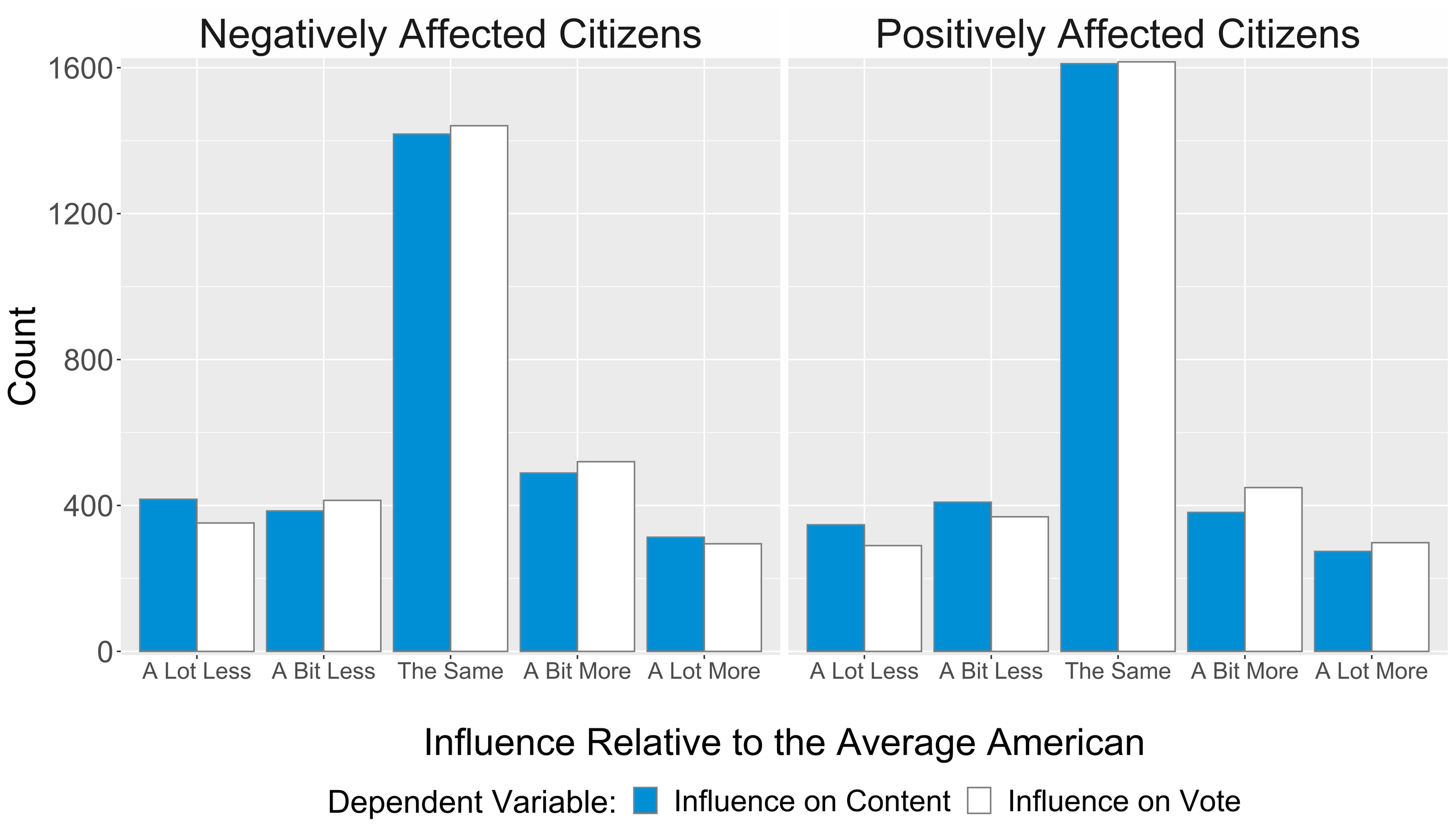
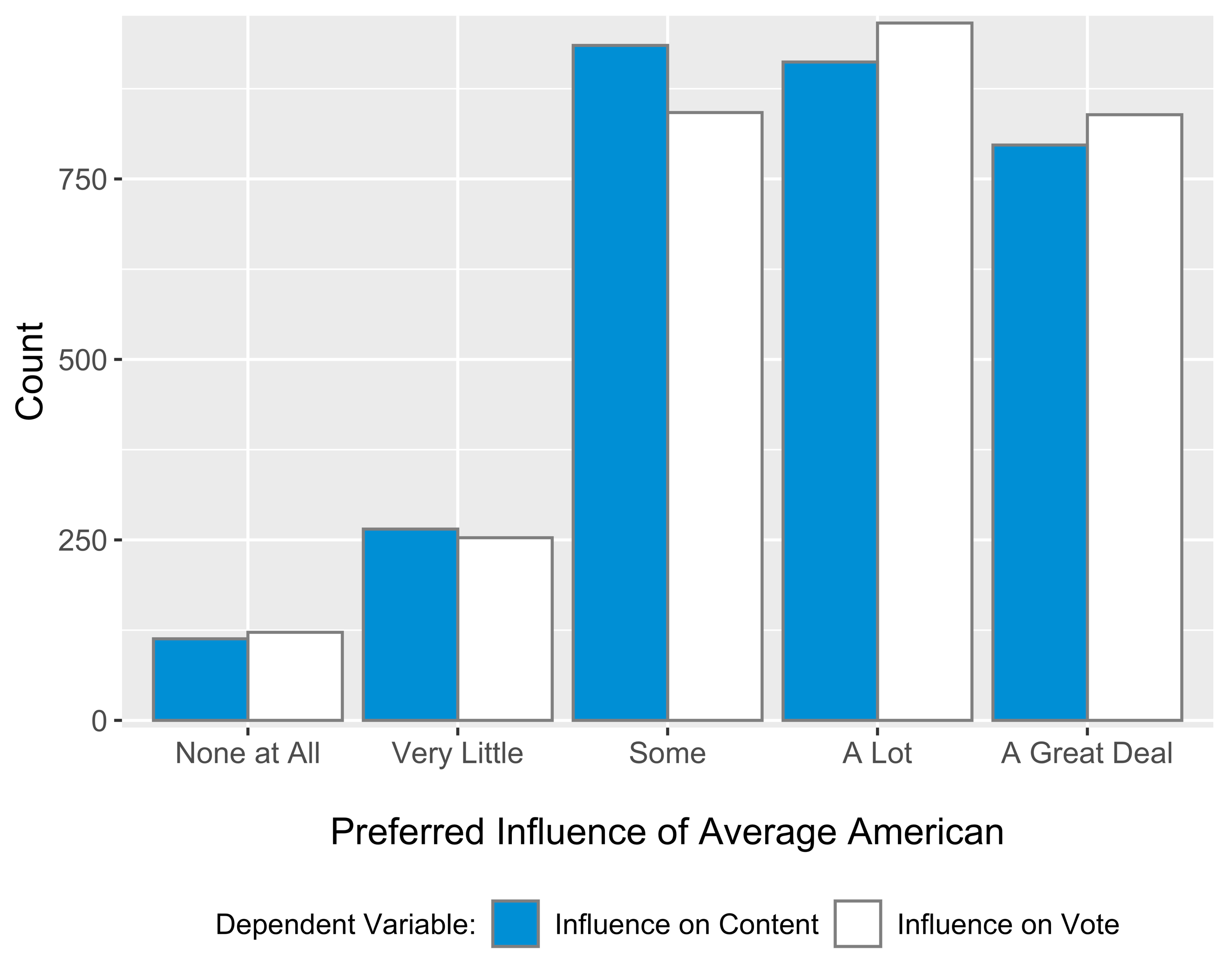
Online Appendix Figure 1

