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#### **Abstract**

This paper analyzes how democratization in Southeast Asia has led to the politicization of social and economic inequalities since the 1990s. Drawing on political attitudes surveys, we document how historical legacies, the structure of inequality, and institutional dynamics contributed to differentially structure political cleavages in Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, and the Philippines. Ethnic inequalities in Malaysia and regional inequalities in Thailand played a key role in fostering the emergence of strong class divides in these two countries. In Indonesia, by contrast, the rise of new parties mainly used as political vehicles to support their leaders has eroded pre-existing religious and socioeconomic cleavages. The Philippines' highly unstable party system led to a third trajectory, whereby class divides have been strong, but have lacked the conditions required for their institutionalization and stabilization over time.

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#### Introduction

What determines the emergence of class cleavages and the political representation of social inequalities in new democracies? This paper approaches this question by exploiting existing political attitudes surveys to document the determinants of voting behaviors in four recent Southeast Asian democracies: Thailand, the Philippines, Malaysia, and Indonesia. In Thailand and Indonesia, mounting opposition and economic distress in the 1990s put an end to military rule and led to the organization of freer and fairer elections. In the Philippines, the People Power Revolution of 1986 triggered the collapse of the Marcos authoritarian regime and the restoration of democracy. In Malaysia, the gradual consolidation of the opposition starting at the end of the twentieth century led to the decline of the ruling National Front coalition and eventually to the victory of the Alliance of Hope in 2018.

The emergence and stabilization of new political forces nonetheless followed very different trajectories in these four countries. In Thailand, democratization was associated with the rise of Thaksin Shinawatra's Thai Rak Thai party, strongly supported by low-income voters and especially by the poorer northern regions of the country. In Malaysia, where regular elections have been held since 1959, opposition to the dominant National Front coalition mainly came from two sides, Islamic parties and secular parties supported by ethnic minorities. The political systems of Indonesia and the Philippines, in contrast, have displayed growing instability, with political parties increasingly serving as vehicles providing electoral resources to charismatic leaders.

These diverging dynamics resulted in significant variations in the link between socioeconomic status and the vote, and thus in the political representation of inequality. While class cleavages clearly materialized in Thailand and Malaysia, they have been more variable in the Philippines and have dwindled in Indonesia. We argue that these differences in class polarization can be better understood in light of the strength of other cleavages (in particular ethnic, religious, and regional cleavages) and of the extent to which these cleavages have interacted with socioeconomic concerns, consistently with what we observe in many other democracies, for

instance in Pakistan (Gethin, Mehmood & Piketty 2020), in East Asia (Durrer de la Sota & Gethin 2021), or in Sub-Saharan Africa (Baleyte, Gethin, Govind & Piketty 2020).

This mechanism appears to be particularly relevant to explain the trajectories of Thailand and Malaysia. In Thailand, extreme regional inequalities, among the highest observed in the world, have fostered the emergence of a center-periphery cleavage with an exceptionally pronounced class dimension, which crystallized political identities and proved to be critical to Thaksin's success. In Malaysia, it was persisting ethnic inequalities between the Chinese elites and the Bumiputra majority that partly aligned ethnic and class conflicts. Regional identities in Thailand and ethnic identities in Malaysia therefore proved to be powerful catalyzers for the emergence of what could become class-based party systems in the future, if democratization was to be achieved and political organizations were to become more institutionalized in these two countries.

Ethnoregional identities and inequalities in Indonesia and the Philippines, by contrast, have not encouraged the movement towards class-based party systems. This can partly be explained by the fact that ethnic and regional inequalities were never as strong and as binary in these two countries as they were in Malaysia and Thailand. The weakness of these cleavages can also be traced back to the history of colonial rule and independence movements, which delegitimized political parties and deliberately downplayed ethnic conflicts. While the lower classes did find a voice in the electoral arena since democratization, and social class has in practice been a significant determinant of electoral behaviors, this association has primarily been driven by specific candidates rather than by political parties. In Indonesia, the rise of opportunistic leaders has led to a remarkable dealignment of existing political cleavages. In the Philippines' exceptionally unstable party system, low-income voters have been more supportive of "propoor candidates", but this has not translated into the formation of stable party-voter linkages. Furthermore, center-periphery and class divides have represented crosscutting dimensions of political conflicts, a separation that culminated in Rodrigo Duterte's success at gathering the votes of both peripheral regions and the urban middle class. In summary, the diverging trajectories of Thai, Filipino, Malaysian, and Indonesian political cleavages lie at the intersection of the structure of social inequalities, the legacy of colonial and post-colonial history, and the making of democratic electoral systems.

#### **Thailand**

Among Southeast Asian countries, Thailand is unique both in the ethnic and religious homogeneity of its population – with over 95 percent of the electorate following Theravada Buddhism and speaking Thai – and in the distinctive regional structure of its inequalities. In this section, we argue that these two factors played a key role in generating a strong polarization of the electorate along class lines during the democratization era of the 2000s. These dynamics were driven by political supply, with the redistributive policies implemented by Thaksin Shinawatra leading to the mass mobilization of the poor; they trumped other dimensions of political conflict and had a strong regional component; and they led to a democratic backlash, with the middle and upper classes uniting to support military-inspired political leadership.

### Democratization and Inequality in Thailand

Thailand engaged in a process of democratization at the turn of the twenty-first century. The military governments of the post-war era supported by the monarchy, with the help of exportled industrialization, US financial aid, and foreign direct investment, had been highly successful at continuously fueling economic growth since the 1960s (Satitniramai 2013). However, much of this prosperity was shared by a small proportion of the population: the majority of the working population remained employed in agriculture, while much of the fruits of development accrued to those involved in large enterprises, export industries, and the banking sector (Jenmana 2018). The 1997 Asian Financial Crisis marked a new era for Thailand. The public discontent that arose from economic shocks, along with the general dissatisfaction towards military rule that had grown since the beginning of the 1990s, fueled a growing demand for political and economic reforms. The 1997 Constitution thus introduced a number of innovations in the democratic process, strengthening the executive, allowing the upper house to be fully elected, and improving the separation between executive and legislative bodies.

What followed was the era of Thaksin Shinawatra, the leader of the then Thai Rak Thai (TRT) party, who was elected for office in 2001 with more than 40 percent of popular votes (see Figure 12.1). At first, Thaksin mainly presented himself and the party as the ones that would restore economic growth, but the accumulation of political scandals and the elites' associated discontent led the TRT to shift to more redistributive appeals. Amongst many of the policies implemented during his mandate were the universal healthcare plan, farmers' debt rescheduling, affordable social housing, and major village microcredit schemes.

The years that followed were associated with relative political instability. A 2006 coup d'état sent Thaksin into exile. His sister Yingluck Shinawatra, running for the newly created Pheu Thai Party (PTP), nonetheless won the 2011 elections with a program promising to pursue his policies, notably increasing substantially the minimum wage. On 22 May 2014, however, Royal Army General Prayut Chan-o-cha launched another coup d'état, the twelfth in Thailand's contemporary history (Baker & Phongpaichit 2014). The new 2017 Constitution drafted under the junta finally gave the military decisive advantages, including the appointment of the Senate and the possibility for the Prime Minister to be elected by the bicameral legislature without being one of its members. This allowed Prayut to become Prime Minister in 2019, following elections widely perceived as unfree and unfair.<sup>1</sup>

Social Inequalities in Thailand and the Strength of Regional Divides

Thailand's inequalities are not particularly well-known, yet they appear to be among the highest in the world and the highest among Southeast Asian countries (Jenmana 2018). The specificity of Thailand's inequalities lies in the extreme concentration of regional economic resources: since the 1960s, Thailand's richest provinces have always earned over 6 times the average

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Given the lack of data on these elections, the following analysis is limited to the evolution of electoral behaviors between 2001 and 2011.

income of the poorest provinces, while corresponding figures do not exceed 4 in Brazil, India, and Europe.<sup>2</sup> This inequality is tightly linked to the division between the center and the periphery, which has been at the heart of the Thai developmental state since the end of World War II, as the policies implemented by successive military regimes disproportionately benefited Bangkok (Ouyyanont 2018).

This spatial structure of the Thai economy is represented in Figure 12.2, which shows a simple composition of income groups by region in 2011. Bangkok residents represent some 45 percent of top 10 percent income earners in Thailand, compared to nearly 0 percent of the poorest quintile of the population. Meanwhile, the Northeast region accounted for more than half of the poorest 20 percent but only 10 percent of the top decile. This is one of the strongest center-periphery divide documented in contemporary democracies.

# Regionalization and the Rise of Class Cleavages

To what extent have Thailand's extreme inequality legacy and its regional component contributed to the emergence of class divides? In 2001, consistently with Thaksin's catchall platform emphasizing economic recovery, there were no clear differences between voters in terms of income or education (Figure 12.3). Following the TRT's turn towards pro-poor policies, however, which the elites largely opposed, the term "populism" emerged for the first time in Thai politics. By 2006, it had become self-evident that there was a rising class cleavage in Thailand, which culminated in protests opposing "red-shirts" backing Thaksin to "yellow-shirts" favorable to the ousting of Thaksin by the military. In 2011, even after controlling for all available sociodemographic variables except region, lower-educated and rural voters had become more likely to support the PTP by 15 and 20 percentage points respectively. This support for the TRT and then the PTP among the poor can be directly linked to the social policies implemented by the Thaksin government. The process of politicization of inequality in Thailand was therefore very comparable to the case of Brazil, where growing support for Lula

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See appendix Figures AA5 and AA6, as well as Jenmana and Gethin (2019).

da Silva's Workers' Party among low-income citizens was triggered by the implementation of redistributive policies during Lula's first mandate (Gethin & Morgan 2021).

The difference between Thailand and Brazil, however, is that in Thailand regional and rural-urban inequalities explain almost entirely these divides. In 2011, lower-educated and low-income voters were indeed much more likely to support the PTP than other voters, but this gap drops substantially and becomes statistically non-significant after controlling for region of residence.<sup>3</sup> The rise of class cleavages in Thailand thus appears to have been driven by exceptional regional divides, which provided a solid foundation for the mobilization of the masses. This mobilization allowed Thaksin and Yingluck Shinawatra to achieve important electoral victories, as policies such as the minimum wage or interventions on agricultural prices played a key role in increasing the incomes of the populated poorer regions, which turned out to benefit the lower classes as a whole, in a country where center-periphery inequalities are amongst the highest in the world.

# The Philippines

In comparison to Indonesia, Malaysia, and Thailand, the Philippines' party system has been exceptionally chaotic since the country's transition to democracy in 1986. In this section, we study how the interactions between ethnicity, class, and regional structures have shaped the political representation of social inequalities in the new democracy. Three main findings emerge from our analysis. First, we document that ethnic and regional specificities are only moderately linked to inequality, more than in Indonesia, but less than in Thailand, with Luzon and in particular the National Capital Region being overrepresented in top-income groups. Secondly, we show that while regional inequalities have contributed to consolidating class cleavages in Thailand, this is not the case in the Philippines, where educational and regional divides have represented crosscutting dimensions of political conflict. Thirdly, we show that the 2016 presidential election led for the first time to the complete separation of these two

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See appendix Figure A5.

dimensions: support for Rodrigo Duterte in the 2016 presidential election was unique in bringing together both urban middle-class voters and poorer peripheral regions.

# Elections and Political Parties in the Philippines since 1986

In no other country of Southeast Asia has democracy been experienced for such a long time as the Philippines, yet Filipino party systems never translated social cleavages into the political representation of interest groups. Instead, Filipino parties have always been opportunistic organizations building support through patron-client relationships, with the objective of securing the benefits of office and getting access to state resources (Teehankee 2013). This persisting feature of Filipino politics has its roots in the process of state-building that occurred during the twentieth century. As the US colonial administration gradually introduced elections at the beginning of the twentieth century, parties came to articulate the interests of local clans, or *principalia*, rather than to develop cleavages along social lines. While the rise of left-wing movements such as the peasant organization Hukbalahap (HUK) could have enabled the mobilization of counter-elites, these were altogether excluded from the democratic arena through harsh repression (Nadeau 2008). During the Third Republic (1946-1965), electoral competition hence pitted the Nacionalista Party against the Liberal Party, two virtually identical entities in terms of policy proposals and ideological affiliations.

After over twenty years of military rule under Ferdinand Marcos (1965-1986), the "People Power Revolution" of 1986 enabled the return of democracy, but the clientelistic nature of Filipino parties was left untouched. The lack of stable party loyalties among legislators, the presidential form of government, and the one-round first-past-the-post system adopted for presidential elections have since then been powerful incentives pushing individuals to constantly launch new parties and run for the presidency (Kasuya 2009).

Five presidential elections have been held in the Philippines since the People Power Revolution of 1986. In 1992, General Fidel Ramos was elected with less than 24 percent of votes against six other candidates. The 1992 election showed little variations in the determinants of support

for candidates across social classes, and only regional and ethnolinguistic affiliations were significantly associated with candidate choices (Landé 1996). This changed in 1998, however, when movie star Joseph Estrada won the presidency with nearly 40 percent of popular votes, a large share of which came from the lower classes. The 1998 election marked a rupture in that Estrada had not used existing patronage networks as his first resource, but had rather directly appealed to the poor through a "dialectic of recognition and appropriation", promising to help the common people against the elites with his slogan "Erap [Estrada's nickname] for the poor" (Hedman 2001). However, while Thaksin Shinawatra's pro-poor campaign had been followed by concrete redistributive policies in Thailand, this was not the case of Estrada, who in fact largely continued the liberal economic agenda that his predecessors had initiated before him (Thompson 2013).

What followed was a period of political polarization, which culminated in the "Second EDSA Revolution", a mass mobilization of mostly reformist elites amidst corruption scandals, and in Estrada's resignation, replaced by Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in 2001. In the 2004 elections, Estrada's close associate Fernando Poe ran for the presidency against Arroyo, but was defeated. Estrada ran again for president in 2010 and lost against the Liberal Party candidate Benigno Aquino.

The 2016 presidential election marked again another turning point in Filipino politics. Rodrigo Duterte, former mayor of Davao City in the island of Mindanao, was elected president with 39 percent of votes. His platform focused on the "war on drugs" and on his explicit support for the extrajudicial killings of drug users and criminals. This was key to his success among the "angry new middle class", who were afraid that growing insecurity would wipe out the benefits they had gained from recent economic growth (Thompson & Teehankee 2016; Teehankee & Thompson 2016). Four other candidates ran for the presidency: Mar Roxas and Miriam Defensor Santiago represented the continuity of the reformist Aquino government, while Grace Poe (the adopted daughter of Fernando Poe) and Jejomar Binay campaigned with pro-poor appeals comparable to that held by Estrada and Fernando Poe between 1998 and 2010 (Teehankee & Thompson 2016b).

Figure 12.5 gives a sense of these transformations by distinguishing three groups of candidates. The first group gathers candidates from traditional "reformist" or "liberal" elites running under the banners of the Lakas-CMD, the Liberal Party, or the Aksyon Party. The second group includes "pro-poor" candidates: Joseph Estrada in 1998 and 2010, Fernando Poe in 2004, and Grace Poe and Jejomar Binay in 2016. We finally treat Rodrigo Duterte separately as a third group. Again, let us stress that these classifications are highly artificial. However, they do represent distinguishable "perceptions" or "appeals" which, as we will now show, have indeed led to sharp electoral divides.

# Regional Inequalities in the Philippines

The Philippines can be divided into three regions: the northern island of Luzon (about 60 percent of the electorate, of which 14 percent in the capital Manila), the southern island of Mindanao (about 20 percent), and the Visayas islands in between Luzon and Mindanao (about 20 percent). More than 170 ethnolinguistic groups, the biggest being the Visayas (about 25 percent) and the Tagalog (about 25 percent), populate these islands. Despite this diversity, ethnic antagonism has been relatively rare in the history of the Philippines (Arugay & Slater 2018). The exception is Mindanao, where migration from Luzon after World War II led to repeated conflicts in Muslim areas opposing the armed forces to separatist movements.

Regional inequalities in the Philippines are significant, though not as large as in Thailand: the National Capital Region has concentrated a greater share of higher-income citizens compared to Mindanao and Visayas.<sup>5</sup> Regional specificities and inequalities thus pave the way to the emergence of a center-periphery cleavage, but which does not have a class dimension as strong as in Thailand and could therefore represent a separate political cleavage.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See appendix Table BA2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See appendix Figures BA9 and BA10.

#### The Persistence of Class Polarization

As we discussed above, Filipino politics since 1998 have seen the emergence of "pro-poor" presidential candidates emphasizing their proximity with the masses, albeit in a more rhetorical rather than programmatic way. Figure 12.6 shows that grouping Joseph Estrada, Fernando Poe, Grace Poe, and Jejomar Binay together reveals the persistence of remarkably strong cleavages: university graduates have been less likely to vote for pro-poor candidates by between 10 and 22 percentage points. This gap only marginally decreases after controls.

Such divisions are large in comparative perspective, and as large as what we observed in Thailand. Class cleavages therefore do not seem to have been a purely temporary feature of Filipino politics. The main difference between the Philippines and Thailand, however, is that this dimension has manifested itself in "moral" appeals rather than in competing economic programs or grassroots organizations (Thompson 2013).

Have class cleavages been reinforced by, or coupled with, center-periphery cleavages? Figure 12.7 shows that support for pro-poor candidates has generally been lower in Visayas than in Mindanao and Luzon, so that they have attracted voters from both the poorer periphery (Mindanao) and the center (the National Capital Region). The 2016 elections, however, signaled a change in this pattern: Grace Poe and Jejomar Binay made better scores in Luzon than in Visayas and Mindanao. This, as we will show below, is due to Rodrigo Duterte's success at capturing votes in the periphery. Regional differences therefore seem to have represented a clearly independent dimension of electoral behaviors in the Philippines, unlike in Thailand.

# The Structure of Political Cleavages in the 2016 Presidential Election

Table 12.1 provides a detailed description of the structure of the vote for each candidate in the 2016 presidential election. Two key results are visible. First, while class polarization appeared to be lower than in 2004, it was still significant in the case of Grace Poe and Jejomar Binay,

who made better scores among lower-educated voters. Secondly, center-periphery divides were more clearly materialized in the 2016 election than before, but went in a direction opposite to that of class cleavages. Poe and Binay were the candidates of the poor, but they were also the candidates of the center. Duterte was on the contrary the candidate of the urban middle class, but also of the periphery and of the Muslim minority, with over 60 percent of voters from Mindanao supporting him.

These two facts largely explain why Duterte's voting base was so socially diverse. On the one hand, the candidate's radical proposal of a "war on drugs" was successful among the new, younger educated middle class who valued his emphasis on law and order. On the other hand, Duterte's stronghold in Mindanao enabled him to gain votes from poorer regions, a support that he reinforced with his proposal of moving towards a federal form of government (Teehankee 2018).

# Malaysia

Post-colonial Malaysia, inheriting a large and ethnically diverse territory, established itself as a federal constitutional monarchy in 1963. A one-party dominant system soon emerged, as the National Front coalition (*Barisan Nasional*, BN) succeeded in amalgamating the interests of the majority of Malay, Chinese, and Indian elites. The Asian Financial Crisis in 1997 shook the foundations of this regime and initiated a period of consolidation of the opposition, which culminated in the victory of the Alliance of Hope and in the first handover in the country's history in 2018. In this section, we show that the decline of the BN has been associated with growing ethnic and class cleavages, as not only Chinese voters but also top-income and highest-educated voters from other ethnic groups have gradually shifted towards the opposition.

Democratization and the Erosion of the One-Party Dominant System

After over a century of British rule, Malaysia became an independent nation in 1957. The new country brought together heterogeneous populations. The Bumiputras, divided into Muslim

Malays and indigenous peoples, represented and still represent the majority of the population (about 70 percent in 2020) (Department of Statistics Malaysia 2020). They coexisted with significant Chinese and Indian minorities (about 23 and 7 percent in 2020 respectively), most of which descended from workers brought by the colonial power throughout the nineteenth century. Unlike other major independence movements such as in Senegal, Botswana or India, Malaysia's political movements soon took a strong ethnic dimension. While the Young Malays Union, founded in 1938 in Kuala Lumpur, advocated for the union of British Malaya and the Dutch East Indies regardless of ethnic origin, it never managed to reach mass support. Similarly, the Malayan Communist Party called for an independent state with equality for all the races, but it remained a primarily Chinese organization until it was eventually crushed by the British during the Malayan Emergency (1948-1960).

The 1955 elections (see Figure 12.8), held under colonial rule, resulted in the landslide victory of the Alliance Party (which would become the National Front in 1973), a unique coalition between three parties representing the major ethnic groups: the United Malays National Organisation (UMNO, 59 percent of votes), the Malayan Chinese Association (MCA, 20 percent), and the Malayan Indian Congress (MIC, 3 percent). Malaysia's model of consociationalism was born: while political representation would remain shaped by ethnic identities, conflicts would be limited by the cooperation between the elites of the different groups. At the heart of this association lied a fragile agreement: the Malay majority would be given political supremacy, while protection of economic property, religion, and civil rights would be granted to Chinese and Indian communities.

Until the late twentieth century, the BN remained unchallenged by its two irreconcilable opponents, the Malaysian Islamic Party (*Parti Islam Se-Malaysia*, PAS) advocating for an Islamic state and Malay supremacy, and the Democratic Action Party (DAP) promoting the establishment of a secular, multi-racial democracy. As in many other one-dominant party systems, electoral malapportionment in favor of rural areas, patronage networks, and other incumbency advantages hugely benefited the ruling party in a system often referred to as a "competitive authoritarianism" (Croissant 2018; Weiss 2015).

The Asian Financial Crisis yet triggered the rise of opposition movements in a context of internal struggles within UMNO (Freedman 2006). As divisions between Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad and Deputy Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim grew over economic policy in 1998, in particular, Anwar was fired, expelled from UMNO, and arrested on charges of corruption and sodomy perceived by many as illegitimate. This triggered the emergence of the *reformasi* movement calling for democratic reforms, and to the formation of the National Justice Party in 1999, which became the People's Justice Party (*Parti Keadilan Rakyat*, PKR) in 2003 and gathered over 20 percent of popular votes at its peak in 2013. After several alliances failed to coalesce sufficient support to defeat the incumbent, the 2018 elections finally enabled the first handover in the country's history: the progressive and reformist Alliance of Hope (*Pakatan Harapan*, PH), bringing together the PKR, the DAP, and two other small parties, received 46 percent of popular votes against 34 percent for the BN. This victory was possible thanks to the consolidation of a more coherent and comprehensive coalition emphasizing political reforms, anti-corruption measures, and enhanced liberties, as well as unprecedented mobilization through online social media (Ufen 2020).

### Ethnic Inequalities in Malaysia

At the time of independence, colonial legacy had left high inequalities with an important ethnic component: the Bumiputera majority were substantially poorer than the Chinese, who held the lion's share of wealth thanks to their overrepresentation in the industry and in the banking and insurance sectors (Ravallion 2019). Malaysia's socioeconomic structure was therefore very comparable to that of Taiwan and South Africa at the same period, two other countries where ethnic minorities have historically dominated the control of economic resources (Durrer de la Sota & Gethin 2021; Gethin 2020). As ethnic riots broke in 1969 in Kuala Lumpur, the government was prompted to put these inequalities at the center of its policy agenda. This led to the implementation of the New Economic Policy (NEP) in 1971 and to the multiplication of positive discrimination policies in the decades that followed, which enabled the Bumiputera to

be favored in many dimensions such as access to education, public sector employment, housing, and corporate share ownership.

In part as the result of these measures, ethnic inequalities have declined, even though they have remained significant until today. In 2014, the Chinese represented 16 percent of the poorest half of the population but 60 percent of the top 1 percent (Khalid & Yang 2019). Ethnic income gaps in Malaysia therefore appear to be lower than in South Africa, but higher than in Taiwan, where the mainlander-native income gap has today almost completely disappeared.

## Ethnic Divides and Cross-Ethnic Class Cleavages

How has the push for democratization, the subsequent decline of the BN, and the dynamics of inequality affected political cleavages in Malaysia? As shown in Figure 12.9, ethnic divides have risen in the past two decades: while variables on ethnic identities are unfortunately not available in the surveys used in this paper, Buddhists and Taoists (most of which are Chinese) have become much less supportive of the BN than Muslims (most of which are Bumiputera). This is a well-known fact, which led BN politicians and state-controlled media to speak of an electoral "Chinese Tsunami" and to accuse the Chinese of being ungrateful after the publication of election results in 2013 (Ufen 2020). Survey data on the most recent election was not available at the time of writing, but this dynamic seems to have continued in 2018: according to existing polls, an estimated 95 percent of Chinese voted for the PH, compared to about two-thirds of Indians and a third of Malays (The New Paper 2018).

The erosion of Malaysia's one-party system, or rather of its "one-coalition system", has therefore led to the rise of ethnic voting. However, support for the BN has declined among all ethnic groups, not only among the Chinese minority, and the BN remains a multi-ethnic coalition. Strikingly, socioeconomic differentiation within ethnic groups appeared to be a major and rising factor distinguishing the BN from the opposition: in 2013, top-income voters were more likely to vote against the BN by 17 percentage points, a gap that remains significant after controlling for religion and other factors (Figure 12.10). This suggests that class has become

increasingly relevant for understanding voting behaviors in Malaysia. Furthermore, at least until 2013, the BN appeared to be relatively more supported not only by poorer Muslims, but also by poorer voters belonging to other ethnic groups: in the 2013 elections, 35 percent of the poorest half of non-Muslims supported the BN, compared to 7 percent of the top decile (Figure 12.11).

The BN has thus remained much more popular among the poor, together with rural areas and older voters, arguably thanks to patronage networks and lower access to political information among these social groups, but also thanks to its remarkable achievements in reducing poverty in the second half of the twentieth century. Indeed, according to existing evidence, economic development in recent years seems to have benefited not only the Bumiputeras, but also low-income Chinese and Indians, who have enjoyed significant above-average income growth. On the contrary, urban, highest-educated elites have had greater access to political information and have been more concerned about corruption, democratization, and civil liberties, topics that the growing opposition has sought to embody.

Together, these results suggest that two parallel dynamics may shape Malaysian politics in the future. On the one hand, UMNO's history of favoring Malay interests, as well as uncertain political outcomes, may convince non-Malay voters to continue increasingly supporting opposition parties. On the other hand, the BN could succeed in reinventing itself to get back some votes from minorities and become the coalition of the most disadvantaged citizens regardless of ethnicity.

# Indonesia

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See appendix Figures CB5, CB6, CC6, and CC7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See Khalid & Yang (2019), Figure 4.19.

After three decades of authoritarian rule, Indonesia held in 1999 its first free election since 1955. In this section, we show that political cleavages in the world's largest Muslim-majority country have followed a very different trajectory from that of Thailand, the Philippines, and Malaysia: instead of undergoing a process of polarization, Indonesia's party system seems on the contrary to have been characterized by increasing dealignment. As a result, while religion, income, and other factors do continue to play a role, the rise of catchall parties has weakened the political representation of social inequalities in the new democracy.

### The Making of Indonesian Democracy

After four years of resistance against the Dutch, who had sought to get back their colony from the Japanese at the end of World War II, Indonesia was recognized as an independent nation by the Netherlands in 1949. At that time, unlike in Malaysia, the political movements that had flourished in the archipelago since the beginning of the twentieth century were not communal. The key point of tension was, instead, between Islam and Marxism. On the one hand were the Masyumi Party and the Nahdlatul Ulama, which respectively represented modernist and traditionalist Islamic movements. On the other hand was the Indonesian Communist Party (*Partai Komunis Indonesia*, PKI) promoting a strongly secular vision of the new nation. In between, the Indonesian National Party (*Partai Nasional Indonesia*, PNI), associated to founding father Sukarno, emphasized secular-nationalism and state centralism. Each of these parties received between 16 and 22 percent of votes in the legislative elections of 1955 (Brown 2003).

As tensions and political instability grew, Indonesian democracy soon deteriorated, until President Sukarno proclaimed the transition to a "Guided Democracy" in 1957, in which the key poles of the nation – the military, communists, and some Muslim movements – would be allowed to participate in a cooperative government. A coup attempt, followed by a countercoup organized by General Suharto, nonetheless led to the dissolution of the regime in 1965-1966. The PKI was blamed for having organized the coup, and the massive anti-communist purge that followed left between 500,000 and 1 million dead, effectively annihilating the left-

wing pole of Indonesian politics. These series of events, together with Sukarno and Suharto's general delegitimization of political parties depicted as divisive and corrupted, had long-lasting effects on Indonesian democracy and on the personalization of political power (Tan 2014).

Under Suharto's New Order (1965-1998), Islamic movements were forced to unite in the United Development Party (*Partai Persatuan Pembangunan*, PPP), while nationalist and Christian parties were compelled to gather in the Indonesian Democratic Party (*Partai Demokrasi Indonesia*, PDI). Meanwhile, the Party of Functional Groups (*Partai Golongan Karya*, Golkar) was set up as the government's electoral vehicle, and gathered a majority of votes in elections mainly used to back the authoritarian regime. While divisions were downplayed and efforts made to depoliticize the population, opposition to the regime was stronger in Java and urban areas. Golkar, on the contrary, was most supported in the peripheral regions of the country and in rural areas, a cleavage that would perpetuate to the present day (Ufen 2013).

