

Parliamentary Transparency :

Would elected representatives behave the same way if they knew we were watching?

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Open Legislative Data in Paris: A Conference of the Third
Kind with Hacktivists and Academics

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Transparency & Legislative Voting

- The critical role of votes in the legislative process. They are used to
 - Decide agenda
 - Choose procedures
 - Select policies
- The critical role of votes in accountability
 - Voters
 - Party Leaders
 - The Executive
 - Watchdog Groups / Media

For What Purposes Do Observers Use Legislative Vote Results?

- Identify position taken by individual members
- Identify position taken by a party
 - Discipline, cohesion, unity
- Identify the lines along which conflict takes place (dimensionality of the policy space)
- Identify the amount of disagreement or dissension within the chamber (polarization)

Votes: seen and unseen

- In many legislatures, a significant share of votes are unrecorded at the level of the individual member and/or unpublished.
- Rules vary as to how members of parliament select the procedure to be employed on any given vote.

Our Project

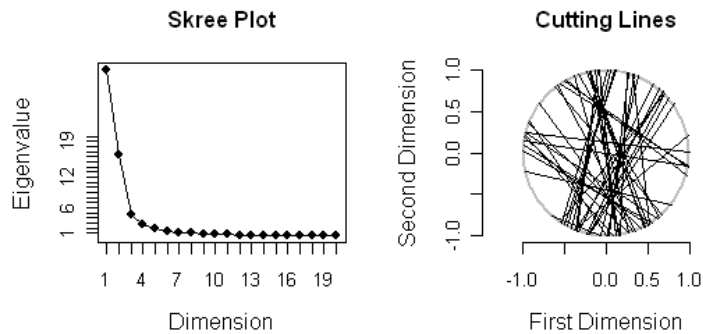
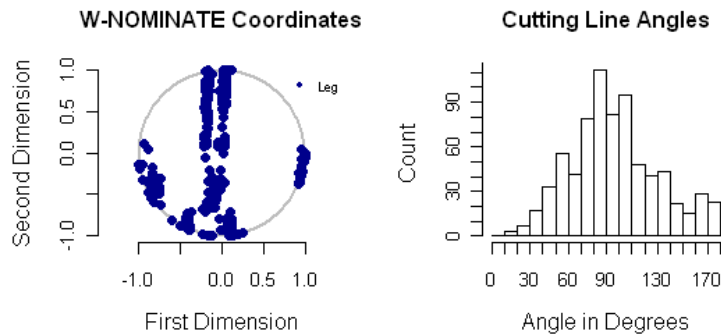
- Where they are not the universe of votes, what do recorded votes tell interested observers about legislative voting behavior?
- Recorded votes may provide a misleading picture of how elected representatives are acting (who they are representing)
 - Selection of voting procedures is in hands of legislators (and parties), meaning the votes put on record reflect strategic considerations
 - To help enforce party discipline
 - To signal a higher level of cohesion than observers would expect
 - To stake out position only when it is known to be popular

An example from Argentina

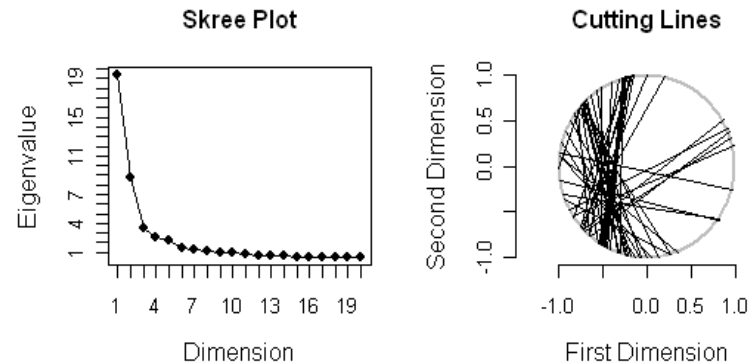
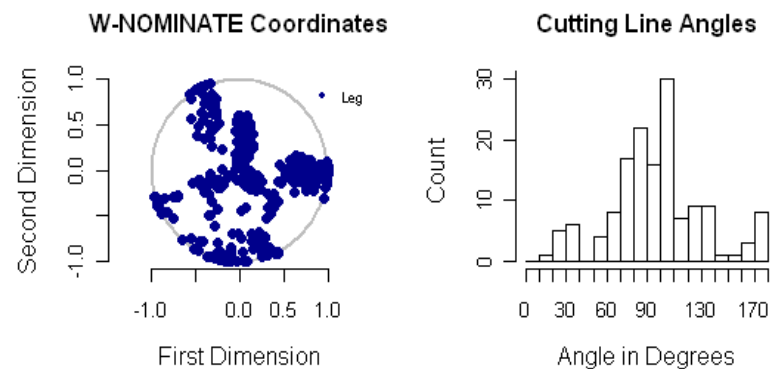
- In one year we identified 535 votes
 - On 20% a roll call was *mandatory*
 - On 80%, legislators could choose, but a simple, voice vote was the presumed default method
- Choosing to go on the record with a roll call?
 - Nearly 3 times greater when the item had its origins in the executive branch
 - More than 4 times greater when the vote was preceded by a lengthy debate
- The impact of choosing to roll call on party discipline
 - Increased dramatically if it was an attempt to amend the agenda
 - Increased dramatically if item had its origins in the executive branch
 - Decreased dramatically if item was preceded by lengthy debate