*Preferences on the Relative Influence of Affected Citizens on Policy Content versus Legislative Votes, by Type of Affectedness*



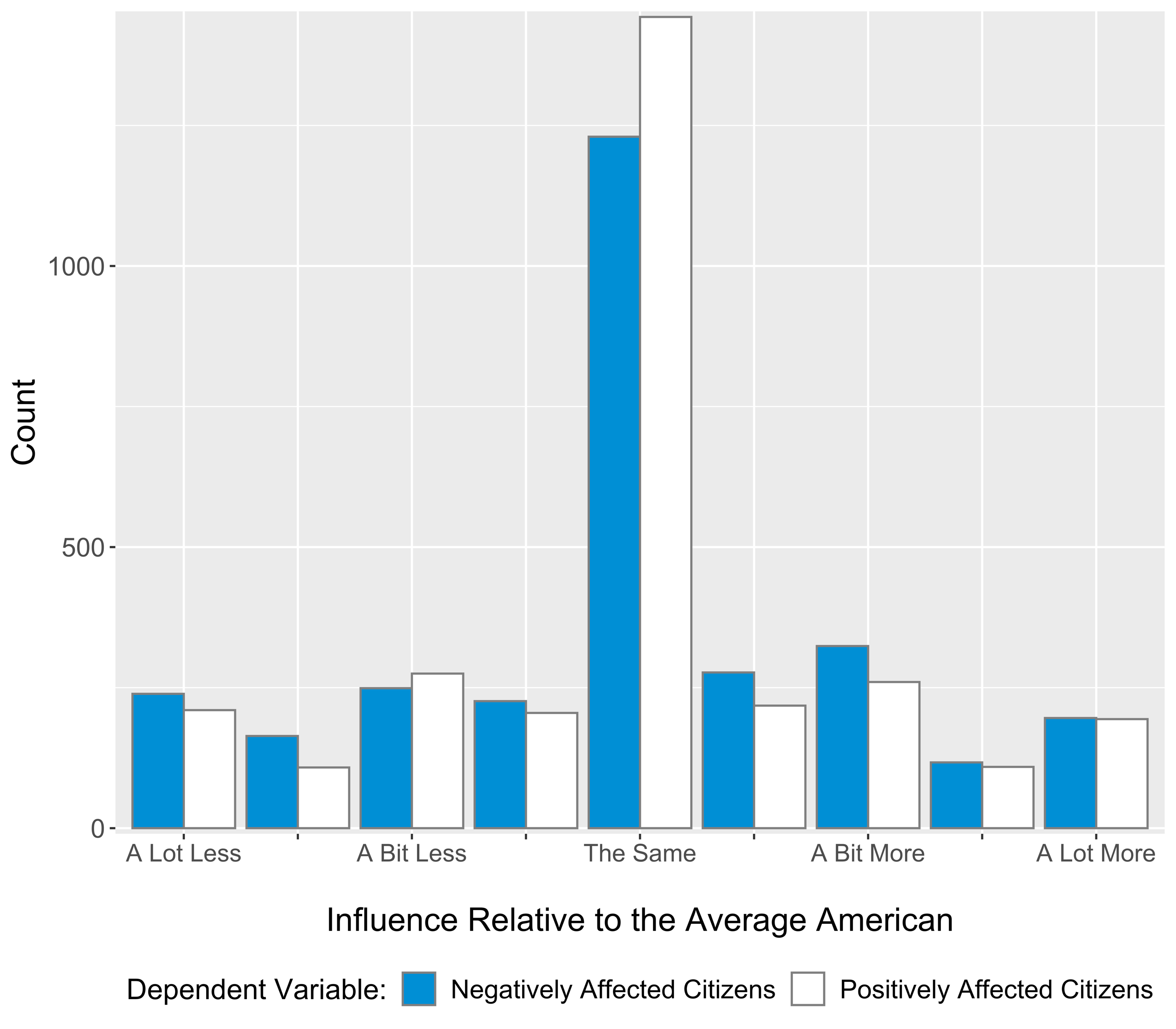
Online Appendix Figure 2

*Preferences on the* *Influence of Average Citizens on Policy Content versus Legislative Votes*

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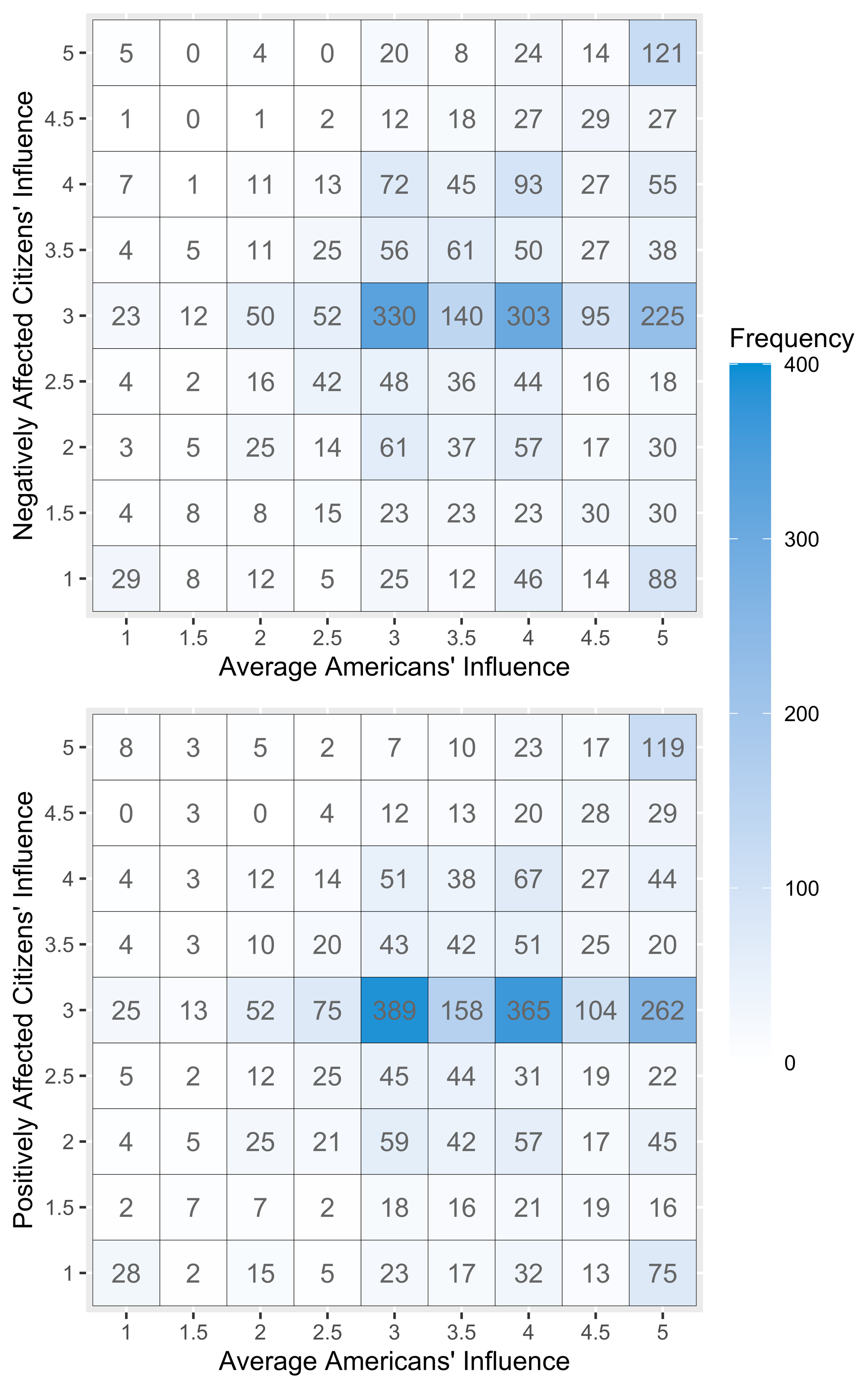
Online Appendix Figure 3