After decades of exceptional economic development, the Asian Financial Crisis put a sudden end to the regime, and Suharto stepped down in 1998. The post-Suharto era came with the reestablishment of democracy and the organization of legislative elections in 1999. Strikingly, with the exception of the communist element, the emerging party system seemed to reproduce many of the cleavages that had characterized the 1955 election (King 2003). The secularnationalist and pro-poor Indonesian Democratic Party – Struggle (*Partai Demokrasi Indonesia Perjuangan*, PDI-P), led by Sukarno's daughter Megawati Sukarnoputri, arrived first with 34 percent of votes, followed by Golkar with 22 percent (Figure 12.12). A variety of Islam-based parties came next, together gathering about a third of popular votes, the most important being the traditionalist National Awakening Party (*Partai Kebangkitan Bangsa*, PKB), the PPP, and the modernist National Mandate Party (*Partai Amanat Nasional*, PAN).

This party system was soon to be upset by growing personalization and instability. In 2001, the catchall Democratic Party (*Partai Demokrat*, PD) was formed to support former general Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono. Yudhoyono won the 2004 and 2009 presidential elections, and the PD arrived first in the 2009 legislative elections with 21 percent of votes, but its success was short-

lived, and only 8 percent of voters supported the PD in the 2019 legislative elections. Similarly, the Great Indonesia Movement Party (*Partai Gerakan Indonesia Raya*, Gerindra) has mainly served as the political platform of former general Prabowo Subianto, who lost against PDI-P candidate Joko Widodo in the 2014 and 2019 presidential races. Other new parties have also included the Nasdem Party and Hanura, both splits from Golkar. As shown in Figure 12.12, the scores achieved by the PDI-P and especially by Golkar, Indonesia's most institutionalized party (Tomsa 2008), have never reached back their 1999 peak as these new political forces emerged.

The Indonesian party system has therefore been characterized by extraordinary fragmentation in recent years, with no party securing more than 20 percent of votes in 2014 and 2019. Rather than reflecting a complexification of social divides, this process seems to have been driven by opportunistic actors and "presidentialized parties" often avoiding ideology and aiming to transcend cleavages (Ufen 2008). While historical divides materialized in the 1955 election do still seem to play a role, manifested by the persistence of traditional parties, they have become increasingly blurred.

### Political Cleavages and Socioeconomic Divides

To what extent has the Indonesian party system represented socioeconomic inequalities since democratization? In comparison to Malaysia, the major pre-independence political movements were not restricted to specific ethnic groups in Indonesia, and ethnic inequalities and ethnic conflicts have remained limited in comparative perspective (Aspinall 2011). Ethnicity has accordingly never been a strong determinant of the vote: the PDI-P has been more popular in Java and Golkar in peripheral regions, but all parties have relied on large cross-ethnic and cross-regional coalitions since 1999.<sup>8</sup> This lack of cleavage has been reinforced by the electoral system, as only parties with sufficient national scope have been allowed to participate in

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> See appendix Figures DB11, DC11, and DH11, and Mujani, Liddle & Ambardi (2018), chapter 4. The exception is the PKB, whose base of support has been almost exclusively located in Java.

elections (Ufen 2008b). Thus, since 2011, only parties present in all provinces, in 75 percent of the municipalities of each of these provinces, and in 50 percent of the subdistricts of each of these municipalities have been allowed to contest national elections (International Foundation for Electoral Systems 2019). As a result of these various factors, regional or ethnic identities have not been major drivers of electoral and socioeconomic differentiation in contemporary Indonesia, in contrast to the Thai and Malaysian cases.

Religion has proved to be a much stronger determinant of partisan affiliations. As shown in Figures 12.13 and 12.14, Muslims participating "often" or "always" to collective prayers have been much more likely to support Islamic parties, while the PDI-P and Nasdem have been more popular among non-practicing Muslims and especially among religious minorities (mostly Christians and Hindus, about 10 percent of the electorate since 1999). Golkar, Gerindra, and Hanura have lied in between, with vote shares varying little across religious groups, consistently with Golkar's historical ability to amalgamate elites from various streams. <sup>10</sup> Pluralism, secularism, and attitudes towards minorities therefore appear to have represented an important dimension of Indonesian politics, a divide that has also been visible in party members' diverging attitudes towards these issues (Fossati & Warburton 2018).

This cleavage, however, lost much of its electoral significance between 1999 and 2014, especially between practicing and non-practicing Muslims, who only differed marginally in their voting behaviors in 2014. This is consistent with the fact that conflicts between Indonesian parties on religious matters have weakened, as historically secular parties have had to govern in large coalitions, often with Islamic parties (Ufen 2013). As in the case of ethnicity, furthermore, the religious-secular cleavage has only had a weak socioeconomic component in contrast to the Malaysian case, as overall inequalities between Muslims and non-Muslims are

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> See appendix Table AD2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> We group Nasdem with PDI-P here given the more secular and pro-poor orientation of Nasdem, but all our results are strongly robust to considering PDI-P alone: see appendix Figures DI1 to DI12.

low in Indonesia.<sup>11</sup> That being said, while this evolution holds when looking at the country as a whole, ethnoreligious divides did play a greater and rising influence on local politics in recent years. The 2016-2017 Islamic mobilization against the Chinese and Christian Governor of Jakarta Basuki Tjahaja Purnama, for instance, who was accused by the protestors of committing blasphemy, incorporated not only religious, but also socioeconomic grievances directed against the non-Muslim Jakartan elite (Mietzner, Muhtadi & Halida 2018; Warburton & Gammon 2017).

Finally, we find that PDI-P and Golkar used to be relatively more popular among low-income voters, while Islamic parties made better scores among top-income voters in 1999 (Figure 12.15). This is consistent with the fact that the PDI-P has sought to embody Sukarno's secular-nationalist legacy, while Islamic parties and in particular the PAN have historically fared better among educated voters in urban areas (Mujani, Liddle & Ambardi 2018). This cleavage however appears to have disappeared or even reverted in recent years.

In summary, Indonesian political cleavages seem to have gradually declined since 1999 as the result of a combination of factors including personalization, party system fragmentation, and the rise of swing voters (Ufen 2013). While this could be positive to lower political polarization, it could also contribute to further delegitimizing democracy and especially political parties, already very unpopular in Indonesia (Yani 2015). Whether the trend towards monopolization of political resources in the hands of charismatic individuals will continue, or whether new class-based parties and political coalitions could eventually counteract these tendencies remains an open question.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> See appendix Figure DA8.

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90% -Thai Rak Thai / Pheu Thai Democrat party and military parties 80% -Thai Rak Thai / Pheu Thai / Oth. pro-Thaksin - Others / Independents 70% 60% Share of votes (%) 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% 2001 2005 2007 2013 2003 2009 2011 2015 2017 2019

Figure 1 - Election results in Thailand, 2001-2019

**Source**: authors' computations using official election results (see wpid.world).

**Note:** the figure shows the share of votes received by selected political parties or groups of parties in general elections held in Thailand between 2001 and 2019.

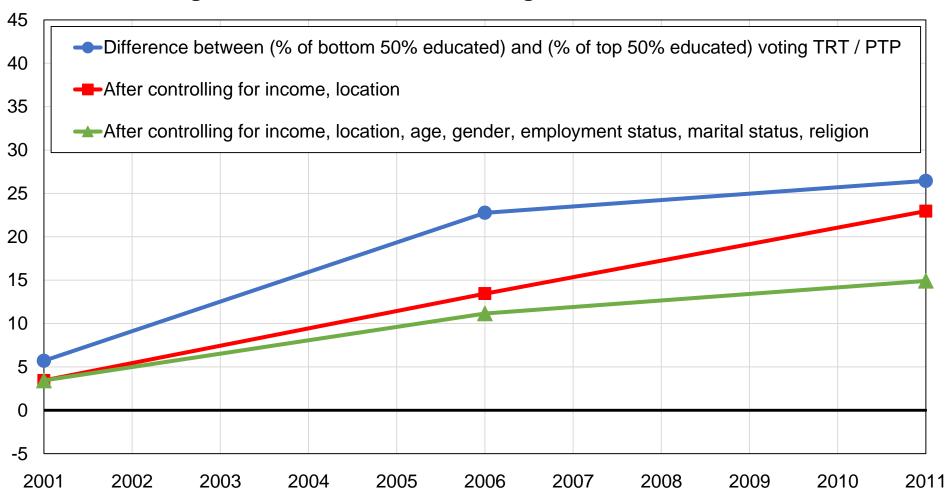
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Figure 2 - Regional inequalities in Thailand

**Source**: authors' computations using Thai political attitudes surveys (see wpid.world).

**Note**: the figure shows the composition of income groups (quintiles (Q1 to Q5) and the top decile (D10)) by region in 2011. In 2011, 45% of top 10% income earners lived in Bangkok, compared to only 12% in the Northeast. This region concentrated alone more than half of bottom 20% income earners.

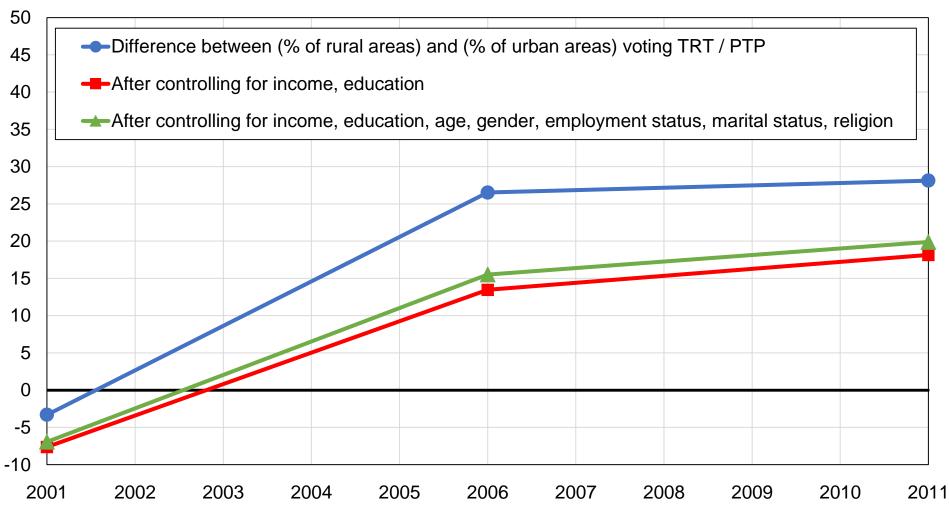
Figure 3 - The educational cleavage in Thailand, 2001-2011



**Source:** authors' computations using Thai political attitudes surveys (see wpid.world).

**Note**: the figure shows the difference between the share of bottom 50% educated voters and the share of top 50% educated voters voting for the Thai Rak Thai, the Pheu Thai, and other pro-Thaksin parties, before and after controls. In 2001, bottom 50% educated voters were 6 percentage points more likely to vote for these parties, compared to 26 percentage points in 2011.

Figure 4 - The rural-urban cleavage in Thailand, 2001-2011



Source: authors' computations using Thai political attitudes surveys (see wpid.world).

**Note**: the figure shows the difference between the share of rural areas and the share of urban areas voting for the Thai Rak Thai, the Pheu Thai, and other pro-Thaksin parties, before and after controls. In 2001, the vote share of these parties was 3 percentage points lower in rural areas than in urban areas; by 2011, it had become 28 percentage points higher.

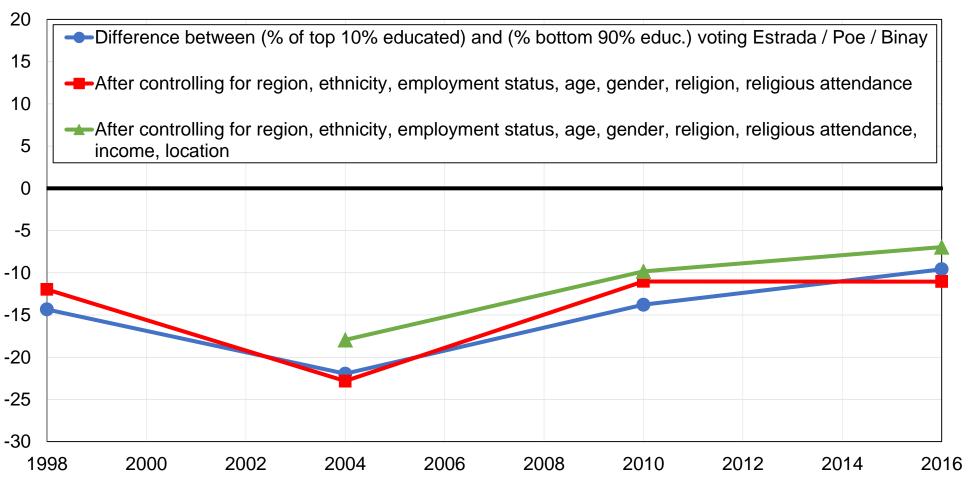
80% -Lakas / Liberal / Aksyon → J. Estrada / F. Poe / G. Poe / J. Binay 70% -R. Duterte Other parties / candidates 60% Share of votes (%) 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% 1992 1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008 2010 2012 2014 2016

Figure 5 - Election results in the Philippines, 1992-2016

**Source**: authors' computations using official election results (see wpid.world).

**Note**: the figure shows the share of votes received in the first round of presidential elections by selected parties, group of parties, or candidates in the Philippines. The candidate Rodrigo Duterte received 39% of votes in the 2016 election.

Figure 6 - The educational cleavage in the Philippines, 1998-2016



Source: authors' computations using Filipino electoral surveys (see wpid.world).

**Note**: the figure shows the difference between the share of top 10% educated voters and the share of bottom 90% educated voters voting for Joseph Estrada (1998, 2010), Fernando Poe (2004), Grace Poe (2016), and Jejomar Binay (2016) in the first round of presidential elections, before and after controls. These candidates all received higher support among the least educated. In 2004, higher-educated voters were less likely to vote for Joseph Estrada by 22 percentage points.

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Figure 7 - The regional cleavage in the Philippines, 1998-2016

**Source**: authors' computations using Filipino electoral surveys (see wpid.world).

**Note**: the figure shows the difference between the share of voters living in the Visayas geographical zone and the share of voters living in other regions of the Philippines voting for the candidates Joseph Estrada (1998, 2010), Fernando Poe (2004), Grace Poe (2016), and Jejomar Binay (2016) in the first round of presidential elections, as well as the same difference between Mindanao and the rest of the country, before and after controlling for education, employment status, age, gender, religion, religious attendance, income, and rural-urban location. In 2016, the vote share of Grace Poe and Jejomar Binay was 20 percentage points lower in Mindanao than in other regions.

Table 1 - Structure of the vote in the 2016 Filipino presidential election				
	Rodrigo Duterte PDP-Laban	Mar Roxas Liberal Party	Grace Poe Independent	Jejomar Binay <i>UNA</i>
Education				
Primary	42%	24%	19%	13%
Secondary	35%	24%	24%	12%
Tertiary	43%	21%	21%	12%
Region				
National Capital Region	33%	16%	27%	19%
Luzon	29%	26%	27%	16%
Visayas	39%	31%	17%	8%
Mindanao	62%	16%	12%	7%
Religion				
Catholic	37%	25%	22%	12%
Protestant	31%	21%	30%	18%
Muslim	75%	5%	3%	13%
Location				
Jrban areas	43%	15%	21%	15%
Rural areas	36%	30%	22%	11%

**Source:** authors' computations using Filipino electoral surveys.

**Notes:** the table shows the share of votes received by the main Filipino presidential candidates by selected individual characteristics in 2016. Rodrigo Duterte received his highest vote share in Mindanao (62%) and in urban areas (43%).

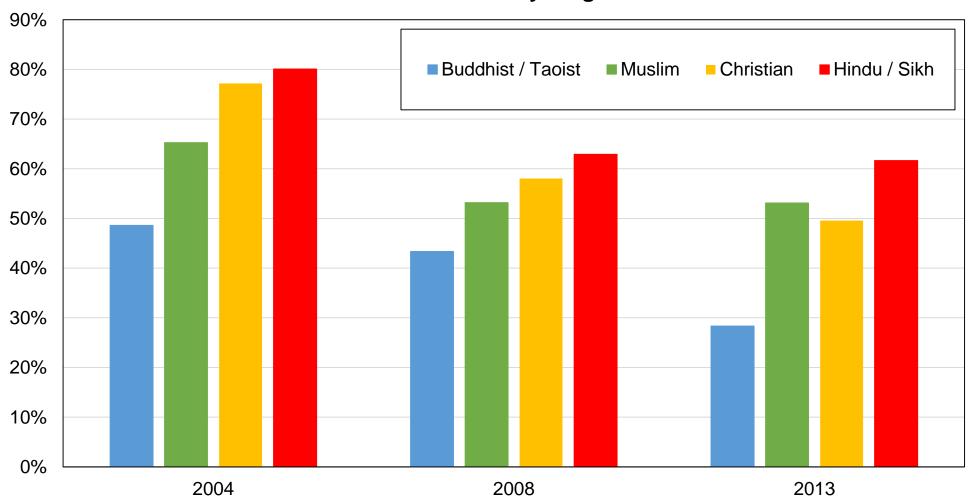
90% -Barisan Nasional → Democratic Action Party 80% Malaysian Islamic Party People's Justice Party 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% 1955 1960 1965 1970 1975 1980 1985 1990 1995 2000 2005 2010 2015

Figure 8 - Election results in Malaysia, 1955-2018

**Source**: authors' computations using official election results (see wpid.world).

**Note**: the figure shows the share of votes received by the main Malaysian parties in general elections held between 1955 and 2018. The National Front coalition (Barisan National, BN) received 34% of the vote in 2018.

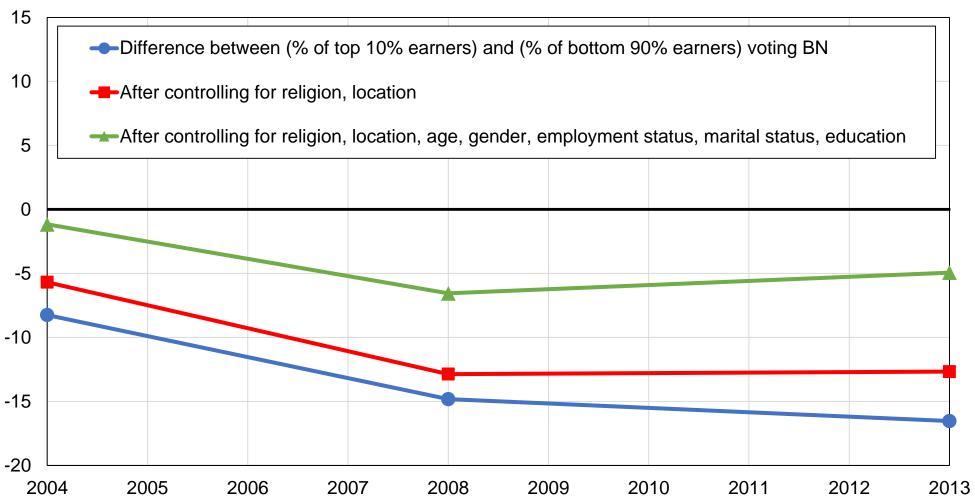
Figure 9 - The ethnoreligious cleavage in Malaysia, 2004-2013
The Barisan National vote by religious affiliation



**Source**: authors' computations using Asian Barometer surveys (see wpid.world).

**Note**: the figure shows the share of votes received by the Barisan Nasional by religious affiliation. In 2013, 29% of Buddhist and Taoist voters voted BN, compared to 53% of Muslim voters and 62% of Hindu and Sikh voters.

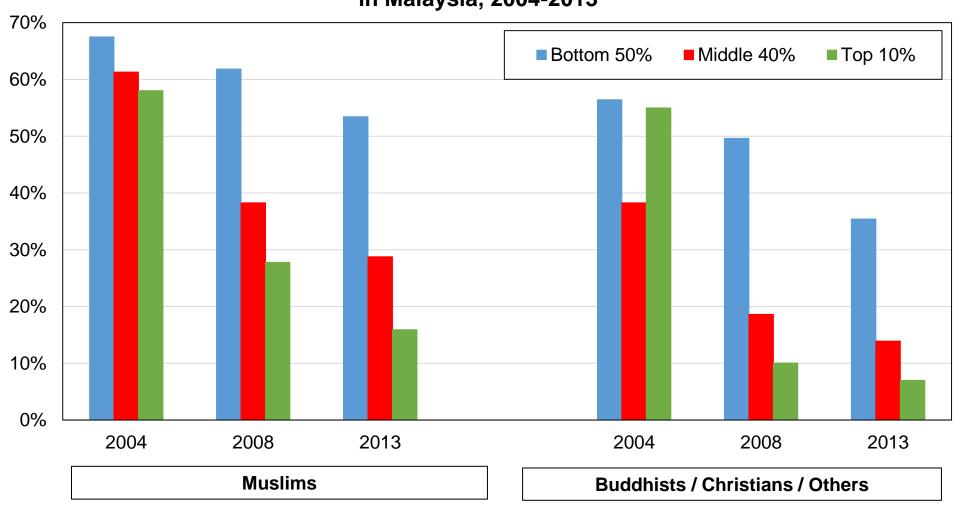
Figure 10 - Vote and income in Malaysia, 2004-2013



**Source**: authors' computations using Asian Barometer surveys (see wpid.world).

**Note:** the figure shows the difference between the share of top 10% earners and the share of bottom 90% earners voting for the Barisan Nasional, before and after controls. In 2013, bottom 50% income earners were 17 percentage points less likely to vote BN. After controls (all other things being equal), this difference is reduced to 5 percentage points.

Figure 11 - Ethnoreligious cleavages and class cleavages in Malaysia, 2004-2013



**Source**: authors' computations using Asian Barometer surveys (see wpid.world).

**Note**: the figure shows the share of votes received by the Barisan Nasional by income group among Muslims and non-Muslims. The BN has been most strongly supported among bottom 50% income earners within these two groups. In 2013, 53% of the bottom 50% of Muslim income earners voted BN, compared to 16% of the top 10% of Muslim income earners.

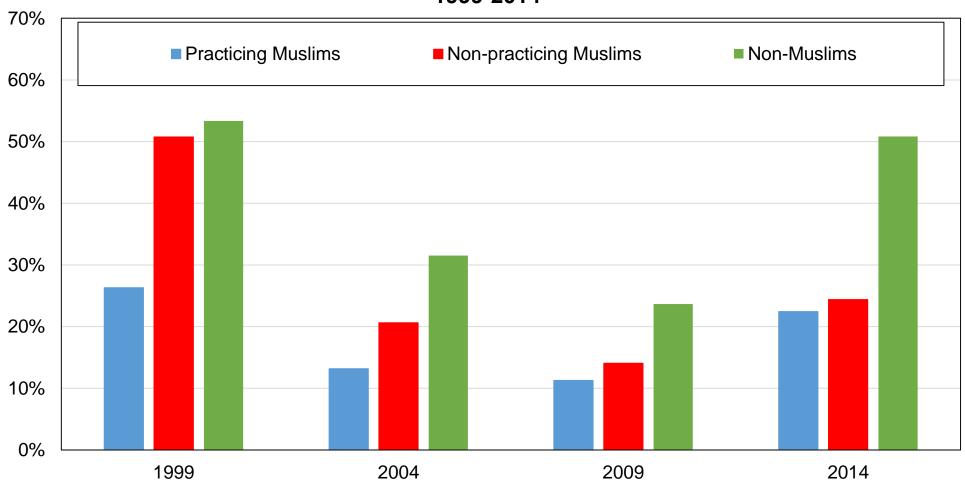
80% ---Golkar -PDI / PDI-P 70% Islamic parties **-**PD → Gerindra → NasDem 60% **→**Hanura 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% 1975 1980 1985 1990 1995 2000 2005 2010 2015 2020

Figure 12 - Election results in Indonesia, 1977-2019

**Source**: authors' computations using official election results (see wpid.world).

**Note**: the figure shows the share of votes received by selected Indonesian political parties or groups of parties in legislative elections between 1977 and 2019. The PDI-P received 19% of votes in 2018. PD: Democratic Party; PDI: Indonesian Democratic Party; PDI-P: Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle; NasDem: National Democratic Party; Islamic Parties: PAN, PBB, PBR, PKB, PKNU, PKS, and PPP.

Figure 13 - The PDI-P / NasDem vote by religious affiliation in Indonesia, 1999-2014



**Source**: authors' computations using Indonesian electoral surveys (see wpid.world).

**Note**: the figure shows the share of votes received by the Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle (PDI-P) and the National Democratic Party (NasDem) by religious affiliation. In 2014, 51% of non-Muslims supported these two parties, compared to 22% of practicing Muslims (reporting participating "Often" or "Very often / Always" to collective prayers).

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Figure 14 - The religious cleavage in Indonesia, 1999-2014

**Source**: authors' computations using Indonesian electoral surveys (see wpid.world).

**Note**: the figure shows the difference between the share of practicing Muslims voting for Islamic parties and the share of non-practicing Muslims and non-Muslims voting for Islamic parties, and the same difference for Golkar / Gerindra / Hanura and PDI-P / NasDem, after controlling for income, education, rural-urban location, employment status, age, and gender. Religious cleavages have weakened in Indonesia in the past decades: practicing Muslims were 25 percentage points less likely to vote PDI-P / NasDem in 1999, compared to 5 percentage points in 2014.

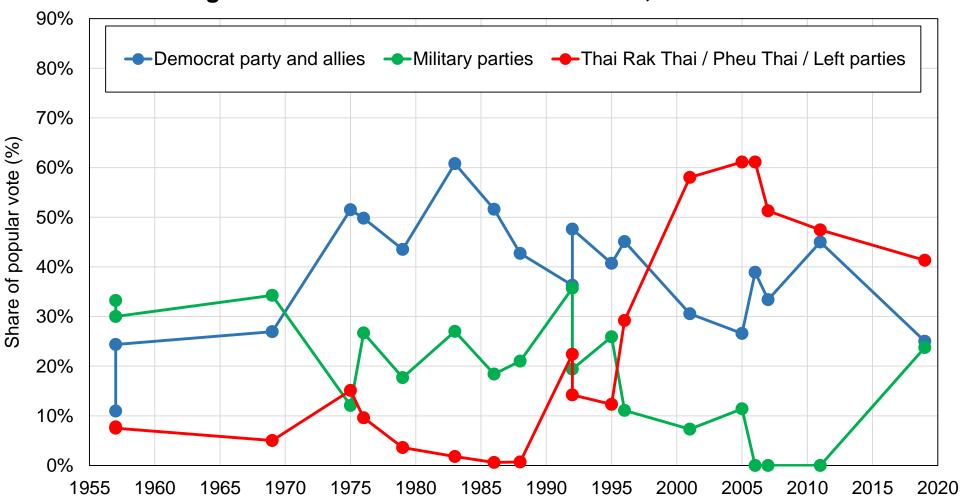
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Figure 15 - Vote and income in Indonesia, 1999-2014

Source: authors' computations using Indonesian electoral surveys (see wpid.world).

**Note**: the figure shows the difference between the share of top 10% earners and the share of bottom 90% earners voting for Islamic parties, and the same difference for Golkar / Gerindra / Hanura and PDI-P / Nasdem, after controlling for religion, education, rural-urban location, employment status, age, and gender. The link between income and the vote has weakened in Indonesia in the past decades: top 10% earners were 9 percentage points less likely to vote PDI-P / NasDem in 1999, while they were 2 percentage points more likely to do so in 2014.

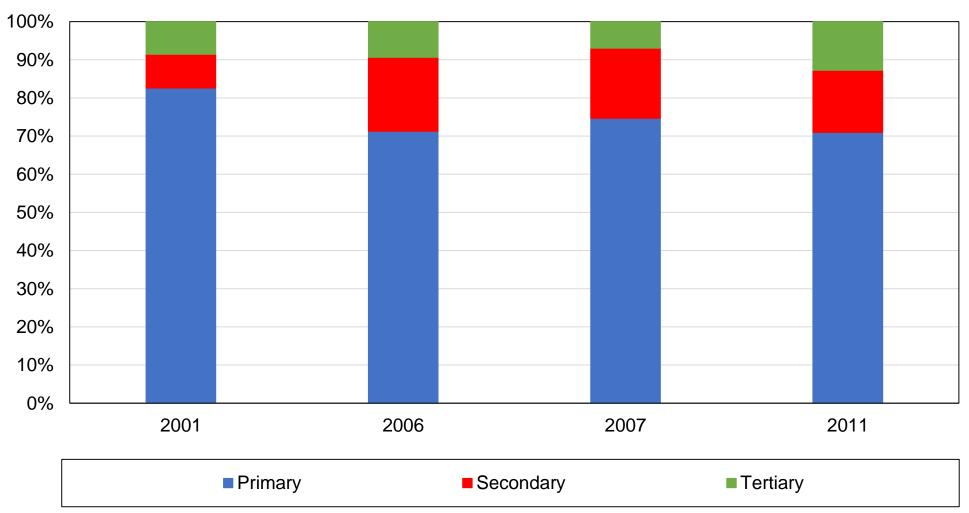
Figure AA1 - Election results in Thailand, 1957-2019



Source: authors' computations using official election results.

