Table A2: Robustness tests of Table 1 models, inclusion of regional fiscal autonomy

	(1)	**(2)**	**(3)**	**(4)**	**(5)**	**(6)**
District Magnitude	-0.01**	-0.01***	-0.20***	-0.23***	-0.20***	-0.23***
	(0.004)	(0.003)	(0.055)	(0.045)	(0.055)	(0.045)
Ballot Control			10.16*	9.89*	10.16*	9.89*
			(5.387)	(5.088)	(5.387)	(5.088)
District Magnitude × Ballot Control			0.19***	0.22***	0.19***	0.22***
			(0.058)	(0.048)	(0.058)	(0.048)
Poll-Vote Rules			-16.33	-14.85	-8.17	-7.43
			(11.920)	(11.350)	(5.960)	(5.675)
District Magnitude × Poll-Vote Rules			0.76***	0.88***	0.38***	0.44***
			(0.191)	(0.159)	(0.096)	(0.080)
Election	-0.57	0.20	-0.68	-0.11	-0.68	-0.11
	(1.870)	(1.735)	(1.943)	(1.810)	(1.943)	(1.810)
Government Preference	-0.24	-0.32	-0.28	-0.35	-0.28	-0.35
	(0.328)	(0.275)	(0.343)	(0.296)	(0.343)	(0.296)
Years in EU	-13.35***	-16.23***	-13.36***	-17.12***	-13.36***	-17.12***
	(3.590)	(4.022)	(3.763)	(4.242)	(3.763)	(4.242)
GDP per capita at t-1	-0.40	-0.30	-0.34	-0.13	-0.34	-0.13
	(0.792)	(0.754)	(0.764)	(0.737)	(0.764)	(0.737)
Regional Fiscal Autonomy at t-1	-9.04	0.24	-10.05	-4.43	-10.05	-4.43
	(34.530)	(34.090)	(33.830)	(33.200)	(33.830)	(33.200)
Constant	80.71	65.11	87.93	76.22	87.93	76.22
	(56.220)	(54.360)	(56.580)	(54.100)	(56.580)	(54.100)
R-squared	0.231	0.294	0.254	0.317	0.254	0.317
Wald chi2	506.6	2721	631.0	222.8	631.0	922.9
AR1 error correction	common	unit-specific	common	unit-specific	common	unit-specific

Notes: See Table 1, Model 1 rho: 0.024, Model 3 and 5 rho: -0.015. Data on regional fiscal autonomy are collected from Hooghe, Marks, and Schakel. (2010)

Table A3: Robustness tests of Table 1 models, number unlawful aid measures as dependent variable

	(1)	**(2)**	**(3)**
District Magnitude	-0.102***	-2.616***	-2.616***
	(0.0139)	(0.314)	(0.314)
Ballot Control		83.63***	83.63***
		(7.298)	(7.298)
District Magnitude × Ballot Control		2.951***	2.951***
		(0.354)	(0.354)
Poll-Vote Rules		-13.87	-6.933
		(26.08)	(13.04)
District Magnitude × Poll-Vote Rules		11.22***	5.608***
		(1.256)	(0.628)
Election	10.59	16.09	16.09
	(14.78)	(14.51)	(14.51)
Government Preference	-5.424*	-3.466	-3.466
	(2.954)	(2.588)	(2.588)
Years in EU	-95.96***	-106.2***	-106.2***
	(14.24)	(17.32)	(17.32)
GDP per capita at t-1	-3.821	-0.516	-0.516
	(3.599)	(3.024)	(3.024)
Number of Aid Measures	2.804***	2.693***	2.693***
	(0.449)	(0.382)	(0.382)
Constant	411.6***	269.6***	269.6***
	(123.0)	(96.30)	(96.30)
Log-likelihood	-383.2	-375.0	-375.0
Lnalpha	-2.781	-12.81	-12.80

Notes: Negative binomial regressions with country fixed effects and standard errors clustered on countries. N=297. Coefficient and standard errors, in parentheses, scaled up by a factor of 100. ***$p < 0.01$, **$p < 0.05$, *$p < 0.1$. Average of scores of 'pool' and 'vote' in Model 2, sum of scores in Model 3.

