

# State Policy Outcomes and State Legislative Approval

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## Equation for the multilevel model specification

Equation for model in Table 1

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{State legislative approval}_{ij} \\
 &= \gamma_{00} + \gamma_{01} \text{StatePolicyLiberalism}_j + \gamma_{10} \text{Ideology}_{ij} \\
 &+ \gamma_{11} \text{StatePolicyLiberalism}_j \text{Ideology}_{ij} + \gamma_{02} \text{OwnPartyStateGov}_j \\
 &+ \gamma_{03} \text{OpposingPartyStateGov}_j + \gamma_{04} \text{LegislativeProfessionalism}_j \\
 &+ \gamma_{05} \text{Unemployment}_j + \gamma_{06} \text{PartyCompetition}_j + \gamma_{20} \text{StatePoliticalKnowledge}_{ij} \\
 &+ \gamma_{30} \text{FollowsPolitics}_{ij} + \gamma_{40} \text{Education}_{ij} + \gamma_{50} \text{CongressionalApproval}_{ij} + \gamma_{60} \text{Age}_{ij} \\
 &+ \gamma_{70} \text{Nonwhite}_{ij} + \gamma_{80} \text{Female}_{ij} + \delta_{0j} + \delta_{1j} \text{Ideology}_{ij}
 \end{aligned}$$