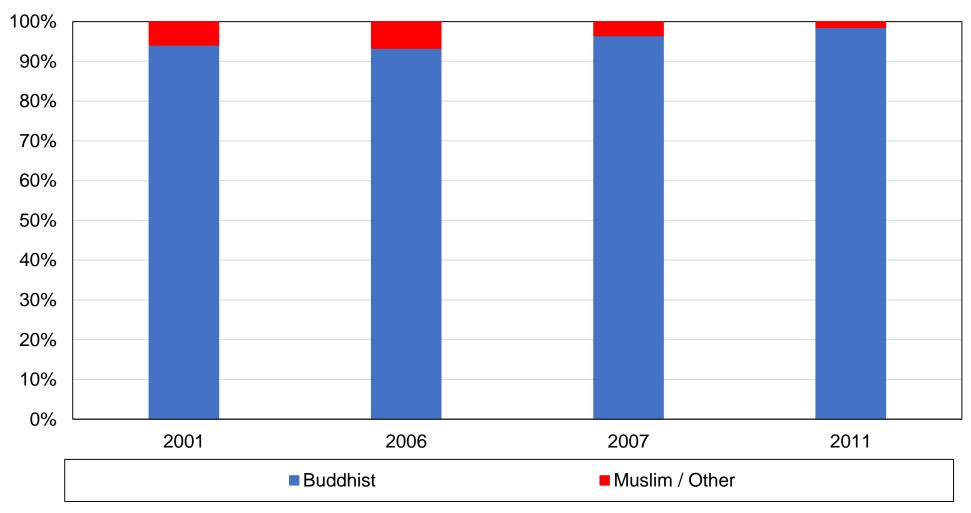
Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by selected groups of Thai political parties in general elections between 1957 and 2019.

Figure AA2 - The composition of the electorate by education



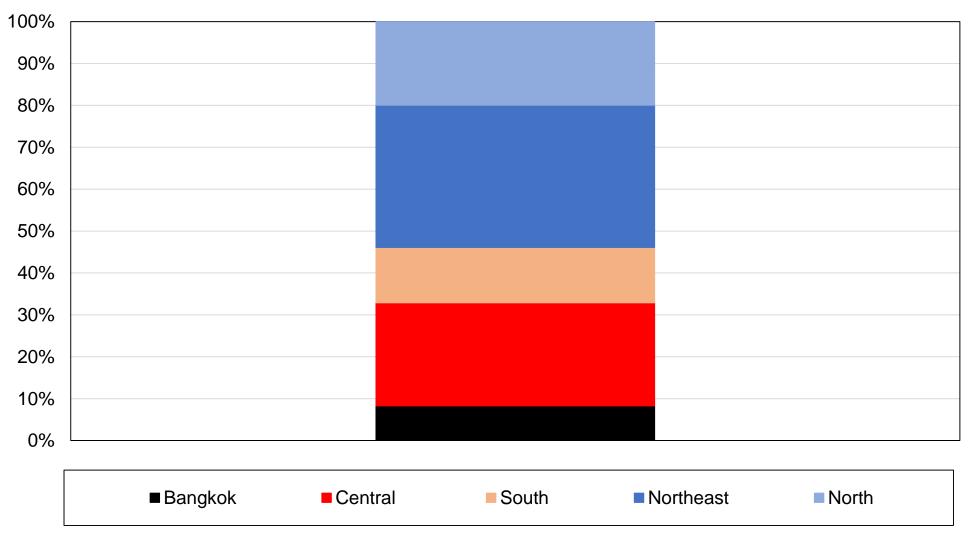
Note: the figure shows the distribution of education levels of the Thai adult population and its evolution over time.

Figure AA3 - The composition of the electorate by religion



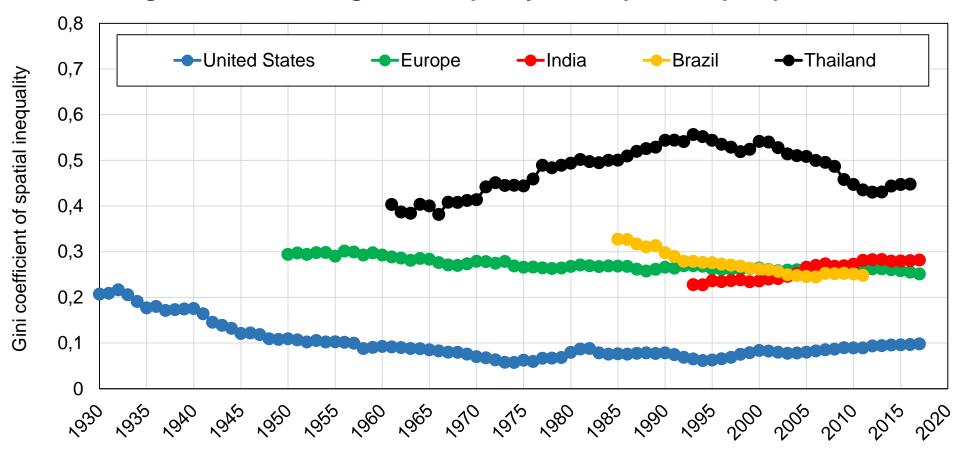
Note: the figure shows the distribution of religious affiliations in the Thai adult population and its evolution over time.

Figure AA4 - The composition of the electorate by region, 2011



Note: the figure shows the share of the electorate living in different regions of Thailand in 2011.

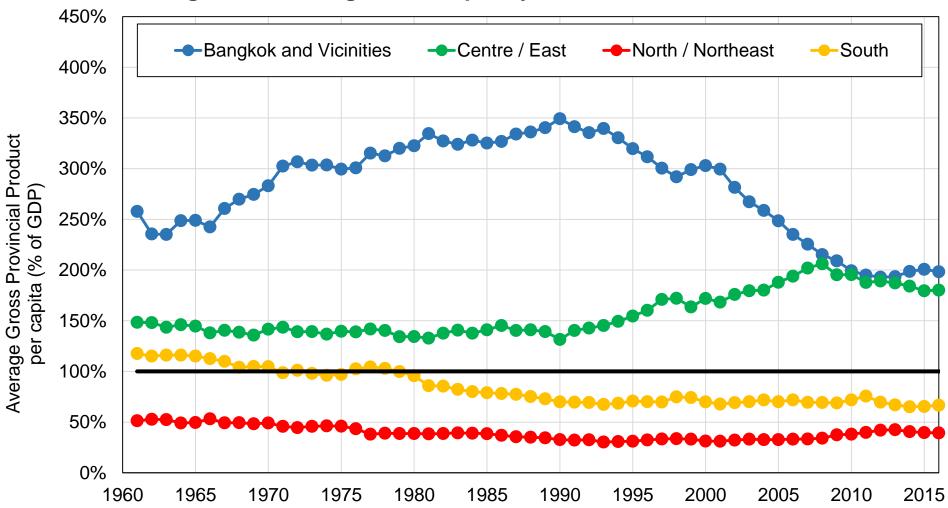
Figure AA5 - Thai regional inequality in comparative perspective



Source: authors' computations combining national and regional accounts statistics from the National Economic and Social Development Board (Thailand), the Brazilian Institute for Geography and Statistics (Brazil), the Bureau of Economic Analysis (United States), the Central Statistics Office (India) and the World Inequality Database (Europe). Spatial units refers to Thai provinces, Brazilian states, US States, Indian States, and European countries (38 countries).

Note: the figure shows the Gini coefficient of regional inequality.

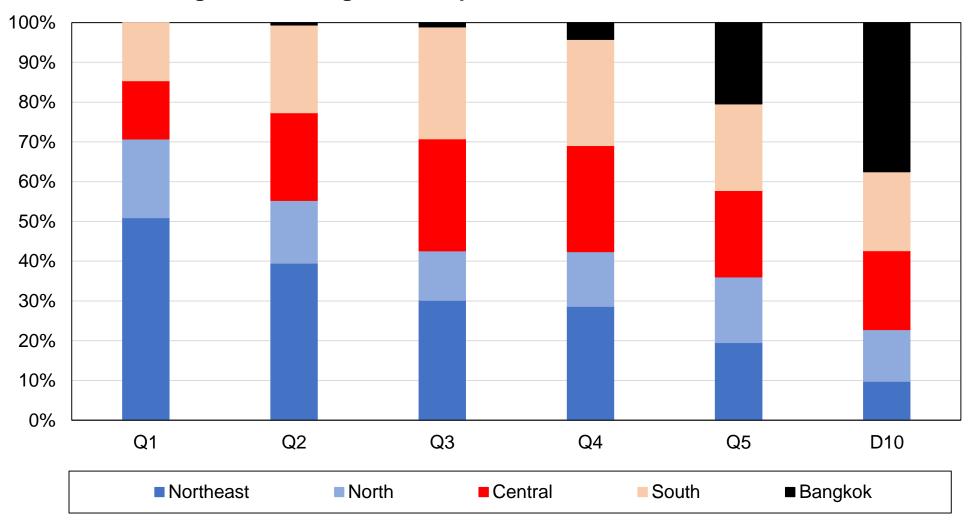
Figure AA6 - Regional inequality in Thailand, 1961-2016



Source: authors' computations using regional accounts statistics.

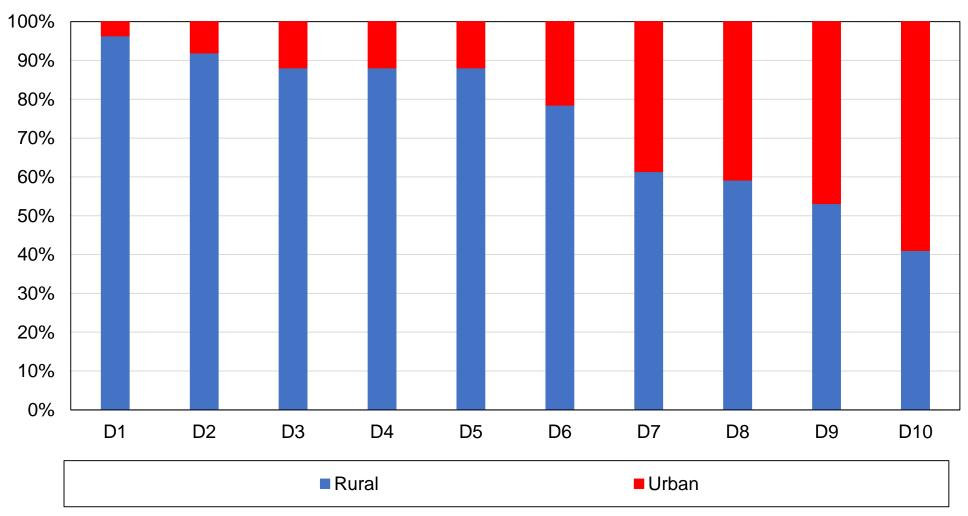
Note: the figure plots the average gross provincial product per capita of Thai regions relative to the overall Thai GDP per capita between 1961 and 2017.

Figure AA7 - Regional composition of income deciles, 2011



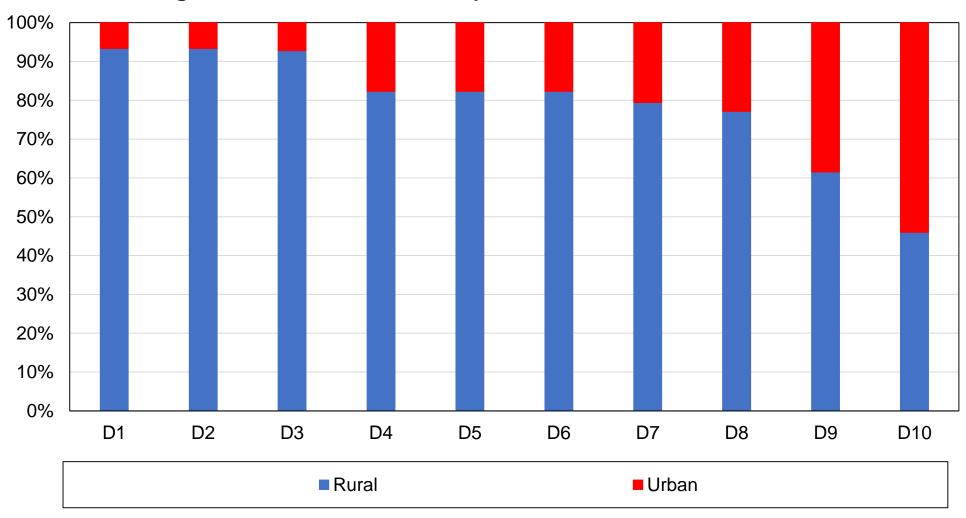
Note: the figure shows the distribution of income groups by region in 2011.

Figure AA8 - Rural-urban composition of income deciles, 2001



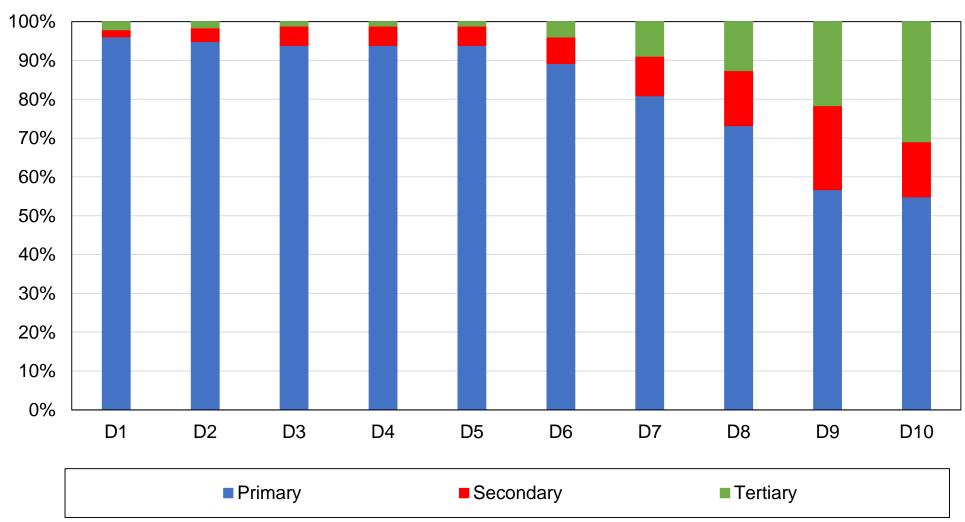
Source: authors' computations using Thai political attitudes surveys. Note: the figure shows the distribution of income groups by location in 2001.

Figure AA9 - Rural-urban composition of income deciles, 2011



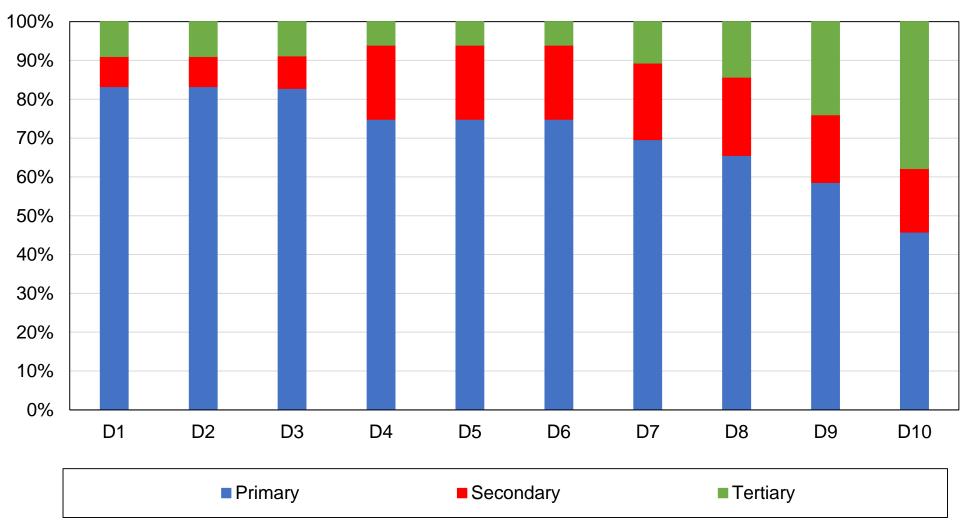
Note: the figure shows the distribution of income groups by location in 2011.

Figure AA10 - Educational composition of income deciles, 2001



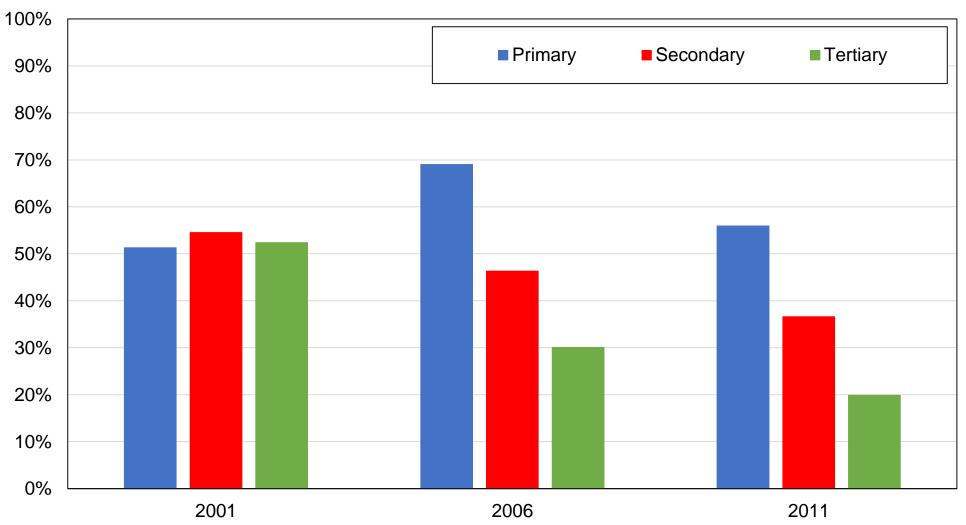
Note: the figure shows the distribution of income groups by education level of the Thai population in 2001.

Figure AA11 - Educational composition of income deciles, 2011



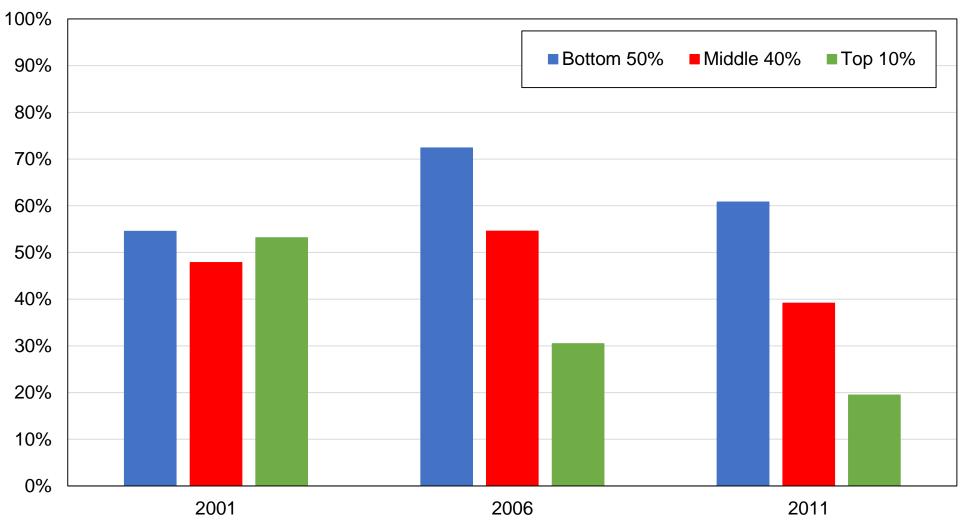
Note: the figure shows the distribution of income groups by education level of the Thai population in 2011.

Figure AB1 - Vote for TRT / PT / Other pro-Thaksin by education level



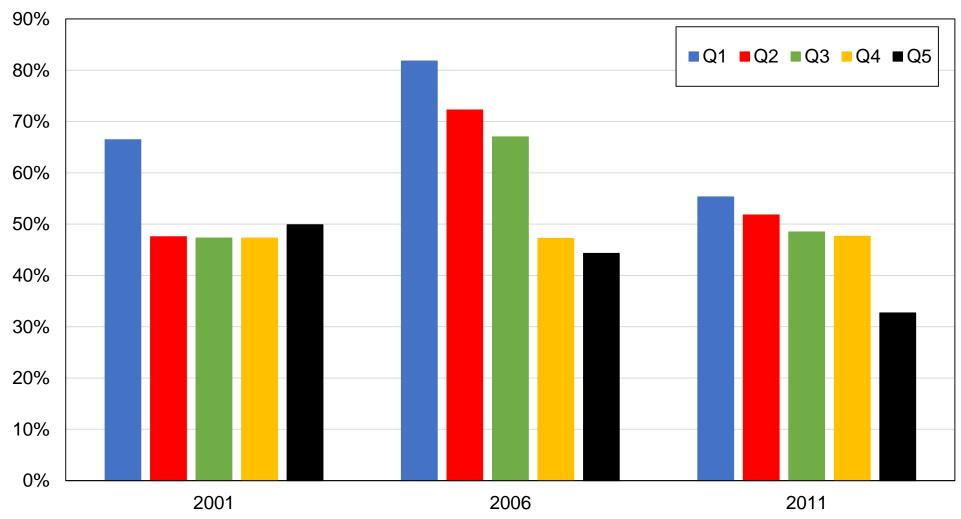
Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by Thai Rak Thai / Pheu Thai / Other pro-Thaksin parties by education level.

Figure AB2 - Vote for TRT / PT / Other pro-Thaksin by education group



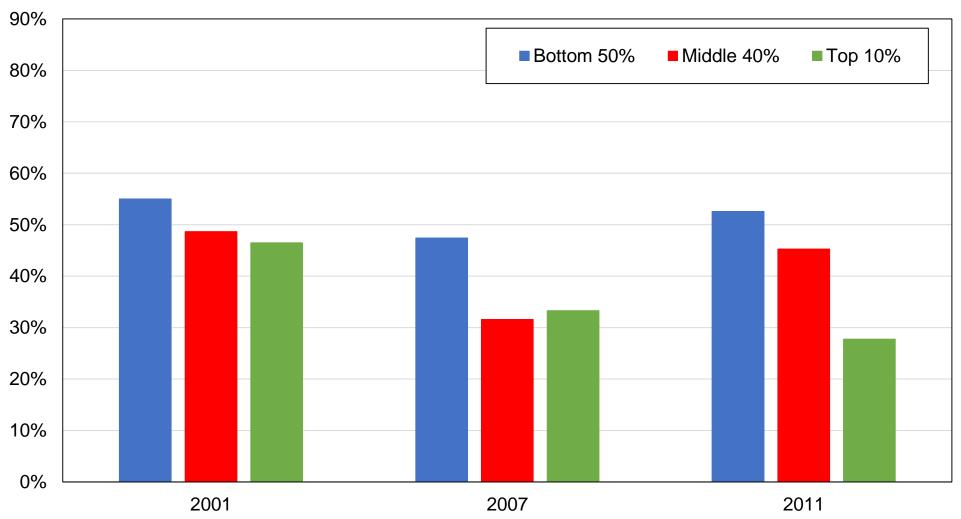
Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by Thai Rak Thai / Pheu Thai / Other pro-Thaksin parties by education group.

Figure AB3 - Vote for TRT / PT / Other pro-Thaksin by income quintile



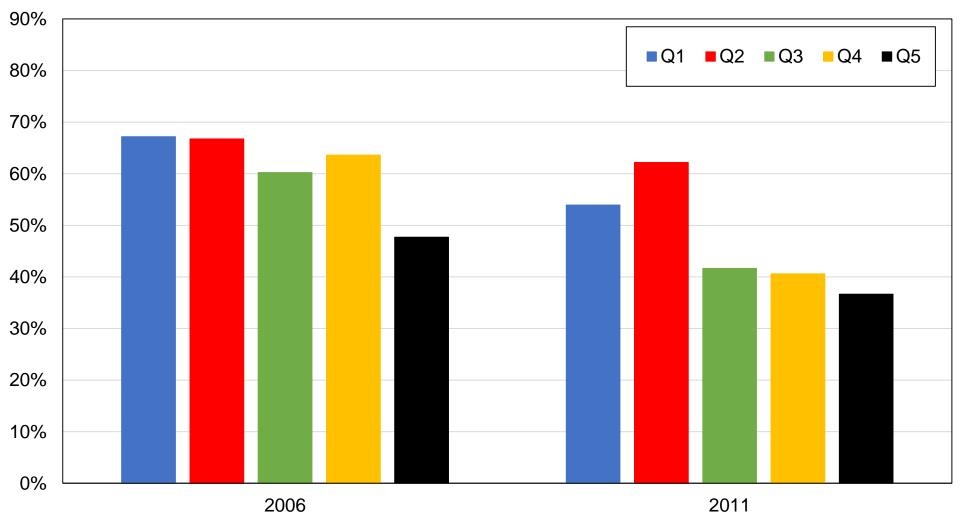
Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by Thai Rak Thai / Pheu Thai / Other pro-Thaksin parties by income quintile.

Figure AB4 - Vote for TRT / PT / Other pro-Thaksin by income group



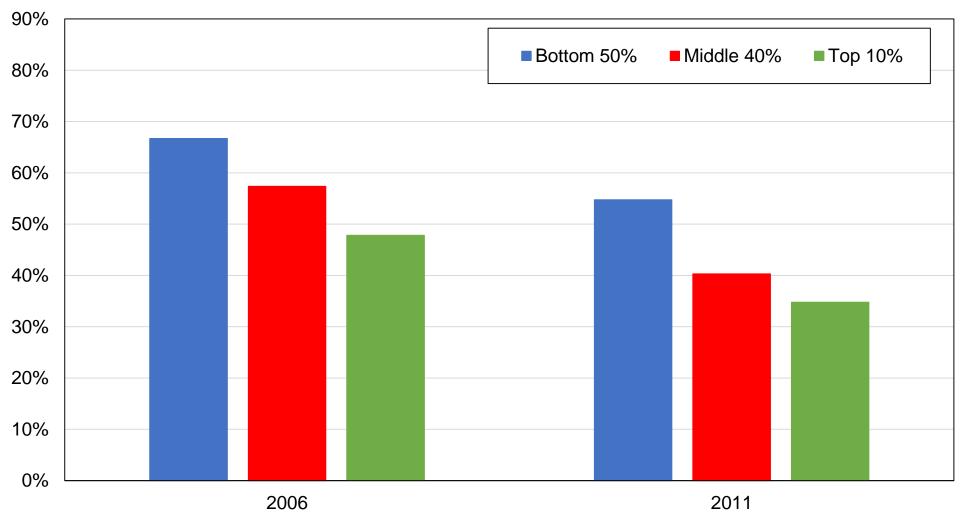
Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by Thai Rak Thai / Pheu Thai / Other pro-Thaksin parties by income group.

Figure AB5 - Vote for TRT / PT / Other pro-Thaksin by wealth quintile



Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by Thai Rak Thai / Pheu Thai / Other pro-Thaksin parties by wealth quintile.

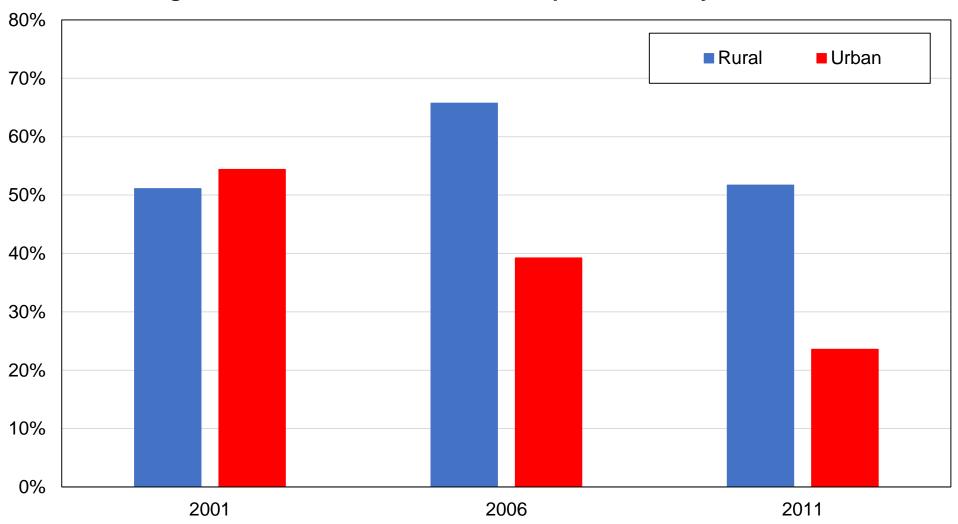
Figure AB6 - Vote for TRT / PT / Other pro-Thaksin by wealth group



Source: authors' computations using Thai political attitudes surveys.

