

The importance of Data Linking/Fusion in the Advancement of Empirical Social Science

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Three explanatory perspectives on parties' policy positions

- Party characteristics
- Country characteristics
- Voter characteristics

Explaining parties' positions on European integration

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interacted with Party L/R extremity				0.233 +
Voter preferences			-0.670 **	0.051
interacted with elite dissensus				-0.318 *
R ²	0.098	0.018	0.105	0.259

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