*Preferences on the Relative Influence of Negatively versus Positively Affected Citizens*

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Online Appendix Figure 4

*Distribution of Preferences on the Influence of Average versus Affected Citizens, by Type of Affectedness*



Online Appendix Table 1

*Sample Demographics*

|  |  | **Data Available for All Variables?** | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total (N=3200)** | **No - Excluded (N=178)** | **Yes - In Analysis (N=3022)** |
| **Sex** |  |  |  |
| Male | 1548 (48.4%) | 60 (33.7%) | 1488 (49.2%) |
| Female | 1652 (51.6%) | 118 (66.3%) | 1534 (50.8%) |
| **Region** |  |  |  |
| Northeast | 559 (17.5%) | 30 (16.9%) | 529 (17.5%) |
| Midwest | 672 (21.0%) | 37 (20.8%) | 635 (21.0%) |
| West | 721 (22.5%) | 51 (28.7%) | 670 (22.2%) |
| South | 1248 (39.0%) | 60 (33.7%) | 1188 (39.3%) |
| **Race** |  |  |  |
| 2+ Races | 129 (4.0%) | 5 (2.8%) | 124 (4.1%) |
| Asian | 78 (2.4%) | 2 (1.1%) | 76 (2.5%) |
| Black | 450 (14.1%) | 16 (9.0%) | 434 (14.4%) |
| Hispanic/Latino | 129 (4.0%) | 6 (3.4%) | 123 (4.1%) |
| Native American | 28 (0.9%) | 1 (0.6%) | 27 (0.9%) |
| Other | 35 (1.1%) | 5 (2.8%) | 30 (1.0%) |
| White | 2316 (72.4%) | 108 (60.7%) | 2208 (73.1%) |
| Missing | 35 (1.1%) | 35 (19.7%) | 0 (0%) |
| **Age Bracket** |  |  |  |
| 18-24 | 343 (10.7%) | 26 (14.6%) | 317 (10.5%) |
| 25-34 | 605 (18.9%) | 24 (13.5%) | 581 (19.2%) |
| 35-44 | 513 (16.0%) | 20 (11.2%) | 493 (16.3%) |
| 45-54 | 518 (16.2%) | 26 (14.6%) | 492 (16.3%) |
| 55-64 | 551 (17.2%) | 33 (18.5%) | 518 (17.1%) |
| 65+ | 670 (20.9%) | 49 (27.5%) | 621 (20.5%) |
| **Income Bracket** |  |  |  |
| <10k | 265 (8.3%) | 3 (1.7%) | 262 (8.7%) |
| ≥10k, <20k | 334 (10.4%) | 2 (1.1%) | 332 (11.0%) |
| ≥20k, <30k | 456 (14.2%) | 7 (3.9%) | 449 (14.9%) |
| ≥30k, <40k | 378 (11.8%) | 4 (2.2%) | 374 (12.4%) |
| ≥40k, <50k | 274 (8.6%) | 1 (0.6%) | 273 (9.0%) |
| ≥50k, <60k | 288 (9.0%) | 2 (1.1%) | 286 (9.5%) |
| ≥60k, <70k | 176 (5.5%) | 2 (1.1%) | 174 (5.8%) |
| ≥70k, <80k | 180 (5.6%) | 1 (0.6%) | 179 (5.9%) |
| ≥80k, <90k | 96 (3.0%) | 0 (0%) | 96 (3.2%) |
| ≥90k, <100k | 108 (3.4%) | 2 (1.1%) | 106 (3.5%) |
| ≥100k, <150k | 289 (9.0%) | 0 (0%) | 289 (9.6%) |
| ≥ 150k | 203 (6.3%) | 1 (0.6%) | 202 (6.7%) |
| Missing | 153 (4.8%) | 153 (86.0%) | 0 (0%) |
| **Education** |  |  |  |
| Highschool or Less | 896 (28.0%) | 53 (29.8%) | 843 (27.9%) |
| Some College | 838 (26.2%) | 48 (27.0%) | 790 (26.1%) |
| College Degree | 1020 (31.9%) | 52 (29.2%) | 968 (32.0%) |
| Post-grad Degree | 446 (13.9%) | 25 (14.0%) | 421 (13.9%) |
| **Partisan ID** |  |  |  |
| Democrat | 1470 (45.9%) | 72 (40.4%) | 1398 (46.3%) |
| Independent | 566 (17.7%) | 52 (29.2%) | 514 (17.0%) |
| Republican | 1164 (36.4%) | 54 (30.3%) | 1110 (36.7%) |
| **Partisan Strength** |  |  |  |
| Independent | 566 (17.7%) | 52 (29.2%) | 514 (17.0%) |
| Lean | 452 (14.1%) | 25 (14.0%) | 427 (14.1%) |
| Not Strong | 842 (26.3%) | 49 (27.5%) | 793 (26.2%) |
| Strong Partisan | 1340 (41.9%) | 52 (29.2%) | 1288 (42.6%) |