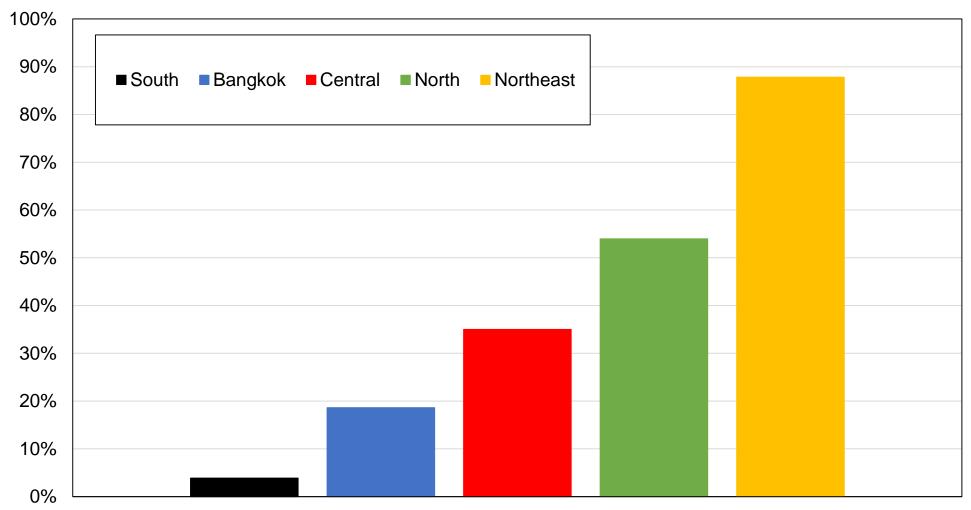
Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by Thai Rak Thai / Pheu Thai / Other pro-Thaksin parties by wealth group.

Figure AB7 - Vote for TRT / PT / Other pro-Thaksin by location



Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by Thai Rak Thai / Pheu Thai / Other pro-Thaksin parties by location.

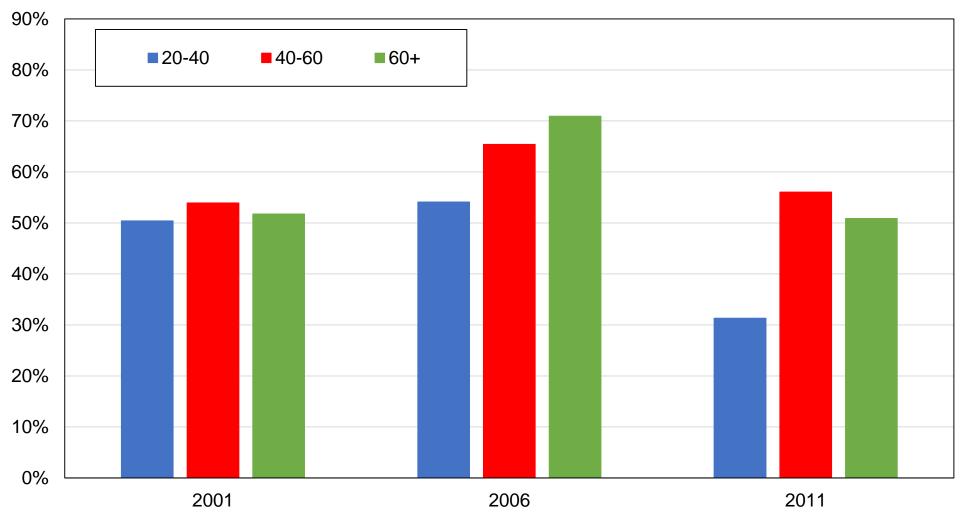
Figure AB8 - Vote for TRT / PT / Other pro-Thaksin by region, 2011



Source: authors' computations using Thai political attitudes surveys.

Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by Thai Rak Thai / Pheu Thai / Other pro-Thaksin parties by region.

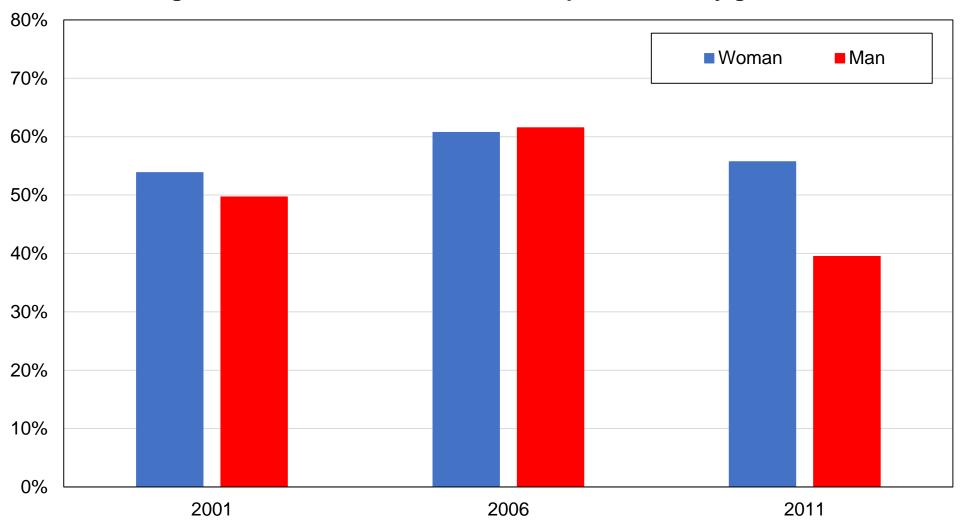
Figure AB9 - Vote for TRT / PT / Other pro-Thaksin by age group



Source: authors' computations using Thai political attitudes surveys.

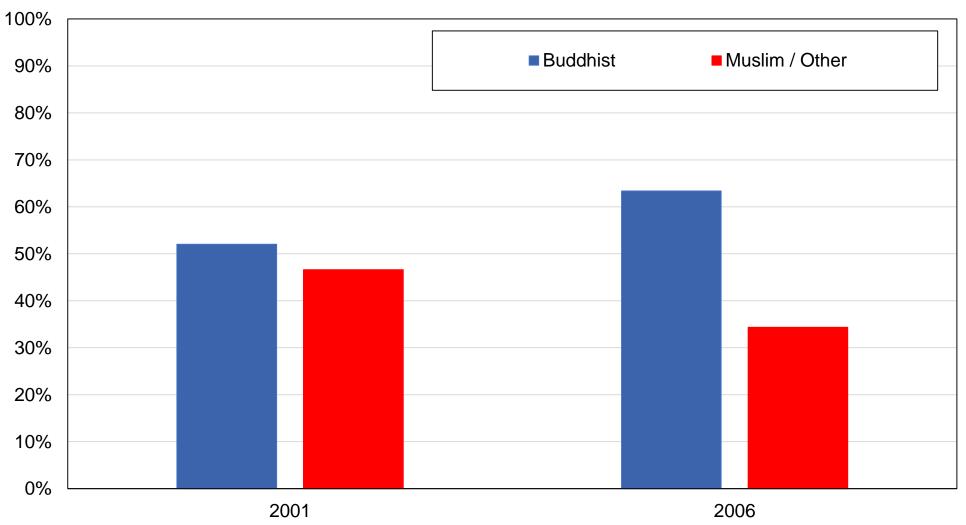
Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by Thai Rak Thai / Pheu Thai / Other pro-Thaksin parties by age group.

Figure AB10 - Vote for TRT / PT / Other pro-Thaksin by gender



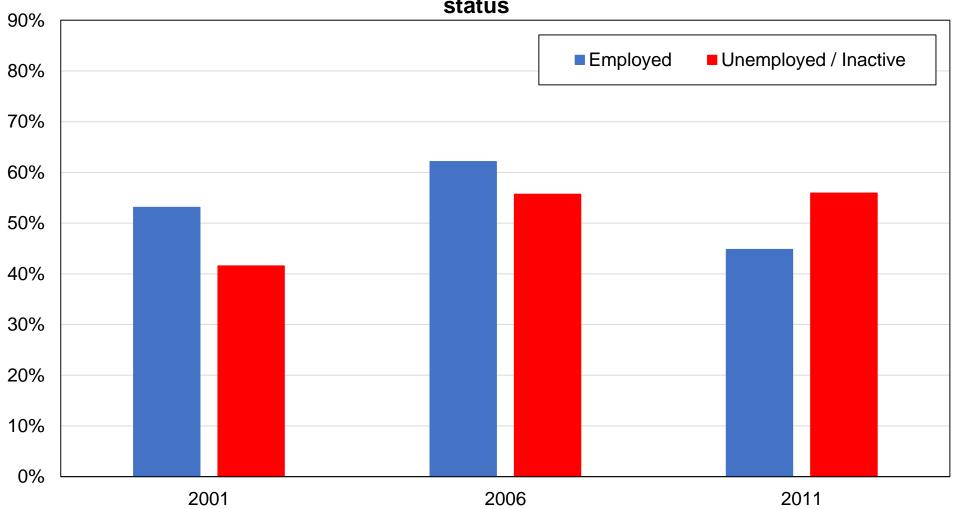
Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by Thai Rak Thai / Pheu Thai / Other pro-Thaksin parties by gender.

Figure AB11 - Vote for TRT / PT / Other pro-Thaksin by religion



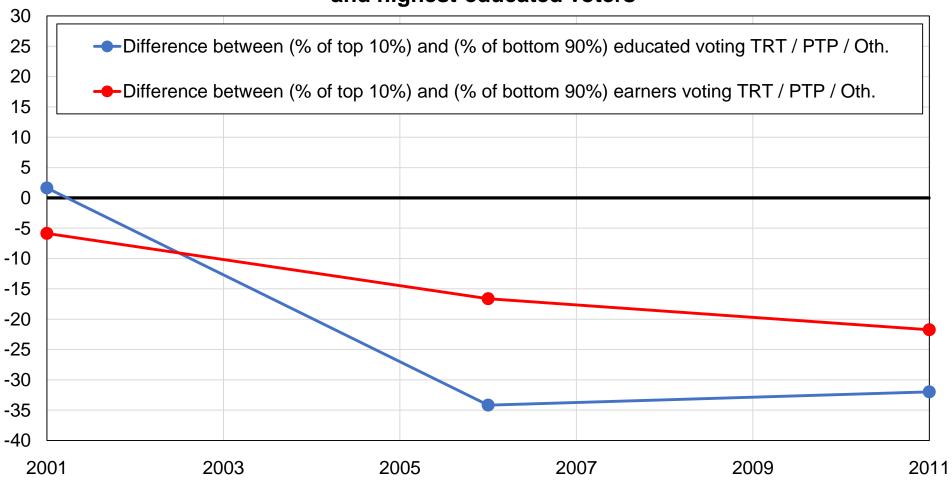
Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by Thai Rak Thai / Pheu Thai / Other pro-Thaksin parties by religious affiliation. 2011 is excluded due to too low sample sizes.

Figure AB12 - Vote for TRT / PT / Other pro-Thaksin by employment status



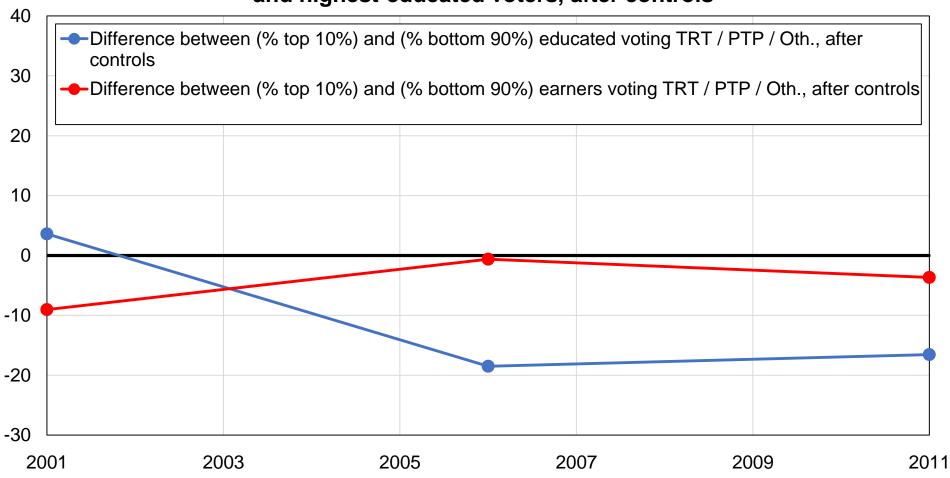
Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by Thai Rak Thai / Pheu Thai / Other pro-Thaksin parties by employment status.

Figure AC1 - Vote for TRT / PT / Other pro-Thaksin among top-income and highest-educated voters



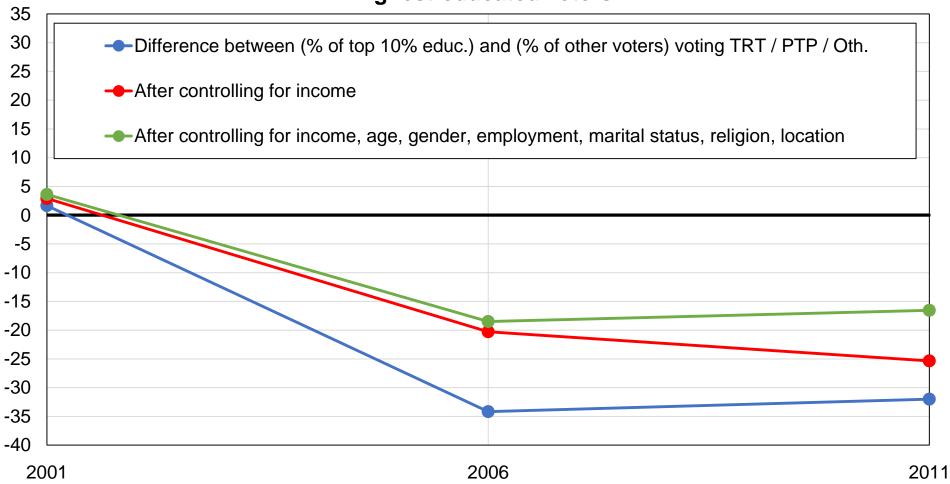
Note: the figure shows the difference between the share of top 10% educated voters and the share of bottom 90% educated voters voting for Thai Rak Thai / Pheu Thai / Other pro-Thaksin parties, and the same difference between top 10% earners and bottom 90% earners.

Figure AC2 - Vote for TRT / PT / Other pro-Thaksin among top-income and highest-educated voters, after controls



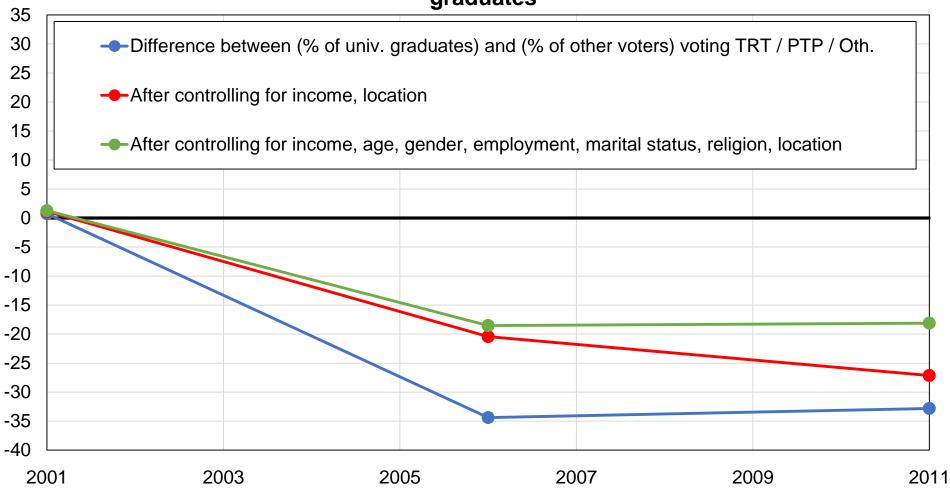
Note: the figure shows the difference between the share of top 10% educated voters and the share of bottom 90% educated voters voting for Thai Rak Thai / Pheu Thai / Other pro-Thaksin parties, and the same difference between top 10% earners and bottom 90% earners, after controls.

Figure AC3 - Vote for TRT / PT / Other pro-Thaksin among highest-educated voters



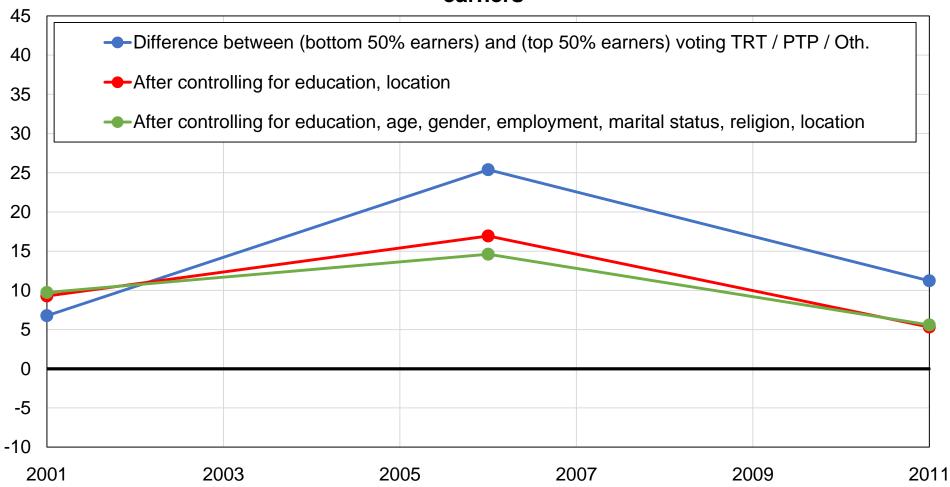
Note: the figure shows the difference between the share of top 10% educated voters and the share of other voters voting for Thai Rak Thai / Pheu Thai / Other pro-Thaksin parties, before and after controlling for other variables.

Figure AC4 - Vote for TRT / PT / Other pro-Thaksin among university graduates



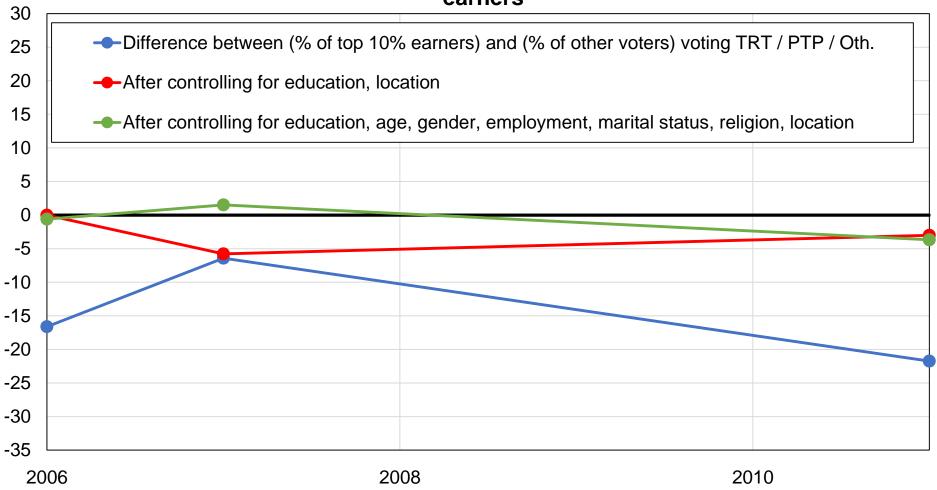
Note: the figure shows the difference between the share of university graduates and the share of other voters voting for Thai Rak Thai / Pheu Thai / Other pro-Thaksin parties, before and after controlling for other variables.

Figure AC5 - Vote for TRT / PT / Other pro-Thaksin among bottom 50% earners



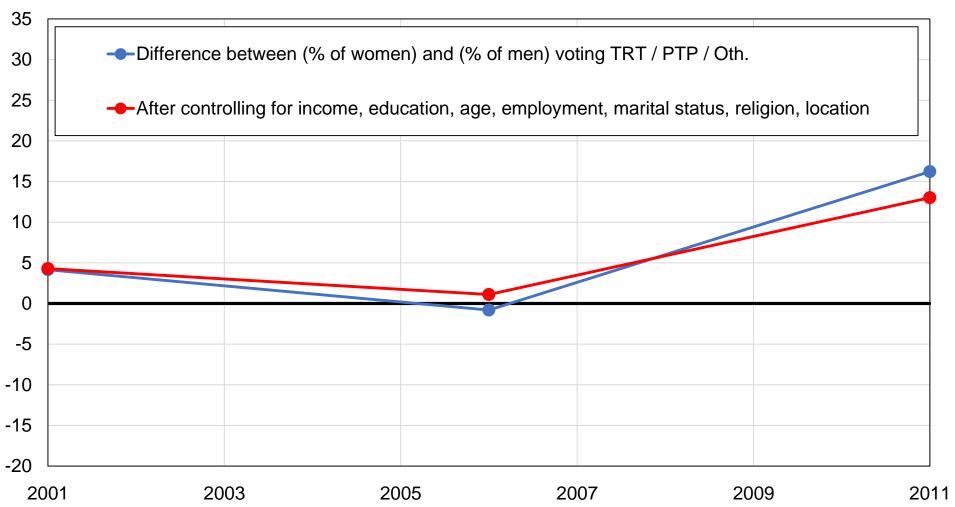
Note: the figure shows the difference between the share of bottom 50% earners and the share of other voters voting for Thai Rak Thai / Pheu Thai / Other pro-Thaksin parties, before and after controlling for other variables.

Figure AC6 - Vote for TRT / PT / Other pro-Thaksin among top 10% earners



Note: the figure shows the difference between the share of top 10% earners and the share of other voters voting for Thai Rak Thai / Pheu Thai / Other pro-Thaksin parties, before and after controlling for other variables.

Figure AC7 - Vote for TRT / PT / Other pro-Thaksin among women



Note: the figure shows the difference between the share of women and the share of men voting for Thai Rak Thai / Pheu Thai / Other pro-Thaksin parties, before and after controlling for other variables.

Table AA1 - Survey data sources								
Year	Survey	Source	Sample size					
2001	Asian Barometers	AB	1546					
2006	Asian Barometers	AB	1546					
2007	Asian Barometers	AB	1512					
2011	Asian Barometers	AB	1200					

Source: authors' elaboration.

**Note**: the table shows the surveys used, the source from which these surveys can be obtained, and the sample size of each survey. AB: Asian Barometers.

Table AA2 - Co	Table AA2 - Composition of the electorate								
	2001	2006	2007	2011					
Education: Primary	83%	71%	75%	71%					
Education: Secondary	9%	19%	18%	16%					
Education: Tertiary	9%	9%	7%	13%					
Age: 20-40	53%	45%	30%	33%					
Age: 40-60	33%	41%	52%	52%					
Age: 60+	14%	14%	18%	14%					
Gender: Man	49%	48%	48%	48%					
Employment status: Employed	85%	85%	75%	89%					
Employment status: Unemployed	0%	4%	6%	1%					
Employment status: Inactive	15%	12%	19%	10%					
Marital status: Married / Partner	72%	71%	80%	73%					
Religion: Buddhist	94%	93%	96%	99%					
Religion: Muslim / Other	6%	7%	4%	1%					
Location: Rural areas	74%	80%	87%	80%					
Region: Bangkok				8%					
Region: Central				25%					
Region: North				20%					
Region: Northeast				34%					
Region: South				13%					

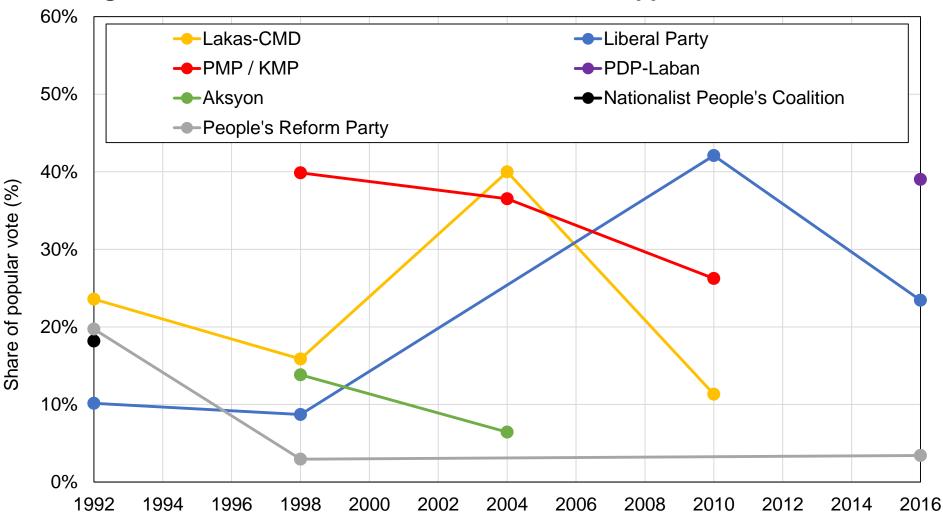
**Source**: authors' computations using Thai political attitudes surveys. **Note**: the table shows descriptive statistics by year for selected available variables.

	Table AA3 - Regional inequality in Thailand										
	Gini of spatial inequality				GPP per capita (% of national average)						
	US	Europe	India	Thailand	Bangkok	Centre-East	North-Northeast	South			
1929	20%										
1930	21%										
1931	21%										
1932	22%										
1933	21%										
1934	19%										
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1957	10%	30%									
1958	9%	29%									

1959	9%	30%	I				
1960	9%	29%					
1961	9%	29%	40%		258%	149%	51%
1962	9%	29%	39%		236%	148%	53%
1963	9%	28%	38%		235%	144%	52%
1964	9%	29%	40%		249%	146%	49%
1965	8%	28%	40%		249%	145%	50%
1966	8%	28%	38%		243%	138%	53%
1967	8%	27%	41%		261%	140%	49%
1968	8%	27%	41%		270%	139%	49%
1969	8%	27%	41%		275%	136%	48%
1970	7%	28%	41%		283%	142%	49%
1971	7%	28%	44%		303%	143%	46%
1972	6%	27%	45%		307%	139%	45%
1973	6%	28%	45%		303%	139%	46%
1974	6%	27%	45%		304%	137%	46%
1975	6%	27%	44%		300%	140%	46%
1976	6%	27%	46%		301%	139%	43%
1977	7%	26%	49%		315%	142%	38%
1978	7%	26%	48%		313%	140%	39%
1979	7%	26%	49%		320%	134%	39%
1980	8%	27%	49%		323%	134%	39%
1981	9%	27%	50%		335%	133%	38%
1982	9%	27%	50%		327%	138%	39%
1983	8%	27%	49%		324%	141%	39%
1984	8%	27%	50%		328%	138%	39%
1985	8%	27%	50%	33%	325%	141%	39%
1986	8%	27%	51%	33%	327%	145%	37%
1987	8%	26%	52%	32%	334%	140%	36%
1988	8%	26%	53%	31%	336%	141%	35%
1989	8%	26%	53%	31%	340%	139%	34%
1990	8%	27%	54%	30%	349%	132%	33%
1991	7%	26%	54%	29%	341%	140%	32%
1992	7%	27%	54%	28%	336%	143%	32%

1993	7%	27%	23%	56%	28%	340%	145%	30%
1994	6%	27%	23%	55%	28%	330%	149%	31%
1995	6%	26%	24%	54%	28%	320%	155%	31%
1996	7%	26%	23%	53%	27%	312%	160%	32%
1997	7%	26%	24%	53%	27%	300%	171%	33%
1998	8%	26%	24%	52%	27%	292%	172%	34%
1999	8%	26%	23%	52%	26%	299%	164%	33%
2000	8%	26%	24%	54%	26%	303%	172%	31%
2001	8%	26%	24%	54%	26%	300%	168%	31%
2002	8%	26%	24%	53%	26%	282%	176%	32%
2003	8%	26%	25%	51%	25%	267%	179%	33%
2004	8%	26%	25%	51%	25%	259%	180%	33%
2005	8%	26%	27%	51%	25%	249%	188%	33%
2006	8%	26%	27%	50%	24%	235%	194%	33%
2007	8%	26%	27%	50%	25%	225%	202%	33%
2008	9%	25%	27%	49%	25%	215%	206%	34%
2009	9%	25%	27%	46%	25%	209%	195%	37%
2010	9%	26%	27%	45%	25%	199%	196%	38%
2011	9%	26%	28%	44%	25%	195%	188%	40%
2012	9%	26%	28%	43%		193%	189%	42%
2013	9%	26%	28%	43%		193%	187%	42%
2014	10%	26%	28%	44%		199%	184%	41%
2015	10%	26%	28%	45%		201%	180%	40%
2016	10%	25%	28%	45%		198%	180%	39%
2017	10%	25%	28%					

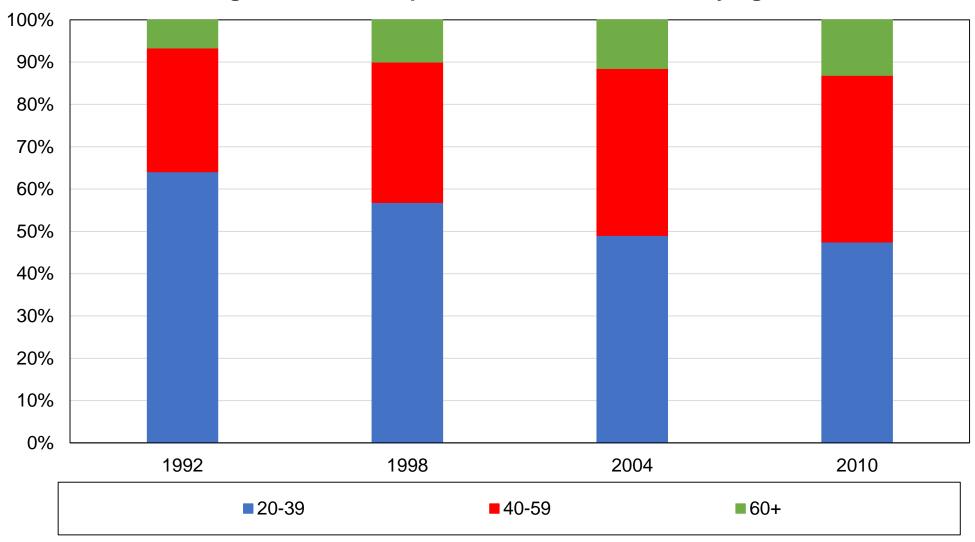
Figure BA1 - Detailed election results in the Philippines, 1992-2016



Source: authors' computations using official election results.