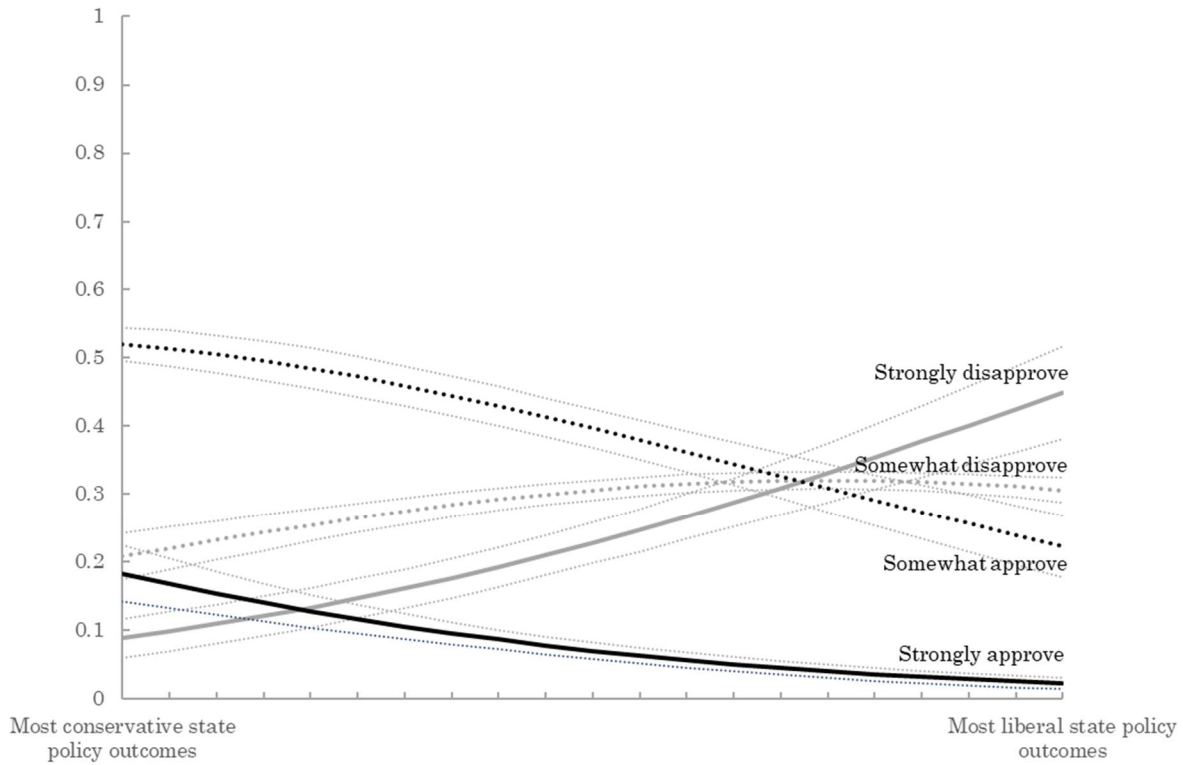
Equation for model in Table 3

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{State legislative approval}_{ij} \\
 &= \gamma_{00} + \gamma_{01} \text{StatePolicyLiberalism}_j + \gamma_{10} \text{Ideology}_{ij} + \gamma_{20} \text{StatePoliticalKnowledge}_{ij} \\
 &+ \gamma_{11} \text{StatePolicyLiberalism}_j \text{Ideology}_{ij} \\
 &+ \gamma_{21} \text{StatePolicyLiberalism}_j \text{StatePolitical Knowledge}_{ij} \\
 &+ \gamma_{30} \text{StatePoliticalKnowledge}_{ij} \text{Ideology}_{ij} \\
 &+ \gamma_{31} \text{StatePolicyLiberalism}_j \text{StatePoliticalKnowledge}_{ij} \text{Ideology}_{ij} \\
 &+ \gamma_{02} \text{OwnPartyStateGov}_j + \gamma_{03} \text{OpposingPartyStateGov}_j \\
 &+ \gamma_{04} \text{LegislativeProfessionalism}_j + \gamma_{05} \text{Unemployment}_j + \gamma_{06} \text{PartyCompetition}_j \\
 &+ \gamma_{40} \text{FollowsPolitics}_{ij} + \gamma_{50} \text{Education}_{ij} + \gamma_{60} \text{CongressionalApproval}_{ij} + \gamma_{70} \text{Age}_{ij} \\
 &+ \gamma_{80} \text{Nonwhite}_{ij} + \gamma_{90} \text{Female}_{ij} + \delta_{0j} + \delta_{1j} \text{Ideology}_{ij} + \delta_{2j} \text{StatePoliticalKnowledge}_{ij}
 \end{aligned}$$