Online Appendix Table 2

*Descriptive Statistics for Key Dependent and Independent Variables*

|  | **Total (N=3022)** |
| --- | --- |
| **Average Americans: Influence on Content** |  |
| Mean (SD) | 3.67 (1.07) |
| Median [Min, Max] | 4.00 [1.00, 5.00] |
| **Average Americans: Influence on Vote** |  |
| Mean (SD) | 3.71 (1.08) |
| Median [Min, Max] | 4.00 [1.00, 5.00] |
| **Average Americans: Combined Index** |  |
| Mean (SD) | 3.69 (1.01) |
| Median [Min, Max] | 4.00 [1.00, 5.00] |
| **Negatively Affected Citizens: Influence on Content** |  |
| Mean (SD) | 2.97 (1.12) |
| Median [Min, Max] | 3.00 [1.00, 5.00] |
| **Negatively Affected Citizens: Influence on Vote** |  |
| Mean (SD) | 3.00 (1.08) |
| Median [Min, Max] | 3.00 [1.00, 5.00] |
| **Negatively Affected Citizens: Combined Index** |  |
| Mean (SD) | 2.98 (1.01) |
| Median [Min, Max] | 3.00 [1.00, 5.00] |
| **Positively Affected Citizens: Influence on Content** |  |
| Mean (SD) | 2.94 (1.04) |
| Median [Min, Max] | 3.00 [1.00, 5.00] |
| **Positively Affected Citizens: Influence on Vote** |  |
| Mean (SD) | 3.03 (1.02) |
| Median [Min, Max] | 3.00 [1.00, 5.00] |
| **Positively Affected Citizens: Combined Index** |  |
| Mean (SD) | 2.99 (0.953) |
| Median [Min, Max] | 3.00 [1.00, 5.00] |
| **External Efficacy** |  |
| Mean (SD) | -0.00843 (0.995) |
| Median [Min, Max] | -0.0139 [-1.23, 3.62] |

Online Appendix Table 3

*Regression Results, Preferences for the Relative Influence of Negatively Affected Citizens*

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|  | | | |
|  |  | | |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) |
|  | | | |
| External Efficacy | 0.091\*\*\* (0.018) | 0.094\*\*\* (0.018) | 0.107\*\*\* (0.018) |
| **Education (Ref: ≥ Highschool)**  Some College |  | 0.062 (0.050) | 0.045 (0.050) |
| College Degree |  | 0.165\*\*\* (0.050) | 0.143\*\* (0.050) |
| Post-grad Degree |  | 0.194\*\* (0.069) | 0.142\* (0.069) |
| **Age (Ref: 18-24)**  25-34 |  | 0.173\* (0.070) | 0.155\* (0.070) |
| 35-44 |  | 0.121 (0.074) | 0.090 (0.074) |
| 45-54 |  | 0.138+ (0.074) | 0.105 (0.073) |
| 55-64 |  | 0.251\*\*\* (0.073) | 0.200\*\* (0.073) |
| 65+ |  | 0.270\*\*\* (0.072) | 0.225\*\* (0.072) |
| Income |  | -0.005 (0.006) | -0.006 (0.006) |
| Female |  | 0.082\* (0.037) | 0.076\* (0.038) |
| Ethnic Minority |  | -0.040 (0.043) | -0.047 (0.044) |
| Preferred Citizen Influence |  |  | 0.146\*\*\* (0.019) |
| **Political Interest (Ref: Not at All)** Little interested |  |  | -0.006 (0.065) |
| Fairly interested |  |  | 0.085 (0.066) |
| Very interested |  |  | 0.068 (0.072) |
| **Partisanship (Ref: Independent)**  Democrat |  |  | 0.005 (0.055) |
| Republican |  |  | -0.049 (0.057) |
| Constant | 2.982\*\*\* (0.018) | 2.708\*\*\* (0.072) | 2.201\*\*\* (0.102) |
|  | | | |
| Observations | 3,022 | 3,022 | 3,022 |
| R2 | 0.008 | 0.023 | 0.048 |
| Adjusted R2 | 0.008 | 0.019 | 0.042 |
| Residual Std. Error | 1.004 (df = 3020) | 0.998 (df = 3009) | 0.987 (df = 3003) |
| F Statistic | 24.394\*\*\* (df = 1; 3020) | 5.971\*\*\* (df = 12; 3009) | 8.366\*\*\* (df = 18; 3003) |
|  | | | |
| *Note.* Cells contain OLS regression coefficients, with standard errors in parentheses. + *p* < 0.1; \* *p* < 0.05; \*\* *p* < 0.01; \*\*\* *p* < 0.001. | | | |