Table A4: Robustness tests of Table 1 models, inclusion of public expenditure

	(1)	**(2)**	**(3)**	**(4)**	**(5)**	**(6)**
District Magnitude	-0.00873*	-0.00777***	-0.201***	-0.230***	-0.201***	-0.230***
	(0.00449)	(0.00265)	(0.0545)	(0.0428)	(0.0545)	(0.0428)
Ballot Control			10.23*	9.985**	10.23*	9.985**
			(5.387)	(5.033)	(5.387)	(5.033)
District Magnitude × Ballot Control			0.190***	0.232***	0.190***	0.232***
			(0.0537)	(0.0436)	(0.0537)	(0.0436)
Poll-Vote Rules			-14.93	-12.38	-7.464	-6.190
			(11.89)	(10.95)	(5.944)	(5.477)
District Magnitude × Poll-Vote Rules			0.773***	0.901***	0.386***	0.450***
			(0.176)	(0.142)	(0.0881)	(0.0711)
Election	-0.582	0.153	-0.657	-0.104	-0.657	-0.104
	(1.882)	(1.730)	(1.946)	(1.800)	(1.946)	(1.800)
Government Preference	-0.230	-0.310	-0.265	-0.329	-0.265	-0.329
	(0.327)	(0.271)	(0.340)	(0.289)	(0.340)	(0.289)
Years in EU	-13.60***	-16.76***	-13.66***	-17.79***	-13.66***	-17.79***
	(3.457)	(3.768)	(3.603)	(3.920)	(3.603)	(3.920)
GDP per capita at t-1	-0.396	-0.282	-0.335	-0.105	-0.335	-0.105
	(0.770)	(0.724)	(0.743)	(0.705)	(0.743)	(0.705)
Public expenditure at t-1	-0.107	-0.157	-0.0940	-0.161	-0.0940	-0.161
	(0.237)	(0.231)	(0.228)	(0.228)	(0.228)	(0.228)
Constant	67.25**	72.27***	70.99**	72.81***	70.99**	72.81***
	(28.59)	(26.81)	(28.05)	(26.37)	(28.05)	(26.37)
R-squared	0.233	0.298	0.255	0.320	0.255	0.320
Wald chi2	409.7	296.9	405.7	312.1	405.7	420.9
AR1 error correction	common	unit-specific	common	unit-specific	common	unit-specific

Notes: See Table 1, Model 1 rho: 0.024, Model 3 and 5 rho: -0.015 Public expenditure as % of GDP, Source: IMF, Government Finance Statistics.

Table A5: Robustness tests of Table 1 models, inclusion of aid expenditure

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
District Magnitude	-0.00936**	-0.00847***	-0.203***	-0.229***	-0.203***	-0.229***
	(0.00427)	(0.00262)	(0.0547)	(0.0444)	(0.0547)	(0.0444)
Ballot Control			10.17*	9.881*	10.17*	9.881*
			(5.408)	(5.093)	(5.408)	(5.093)
District Magnitude × Ballot Control			0.188***	0.225***	0.188***	0.225***
			(0.0578)	(0.0483)	(0.0578)	(0.0483)
Poll-Vote Rules			-16.37	-14.91	-8.185	-7.454
			(11.95)	(11.37)	(5.975)	(5.684)
District Magnitude × Poll-Vote Rules			0.769***	0.878***	0.385***	0.439***
			(0.191)	(0.160)	(0.0957)	(0.0801)
Election	-0.552	0.194	-0.667	-0.116	-0.667	-0.116
	(1.861)	(1.722)	(1.929)	(1.793)	(1.929)	(1.793)
Government Preference	-0.237	-0.316	-0.277	-0.347	-0.277	-0.347
	(0.326)	(0.278)	(0.341)	(0.299)	(0.341)	(0.299)
Years in EU	-13.37***	-16.24***	-13.41***	-17.12***	-13.41***	-17.12***
	(3.592)	(4.030)	(3.775)	(4.256)	(3.775)	(4.256)
GDP per capita at t-1	-0.401	-0.295	-0.341	-0.132	-0.341	-0.132
	(0.774)	(0.731)	(0.748)	(0.715)	(0.748)	(0.715)
Aid expenditure at t-1	-5.52e-05	-2.51e-05	-0.000110	-6.32e-05	-0.000110	-6.32e-05
	(0.000190)	(0.000193)	(0.000191)	(0.000188)	(0.000191)	(0.000188)
Constant	62.91**	65.54**	68.09**	67.73***	68.09**	67.73***
	(28.12)	(26.26)	(27.72)	(25.96)	(27.72)	(25.96)
R-squared	0.231	0.294	0.253	0.316	0.253	0.316
Wald chi2	77.25	230.4	985.7	317.8	985.7	317.8
AR1 error correction	common	unit-specific	common	unit-specific	common	unit-specific

Notes: See Table 1, Model 1 rho: 0.026, Model 3 and 5 rho: -0.011.Expenditure aid is non-crisis state aid, excluding railways, in millions of euros. Source: EU Commission.

