Supplementary Appendix

Losing Hurts: The Happiness Impact of Partisan Electoral Loss

**Addressing Alternative Expectations Explanation**

To address the concern that Democrats and Republicans suffered different happiness shocks because of different expectations about winning, another question that CivicScience asked before the election was analyzed: *Who do you think will win the US Presidential election: Barack Obama, not sure but probably Obama, not sure but probably Romney, Mitt Romney, not sure?* 286 respondents answered this question between October 31 and November 6. 94% of partisan losers and 87% of partisan winners expected to win the election in the week before the election. Of these respondents, 210 were Republicans. Uncontrolled RD models run separately on the 197 (94%) expecting a Republican victory and the 13 (6%) expecting a Democrat victory. Partisan losers expecting to win experienced a similar negative hedonic shock to earlier results, -0.47 (*ps*<.001); partisan losers anticipating losing also experienced a negative impact (-0.88, *ps*<.05) that is larger but not statistically different from the shock to other Republicans. Similar analysis for partisan winners shows no meaningful difference in happiness gains. We must be cautious in drawing strong conclusions from such a sample of Republicans expecting to lose because it is both very small and may be fundamentally different than other Republicans. Still, these results cast some doubt on the alternative explanation of unmet expectations.