Online Appendix Table 4

*Regression Results, Preferences for the Relative Influence of Positively Affected Citizens*

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|  | | | |
|  |  | | |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) |
|  | | | |
| External Efficacy | 0.103\*\*\* (0.017) | 0.108\*\*\* (0.017) | 0.123\*\*\* (0.017) |
| **Education (Ref: ≥ Highschool)**  Some College |  | 0.086+ (0.047) | 0.071 (0.047) |
| College Degree |  | 0.152\*\* (0.047) | 0.134\*\* (0.047) |
| Post-grad Degree |  | 0.225\*\*\* (0.065) | 0.173\*\* (0.066) |
| **Age (Ref: 18-24)**  25-34 |  | 0.098 (0.066) | 0.073 (0.066) |
| 35-44 |  | 0.052 (0.070) | 0.017 (0.069) |
| 45-54 |  | 0.117+ (0.070) | 0.080 (0.069) |
| 55-64 |  | 0.160\* (0.069) | 0.099 (0.069) |
| 65+ |  | 0.220\*\* (0.068) | 0.169\* (0.068) |
| Income |  | 0.006 (0.006) | 0.004 (0.006) |
| Female |  | 0.016 (0.035) | 0.020 (0.036) |
| Ethnic Minority |  | 0.024 (0.041) | 0.041 (0.042) |
| Preferred Citizen Influence |  |  | 0.134\*\*\* (0.018) |
| **Political Interest (Ref: Not at All)** Little interested |  |  | 0.088 (0.061) |
| Fairly interested |  |  | 0.107+ (0.062) |
| Very interested |  |  | 0.154\* (0.068) |
| **Partisanship (Ref: Independent)**  Democrat |  |  | -0.058 (0.052) |
| Republican |  |  | -0.010 (0.054) |
| Constant | 2.988\*\*\* (0.017) | 2.717\*\*\* (0.068) | 2.212\*\*\* (0.096) |
|  | | | |
| Observations | 3,022 | 3,022 | 3,022 |
| R2 | 0.012 | 0.026 | 0.050 |
| Adjusted R2 | 0.011 | 0.022 | 0.044 |
| Residual Std. Error | 0.948 (df = 3020) | 0.943 (df = 3009) | 0.932 (df = 3003) |
| F Statistic | 35.140\*\*\* (df = 1; 3020) | 6.609\*\*\* (df = 12; 3009) | 8.727\*\*\* (df = 18; 3003) |
|  | | | |
| *Note.* Cells contain OLS regression coefficients, with standard errors in parentheses. + *p* < 0.1; \* *p* < 0.05; \*\* *p* < 0.01; \*\*\* *p* < 0.001. | | | |

Online Appendix Table 5

*Regression Results, Disaggregated Preferences for the Relative Influence of Negatively Affected Citizens*