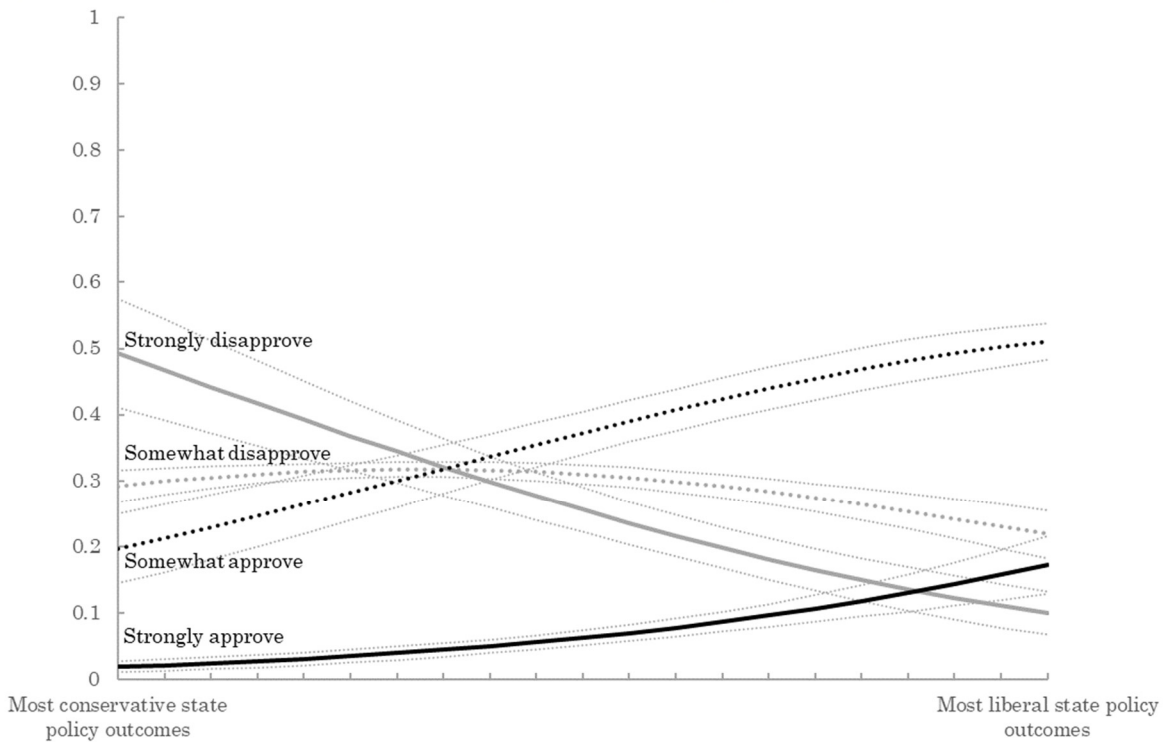
Equation for model in Table 4

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \Delta \text{State legislative approval}_{ij} \\
 &= \gamma_{00} + \gamma_{01} \Delta \text{StatePolicyLiberalism}_j + \gamma_{10} \text{Ideology}_{ij} \\
 &+ \gamma_{11} \Delta \text{StatePolicyLiberalism}_j \text{Ideology}_{ij} + \gamma_{02} \Delta \text{OwnPartyStateGov}_j \\
 &+ \gamma_{03} \Delta \text{OpposingPartyStateGov}_j + \gamma_{04} \Delta \text{Unemployment}_j \\
 &+ \gamma_{20} \Delta \text{StatePoliticalKnowledge}_{ij} \\
 &+ \gamma_{30} \Delta \text{FollowsPolitics}_{ij} + \gamma_{40} \Delta \text{CongressionalApproval}_{ij} + \gamma_{50} \text{Education}_{ij} + \gamma_{60} \text{Age}_{ij} \\
 &+ \gamma_{70} \text{Nonwhite}_{ij} + \gamma_{80} \text{Female}_{ij} + \delta_{0j} + \delta_{1j} \text{Ideology}_{ij} + \mu_{ij}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Figure A1: Predicted Approval of the State Legislature, Very Conservative Respondents**



**Figure A2: Predicted Approval of the State Legislature, Very Liberal Respondents**



Predicted probabilities are based on estimates reported in Table 1, other variables at their means.

**Table A1: Predicted Probabilities of State Legislative Approval**

	Pr(Strongly approve)	Pr(Somewhat approve)	Pr(Somewhat disapprove)	Pr(Strongly disapprove)
Own-party control of state government	0.08 [0.06, 0.09]	0.55 [0.52, 0.58]	0.28 [0.25, 0.31]	0.10 [0.08, 0.11]
Opposing party control of state government	0.02 [0.02, 0.02]	0.26 [0.24, 0.29]	0.40 [0.39, 0.42]	0.32 [0.28, 0.35]
Divided government	0.03 [0.02, 0.03]	0.35 [0.32, 0.38]	0.39 [0.38, 0.41]	0.23 [0.21, 0.26]
Minimum, state unemployment rate	0.05 [0.03, 0.08]	0.49 [0.41, 0.57]	0.32 [0.27, 0.38]	0.13 [0.08, 0.17]
Maximum, state unemployment rate	0.03 [0.02, 0.04]	0.36 [0.30, 0.41]	0.39 [0.37, 0.41]	0.22 [0.18, 0.27]
Minimum, state legislative professionalism	0.05 [0.04, 0.06]	0.46 [0.41, 0.50]	0.35 [0.32, 0.37]	0.15 [0.12, 0.18]
Maximum, state legislative professionalism	0.02 [0.01, 0.03]	0.30 [0.21, 0.40]	0.40 [0.38, 0.42]	0.27 [0.18, 0.37]
Minimum, electoral competition	0.02 [0.01, 0.03]	0.30 [0.22, 0.38]	0.40 [0.39, 0.42]	0.27 [0.20, 0.35]
Maximum, electoral competition	0.04 [0.04, 0.05]	0.45 [0.4, 0.49]	0.35 [0.33, 0.38]	0.16 [0.13, 0.18]
Minimum, knowledge of state politics	0.04 [0.03, 0.04]	0.42 [0.39, 0.45]	0.37 [0.35, 0.39]	0.18 [0.16, 0.20]
Maximum, knowledge of state politics	0.03 [0.03, 0.04]	0.39 [0.36, 0.42]	0.38 [0.36, 0.40]	0.20 [0.18, 0.21]
Minimum, follows politics	0.03 [0.02, 0.03]	0.35 [0.32, 0.39]	0.39 [0.37, 0.41]	0.22 [0.20, 0.25]
Maximum, follows politics	0.04 [0.03, 0.04]	0.42 [0.39, 0.45]	0.37 [0.35, 0.39]	0.18 [0.16, 0.20]
Minimum, congressional approval	0.02 [0.01, 0.02]	0.26 [0.23, 0.28]	0.40 [0.39, 0.42]	0.33 [0.29, 0.36]
Maximum, congressional approval	0.29 [0.25, 0.32]	0.61 [0.59, 0.62]	0.09 [0.07, 0.10]	0.02 [0.02, 0.03]
Less than a high school degree	0.04 [0.03, 0.04]	0.42 [0.39, 0.44]	0.37 [0.35, 0.39]	0.18 [0.16, 0.20]
Graduate degree	0.03 [0.03, 0.04]	0.39 [0.35, 0.43]	0.38 [0.36, 0.40]	0.20 [0.17, 0.22]
Nonwhite	0.04 [0.03, 0.04]	0.40 [0.37, 0.43]	0.38 [0.36, 0.40]	0.19 [0.17, 0.21]
White	0.04 [0.03, 0.04]	0.42 [0.39, 0.44]	0.37 [0.35, 0.39]	0.18 [0.16, 0.19]

