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What Happens When You Lose Over and Over Again?

The Effect of Repeated Losses in Direct Democratic Decision Making on Legitimacy Beliefs

Losers' consent, the idea that citizens accept and comply with political decisions in democracies even if they are the losers of the process, is based on the premise of alternation in losing and winning.

But what happens when this premise is violated? How do repeated losses affect legitimacy beliefs? Recent studies show lower legitimacy beliefs among the decision losers of a referendum compared to the decision winners (Esaiasson, et al. 2019) but also indicate this gap might emerge from the increase of winners' and the stability of losers' legitimacy beliefs (Marien & Kern 2018). Yet, we do not know how accumulated losses or wins affect legitimacy beliefs. In this study, we investigate the effect of repeated losses in referendums on legitimacy beliefs.

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Alle sind herzlich eingeladen!

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