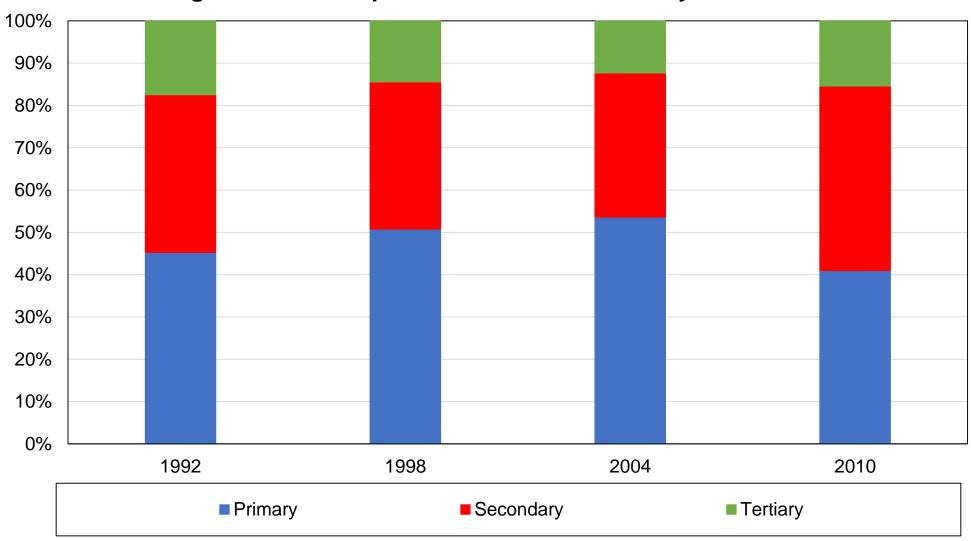
Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by specific groups of parties in the first round of presidential elections.

Figure BA2 - Composition of the electorate by age



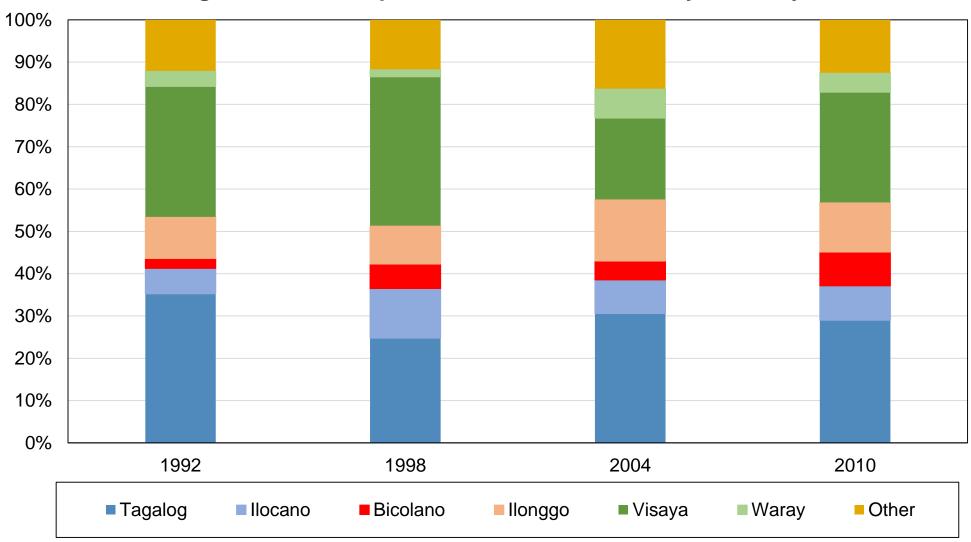
Source: authors' computations using Filipino political attitudes surveys. Note: the figure shows the composition of the electorate by age group.

Figure BA3 - Composition of the electorate by education



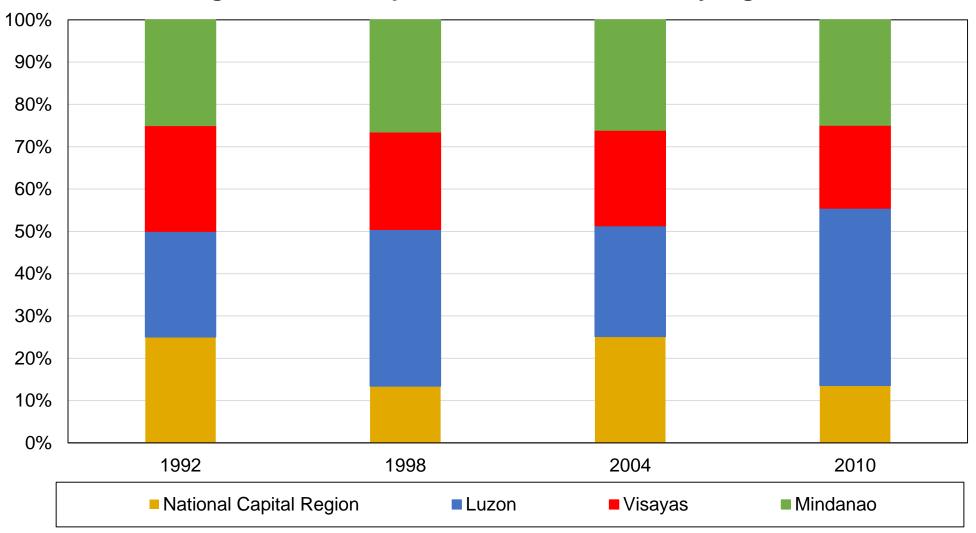
Note: the figure shows the composition of the electorate by education level.

Figure BA4 - Composition of the electorate by ethnicity



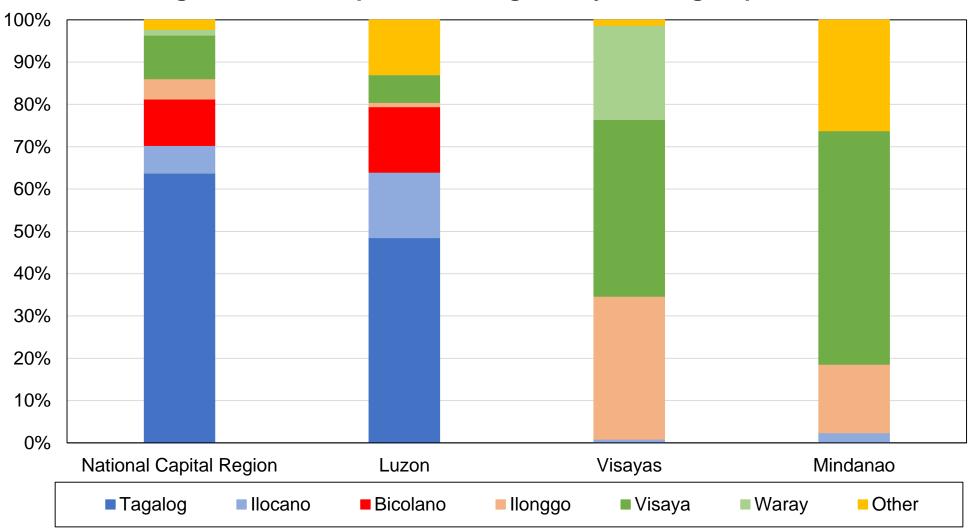
Note: the figure shows the composition of the electorate by ethnic group.

Figure BA5 - Composition of the electorate by region



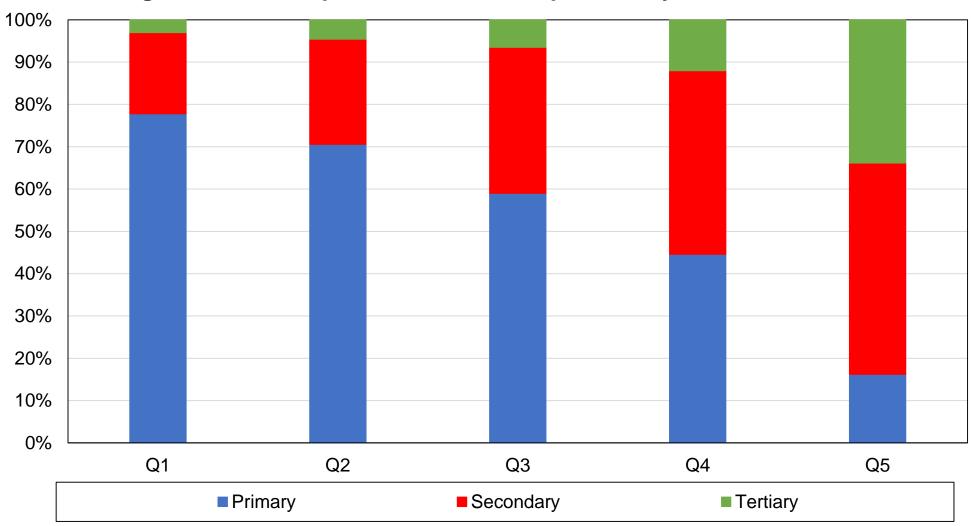
Note: the figure shows the composition of the electorate by region.

Figure BA6 - Composition of regions by ethnic group, 2016



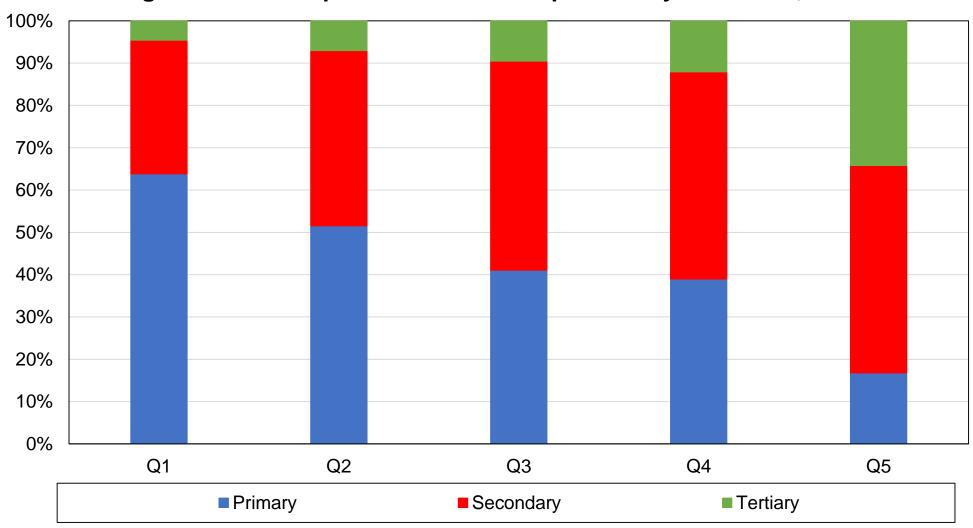
Source: authors' computations using Filipino political attitudes surveys. Note: the figure shows the composition of regions by ethnic group in 2016.

Figure BA7 - Composition of income quintiles by education, 2004



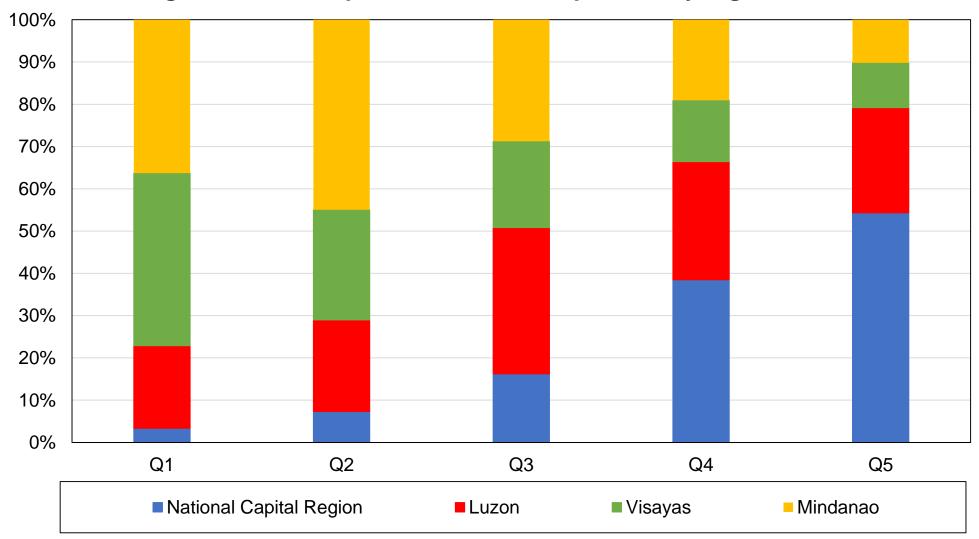
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Figure BA8 - Composition of income quintiles by education, 2016



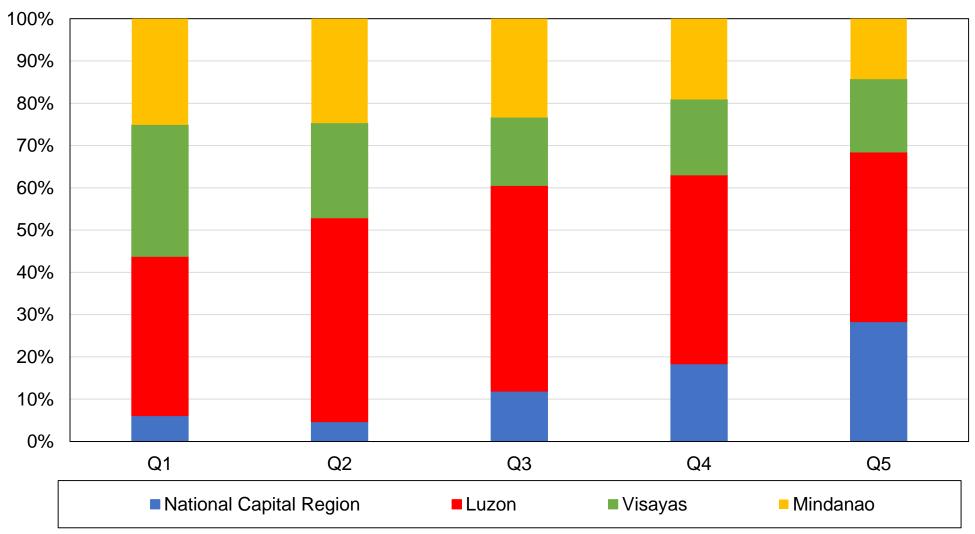
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Figure BA9 - Composition of income quintiles by region, 2004



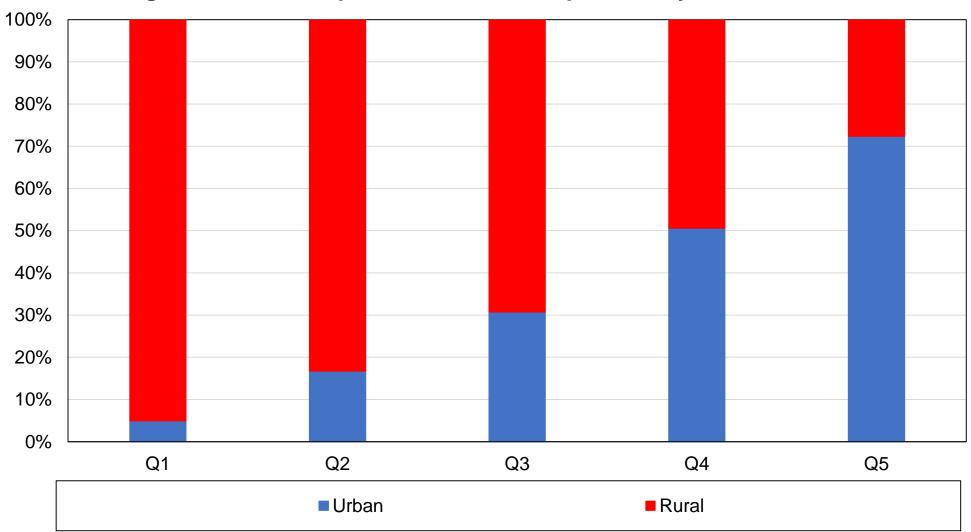
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Figure BA10 - Composition of income quintiles by region, 2016



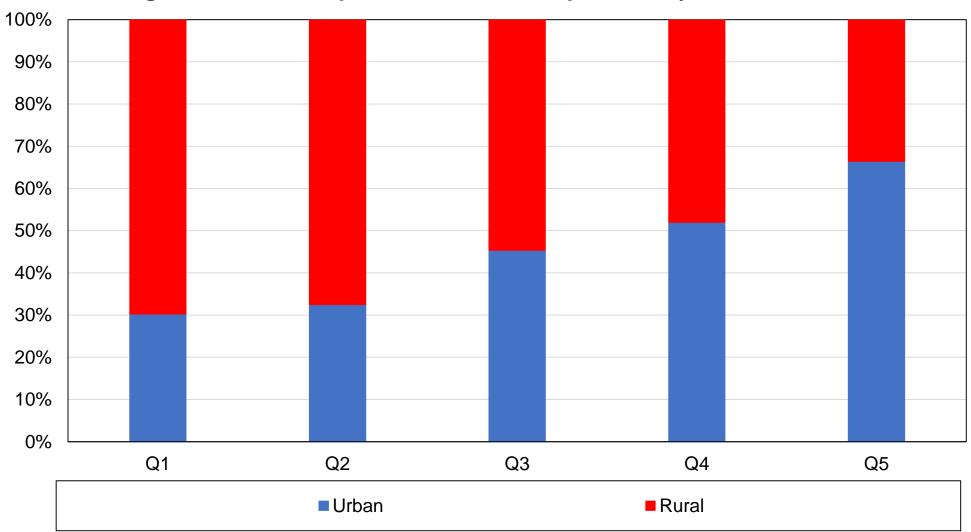
Note: the figure shows the composition of income quintiles by region in 2016.

Figure BA11 - Composition of income quintiles by location, 2004



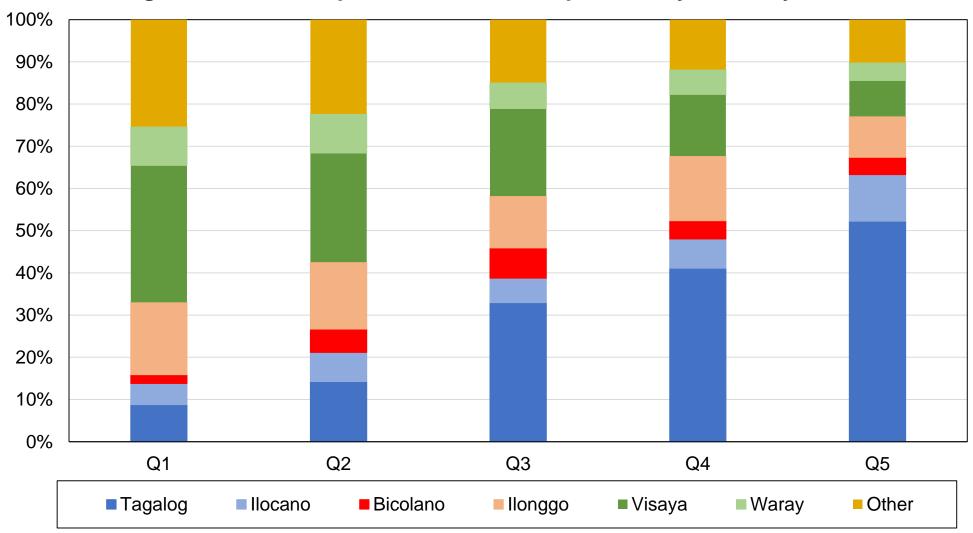
Note: the figure shows the composition of income quintiles by rural-urban location in 2004.

Figure BA12 - Composition of income quintiles by location, 2016



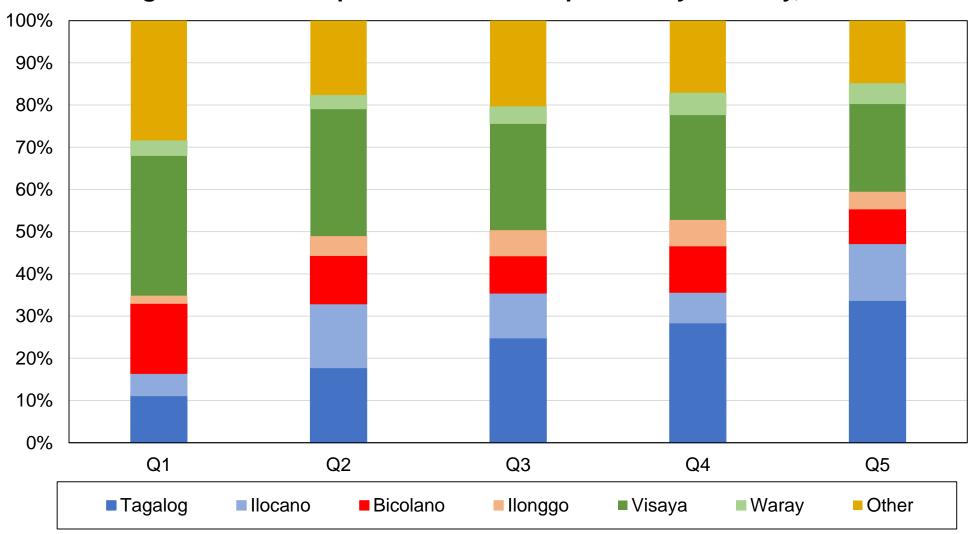
Note: the figure shows the composition of income quintiles by rural-urban location in 2016.

Figure BA13 - Composition of income quintiles by ethnicity, 2004



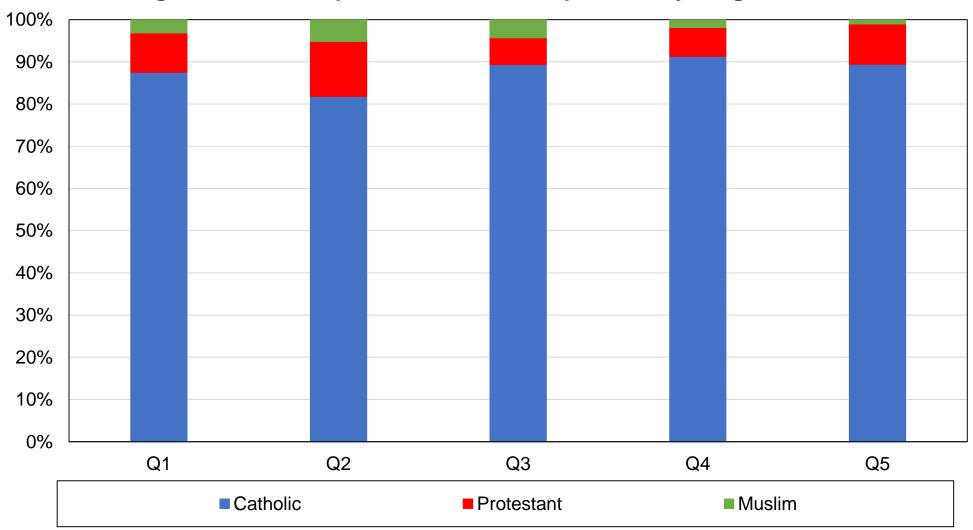
Note: the figure shows the composition of income quintiles by ethnicity in 2004.

Figure BA14 - Composition of income quintiles by ethnicity, 2016



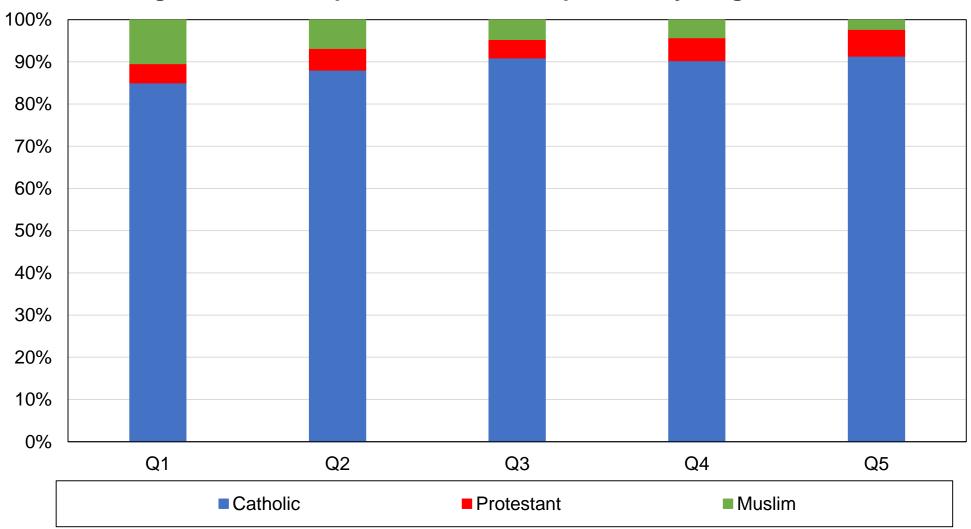
Note: the figure shows the composition of income quintiles by ethnicity in 2016.

Figure BA9 - Composition of income quintiles by religion, 2004



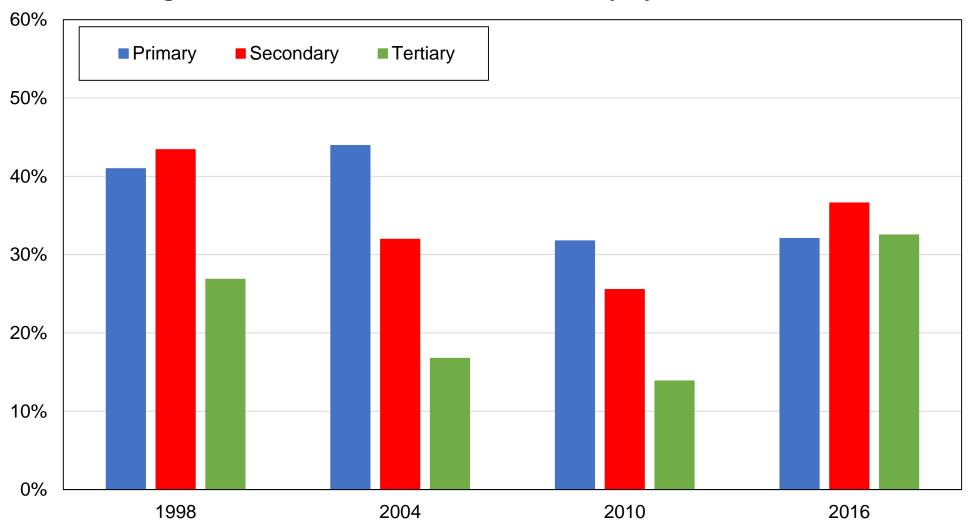
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Figure BA9 - Composition of income quintiles by religion, 2016



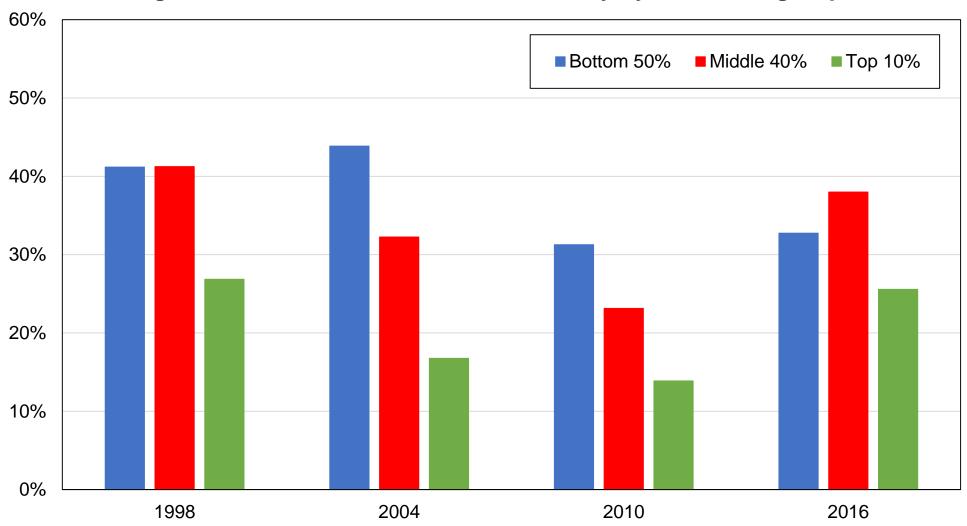
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Figure BB1 - Vote for Estrada / Poe / Binay by education level



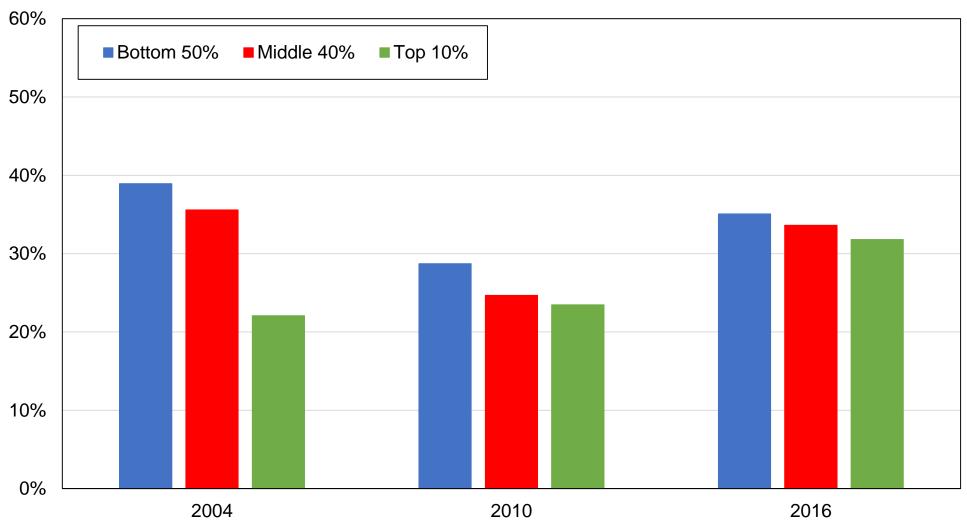
Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by Estrada / Poe / Binay in the first round of presidential elections by education level.

