			0.058 (0.109)			0.598*** (0.171)
Multiple Faction Ties (News)			0.092 (0.103)			0.214* (0.103)
Single Faction Ties (Event)			-0.161 (0.101)			0.013 (0.066)
Multiple Faction Ties (Event)			0.114 (0.136)			0.089 (0.075)
News-Event Province Dyad FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observations	12992	12992	12992	9380	9380	9380
Adjusted R^2	0.353	0.353	0.353	0.126	0.128	0.129

Robust standard errors in parentheses, Year of NCP and Years to NCP are dropped because of year fixed effects.

+ $p < 0.10$, * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$

Table A.11: Media Types and Interprovincial News Report on Corruption Cases

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
	Party Line Newspaper						Commercial Newspaper					
	Corruption News			Corruption News/Total News			Corruption News			Corruption News/Total News		
Patron Power for PS (News)	0.951*** (0.186)	0.892*** (0.187)	0.867*** (0.153)	2.866** (0.917)	2.695** (0.879)	4.682*** (0.616)	0.194** (0.063)	0.216*** (0.054)	0.215*** (0.060)	-4.279 (9.883)	0.563 (8.134)	1.133 (7.636)
Patron Power for PS (Event)	0.153 (0.136)	0.169 (0.136)	0.034 (0.153)	-0.356 (0.524)	-0.277 (0.536)	-0.383 (0.643)	0.020 (0.069)	0.027 (0.069)	-0.037 (0.072)	-1.535 (7.052)	-2.813 (6.761)	-0.387 (8.636)
PS-GN Same Faction (News)	0.181* (0.078)	0.155 ⁺ (0.082)	0.150 ⁺ (0.077)	-0.813 (0.505)	-0.890 ⁺ (0.520)	-0.745* (0.327)	0.011 (0.044)	0.021 (0.045)	0.020 (0.048)	-3.867 (5.723)	-2.065 (4.997)	-1.916 (4.984)
PS-GN Same Faction (Event)	0.082 (0.074)	0.089 (0.079)	0.071 (0.077)	-0.019 (0.286)	0.022 (0.285)	0.022 (0.332)	0.006 (0.037)	0.009 (0.039)	0.001 (0.041)	-2.664 (3.937)	-3.381 (4.402)	-2.996 (4.378)
Age Gap	-0.017* (0.008)	-0.018* (0.008)	-0.016 ⁺ (0.009)	0.100* (0.048)	0.100* (0.049)	0.057 (0.038)	0.001 (0.004)	0.001 (0.004)	0.002 (0.004)	0.099 (0.333)	0.235 (0.351)	0.151 (0.345)
Years in Office Gap	-0.079*** (0.012)	-0.079*** (0.012)	-0.081*** (0.015)	-0.146* (0.071)	-0.142* (0.070)	-0.120 ⁺ (0.069)	-0.015* (0.006)	-0.014* (0.006)	-0.015* (0.006)	0.082 (0.885)	0.099 (0.888)	0.153 (0.874)
News=0 and Event=1		-0.036 (0.165)			0.104 (0.438)			-0.021 (0.093)			8.831 (10.165)	
News=1 and Event=0		0.112 (0.160)			0.727 (0.543)			-0.051 (0.094)			-5.793 (6.758)	
News=1 and Event=1		0.084 (0.165)			0.478 (0.402)			-0.064 (0.090)			-4.267 (6.385)	
Single Faction Ties (News)			0.102 (0.094)			1.843*** (0.410)			-0.046 (0.042)			-10.562* (5.147)
Multiple Faction Ties (News)			0.138 (0.100)			-1.458*** (0.432)			-0.044 (0.046)			-12.283 ⁺ (6.531)
Single Faction Ties (Event)			-0.110 (0.094)			-0.222 (0.408)			-0.053 ⁺ (0.032)			4.280 (4.548)
Multiple Faction Ties (Event)			0.079 (0.100)			-0.043 (0.435)			0.037 (0.049)			0.128 (3.537)
News-Event Province Dyad FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observations	12992	12992	12992	8364	8364	8364	12992	12992	12992	2460	2460	2460
Adjusted R^2	0.348	0.348	0.348	0.070	0.070	0.081	0.195	0.195	0.195	0.023	0.024	0.024

