

APPENDIX 1: DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION ON RANDOM STATUTES USED FOR VALIDITY CHECKS

Statute	Topic	Number of Words	Number of Sections	Number of References to Court Cases
18 USC 1202	Ransom Money	896 (near minimum)	6	7
18 USC 2510	Wire and Electronic Communication Interception	26,329 (near mean)	26	348
21 USC 846	Attempt and Conspiracy	308,129 (near maximum)	268	2534

APPENDIX 2: ALTERNATIVE SPECIFICATION

	Criminal Cases	All Civil Liberties Cases	Discrimination Cases Only	Economic Cases
Statutory Constraint	.037 (.036)	.008 (.025)	.073 (.035)*	-.042 (.036)
Party Identification	1.217 (.630)*	-.389 (.456)	.314 (.639)	-.063 (.289)
Constraint * Party ID	-.147 (.058)**	-.000 (.039)	-.070 (.058)	.010 (.027)
Ideology (Giles Scores)	-.478 (.187)**	-.623 (.181)***	-.602 (.234)**	-.175 (.103)
Unanimous Decision	-.660 (.136)***	-.263 (.114)*	-.447 (.166)**	.044 (.071)
Lower Court Congruence	-.002 (.064)	-.068 (.045)	-.169 (.060)**	-.119 (.022)***
Constitutional Challenge	-.366 (.091)***	-.283 (.097)**	-.483 (.152)**	.373 (.092)***
Constant	-.548 (.410)	.239 (.316)	-.022 (.425)	.610 (.190)
N	1598	1151	711	3271
Log-Likelihood	-676.023	-757.220	-462.395	-2235.114
Wald χ^2	56.67	29.71	35.73	62.34
Prob > χ^2	.000	.000	.000	.000
Pseudo R ²	.041	.019	.038	.014

Dependent Variable: liberal vote (1), conservative vote (0)

Values represent parameter estimates with robust standard errors in parentheses

* p < .05 ** p < .01 *** p < .001