Lobbying and Free Trade Agreements

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Summary of Research

- <u>Field</u>: International Political Economy
- <u>Topic</u>: Domestic Lobbying Activities, and their effect on the form & passage of Free Trade Agreements
- <u>Data Source</u>: Official Lobbying Actives at the U.S. Congress via Lobbying Disclosure Reports (**See Below***)
- Novel Contribution(s):
- Compilation of Dataset (See Below*)
- Examination of wether or not the 'Direction' of Lobbying (Question 2) has an effect on the relationship isolated in Step 1 (Question 1)

Methodology of Research

Step / Question 1

- Observe the relationship between Lobbying and Free Trade Agreements?
- Compilation of novel
 Data Set, by Coding all
 Lobbying Disclosure
 Reports with mentions of
 Free Trade Agreements
- Results Pending from Regression Analysis

Step / Question 2

- Deduce 'Direction' of Lobbying
 Preference as regards FTAs (In Favour/Opposition)
- News-Search Analysis
 (Lexis-Nexus Database)
- Official and Internal
 Document Analysis
 (Bloomberg Database)
- Questionare (Pending Responses)
- Data on 'Direction' is <u>NOT</u> required in Disclosure Reports





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