Robust standard errors in parentheses

⁺ $p < 0.10$, * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$

Table A.12: Official Ranking of Patrons and Interprovincial News Reports on Corruption Case

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Corruption News				Corruption News/Total News			
Total Patron Official Rank (News)	0.347*** (0.070)				0.099*** (0.028)			
Total Patron Official Rank (Event)	0.238*** (0.069)				-0.041 (0.047)			
Average Patron Official Rank (News)		1.242*** (0.187)				0.113 (0.132)		
Average Patron Official Rank (Event)		0.647*** (0.148)				-0.056 (0.115)		
Highest Patron Rank (News)			0.490*** (0.100)				0.122+ (0.066)	
Highest Patron Rank (Event)			0.229* (0.094)				-0.062 (0.085)	
diffClanRank				0.055 (0.043)				0.072** (0.027)
PS-GN Same Faction (News)	0.116 (0.102)	0.160 (0.105)	0.157 (0.105)	0.207+ (0.108)	-0.158*** (0.041)	-0.122*** (0.034)	-0.137*** (0.037)	-0.146*** (0.040)
PS-GN Same Faction (Event)	-0.003 (0.109)	0.041 (0.107)	0.041 (0.108)	0.088 (0.106)	0.069 (0.070)	0.060 (0.067)	0.066 (0.069)	0.078 (0.067)
Single Faction Ties (News)	0.077 (0.110)	-0.141 (0.116)	0.030 (0.111)	0.118 (0.111)	0.600*** (0.171)	0.594** (0.185)	0.596*** (0.174)	0.604*** (0.170)
Multiple Faction Ties (News)	0.086 (0.105)	0.036 (0.103)	0.109 (0.117)	0.357** (0.113)	0.193+ (0.105)	0.258* (0.124)	0.221+ (0.120)	0.219* (0.100)
Single Faction Ties (Event)	-0.200* (0.100)	-0.303** (0.104)	-0.209* (0.102)	-0.159 (0.101)	0.012 (0.065)	0.016 (0.061)	0.017 (0.063)	0.016 (0.066)
Multiple Faction Ties (Event)	-0.109 (0.125)	-0.082 (0.126)	-0.027 (0.135)	0.163 (0.135)	0.095 (0.087)	0.073 (0.073)	0.094 (0.091)	0.124+ (0.071)
Age Gap	-0.016 (0.011)	-0.020+ (0.011)	-0.016 (0.011)	-0.011 (0.011)	-0.009 (0.006)	-0.009 (0.006)	-0.009 (0.006)	-0.008 (0.006)
Years in Office Gap	-0.094*** (0.016)	-0.085*** (0.016)	-0.093*** (0.016)	-0.093*** (0.016)	0.008 (0.011)	0.008 (0.011)	0.008 (0.011)	0.008 (0.011)
News-Event Province Dyad FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observations	12992	12992	12992	12992	9380	9380	9380	9380
Adjusted R^2	0.353	0.355	0.352	0.352	0.129	0.129	0.129	0.129

Robust standard errors in parentheses

+ $p < 0.10$, * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$

Table A.13: Patron's Power and Interprovincial News Reports on Corruption Cases (Average of Patron Power)

