

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

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The paper makes a great effort to accomplish its goals and presents interesting findings. In order to be published somewhere, it would have to improve some points. It lacks a theoretical discussion on political representation. The sources for personal data are valid, but it would be prudent to recognize that they are risky and susceptible to errors. I would reconsider the IV for National Security Advisor, mainly because of the fact that Henry Kissinger occupied this position for the most part of his career in the US government. Finally, the findings for the Jews deserve more comments in the paper. It's worth noting that these results are in line with the influence that Jews have historically exerted over US governments. Considering that the Jewish people are overrepresented and tend to have a higher income than the average, it's possible to assume that their presence in governments over time has more to do with the influence of money in US politics than with the representation of a minority group. It's also interesting that Jews are even more present in Democratic governments than in Republican ones, which is a counterintuitive finding considering that one could expect lower influence of rich people in a Democratic government.