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | | | | | |
|  | Influence on Details | | | Influence on Votes | | |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
|  | | | | | | |
| External Efficacy | 0.101\*\*\* (0.020) | 0.104\*\*\* (0.020) | 0.117\*\*\* (0.020) | 0.080\*\*\* (0.020) | 0.084\*\*\* (0.020) | 0.097\*\*\* (0.020) |
| **Education (Ref: ≥ Highschool)**  Some College |  | 0.062 (0.056) | 0.043 (0.055) |  | 0.062 (0.054) | 0.046 (0.053) |
| College Degree |  | 0.178\*\* (0.056) | 0.155\*\* (0.056) |  | 0.152\*\* (0.054) | 0.132\* (0.054) |
| Post-grad Degree |  | 0.178\* (0.077) | 0.125 (0.077) |  | 0.209\*\* (0.074) | 0.159\* (0.075) |
| **Age (Ref: 18-24)**  25-34 |  | 0.168\* (0.078) | 0.148+ (0.078) |  | 0.178\* (0.076) | 0.163\* (0.075) |
| 35-44 |  | 0.069 (0.082) | 0.036 (0.082) |  | 0.173\* (0.080) | 0.144+ (0.079) |
| 45-54 |  | 0.164\* (0.082) | 0.129 (0.082) |  | 0.112 (0.079) | 0.081 (0.079) |
| 55-64 |  | 0.211\*\* (0.081) | 0.157+ (0.081) |  | 0.291\*\*\* (0.078) | 0.244\*\* (0.078) |
| 65+ |  | 0.251\*\* (0.080) | 0.202\* (0.080) |  | 0.289\*\*\* (0.077) | 0.247\*\* (0.077) |
| Income |  | -0.005 (0.007) | -0.007 (0.007) |  | -0.004 (0.007) | -0.005 (0.007) |
| Female |  | 0.089\* (0.042) | 0.084\* (0.042) |  | 0.074+ (0.040) | 0.069+ (0.041) |
| Ethnic Minority |  | -0.069 (0.048) | -0.075 (0.049) |  | -0.011 (0.046) | -0.018 (0.047) |
| Preferred Citizen Influence |  |  | 0.147\*\*\* (0.021) |  |  | 0.145\*\*\* (0.020) |
| **Political Interest (Ref: Not at All)** Little interested |  |  | 0.022 (0.073) |  |  | -0.034 (0.070) |
| Fairly interested |  |  | 0.101 (0.073) |  |  | 0.068 (0.071) |
| Very interested |  |  | 0.086 (0.080) |  |  | 0.050 (0.078) |
| **Partisanship (Ref: Independent)**  Democrat |  |  | 0.007 (0.061) |  |  | 0.002 (0.059) |
| Republican |  |  | -0.042 (0.063) |  |  | -0.056 (0.061) |
| Constant | 2.966\*\*\* (0.020) | 2.714\*\*\* (0.080) | 2.186\*\*\* (0.114) | 2.998\*\*\* (0.020) | 2.702\*\*\* (0.077) | 2.215\*\*\* (0.110) |
|  | | | | | | |
| Observations | 3,022 | 3,022 | 3,022 | 3,022 | 3,022 | 3,022 |
| R2 | 0.008 | 0.021 | 0.041 | 0.006 | 0.019 | 0.041 |
| Adjusted R2 | 0.008 | 0.017 | 0.036 | 0.005 | 0.015 | 0.035 |
| Residual Std. Error | 1.116 (df = 3020) | 1.110 (df = 3009) | 1.100 (df = 3003) | 1.077 (df = 3020) | 1.071 (df = 3009) | 1.061 (df = 3003) |
| F Statistic | 24.430\*\*\* (df = 1; 3020) | 5.462\*\*\* (df = 12; 3009) | 7.194\*\*\* (df = 18; 3003) | 16.726\*\*\* (df = 1; 3020) | 4.933\*\*\* (df = 12; 3009) | 7.056\*\*\* (df = 18; 3003) |
|  | | | | | | |
| *Note.* Cells contain OLS regression coefficients, with standard errors in parentheses. + *p* < 0.1; \* *p* < 0.05; \*\* *p* < 0.01; \*\*\* *p* < 0.001. | | | | | | |

Online Appendix Table 6