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Corruption News				Corruption News/Total News			
Average Patron Power for PS (News)	3.303***	3.287***	3.161***		1.071***	0.705*	0.789*	
	(0.515)	(0.507)	(0.490)		(0.293)	(0.325)	(0.324)	
Average Patron Power for PS (Event)	0.235	0.272	0.073		-0.167	-0.221	-0.240	
	(0.364)	(0.360)	(0.352)		(0.219)	(0.238)	(0.260)	
Average Power Difference				1.544***				0.516*
				(0.291)				(0.204)
PS-GN Same Faction (News)	0.246*	0.242*	0.216*	0.219*	-0.081**	-0.166***	-0.122***	-0.120***
	(0.106)	(0.109)	(0.108)	(0.108)	(0.028)	(0.042)	(0.034)	(0.034)
PS-GN Same Faction (Event)	0.109	0.116	0.075	0.077	0.074	0.062	0.058	0.058
	(0.093)	(0.102)	(0.108)	(0.108)	(0.068)	(0.065)	(0.064)	(0.064)
Age Gap	-0.022*	-0.022*	-0.017	-0.011	-0.004	-0.005	-0.010 ⁺	-0.008
	(0.010)	(0.010)	(0.011)	(0.011)	(0.005)	(0.005)	(0.006)	(0.006)
Years in Office Gap	-0.086***	-0.086***	-0.090***	-0.093***	0.007	0.007	0.009	0.008
	(0.015)	(0.015)	(0.016)	(0.016)	(0.011)	(0.011)	(0.011)	(0.011)
News=0 and Event=1		-0.046				0.496		
		(0.214)				(0.316)		
News=1 and Event=0		-0.005				0.854*		
		(0.210)				(0.397)		
News=1 and Event=1		-0.029				0.787*		
		(0.212)				(0.345)		
Single Faction Ties (News)			-0.071	0.026			0.572**	0.586***
			(0.110)	(0.111)			(0.176)	(0.172)
Multiple Faction Ties (News)			0.093	0.254*			0.232*	0.250*
			(0.103)	(0.109)			(0.111)	(0.105)
Single Faction Ties (Event)			-0.165	-0.067			0.021	0.036
			(0.102)	(0.102)			(0.066)	(0.066)
Multiple Faction Ties (Event)			0.106	0.267 ⁺			0.081	0.107 ⁺
			(0.133)	(0.140)			(0.071)	(0.063)
News-Event Province Dyad FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observations	12992	12992	12992	12992	9380	9380	9380	9380
Adjusted R^2	0.354	0.354	0.354	0.353	0.127	0.129	0.129	0.129

Robust standard errors in parentheses

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Table A.14: Patron's Power and Interprovincial News Reports on Corruption Cases (Log of Patron Power)

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	Corruption News			Corruption News/Total News		
Patron Power (News Log)	0.074*** (0.012)	0.074*** (0.013)	0.069*** (0.013)	0.013** (0.004)	-0.008 (0.008)	0.013 (0.008)
Patron Power (Event Log)	0.047** (0.014)	0.061*** (0.014)	0.054*** (0.013)	-0.001 (0.005)	-0.002 (0.004)	-0.007 (0.008)
PS-GN Same Faction (News)	0.149 (0.101)	0.149 (0.103)	0.144 (0.103)	-0.089** (0.032)	-0.144*** (0.038)	-0.135*** (0.036)
PS-GN Same Faction (Event)	-0.017 (0.105)	0.015 (0.108)	0.009 (0.110)	0.070 (0.067)	0.064 (0.067)	0.066 (0.066)
Age Gap	-0.019+ (0.010)	-0.018+ (0.010)	-0.016 (0.011)	-0.002 (0.005)	-0.004 (0.006)	-0.009 (0.006)
Years in Office Gap	-0.091*** (0.015)	-0.089*** (0.016)	-0.091*** (0.016)	0.006 (0.011)	0.006 (0.011)	0.008 (0.011)
News=0 and Event=1		-0.250 (0.207)			0.486 (0.311)	
News=1 and Event=0		-0.003 (0.219)			0.923* (0.407)	
News=1 and Event=1		-0.246 (0.214)			0.846* (0.351)	
Single Faction Ties (News)			-0.022 (0.115)			0.593*** (0.176)
Multiple Faction Ties (News)			0.052 (0.127)			0.226+ (0.122)
Single Faction Ties (Event)			-0.282** (0.101)			0.019 (0.061)
Multiple Faction Ties (Event)			-0.165 (0.127)			0.093 (0.081)
Constant	1.056*** (0.083)	1.184*** (0.199)	1.165*** (0.127)	0.102* (0.049)	-0.563* (0.286)	-0.157+ (0.086)
News-Event Province Dyad FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observations	12992	12992	12992	9380	9380	9380
Adjusted R^2	0.353	0.353	0.353	0.126	0.128	0.129

Standard errors in parentheses

+ $p < 0.10$, * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$

Table A.15: Patron's Power and Interprovincial News Reports on Corruption Cases (Patron Power in News Title)