Table A6: Robustness tests of Table 1 models, government left-right position from Chapel Hill Surveys data

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
District Magnitude	-0.00887**	-0.00846***	-0.199***	-0.227***	-0.199***	-0.227***
	(0.00436)	(0.00267)	(0.0516)	(0.0417)	(0.0516)	(0.0417)
Ballot Control			10.30*	10.10*	10.30*	10.10*
			(5.685)	(5.394)	(5.685)	(5.394)
District Magnitude × Ballot Control			0.189***	0.226***	0.189***	0.226***
			(0.0523)	(0.0415)	(0.0523)	(0.0415)
Poll-Vote Rules			-14.52	-13.47	-7.261	-6.735
			(11.77)	(11.35)	(5.886)	(5.675)
District Magnitude × Poll-Vote Rules			0.777***	0.890***	0.388***	0.445***
			(0.172)	(0.134)	(0.0860)	(0.0671)
Election	-0.119	0.485	-0.139	0.190	-0.139	0.190
	(1.976)	(1.785)	(2.025)	(1.841)	(2.025)	(1.841)
Government Preference	0.125	-0.115	0.0353	-0.285	0.0353	-0.285
	(0.818)	(0.735)	(0.809)	(0.727)	(0.809)	(0.727)
Years in EU	-13.70***	-15.96***	-13.99***	-17.34***	-13.99***	-17.34***
	(3.281)	(3.502)	(3.436)	(3.661)	(3.436)	(3.661)
GDP per capita at t-1	-0.488	-0.360	-0.361	-0.0726	-0.361	-0.0726
	(0.884)	(0.787)	(0.869)	(0.776)	(0.869)	(0.776)
Constant	62.98**	63.86**	65.12**	62.20**	65.12**	62.20**
	(30.35)	(27.20)	(30.74)	(27.58)	(30.74)	(27.58)
R-squared	0.252	0.316	0.281	0.342	0.281	0.342
Wald chi2	559.8	457.5	501.6	4759	699.1	4759
AR1 error correction	common	unit-specific	common	unit-specific	common	unit-specific

Notes: N= 266, groups 24, see Table 1 for other details, Model 1 rho: 0.012, Model 3 and 5 rho: -0.034. Chapel Hill Surveys data (1999; 2002; 2006; 2010)

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Table A7: Robustness tests of Table 1 models, government position on left-right and EU integration from Chapel Hill Surveys data

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
District Magnitude	-0.00939**	-0.00807***	-0.197***	-0.229***	-0.197***	-0.229***
	(0.00410)	(0.00306)	(0.0517)	(0.0452)	(0.0517)	(0.0452)
Ballot Control			9.937*	10.29*	9.937*	10.29*
			(5.767)	(5.403)	(5.767)	(5.403)
District Magnitude × Ballot Control			0.185***	0.228***	0.185***	0.228***
			(0.0521)	(0.0463)	(0.0521)	(0.0463)
Poll-Vote Rules			-14.69	-13.69	-7.345	-6.846
			(11.78)	(11.35)	(5.891)	(5.675)
District Magnitude × Poll-Vote Rules			0.753***	0.906***	0.376***	0.453***
			(0.172)	(0.151)	(0.0860)	(0.0757)
Election	-0.227	0.463	-0.266	0.147	-0.266	0.147
	(1.949)	(1.778)	(2.005)	(1.843)	(2.005)	(1.843)
Government Left-Right Preference	0.0264	0.00855	-0.0490	-0.183	-0.0490	-0.183
	(0.793)	(0.735)	(0.781)	(0.731)	(0.781)	(0.731)
Government Preference on EU Integration	2.009	-0.418	1.459	-0.430	1.459	-0.430
	(1.468)	(0.879)	(1.417)	(0.838)	(1.417)	(0.838)
Years in EU	-13.29***	-15.70***	-13.78***	-17.07***	-13.78***	-17.07***
	(3.174)	(3.524)	(3.385)	(3.691)	(3.385)	(3.691)
GDP per capita at t-1	-0.488	-0.354	-0.377	-0.0646	-0.377	-0.0646
	(0.877)	(0.815)	(0.863)	(0.805)	(0.863)	(0.805)
Constant	50.62	63.93**	56.82*	62.41**	56.82*	62.41**
	(32.26)	(27.72)	(32.23)	(28.08)	(32.23)	(28.08)
R-squared	0.255	0.313	0.282	0.339	0.282	0.339
Wald chi2	204.0	260.8	4066	682.5	4066	682.5
AR1 error correction	common	unit-specific	common	unit-specific	common	unit-specific

Notes: N= 266, groups 24, see Table 1 for other details, Model 1 rho: 0.012, Model 3 and 5 rho: -0.030. Chapel Hill Surveys data (1999; 2002; 2006; 2010).