*Regression Results, Disaggregated Preferences for the Relative Influence of Positively Affected Citizens*

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | | | | | |
|  | Influence on Details | | | Influence on Votes | | |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
|  | | | | | | |
| External Efficacy | 0.098\*\*\* (0.019) | 0.104\*\*\* (0.019) | 0.120\*\*\* (0.019) | 0.108\*\*\* (0.019) | 0.111\*\*\* (0.019) | 0.126\*\*\* (0.019) |
| **Education (Ref: ≥ Highschool)**  Some College |  | 0.101\* (0.051) | 0.086+ (0.051) |  | 0.071 (0.051) | 0.056 (0.051) |
| College Degree |  | 0.157\*\* (0.051) | 0.138\*\* (0.051) |  | 0.147\*\* (0.051) | 0.130\* (0.051) |
| Post-grad Degree |  | 0.219\*\* (0.071) | 0.166\* (0.071) |  | 0.230\*\* (0.070) | 0.179\* (0.071) |
| **Age (Ref: 18-24)**  25-34 |  | 0.137+ (0.072) | 0.114 (0.072) |  | 0.058 (0.072) | 0.031 (0.071) |
| 35-44 |  | 0.104 (0.076) | 0.070 (0.076) |  | -0.0001 (0.075) | -0.036 (0.075) |
| 45-54 |  | 0.196\* (0.076) | 0.159\* (0.076) |  | 0.039 (0.075) | 0.002 (0.075) |
| 55-64 |  | 0.246\*\* (0.075) | 0.188\* (0.075) |  | 0.074 (0.074) | 0.011 (0.074) |
| 65+ |  | 0.320\*\*\* (0.074) | 0.270\*\*\* (0.074) |  | 0.119 (0.073) | 0.068 (0.073) |
| Income |  | 0.009 (0.006) | 0.008 (0.007) |  | 0.003 (0.006) | 0.001 (0.006) |
| Female |  | 0.044 (0.039) | 0.045 (0.039) |  | -0.011 (0.038) | -0.005 (0.038) |
| Ethnic Minority |  | 0.003 (0.045) | 0.014 (0.045) |  | 0.046 (0.044) | 0.069 (0.045) |
| Preferred Citizen Influence |  |  | 0.145\*\*\* (0.019) |  |  | 0.122\*\*\* (0.019) |
| **Political Interest (Ref: Not at All)** Little interested |  |  | 0.063 (0.067) |  |  | 0.113+ (0.066) |
| Fairly interested |  |  | 0.116+ (0.068) |  |  | 0.098 (0.067) |
| Very interested |  |  | 0.141+ (0.074) |  |  | 0.167\* (0.074) |
| **Partisanship (Ref: Independent)**  Democrat |  |  | -0.071 (0.057) |  |  | -0.046 (0.056) |
| Republican |  |  | -0.055 (0.058) |  |  | 0.035 (0.058) |
| Constant | 2.943\*\*\* (0.019) | 2.580\*\*\* (0.074) | 2.059\*\*\* (0.105) | 3.033\*\*\* (0.019) | 2.854\*\*\* (0.073) | 2.364\*\*\* (0.104) |
|  | | | | | | |
| Observations | 3,022 | 3,022 | 3,022 | 3,022 | 3,022 | 3,022 |
| R2 | 0.009 | 0.027 | 0.050 | 0.011 | 0.019 | 0.038 |
| Adjusted R2 | 0.008 | 0.023 | 0.045 | 0.011 | 0.016 | 0.033 |
| Residual Std. Error | 1.035 (df = 3020) | 1.027 (df = 3009) | 1.016 (df = 3003) | 1.018 (df = 3020) | 1.016 (df = 3009) | 1.007 (df = 3003) |
| F Statistic | 26.606\*\*\* (df = 1; 3020) | 7.022\*\*\* (df = 12; 3009) | 8.850\*\*\* (df = 18; 3003) | 33.540\*\*\* (df = 1; 3020) | 4.979\*\*\* (df = 12; 3009) | 6.677\*\*\* (df = 18; 3003) |
|  | | | | | | |
| *Note.* Cells contain OLS regression coefficients, with standard errors in parentheses. + *p* < 0.1; \* *p* < 0.05; \*\* *p* < 0.01; \*\*\* *p* < 0.001. | | | | | | |