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Corruption News				Corruption News/Total News			
Patron Power (News Title)	1.193*** (0.204)	1.166*** (0.201)	1.126*** (0.195)		0.203*** (0.052)	-0.028 (0.077)	0.221** (0.076)	
Patron Power (Event Title)	0.473* (0.205)	0.552** (0.202)	0.400* (0.193)		-0.027 (0.070)	-0.044 (0.079)	-0.114 (0.127)	
Power Difference (Title)				0.363** (0.116)				0.172* (0.071)
PS-GN Same Faction (News)	0.152 (0.102)	0.144 (0.104)	0.139 (0.104)	0.197+ (0.107)	-0.088** (0.030)	-0.156*** (0.040)	-0.137*** (0.037)	-0.132*** (0.036)
PS-GN Same Faction (Event)	0.031 (0.102)	0.055 (0.106)	0.040 (0.109)	0.098 (0.108)	0.071 (0.072)	0.064 (0.069)	0.064 (0.068)	0.067 (0.066)
Age Gap	-0.015 (0.010)	-0.014 (0.010)	-0.012 (0.011)	-0.011 (0.011)	-0.002 (0.005)	-0.004 (0.006)	-0.008 (0.006)	-0.008 (0.006)
Years in Office Gap	-0.094*** (0.016)	-0.093*** (0.016)	-0.095*** (0.016)	-0.093*** (0.016)	0.006 (0.011)	0.007 (0.011)	0.009 (0.011)	0.008 (0.011)
News=0 and Event=1		-0.122 (0.211)				0.487 (0.313)		
News=1 and Event=0		0.045 (0.212)				0.903* (0.399)		
News=1 and Event=1		-0.081 (0.209)				0.826* (0.344)		
Single Faction Ties (News)			0.019 (0.109)	0.092 (0.112)			0.595*** (0.172)	0.599*** (0.171)
Multiple Faction Ties (News)			0.073 (0.106)	0.300** (0.116)			0.224* (0.108)	0.238* (0.103)
Single Faction Ties (Event)			-0.205* (0.100)	-0.132 (0.100)			0.015 (0.066)	0.019 (0.066)
Multiple Faction Ties (Event)			-0.007 (0.129)	0.220 (0.137)			0.091 (0.083)	0.107 (0.068)
News-Event Province Dyad FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observations	12992	12992	12992	12992	9380	9380	9380	9380
Adjusted R^2	0.353	0.353	0.353	0.352	0.126	0.128	0.129	0.129

Robust standard errors in parentheses

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Table A.16: Patron's Network Power and Interprovincial News Reports on Corruption Case

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	Corruption News			Corruption News/Total News		
Total Patron Network Power (News)	0.027*** (0.006)			0.011*** (0.003)		
Total Patron Network Power (Event)	0.024*** (0.007)			-0.004 (0.004)		
Average Patron Network Power (News)		0.062*** (0.010)			-0.002 (0.009)	
Average Patron Network Power (Event)		0.043*** (0.012)			-0.004 (0.005)	
Network Power Difference			0.002 (0.004)			0.007** (0.002)
PS-GN Same Faction (News)	0.128 (0.103)	0.173+ (0.105)	0.219* (0.108)	-0.162*** (0.041)	-0.113*** (0.032)	-0.147*** (0.039)
PS-GN Same Faction (Event)	-0.015 (0.116)	0.035 (0.110)	0.076 (0.110)	0.068 (0.069)	0.059 (0.065)	0.080 (0.066)
Single Faction Ties (News)	0.042 (0.112)	-0.116 (0.123)	0.122 (0.114)	0.589*** (0.170)	0.624** (0.192)	0.597*** (0.170)
Multiple Faction Ties (News)	0.135 (0.118)	0.199+ (0.115)	0.393** (0.125)	0.196+ (0.103)	0.291* (0.119)	0.224* (0.102)
Single Faction Ties (Event)	-0.243* (0.101)	-0.337*** (0.100)	-0.163 (0.101)	0.014 (0.066)	0.015 (0.067)	0.023 (0.066)
Multiple Faction Ties (Event)	-0.131 (0.120)	-0.035 (0.122)	0.127 (0.129)	0.090 (0.085)	0.068 (0.066)	0.125+ (0.070)
Age Gap	-0.012 (0.011)	-0.010 (0.011)	-0.011 (0.011)	-0.009 (0.006)	-0.008 (0.006)	-0.008 (0.006)
Years in Office Gap	-0.095*** (0.016)	-0.090*** (0.016)	-0.093*** (0.016)	0.009 (0.011)	0.007 (0.011)	0.009 (0.011)
News-Event Province Dyad FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observations	12992	12992	12992	9380	9380	9380
Adjusted R^2	0.353	0.353	0.351	0.129	0.129	0.129