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Predicted probabilities based on results in Table 1, holding other variables at their means.

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**Table A2: State Legislative Professionalism, Policy Congruence, and State Legislative Approval**

	State legislative approval, 2014
State policy liberalism	-0.536* (0.070)
Ideology	-0.028 (0.029)
State legislative professionalism	-0.101 (0.103)
Policy liberalism $\times$ ideology	0.188* (0.022)
Policy liberalism $\times$ state legislative professionalism	0.038 (0.045)
Ideology $\times$ state legislative professionalism	-0.022 (0.027)
Policy liberalism $\times$ ideology $\times$ legislative professionalism	0.003 (0.013)
Own party control of state government	1.058* (0.064)
Opposing party control of state government	-0.433* (0.084)
State unemployment rate	-0.133* (0.061)
History of single party control of state politics	-2.561* (0.868)
Follows politics	0.302* (0.068)
Knowledge of partisan control of state legislature	-0.067* (0.018)
Education	-0.124* (0.064)
Congressional approval	3.163* (0.134)
Age	0.000 (0.001)
Nonwhite	0.094* (0.042)
Female	0.020 (0.033)
Cutpoint 1	-1.554* (0.402)
Cutpoint 2	0.208 (0.401)
Cutpoint 3	3.303* (0.398)
<i>Variance components</i>	
Variance, intercept	0.427* (0.083)