Online Appendix Table 7

*Ordered Logistic Regression Results, Disaggregated Preferences*

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | | | |
|  | Negatively Affected Citizens - Details | Negatively Affected Citizens - Votes | Positively Affected Citizens - Details | Positively Affected Citizens - Votes |
|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
|  | | | | |
| External Efficacy | 0.180\*\*\* (0.035) | 0.139\*\*\* (0.035) | 0.227\*\*\* (0.036) | 0.243\*\*\* (0.036) |
| **Education (Ref: ≥ Highschool)**  Some College | 0.066 (0.094) | 0.095 (0.094) | 0.164+ (0.097) | 0.095 (0.096) |
| College Degree | 0.260\*\* (0.095) | 0.248\*\* (0.095) | 0.246\* (0.098) | 0.187+ (0.097) |
| Post-grad Degree | 0.214 (0.133) | 0.266\* (0.133) | 0.287\* (0.137) | 0.370\*\* (0.136) |
| **Age (Ref: 18-24)**  25-34 | 0.231+ (0.137) | 0.290\* (0.135) | 0.305\* (0.138) | 0.143 (0.138) |
| 35-44 | 0.018 (0.143) | 0.253+ (0.142) | 0.172 (0.147) | -0.035 (0.146) |
| 45-54 | 0.180 (0.143) | 0.188 (0.142) | 0.356\* (0.145) | 0.106 (0.144) |
| 55-64 | 0.338\* (0.141) | 0.489\*\*\* (0.139) | 0.459\*\* (0.143) | 0.126 (0.142) |
| 65+ | 0.400\*\* (0.138) | 0.477\*\*\* (0.136) | 0.601\*\*\* (0.141) | 0.242+ (0.140) |
| Income | -0.009 (0.012) | -0.007 (0.012) | 0.017 (0.012) | 0.007 (0.012) |
| Female | 0.155\* (0.071) | 0.132+ (0.072) | 0.099 (0.073) | -0.001 (0.073) |
| Ethnic Minority | -0.100 (0.085) | -0.063 (0.085) | 0.005 (0.087) | 0.156+ (0.087) |
| Preferred Citizen Influence | 0.250\*\*\* (0.036) | 0.223\*\*\* (0.036) | 0.269\*\*\* (0.037) | 0.206\*\*\* (0.037) |
| **Political Interest (Ref: Not at All)** Little interested | 0.004 (0.124) | -0.035 (0.124) | 0.089 (0.127) | 0.193 (0.127) |
| Fairly interested | 0.191 (0.125) | 0.184 (0.125) | 0.208 (0.128) | 0.153 (0.128) |
| Very interested | 0.133 (0.138) | 0.124 (0.138) | 0.263+ (0.141) | 0.287\* (0.142) |
| **Partisanship (Ref: Independent)**  Democrat | 0.012 (0.104) | -0.0003 (0.104) | -0.087 (0.106) | -0.032 (0.106) |
| Republican | -0.093 (0.106) | -0.154 (0.107) | -0.106 (0.109) | 0.071 (0.110) |
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| Observations | 3,022 | 3,022 | 3,022 | 3,022 |
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| *Note.* Cells contain ordered logistic regression coefficients, with standard errors in parentheses. + *p* < 0.1; \* *p* < 0.05; \*\* *p* < 0.01; \*\*\* *p* < 0.001. | | | | |