Standard errors in parentheses

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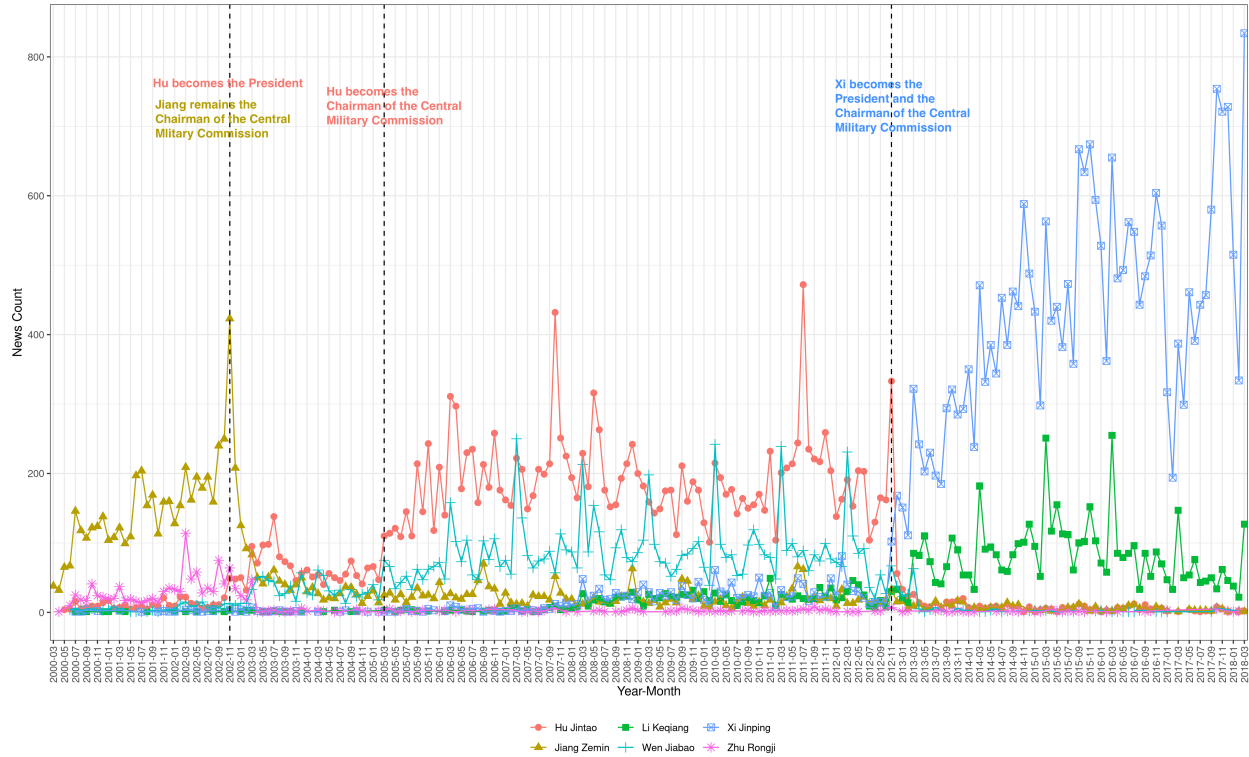