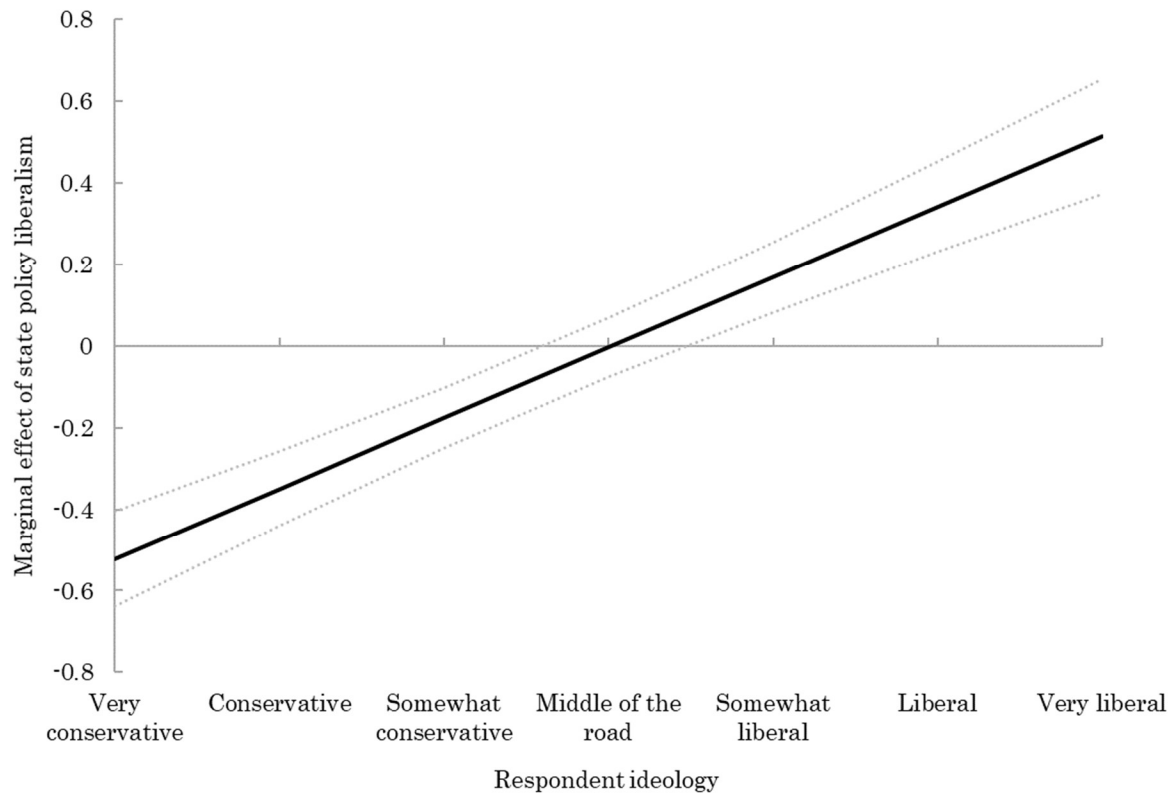
Variance, ideology	0.036*
	(0.007)
Covariance, intercept and ideology	-0.105*
	(0.023)
Deviance	91569
N (number of states)	42,442 (48)
2014 Cooperative Congressional Election Study. Multilevel ordered logit estimates. Standard errors in parentheses. * p<0.05	

**Table A3: Policy Congruence and State Legislative Approval**  
**(“Not sure” responses coded as middle category)**

	State leg. approval, 2014
State policy liberalism	-0.522* (0.059)
Ideology	-0.026 (0.027)
Policy liberalism × ideology	0.173* (0.018)
Own party control of state government	0.987* (0.063)
Opposing party control of state government	-0.394* (0.076)
Legislative professionalism	-0.070* (0.033)
State unemployment rate	-0.137* (0.064)
History of single party control of state politics	-1.976* (0.804)
Congressional approval	2.938* (0.114)
Follows politics	0.237* (0.056)
Knowledge of partisan control of state legislature	-0.080* (0.016)
Education	-0.090 (0.063)
Age	-0.001 (0.001)
Nonwhite	0.101* (0.041)
Female	0.016 (0.035)
Cutpoint 1	-1.774* (0.414)
Cutpoint 2	-0.194 (0.414)
Cutpoint 3	0.302 (0.411)
Cutpoint 4	3.189* (0.410)
<i>Variance components</i>	
Variance, intercept	0.371* (0.074)
Variance, ideology	0.033* (0.006)
Covariance, intercept and ideology	-0.092* (0.020)
Deviance	121,116
N (number of states)	46,784 (48)

Cooperative Congressional Election Study, 2014. Those answering “not sure” included as a middle option in the state legislative approval scale. Multilevel ordered logit estimates. Standard errors in parentheses. \* p<0.05

**Figure A3: Predicted Approval of State Legislatures, by State Policy Liberalism**  
 (Recoded state legislative approval measure, where “Not sure” responses coded as middle category)