An example from the EP 7 I

- Requested RCV

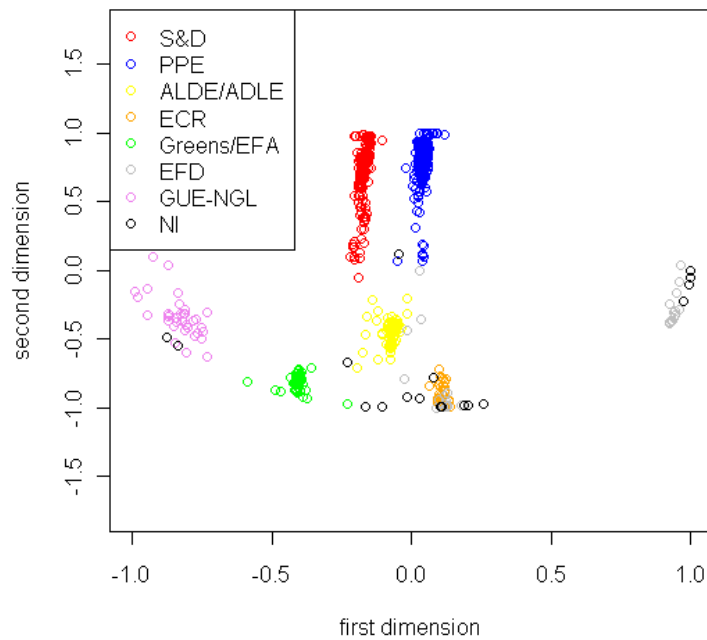


- Automatic RCV (final)

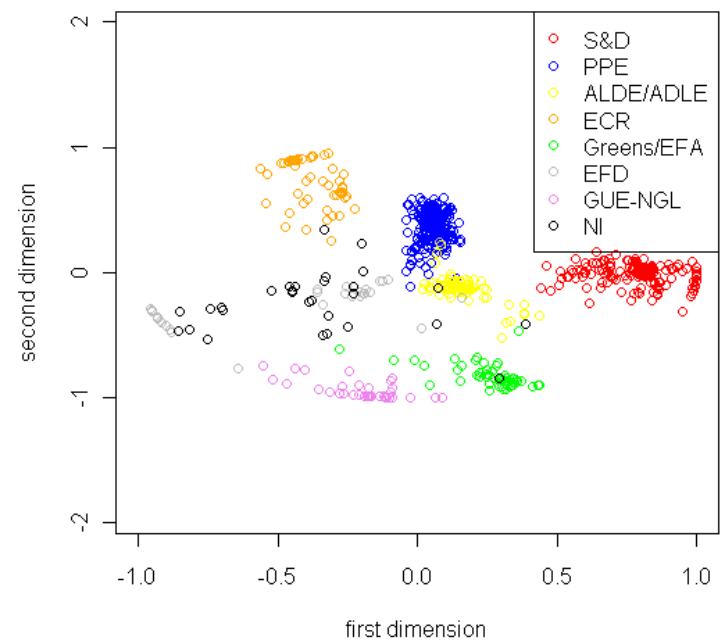


An example from the EP 7 II

- Requested RCV



- Automatic RCV (final)



Summing up the Puzzle

- We don't know much about many parliaments
 - Rules for selecting voting procedures
 - Proportion of votes conducted by each possible procedure
- What drives choice of voting procedures?
- Once we know what drives choice, can we correct inferences about
 - 1) positions of members, 2) positions of parties, 3) levels of party unity, 4) issue cleavage structure, 5) level of conflict

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13:45 | Presentan proyecto que aumenta las multas a quienes infrinjan lo dispuesto en el Código Sanitario



13:00 | Proyecto regula jornada de trabajo para el personal de ferrocarriles



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» Štatistika hlasovaní poslancov
» Štatistika hlasovaní klubov
Účasť na schôdzach
» Zoznam žiadostí o ospravedlnenie
» Rozhodnutia predsedu NR SR o ospravedlnení neúčasti poslancov
Hodina otázok
Interpelácie

Deň v parlamente

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Formulaic Language

SR. PRESIDENTE FELLNER.- Se va a votar en general en forma **nominal**

*-Se practica la votación **nominal**.*

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-- Conforme al tablero electrónico, sobre 172 señores diputados presentes, 165 han votado por la afirmativa y 1 por la negativa, registrándose además 5 abstenciones.

SR. SECRETARIO (HIDALGO).- Se han registrado 165 votos por la afirmativa y 1 por la negativa.

*-AQUÍ VOTACIÓN **NOMINAL***

Our “Wish List”

- We need to identify and collect information available on-line for as many parliaments worldwide as possible:
 - Cameral rules regarding voting procedures
 - Results of votes taken by each method
 - Record (floor minutes) surrounding the choice of the voting procedure
 - Record (floor minutes) surrounding the substance of the issue being voted on
- Typically, this requires downloading legislative minutes and other parliamentary publications and then extracting from them (preferably by machine) large amounts of relevant information