Figure A.1: Monthly News Reports on Presidents and Premiers

Validation of Power Measure

Here we discuss the trends in our power measures shown in Figure A.1 vis-a-vis the common observations made by the scholars and observers of Chinese politics. First, when the leadership transferred from Jiang Zemin and Zhu Rongji to Hu Jintao and Wen Jiabao, Jiang did not hand over all powers to Hu and maintained his position as the Chairman of the Central Military Commission. Many analysts interpreted this as a phenomenon of power balancing and Jiang maintaining a significant share of power. Our power measure reflects this well, showing that the major media coverage of Hu, Jiang, and Wen are comparable to one another in the first few years when Jiang held the responsibility of the military authority. In the second term of Hu and Wen, this pattern disappeared. Second and relatedly, Hu's near disappearance after the succession in 2012 shows the features of power transition at the time. Unlike Jiang, Hu did not maintain any official position after serving two terms as a president and played nearly zero influence on central politics, which is well-captured in our power measure. Additionally, we collect more data and draw the political influence measure for Xi Jinping and Li Keqiang until recent periods. Scholars and observers have stated an unprecedented and increasing power imbalance between the two top leaders, in contrast to the relative power balance between Hu and Wen in the previous leadership. Some observers note that the recent concentration of political power on Xi was comparable to the period of Mao Zedong. Our power measure corresponds well with such observations. Soon after the succession, both Xi and Li's news coverage increased. Nonetheless, whereas the coverage of Li remains at a similar level to Wen's, the coverage of Xi has increased exponentially, resulting in a large gap between Xi and Li. Especially after the second term began, the disparity between the two top leaders enlarged further.

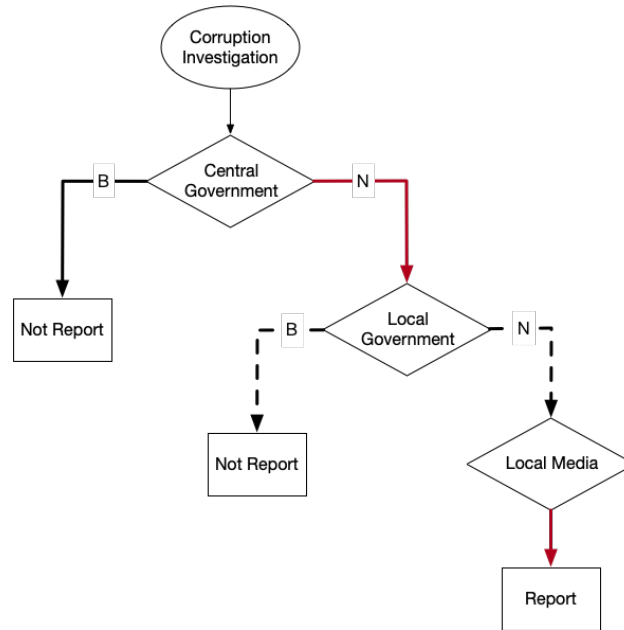


Figure A.2: News Selection Process of Local Media

Note: Both the central and local government can **Ban** local media from reporting specific corruption investigation. Only when the governments do **Not** issue such orders, local media would cover the corruption investigations.

Selection Process of Corruption Investigation Reporting in Local Media

- Publicizing the anti-corruption achievements of local officials is relevant to the central government's agenda to improve local governance and social justice. Therefore, the central government does not have an incentive to ban all news reporting on corruption investigations. However, over-reporting may also harm the legitimacy of the regime as local governance is also under the responsibility of the central government.
- Corruption investigations are usually announced by the central or local discipline inspection department with full consideration of the social impact. If the central or provincial government decides not to publicize certain cases, those cases will not be announced. The media cannot report unannounced cases.
- Because the anti-corruption news has a high news value, local media are willing to report to maximize their political and economic benefits.
- Since the central government does not directly control which corruption case will be more widely publicized in local media, the extent to which corruption incidents are reported is largely and collectively decided by local media.

The logic explained above is supported by data. If the central government controls the news reports on corruption investigations, we would expect to observe a little variance in the number of reports in local media. Our data show significant variance in the number of news articles across provinces covering corruption investigations in a certain province. The mean variance of article numbers reporting the same event province per year is 21, with a maximum of 1177.6, a minimum of 0 in our data. This high variance reflects the different incentives of local media and potentially

local government officials. To elaborate an example of such variance, we identify the largest number of news reporting, which is reports from Guangdong (news province) on corruption investigations in Chongqing (event province): 161 articles in 2009. Meanwhile, many other provinces including Tianjin, Hebei, Shanxi, Yunnan, and Henan, did not report any article on corruption in Chongqing during the same period. At the time, the party secretary of Chongqing was Bo Xilai, one of the leading figures among Princelings, and the party secretary of Guangdong was Wang Yang, a member of Youth League faction.