Table A8: Robustness tests of Table 1 models, inclusion of all control variables

	(1)	**(2)**	**(3)**	**(4)**	**(5)**	**(6)**
District Magnitude	-0.00898**	-0.00786***	-0.203***	-0.230***	-0.203***	-0.230***
	(0.00449)	(0.00277)	(0.0544)	(0.0427)	(0.0544)	(0.0427)
Ballot Control			10.27*	9.982**	10.27*	9.982**
			(5.402)	(5.037)	(5.402)	(5.037)
District Magnitude × Ballot Control			0.192***	0.232***	0.192***	0.232***
			(0.0538)	(0.0437)	(0.0538)	(0.0437)
Poll-Vote Rules			-14.95	-12.44	-7.474	-6.221
			(11.92)	(10.96)	(5.962)	(5.478)
District Magnitude × Poll-Vote Rules			0.780***	0.901***	0.390***	0.451***
			(0.177)	(0.143)	(0.0883)	(0.0715)
Election	-0.606	0.160	-0.692	-0.121	-0.692	-0.121
	(1.891)	(1.747)	(1.955)	(1.815)	(1.955)	(1.815)
Government Preference	-0.229	-0.309	-0.262	-0.330	-0.262	-0.330
	(0.326)	(0.274)	(0.339)	(0.293)	(0.339)	(0.293)
Years in EU	-13.63***	-16.75***	-13.73***	-17.78***	-13.73***	-17.78***
	(3.466)	(3.785)	(3.620)	(3.939)	(3.620)	(3.939)
GDP per capita at t-1	-0.387	-0.286	-0.320	-0.107	-0.320	-0.107
	(0.788)	(0.747)	(0.762)	(0.728)	(0.762)	(0.728)
Regional Fiscal Autonomy at t-1	-6.570	4.350	-7.444	0.448	-7.444	0.448
	(35.17)	(35.33)	(34.53)	(34.89)	(34.53)	(34.89)
Public expenditure at t-1	-0.106	-0.157	-0.0928	-0.161	-0.0928	-0.161
	(0.237)	(0.231)	(0.229)	(0.229)	(0.229)	(0.229)
Aid expenditure at t-1	-4.25e-05	-1.38e-05	-9.90e-05	-5.04e-05	-9.90e-05	-5.04e-05
	(0.000192)	(0.000194)	(0.000194)	(0.000189)	(0.000194)	(0.000189)
Constant	80.16	63.73	85.56	72.10	85.56	72.10
	(57.27)	(57.06)	(57.61)	(57.27)	(57.61)	(57.27)

R-squared	0.233	0.298	0.254	0.320	0.254	0.320
Wald chi2	281.5	385.3	5502	577.8	2170	1354
AR1 error correction	common	unit-specific	common	unit-specific	common	unit-specific

Notes: See Table 1, Model 1 rho: 0.026, Model 3 and 5 rho: -0.011.

Table A9: Robustness tests of Table 1 models, fractional logit models

	(1)	**(2)**	**(3)**
District Magnitude	-0.133	-16.09***	-16.09***
	(0.161)	(1.409)	(1.409)
Ballot Control		55.51	55.51
		(115.6)	(115.6)
District Magnitude × Ballot Control		17.42***	17.42***
		(1.499)	(1.499)
Poll-Vote Rules		-908.5***	-454.2***
		(193.8)	(96.89)
District Magnitude × Poll-Vote Rules		61.43***	30.71***
		(4.872)	(2.436)
Election	-11.99	-12.84	-12.84
	(22.20)	(23.30)	(23.30)
Government Preference	-5.649	-3.010	-3.010
	(4.360)	(4.641)	(4.641)
Years in EU	-135.6***	-133.8***	-133.8***
	(24.87)	(27.18)	(27.18)
GDP per capita at t-1	-1.787	0.603	0.603
	(5.246)	(5.557)	(5.557)
Number of Aid Measures	252.9	477.9**	477.9**
	(187.5)	(228.0)	(228.0)
Constant	-0.133	-16.09***	-16.09***
	(0.161)	(1.409)	(1.409)

Notes: Fractional logit models with country fixed effects. N=297. Coefficient and standard errors, in parentheses, scaled up by a factor of 100. ***$p < 0.01$, **$p < 0.05$, *$p < 0.1$. Average of scores of 'pool' and 'vote' in Model 2, sum of scores in Model 3.

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