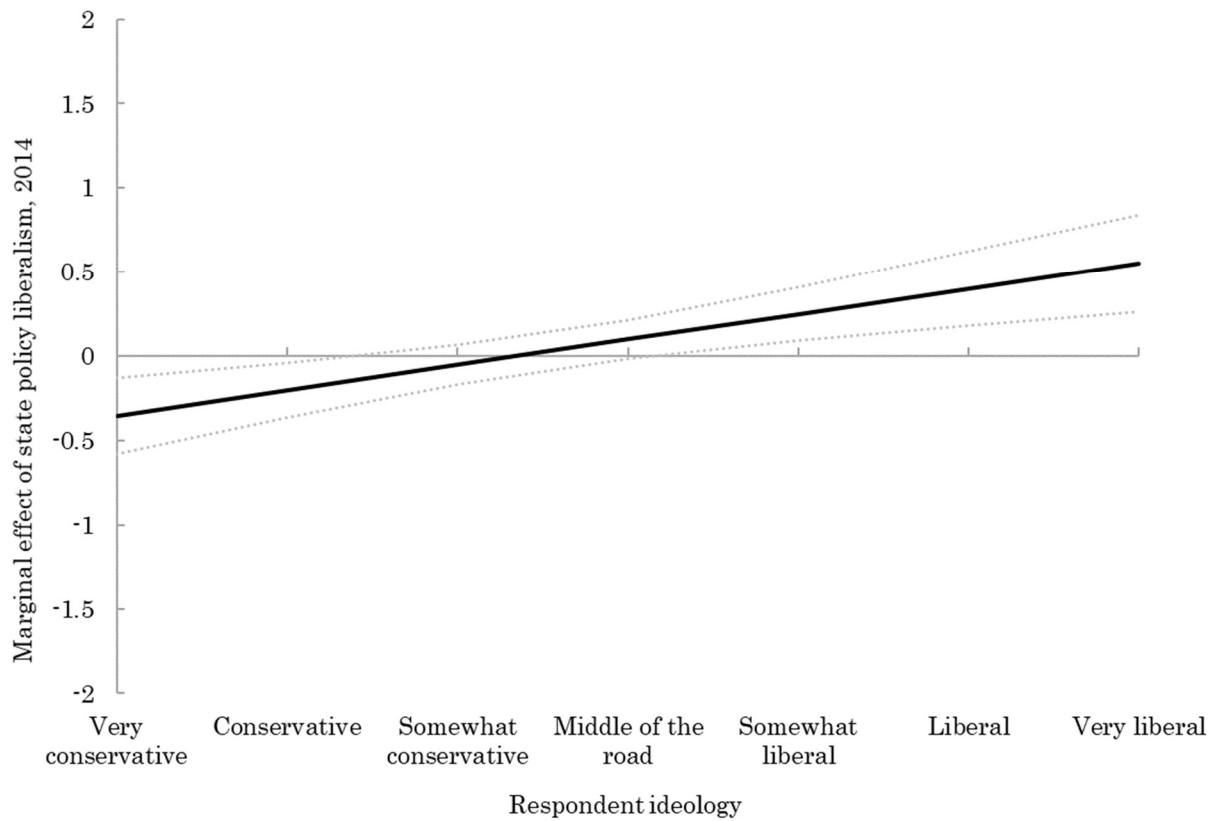
Marginal effects are based on the estimates reported in Table A3.