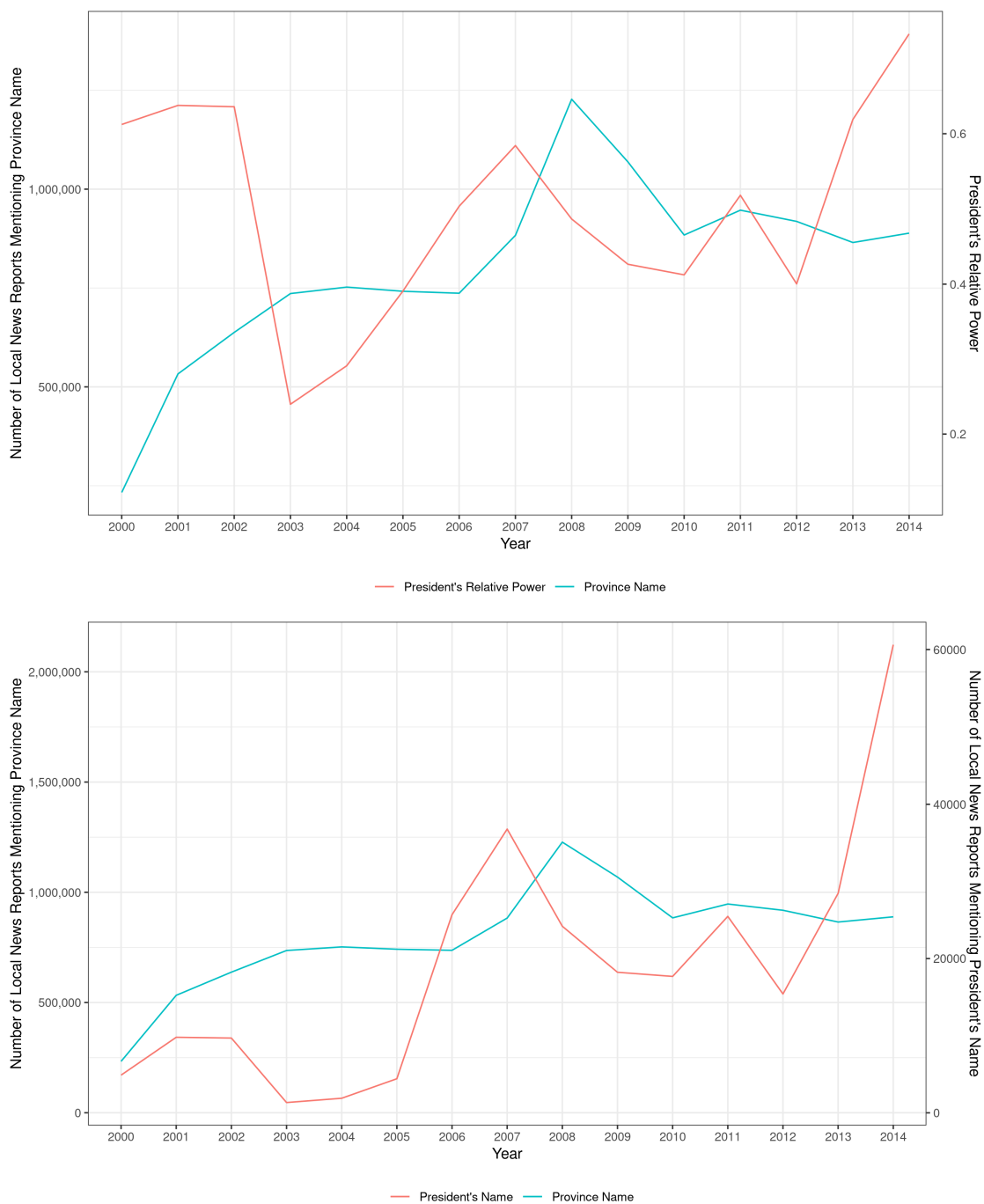


Figure A.3: President's power and local news on other provinces and the President