Figure BB2 - Vote for Estrada / Poe / Binay by education group



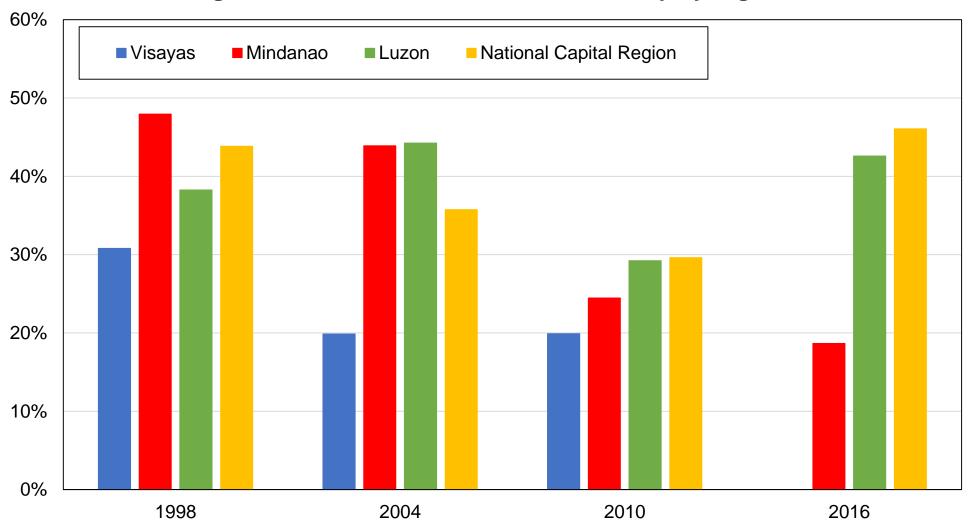
Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by Estrada / Poe / Binay in the first round of presidential elections by education group.

Figure BB3 - Vote for Estrada / Poe / Binay by income group



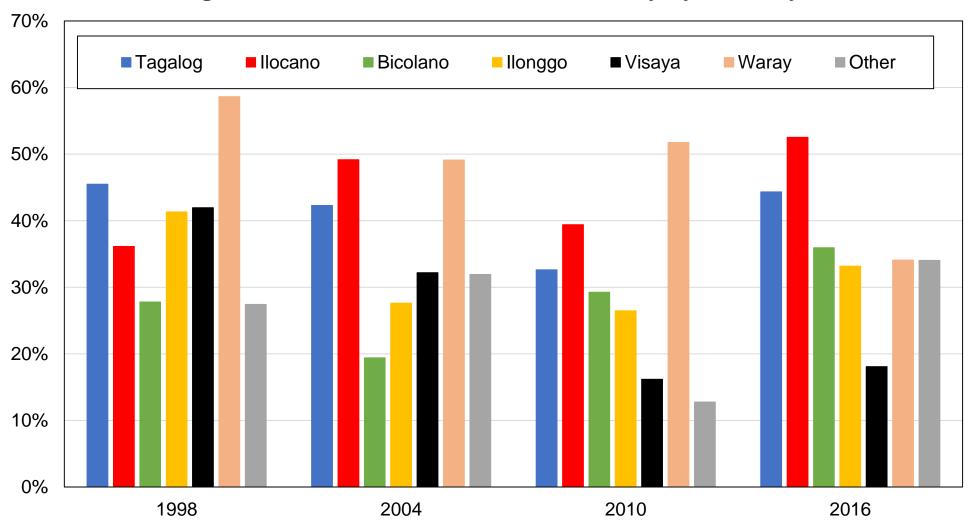
Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by Estrada / Poe / Binay in the first round of presidential elections by income group.

Figure BB4 - Vote for Estrada / Poe / Binay by region



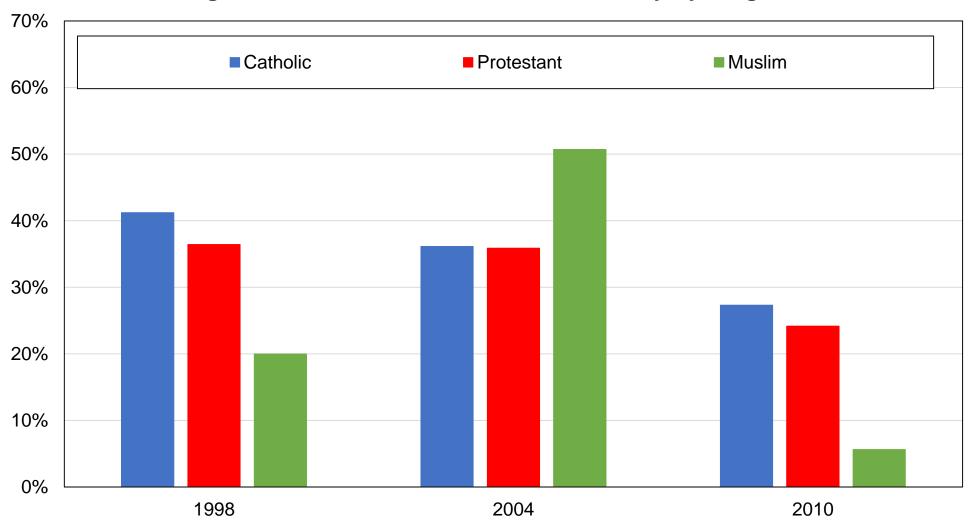
Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by Estrada / Poe / Binay in the first round of presidential elections by region.

Figure BB5 - Vote for Estrada / Poe / Binay by ethnicity



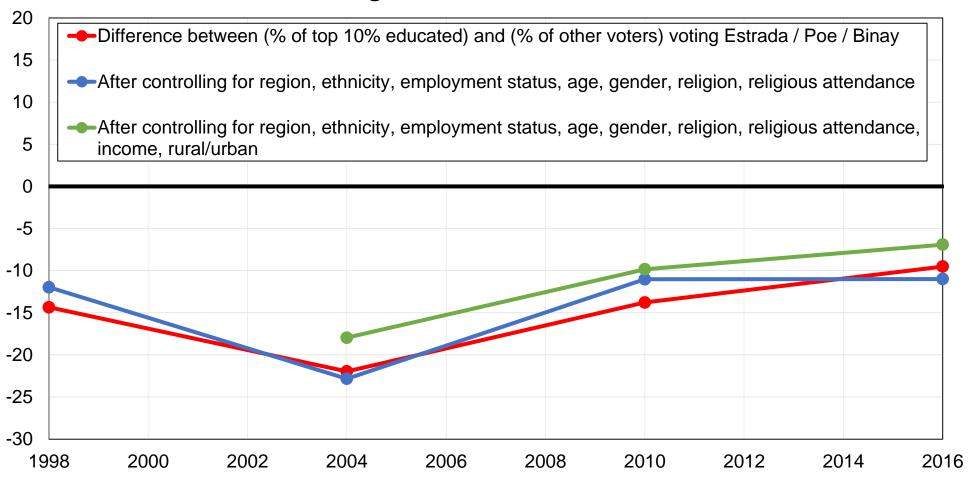
Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by Estrada / Poe / Binay in the first round of presidential elections by ethnic group.

Figure BB6 - Vote for Estrada / Poe / Binay by religion



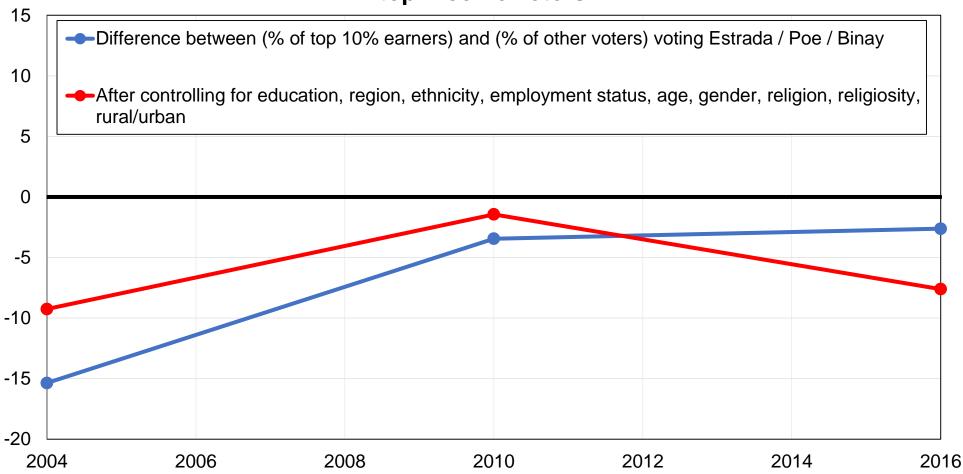
Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by Estrada / Poe / Binay in the first round of presidential elections by religion.

Figure BC1 - Support for Estrada / Poe / Binay among highest-educated voters



Note: the figure shows the difference between the share of top 10% educated voters voting Estrada / Poe / Binay and the share of bottom 90% educated voters voting Estrada / Poe / Binay in the first round of presidential elections, before and after controls.

Figure BC2 - Support for Estrada / Poe / Binay among top-income voters



Note: the figure shows the difference between the share of top 10% earners voting Estrada / Poe / Binay and the share of bottom 90% earners voting Estrada / Poe / Binay in the first round of presidential elections, before and after controls.

	Table BA1 - Survey data sources								
Year	Survey	Source	Sample size						
1998	World Values Survey, 2001	WVS	1200						
2004	Comparative Study of Electoral Systems	CSES	1200						
2010	Comparative Study of Electoral Systems	CSES	1200						
2016	Comparative Study of Electoral Systems	CSES	1200						

Source: authors' elaboration.

**Note**: the table shows the surveys used, the source from which these surveys can be obtained, and the sample size of each survey. WVS: World Values Surveys; CSES: Comparative Study of Electoral Systems.

Table BA2 - Descriptive Statistics								
	1992	1998	2004	2010				
Age: 20-40	64%	57%	49%	47%				
Age: 40-60	29%	33%	39%	39%				
Age: 60+	7%	10%	12%	13%				
Education: Primary	45%	51%	54%	41%				
Education: Secondary	37%	35%	34%	44%				
Education: Tertiary	17%	14%	12%	15%				
Ethnicity: Bicolano	2%	6%	4%	8%				
Ethnicity: Ilocano	6%	12%	8%	8%				
Ethnicity: Ilonggo	10%	9%	15%	12%				
Ethnicity: Other	12%	12%	16%	13%				
Ethnicity: Tagalog	35%	25%	31%	29%				
Ethnicity: Visaya	31%	35%	19%	26%				
Ethnicity: Waray	4%	2%	7%	5%				
Region: National Capital Region	25%	13%	25%	14%				
Region: Luzon	25%	37%	26%	42%				
Region: Visayas	25%	23%	23%	20%				
Region: Mindanao	25%	27%	26%	25%				
Religion: Catholic	87%	84%	88%	92%				
Religion: Protestant	12%	12%	9%	4%				
Religion: Muslim	1%	4%	3%	4%				
Church attendance: Less than monthly	10%	19%	16%	14%				
Church attendance: Monthly or more	90%	81%	84%	86%				
Rural areas		43%	64%	51%				

Table BA3 - Structure of the vote in 1998

	PMP	Lakas	Laban	Aksyon	Kilusang	Liberal	NPC	PROMDI
Education								
Primary	41%	13%	4%	16%	2%	9%	2%	12%
Secondary	43%	15%	4%	12%	2%	8%	1%	13%
Tertiary	27%	29%	5%	11%	1%	10%	2%	13%
Bicolano	28%	3%	3%	47%	1%	14%	4%	0%
Ethnicity								
Ilocano	36%	12%	4%	26%	4%	9%	1%	6%
llonggo	41%	24%	3%	11%	2%	5%	2%	9%
Other	27%	26%	6%	17%	1%	14%	2%	6%
Tagalog	45%	15%	3%	12%	3%	10%	1%	7%
Visaya	42%	14%	4%	6%	1%	5%	1%	25%
Waray	59%	16%	8%	0%	1%	14%	0%	0%
Region								
NCR	44%	9%	4%	21%	3%	12%	2%	3%
Luzon	38%	14%	4%	20%	3%	11%	2%	7%
Visayas	31%	16%	3%	7%	1%	7%	2%	31%
Mindanao	48%	21%	5%	8%	1%	6%	1%	9%
Religion								
Catholic	41%	15%	4%	14%	2%	8%	1%	13%
Protestant	36%	13%	4%	12%	3%	13%	3%	14%
Muslim	20%	54%	3%	9%	1%	12%	0%	0%
Location								
Urban	40%	15%	4%	12%	2%	9%	1%	14%
Rural	39%	17%	4%	16%	2%	9%	1%	10%
Age								
20-40	42%	15%	5%	15%	2%	4%	1%	14%
40-60	37%	17%	3%	13%	2%	15%	2%	9%
60+	39%	17%	2%	11%	1%	13%	1%	14%
Gender								
Woman	41%	13%	4%	15%	2%	9%	1%	14%
Man	39%	19%	4%	13%	2%	8%	2%	11%

	Tab	le BA4 - Structure	e of the vote in 200	04	
	KNP	Lakas	Aksyon	ВРР	Laban
Education					
Primary	44%	43%	5%	3%	6%
Secondary	32%	39%	4%	8%	17%
Tertiary	17%	30%	20%	16%	17%
Income					
Bottom 50%	39%	48%	4%	2%	7%
Middle 40%	36%	32%	7%	9%	16%
Top 10%	22%	33%	7%	19%	19%
Ethnicity					
Bicolano	19%	22%	30%	11%	18%
llocano	49%	25%	4%	10%	12%
llonggo	28%	50%	2%	5%	15%
Other	32%	58%	4%	2%	4%
Tagalog	42%	24%	9%	11%	14%
Visaya	32%	56%	2%	2%	7%
Waray	49%	33%	8%	2%	7%
Region					
NCR	36%	25%	9%	14%	17%
Luzon	44%	28%	11%	6%	11%
Visayas	20%	67%	4%	5%	4%
Mindanao	44%	43%	2%	1%	10%
Religion					
Catholic	36%	39%	7%	6%	12%
Protestant	36%	45%	2%	12%	5%
Muslim	51%	49%	0%	0%	0%
Location					
Urban	35%	27%	11%	12%	16%
Rural	38%	47%	4%	3%	8%
Age					
20-40	36%	38%	8%	5%	13%
40-60	38%	39%	6%	8%	10%
60+	36%	50%	3%	4%	7%

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37%

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7%

7%

5%

10%

12%

**Gender** Woman

Man

	Liberal	PMP	Lakas	Nacionalista
Education				
Primary	45%	32%	4%	16%
Secondary	41%	26%	12%	14%
Tertiary	36%	14%	28%	16%
Income				
Bottom 50%	44%	29%	7%	18%
Middle 40%	39%	25%	16%	14%
Top 10%	38%	23%	18%	16%
Ethnicity				
Bicolano	46%	29%	9%	10%
Ilocano	38%	39%	2%	18%
llonggo	39%	26%	11%	17%
Other	50%	13%	24%	14%
Tagalog	40%	33%	9%	11%
Visaya	42%	16%	13%	23%
Waray	41%	52%	0%	7%
Region				
NCR	35%	30%	12%	12%
Luzon	43%	29%	12%	12%
Visayas	50%	20%	11%	14%
Mindanao	38%	24%	11%	23%
Religion				
Catholic	41%	27%	11%	16%
Protestant	44%	24%	4%	15%
Muslim	61%	6%	20%	13%
Location				
Urban	41%	24%	14%	16%
Rural	44%	29%	9%	15%
Age				
20-40	39%	25%	11%	17%
40-60	43%	28%	12%	15%
60+	50%	25%	10%	12%
Gender				
Woman	42%	24%	12%	17%
Man	43%	28%	10%	14%

	Duterte	Roxas	Poe	Binay
Overall vote share	39%	24%	21%	13%
Education				
Primary	42%	24%	19%	13%
Secondary	35%	24%	24%	12%
Tertiary	43%	21%	21%	12%
Income				
Bottom 50%	37%	26%	22%	13%
Middle 40%	41%	21%	21%	12%
Top 10%	39%	25%	20%	11%
Ethnicity				
Bicolano	15%	45%	25%	11%
Ilocano	29%	15%	30%	22%
llonggo	42%	15%	29%	4%
Other	42%	19%	16%	18%
Tagalog	35%	19%	28%	17%
Visaya	53%	29%	15%	3%
Waray	44%	12%	18%	16%
Region				
NCR	33%	16%	27%	19%
Luzon	29%	26%	27%	16%
Visayas	39%	31%	17%	8%
Mindanao	62%	16%	12%	7%
Religion				
Catholic	37%	25%	22%	12%
Protestant	31%	21%	30%	18%
Muslim	75%	5%	3%	13%
Location				
Urban	43%	15%	21%	15%
Rural	36%	30%	22%	11%
Age	· <del>-</del>	· · ·	-,-	
20-40	44%	21%	20%	11%
40-60	36%	21%	26%	13%
60+	35%	34%	12%	16%
Gender				
Woman	34%	28%	23%	12%
Man	45%	19%	20%	14%
Occupation			_0,0	, 0
Farmer	49%	25%	12%	8%
Self-Employed	39%	26%	17%	16%
White Collar	32%	29%	24%	10%
Worker	39%	17%	27%	14%

**Notes**: the table shows the vote share received by main parties among specific groups of the Filipino voting population in the 2016 election.

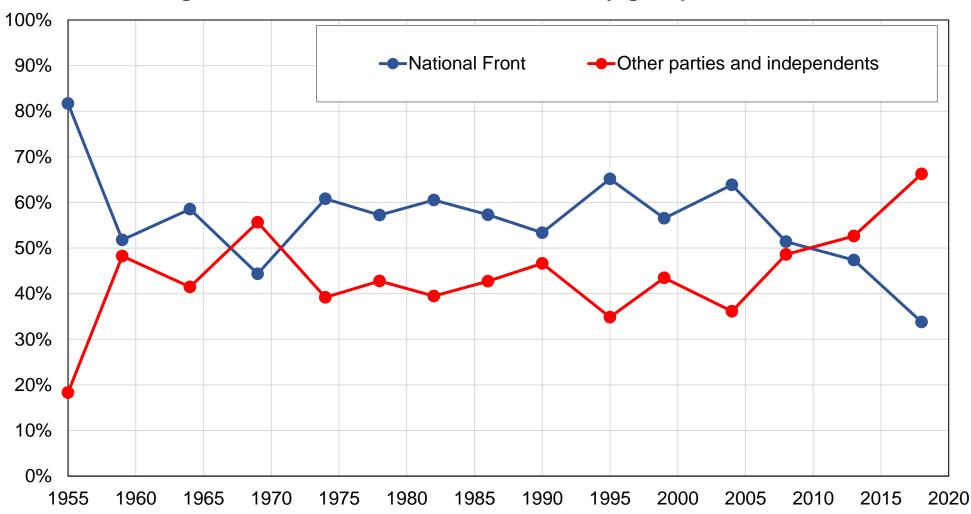
Table BA7 - Determinants of the vote for main candidates in the 2016 Filipino presidential election				
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	Duterte	Roxas	Poe	Binay
Education: Primary	(baseline)	(baseline)	(baseline)	(baseline)
	(.)	(.)	(.)	(.)
Education: Secondary	-0.058**	0.036	0.030	-0.015
	(0.024)	(0.026)	(0.028)	(0.019)
Education: Tertiary	0.002	0.034	-0.002	-0.028
•	(0.035)	(0.038)	(0.039)	(0.029)
Income: Bottom 50%	(baseline)	(baseline)	(baseline)	(baseline)
	(.)	(.)	(.)	(.)
Income: Middle 40%	0.043*	-0.012	-0.037	-0.021
	(0.023)	(0.025)	(0.027)	(0.019)
Income: Top 10%	0.036	0.048	-0.057	-0.044
-	(0.044)	(0.047)	(0.046)	(0.033)
Age: 20-39	(baseline)	(baseline)	(baseline)	(baseline)
_	(.)	(.)	(.)	(.)
Age: 40-59	-0.088***	0.012	0.061**	0.018
	(0.023)	(0.025)	(0.027)	(0.018)
Age: 60+	-0.103***	0.130***	-0.070**	0.049*
	(0.031)	(0.037)	(0.031)	(0.026)
Gender: Man	0.101***	-0.084***	-0.033	0.011
	(0.021)	(0.023)	(0.024)	(0.017)
Ethnicity: Bicolano	-0.158***	0.184***	-0.032	-0.047
	(0.037)	(0.055)	(0.054)	(0.035)
Ethnicity: Ilocano	-0.070	-0.056	0.021	0.079*
•	(0.045)	(0.046)	(0.055)	(0.045)
Ethnicity: Ilonggo	-0.068	-0.035	0.109	-0.083**
	(0.058)	(0.052)	(0.067)	(0.034)
Ethnicity: Other	-0.018	-0.020	-0.062	0.062

	(0.042)	(0.040)	(0.044)	(0.039)
Ethnicity: Tagalog	(baseline)	(baseline)	(baseline)	(baseline)
	(.)	(.)	(.)	(.)
Ethnicity: Visaya	0.044	0.091**	-0.031	-0.081**
	(0.043)	(0.042)	(0.051)	(0.032)
Ethnicity: Waray	0.055	-0.110**	-0.022	0.026
	(0.061)	(0.055)	(0.061)	(0.044)
Region: NCR	(baseline)	(baseline)	(baseline)	(baseline)
	(.)	(.)	(.)	(.)
Region: Luzon	0.046	0.014	-0.022	-0.032
	(0.034)	(0.033)	(0.037)	(0.030)
Region: Visayas	0.074*	0.070	-0.101**	-0.084***
	(0.043)	(0.046)	(0.049)	(0.032)
Region: Mindanao	0.312***	-0.091**	-0.167***	-0.077**
	(0.042)	(0.041)	(0.045)	(0.032)
Location: Rural area	-0.065**	0.119***	0.023	-0.031
	(0.026)	(0.026)	(0.028)	(0.021)
Constant	0.350***	0.132***	0.296***	0.203***

**Source**: authors' computations based on Filipino surveys.

**Note**: the table shows the results of a multivariate regression assessing the determinants of support for the main candidates of the 2016 presidential election. All other things equal, voters aged 60 or older were significantly less likely to support Duterte than those being younger than 40 years old.

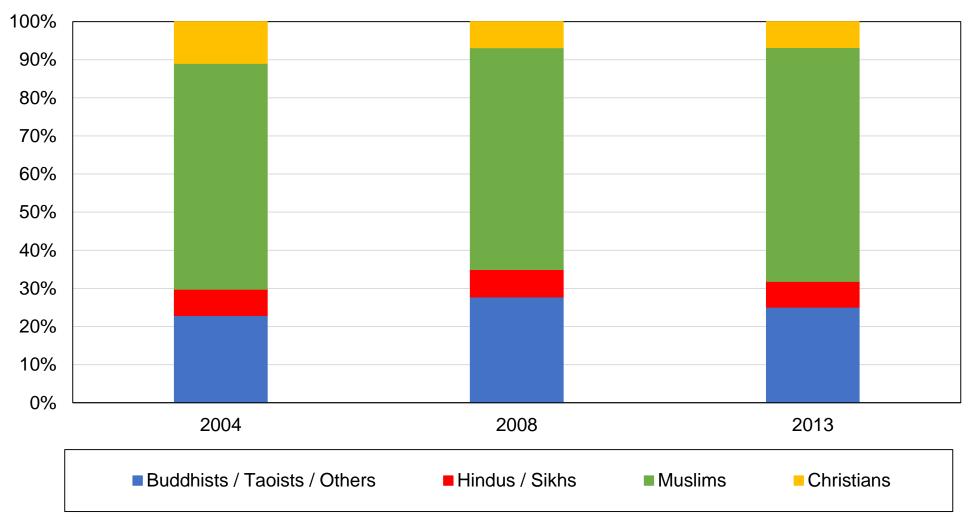
Figure CA1 – General election results by group, 1955-2018



**Source**: authors' computations using official election results.

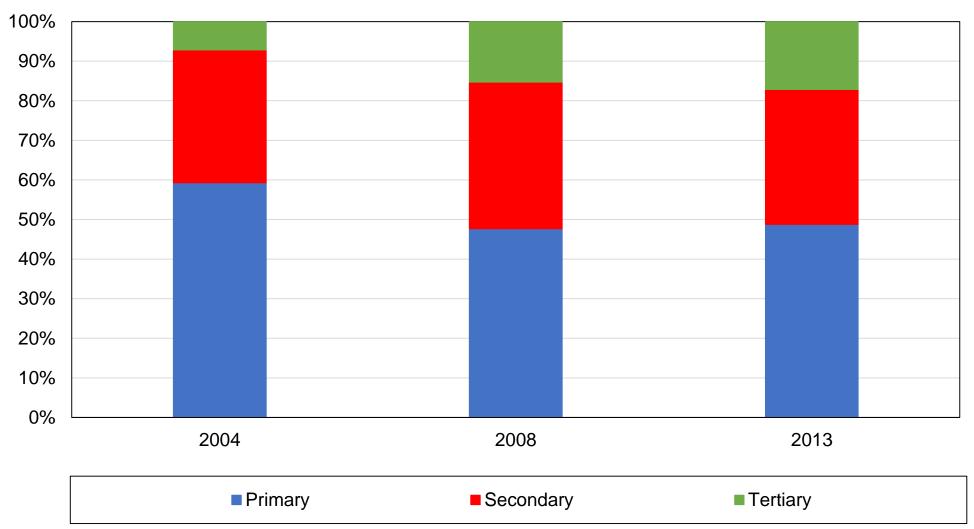
Note: the figure shows the vote shares received by selected groups of parties in general elections.

Figure CA2 – Composition of the electorate by religious affiliation



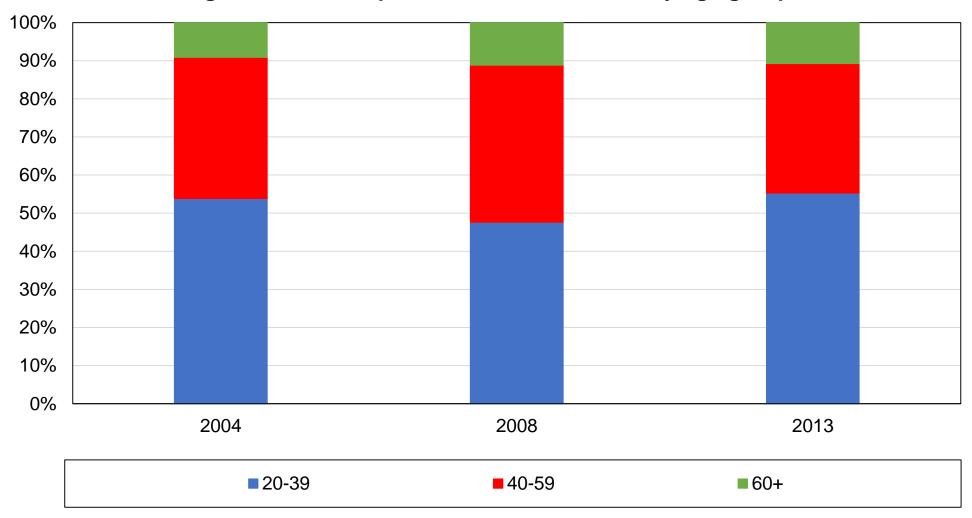
**Note**: the figure shows the composition of the electorate by religion.