**Table A4: Panel Analysis of State Legislative Approval in 2014, Controlling for State Legislative Approval in 2012**

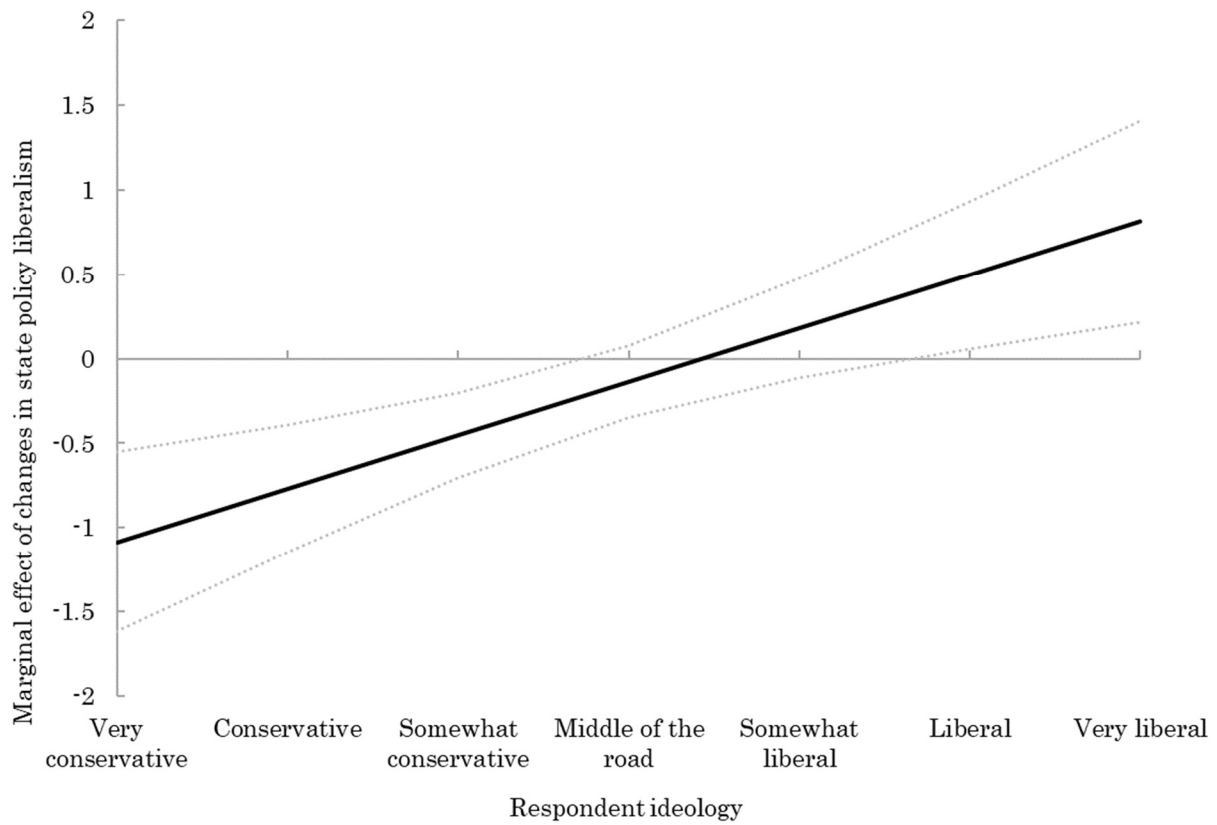
	State leg. approval, 2014
State legislative approval, 2012	1.661* (0.094)
Ideology	0.031 (0.063)
State policy liberalism, 2014	-0.352* (0.115)
Ideology $\times$ State policy liberalism	0.151* (0.040)
Change in state policy liberalism, 2012 to 2014	-1.084* (0.271)
Ideology $\times$ Change in state policy liberalism	0.316* (0.089)
Own party control of state government	0.818* (0.189)
Opposing party control of state government	-0.615* (0.187)
Legislative professionalism	-0.004 (0.054)
State unemployment rate	-0.178* (0.078)
History of single party control of state politics	-2.681* (0.900)
Congressional approval	2.071* (0.244)
Follows politics	0.288 (0.217)
Knowledge of partisan control of state legislature	0.169* (0.064)
Education	0.174 (0.191)
Age	0.005 (0.004)
Nonwhite	0.062 (0.149)
Female	0.197* (0.101)
Cutpoint 1	0.482 (0.527)
Cutpoint 2	2.820* (0.523)
Cutpoint 3	6.812* (0.519)
<i>Variance components</i>	
Variance, intercept	1.197* (0.329)
Variance, ideology	0.152* (0.043)
Covariance, intercept and ideology	-0.396* (0.113)
Deviance	10,948
N (number of states)	7791 (49)
Multilevel regression estimates, standard errors in parentheses. * p<0.05	

**Figure A4: Marginal Effects of State Policy Liberalism on State Legislative Approval in 2014, Controlling for State Legislative Approval in 2012**



The marginal effects are based on estimates reported in Table A4.

**Figure A5: Marginal Effects of Changes in State Policy Liberalism on State Legislative Approval in 2014, Controlling for State Legislative Approval in 2012**



The marginal effects are based on estimates reported in Table A4.