

Review of: "Diversity in U.S. Governments 1901-2021"

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Dear Christian Etzrodt :This is an interesting and informative paper, as it tracks the over/under representation of various groups, either minorities (Jewish, Hispanic, etc.), or women. The methodology seems sound and the results quite illuminating. Overall I liked the paper very much.

The main deficiency of the paper is the somewhat arbitrariness in determining the relative importance of the various government posts. However, I do not think that some degree of arbitrariness can be avoided because of the subjective nature of the weighting of the importance of the different posts. I would recommend using a sensitivity analysis whereby you could assess the extent to which different weights affect the qualitative results. It is my intuition that the results would be quite robust to such changes, but such an analysis is worth trying and constructive.