Figure CA3 – Composition of the electorate by education



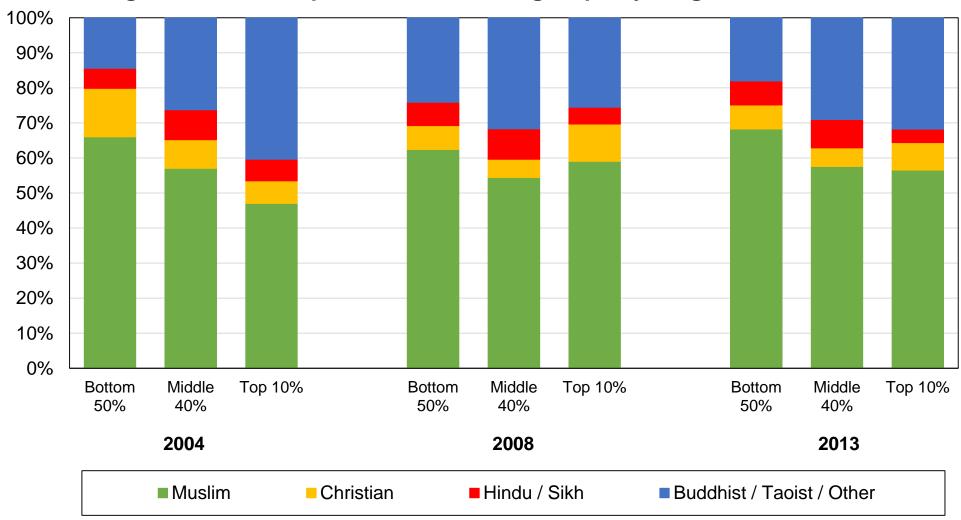
**Note**: the figure shows the composition of the electorate by education level.

Figure CA4 – Composition of the electorate by age group



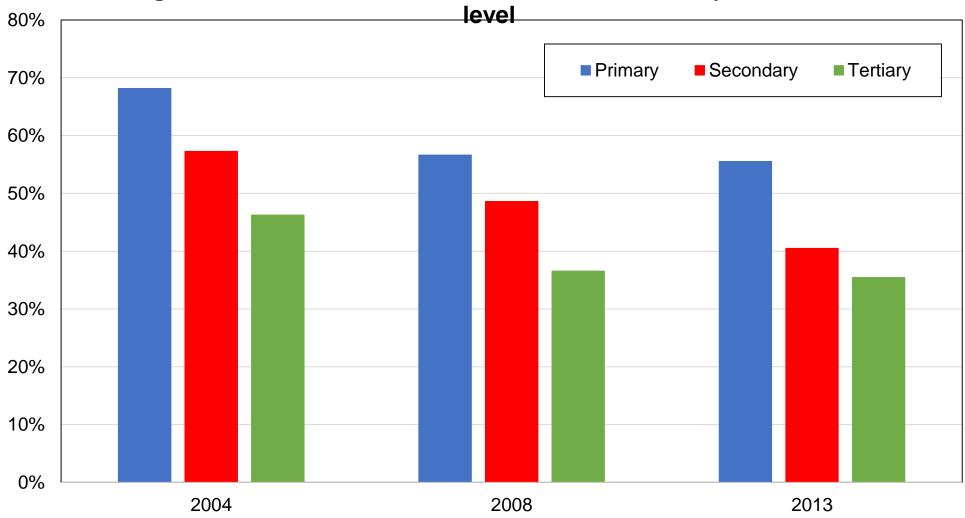
**Note**: the figure shows the composition of the electorate by age group.

Figure CA5 – Composition of income groups by religious affiliation



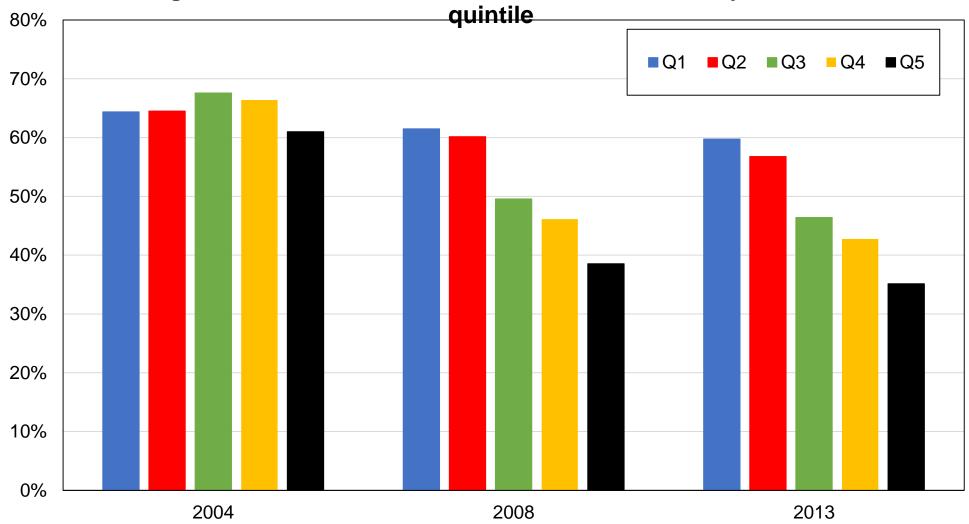
**Note**: the figure shows the composition of income groups by religious affiliation.

Figure CB1 – Vote for the National Front coalition by education



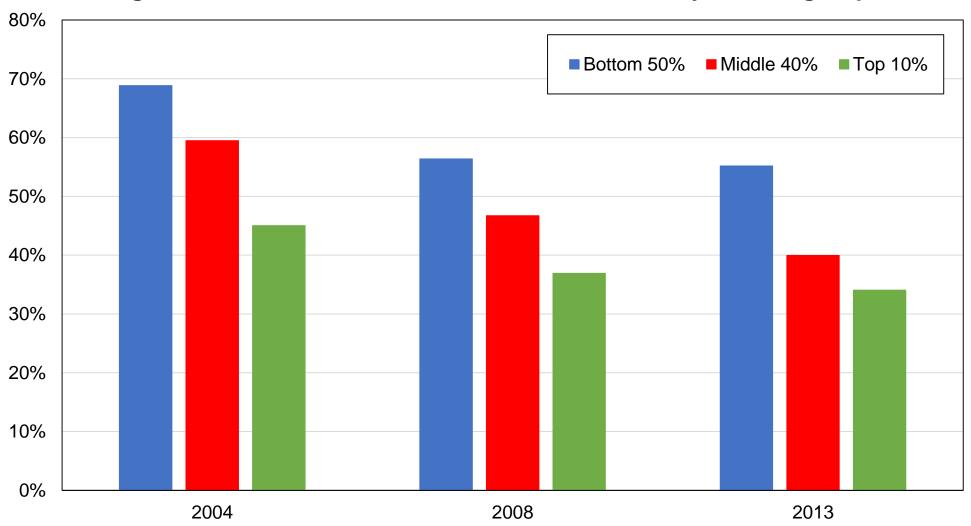
Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by the National Front by education level.

Figure CB2 – Vote for the National Front coalition by income



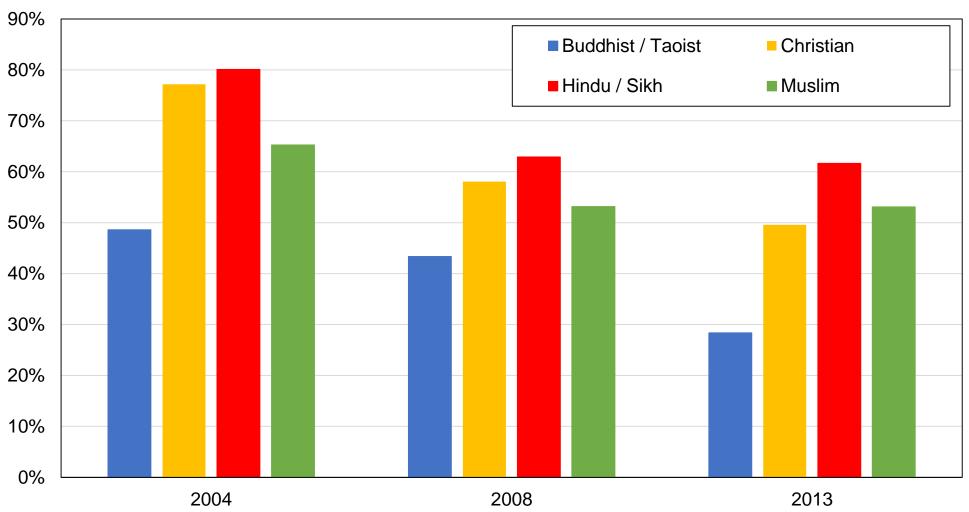
**Note**: the figure shows the share of votes received by the National Front by income quintile.

Figure CB3 – Vote for the National Front coalition by income group



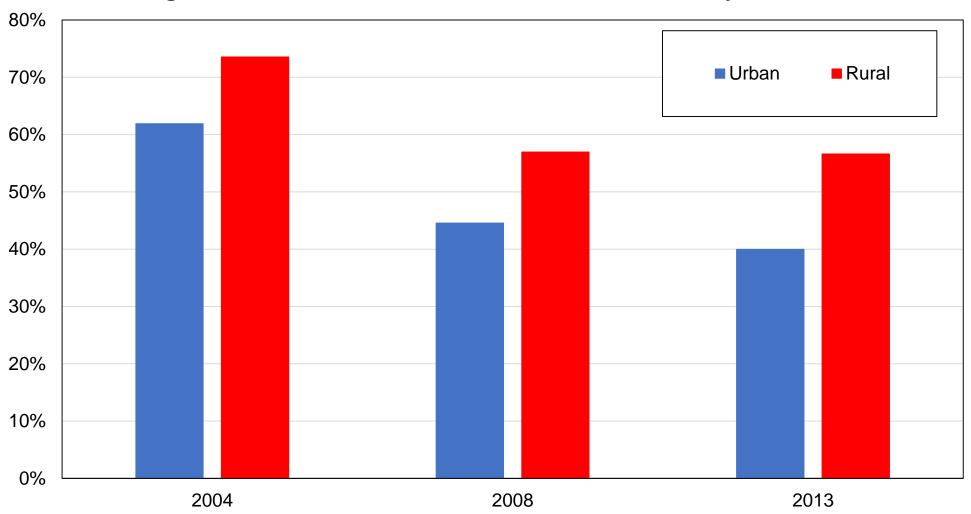
Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by the National Front by income group.

Figure CB4 – Vote for the National Front coalition by religion



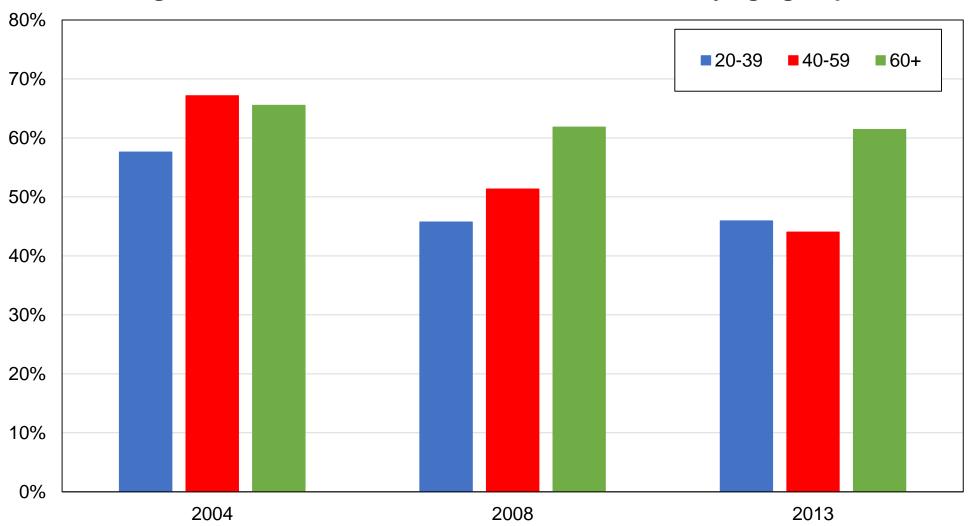
Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by the National Front by religious affiliation.

Figure CB5 – Vote for the National Front coalition by location



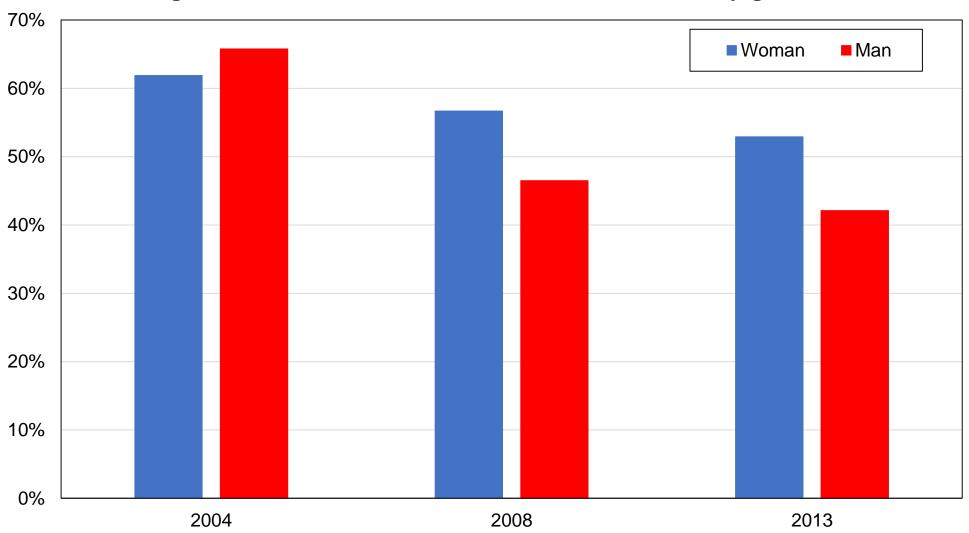
Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by the National Front by rural-urban location.

Figure CB6 – Vote for the National Front coalition by age group



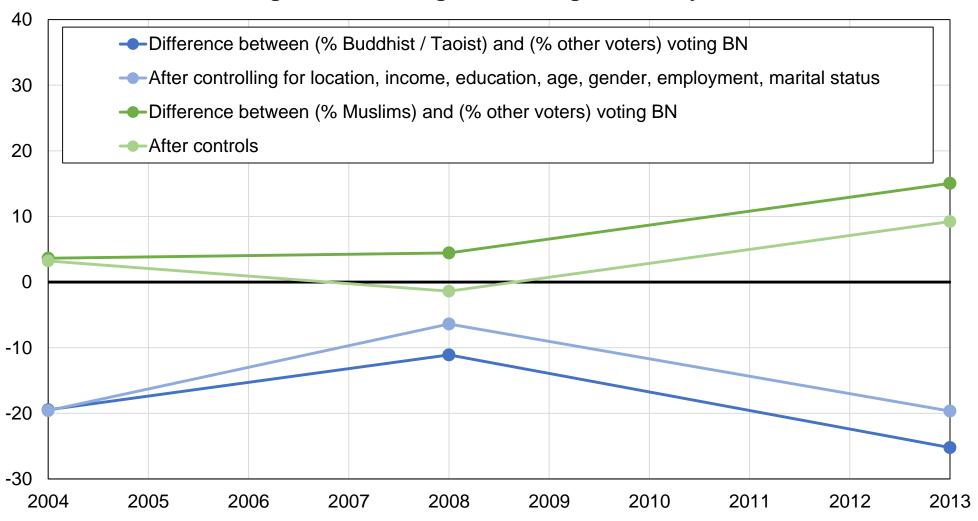
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Figure CB7 – Vote for the National Front coalition by gender



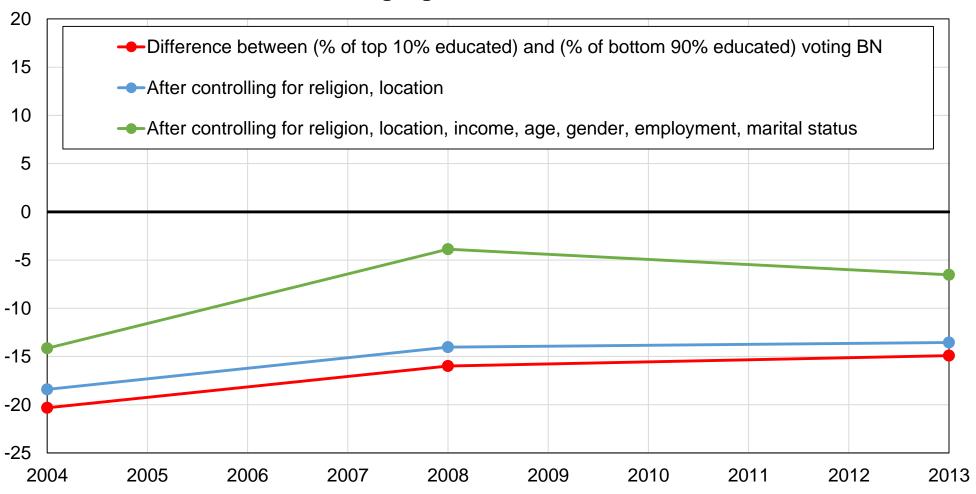
**Note**: the figure shows the share of votes received by the National Front by gender.

Figure CC1 – Religious cleavages in Malaysia



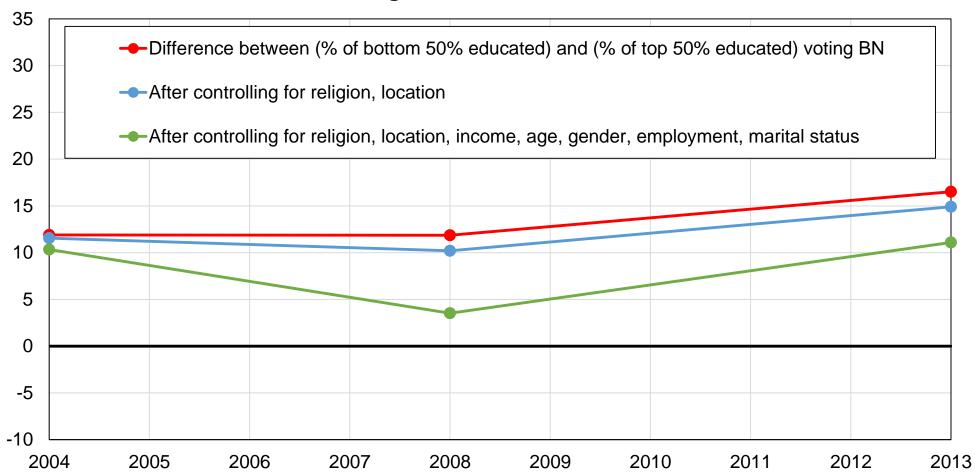
**Note**: the figure shows the difference the share of Buddhists and Taoists voting for the National Front and the share of other voters voting for the National Front, before and after controls.

Figure CC2 – Support for the National Front Coalition among highest-educated voters



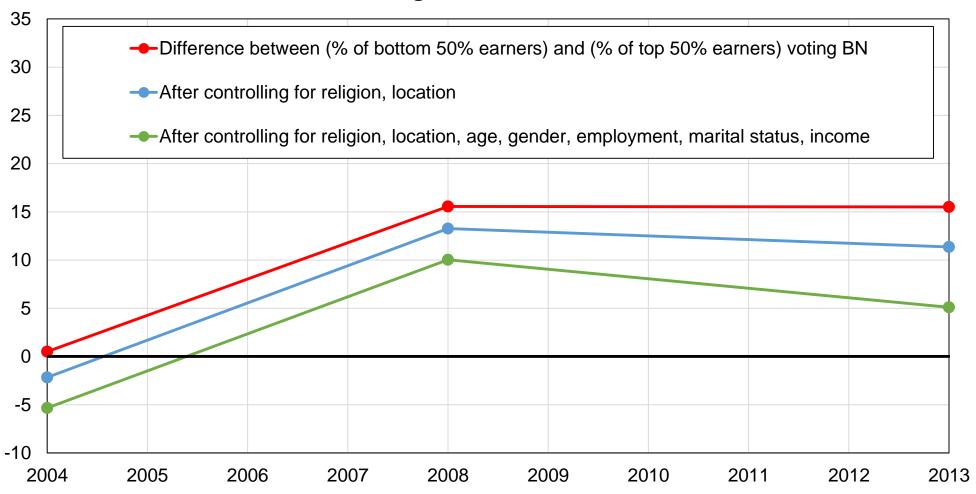
**Note**: the figure shows the difference between the share of top 10% educated voters voting for the National Front and the share of bottom 90% educated voting for the National Front, before and after controls.

Figure CC3 – Support for the National Front Coalition among lowest-educated voters



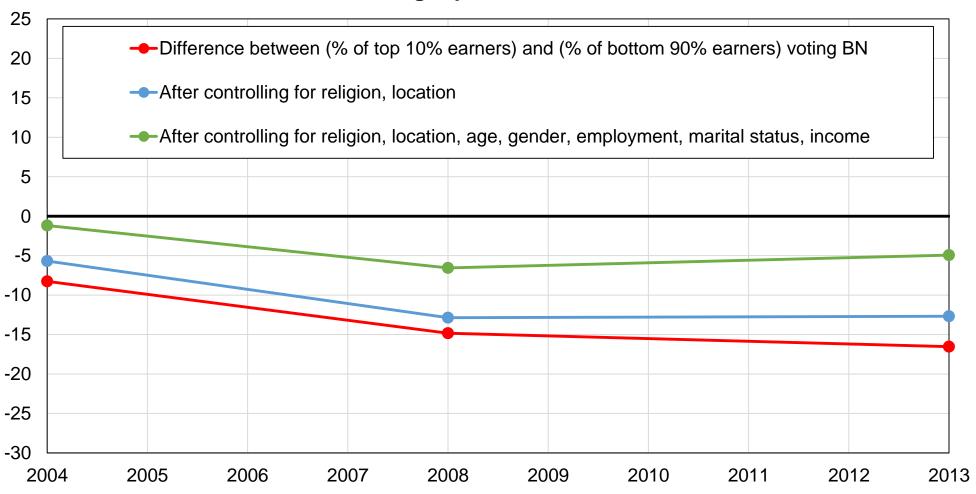
**Note**: the figure shows the difference between the share of bottom 50% educated voters voting for the National Front and the share of top 50% educated voters voting for the Barisan Nasional, before and after controls.

Figure CC4 – Support for the National Front Coalition among low-income voters



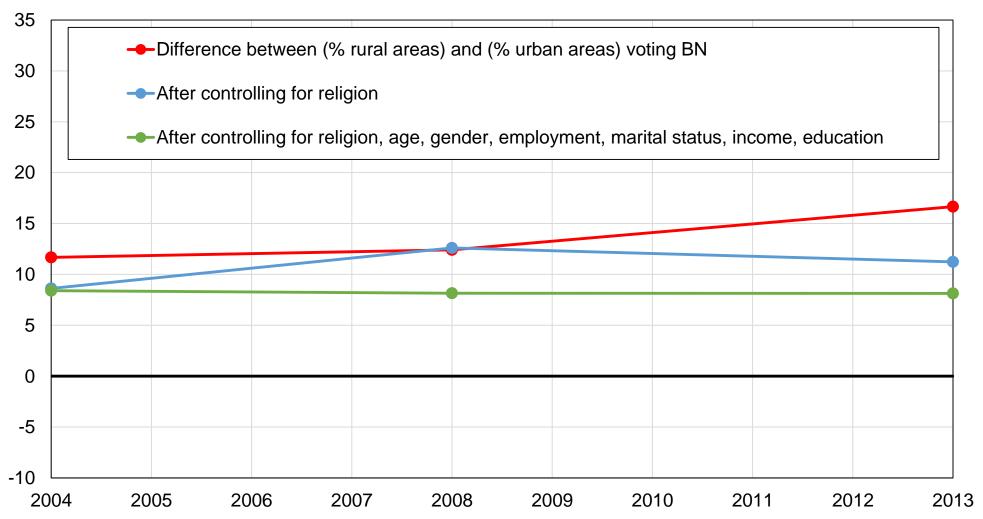
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Figure CC5 – Support for the National Front Coalition among top-income voters



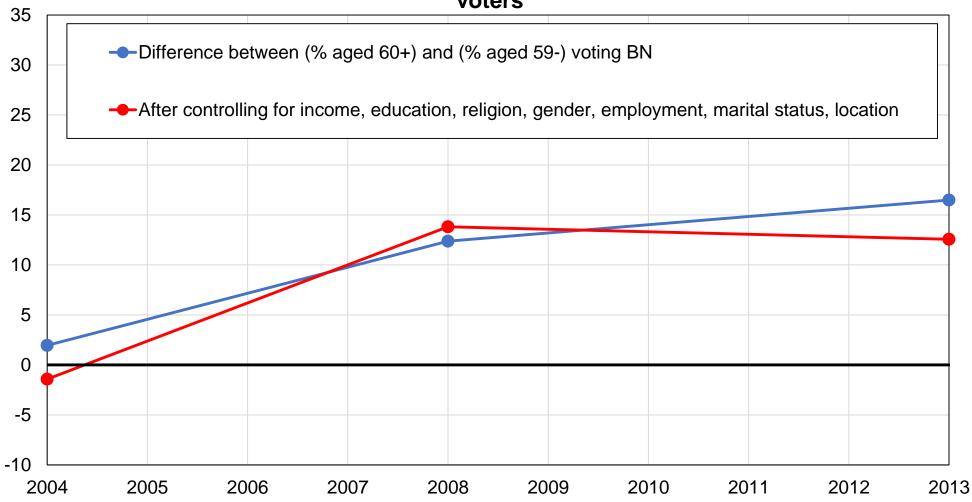
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Figure CC6 – Support for the National Front Coalition among rural areas



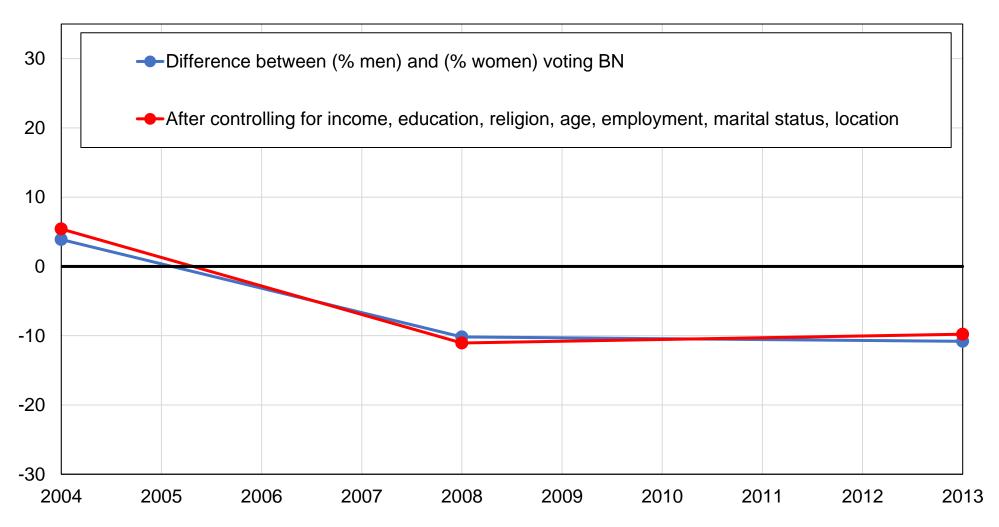
**Note**: the figure shows the difference between the share of rural areas voting for the Barisan Nasional and the share of urban areas voting for the Barisan Nasional, before and after controls.

Figure CC7 – Support for the National Front Coalition among older voters



**Note**: the figure shows the difference between the share of voters aged 60 or more voting for the Barisan Nasional and the share of voters younger than 60 voting for the Barisan Nasional, before and after controls.

Figure CC8 – Support for the National Front Coalition among men



**Note**: the figure shows the difference between the share of men voting for the Barisan Nasional and the share of women voting for the Barisan Nasional, before and after controls.

Table C1 - Data sources					
Year	Survey	Source	Sample size		
2004	Asian Barometer, Wave 2	Center for East Asia Democratic Studies	1 218		
2008	Asian Barometer, Wave 3	Center for East Asia Democratic Studies	1 214		
2013	Asian Barometer, Wave 4	Center for East Asia Democratic Studies	1 207		

Table 2 - Composition of the electorate					
	2004	2008	2013		
Location: Rural areas	17%	53%	44%		
Education: Primary	59%	48%	49%		
Education: Secondary	34%	37%	34%		
Education: Tertiary	7%	15%	17%		
Age: 20-39	54%	48%	55%		
Age: 40-59	37%	41%	34%		
Age: 60+	9%	11%	11%		
Gender: Men	51%	50%	51%		
Employment status: Employed	58%	54%	62%		
Employment status: Unemployed	2%	7%	3%		
Employment status: Inactive	40%	39%	35%		
Marital status: Married or with partner	65%	69%	65%		
Religion: Buddhist / Taoist	23%	28%	25%		
Religion: Hindu / Sikh	7%	7%	7%		
Religion: Muslim	59%	58%	61%		
Religion: Christian	11%	7%	7%		

Source: authors' computations using Asian Barometer Surveys.

Note: the table shows descriptive statistics by year for selected available variables.

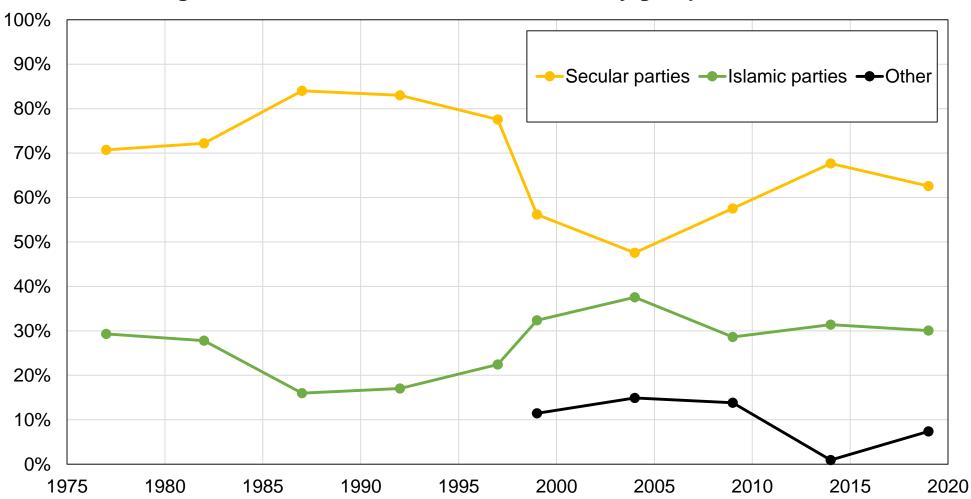
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Figure DA1 - Election results in Indonesia, 1971-2019

Source: authors' computations using official election results.

Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by selected Indonesian political parties or groups of parties in legislative elections between 1977 and 2019. Islamic parties include the PAN, PBB, PBR, PKB, PKNU, PKS, and PPP.

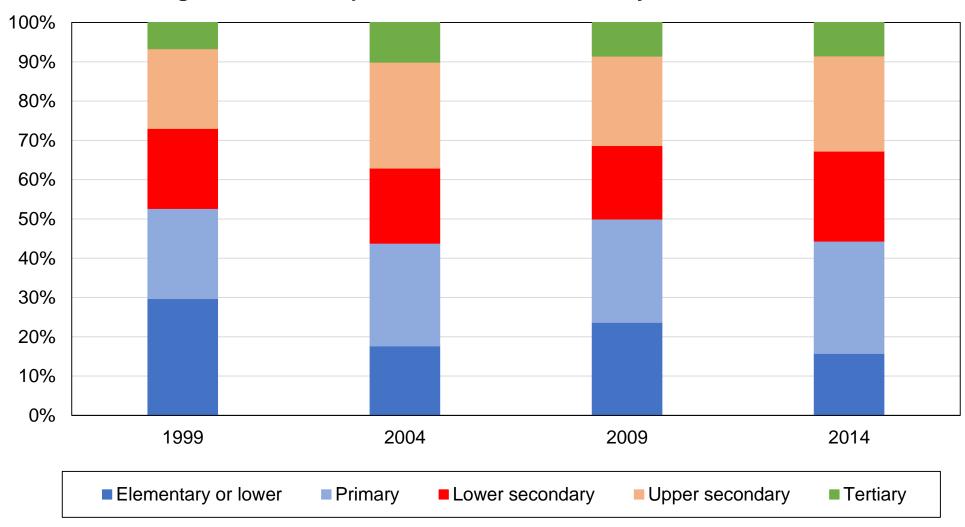
Figure DA2 - Election results in Indonesia by group, 1971-2019



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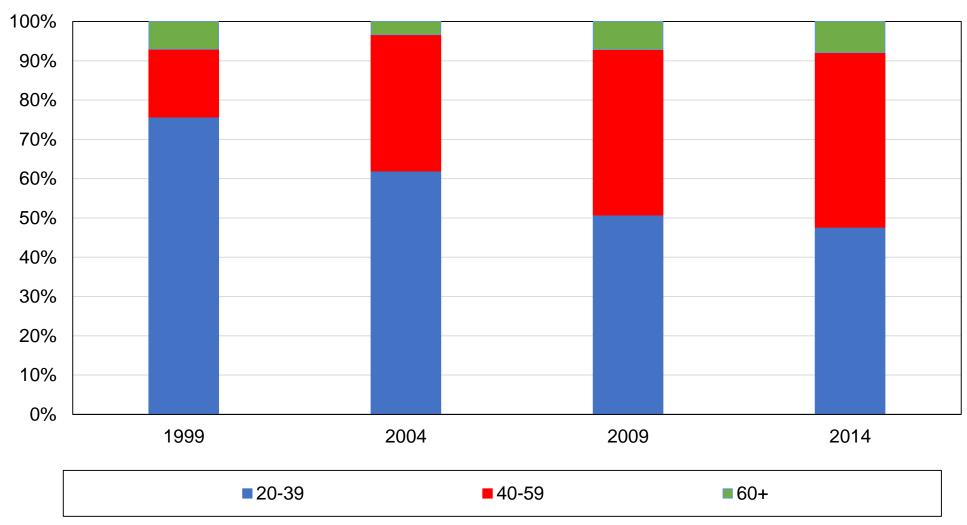
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Figure DA3 – Composition of the electorate by education level



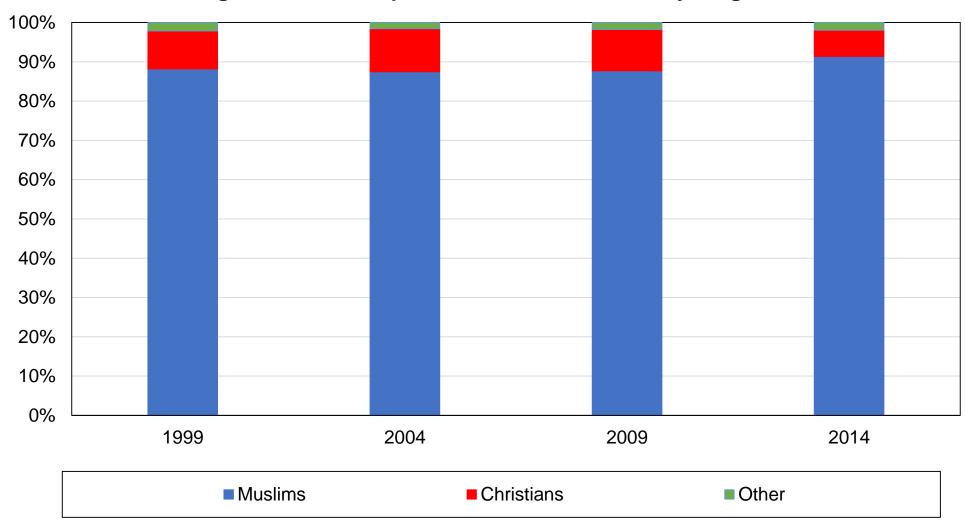
Source: authors' computations using Indonesian political attitudes surveys. Note: the figure shows the composition of the electorate by education level.

Figure DA4 – Composition of the electorate by age group



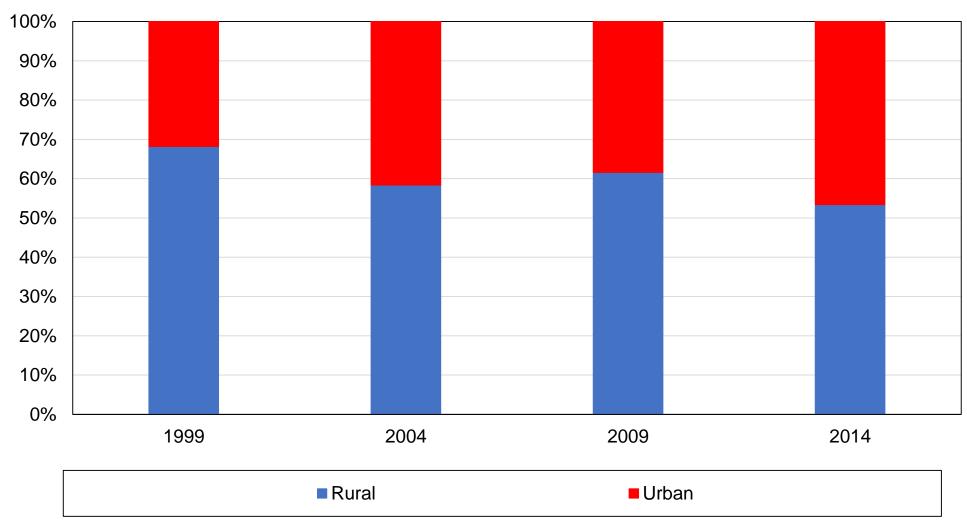
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Figure DA5 – Composition of the electorate by religion



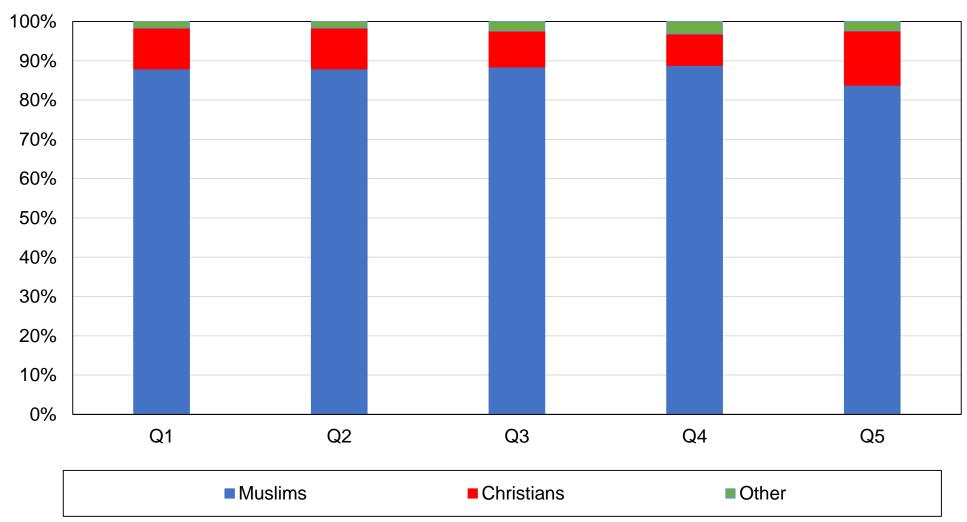
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Figure DA6 – Composition of the electorate by rural-urban location



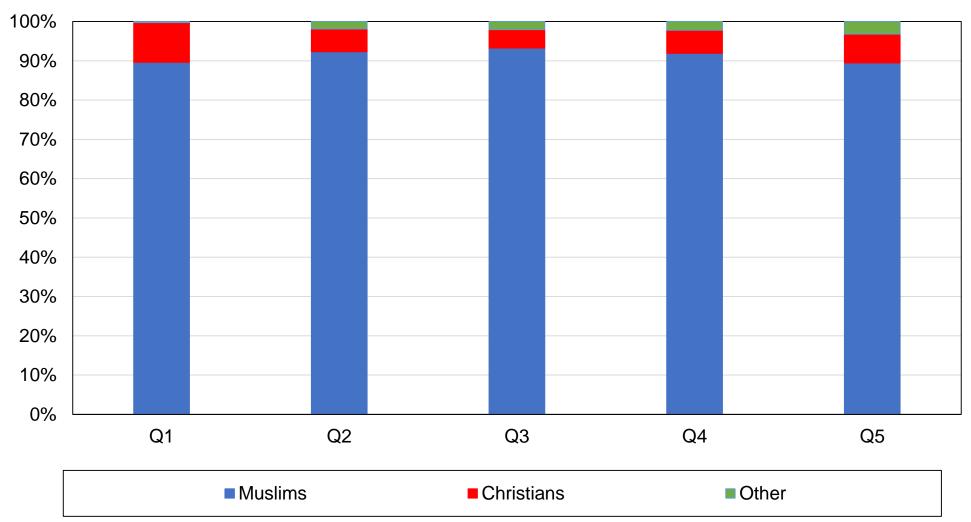
Source: authors' computations using Indonesian political attitudes surveys. Note: the figure shows the composition of the electorate by rural-urban location.

Figure DA7 – Composition of income quintiles by religion, 1999



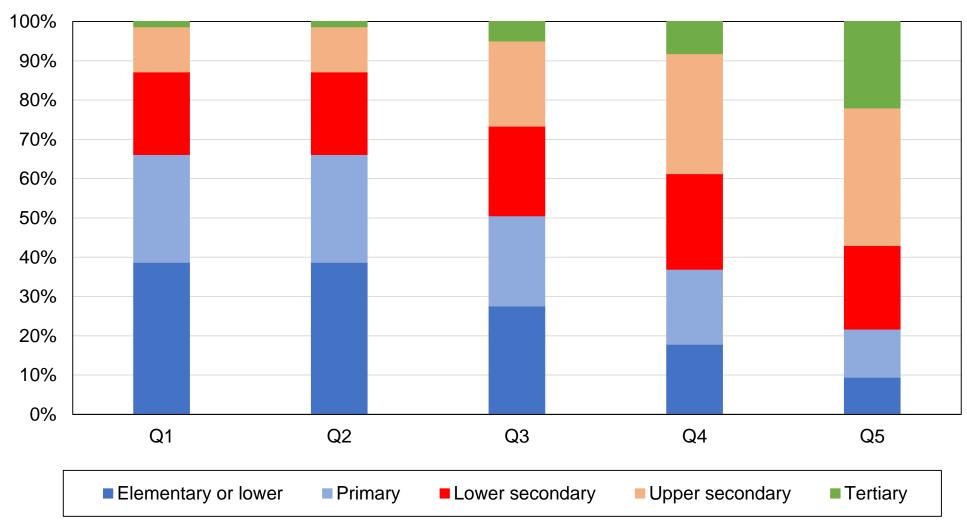
Note: the figure shows the composition of income quintiles by religious affiliation in 1999.

Figure DA8 – Composition of income quintiles by religion, 2014



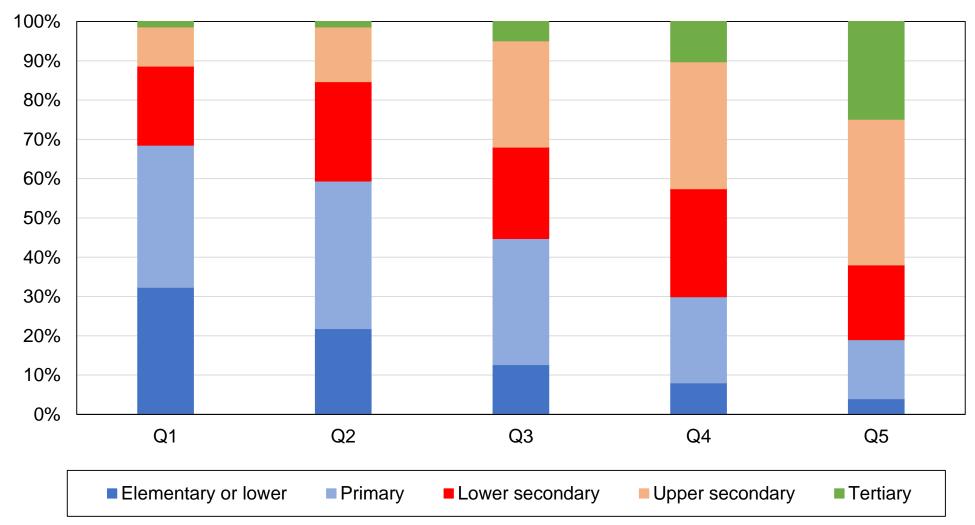
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Figure DA9 – Composition of income quintiles by education, 1999



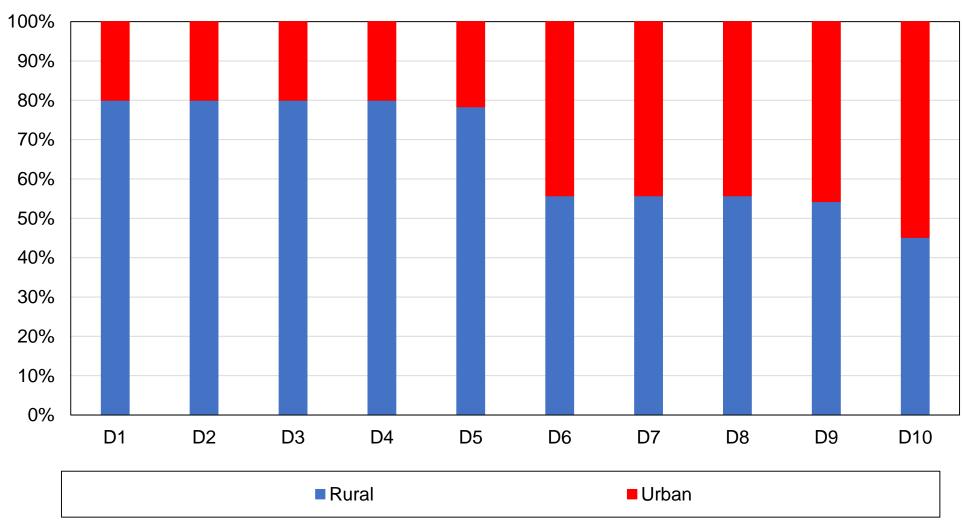
Note: the figure shows the composition of income quintiles by education level in 1999.

Figure DA10 – Composition of income quintiles by education, 2014



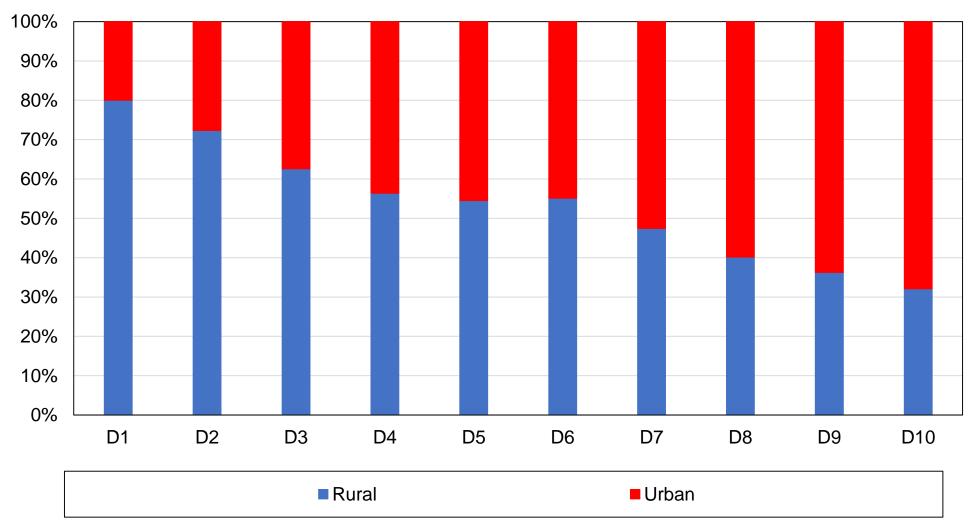
Note: the figure shows the composition of income quintiles by education level in 2014.

Figure DA11 – Rural-urban composition of income deciles, 1999



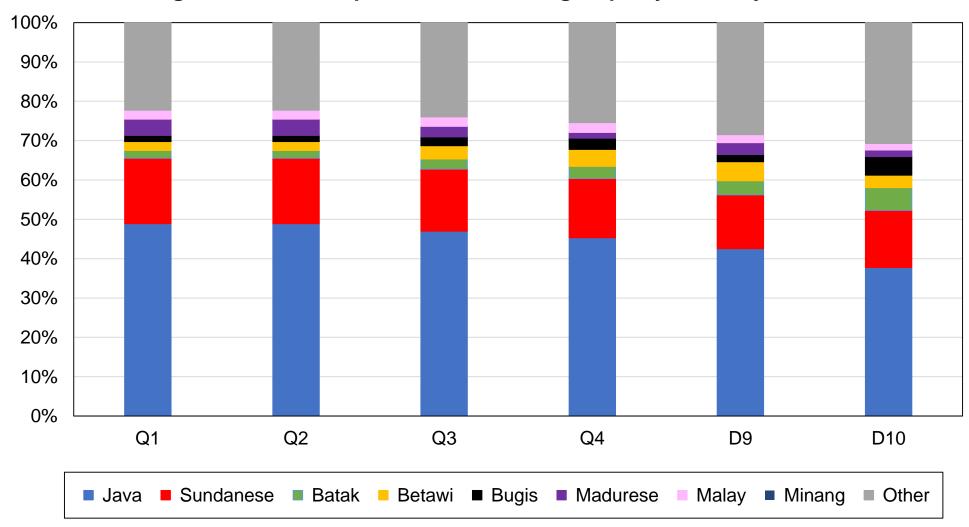
Note: the figure shows the composition of income deciles by rural-urban location in 1999.

Figure DA12 – Rural-urban composition of income deciles, 2014



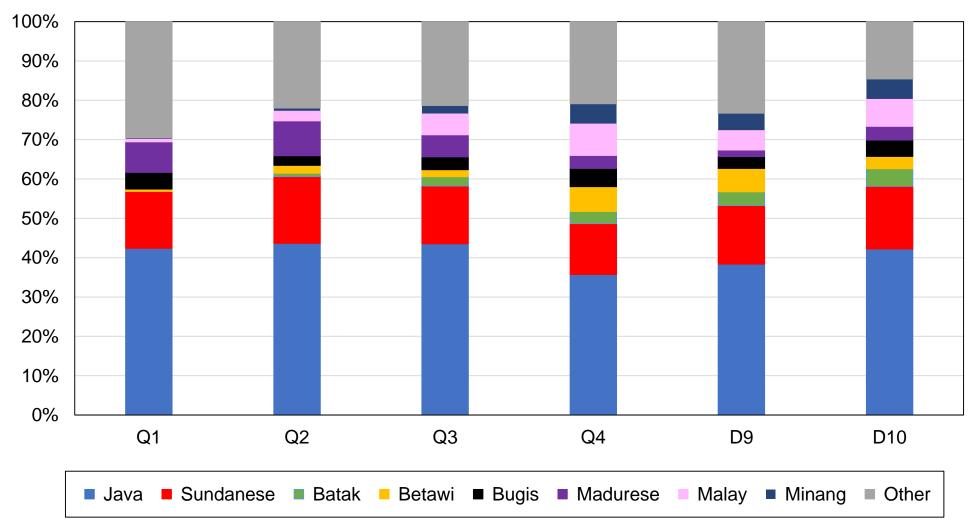
Note: the figure shows the composition of income deciles by rural-urban location in 2014.

Figure DA13 - Composition of income groups by ethnicity, 1999



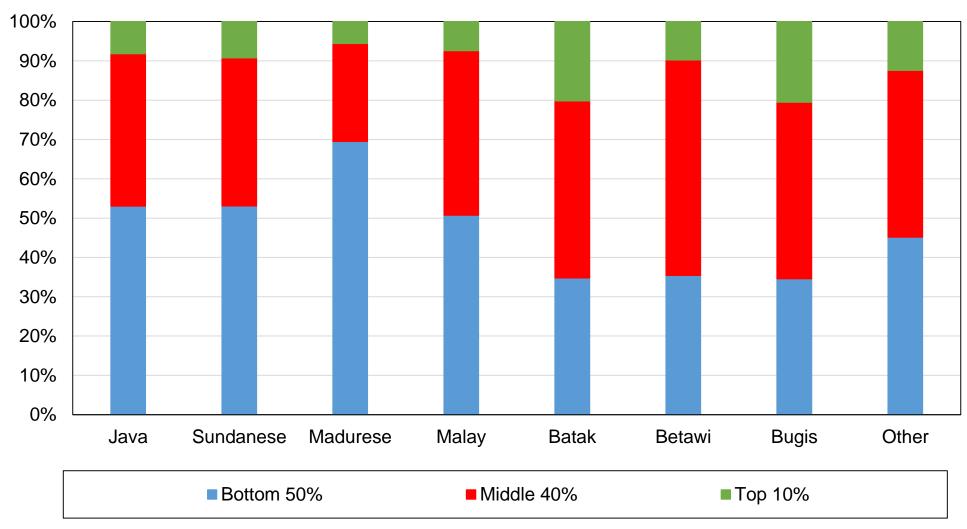
Note: the figure shows the composition of income groups by ethnic affiliation in 1999.

Figure DA14 - Composition of income groups by ethnicity, 2014



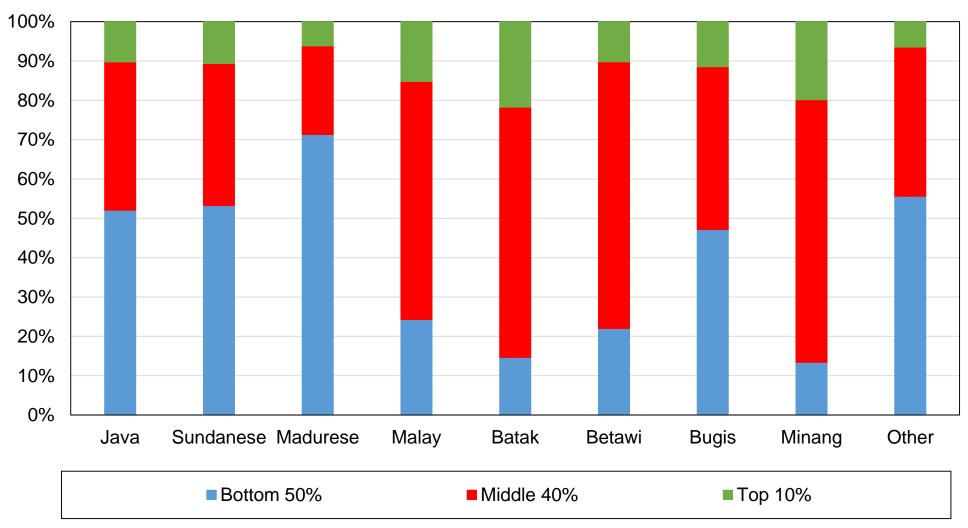
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Figure DA15 - Composition of ethnic groups by income, 1999



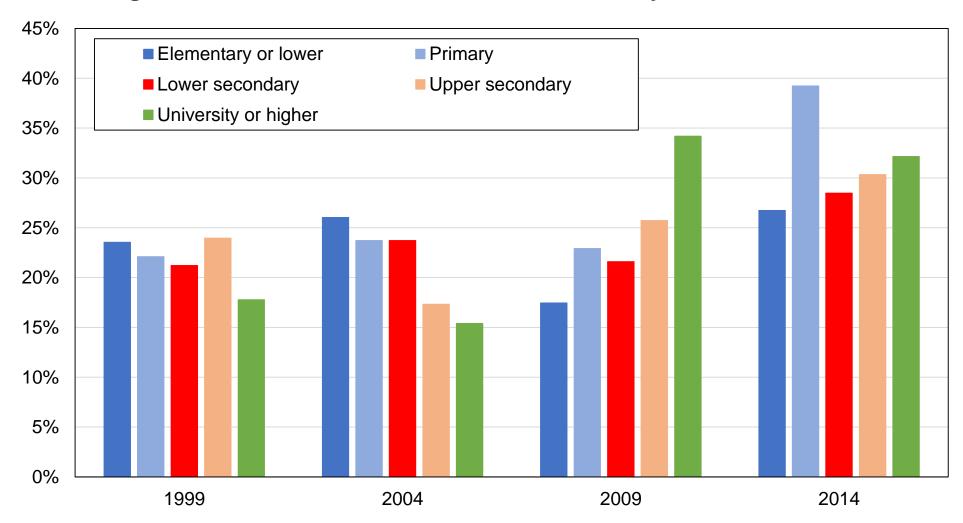
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Figure DA16 - Composition of ethnic groups by income, 2014



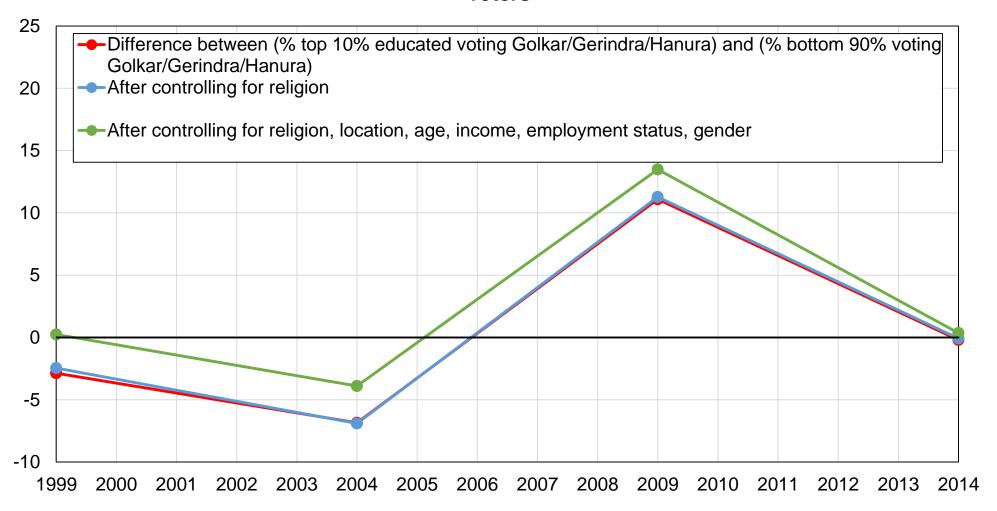
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Figure DB1 – Vote for Golkar/Gerindra/Hanura by education level



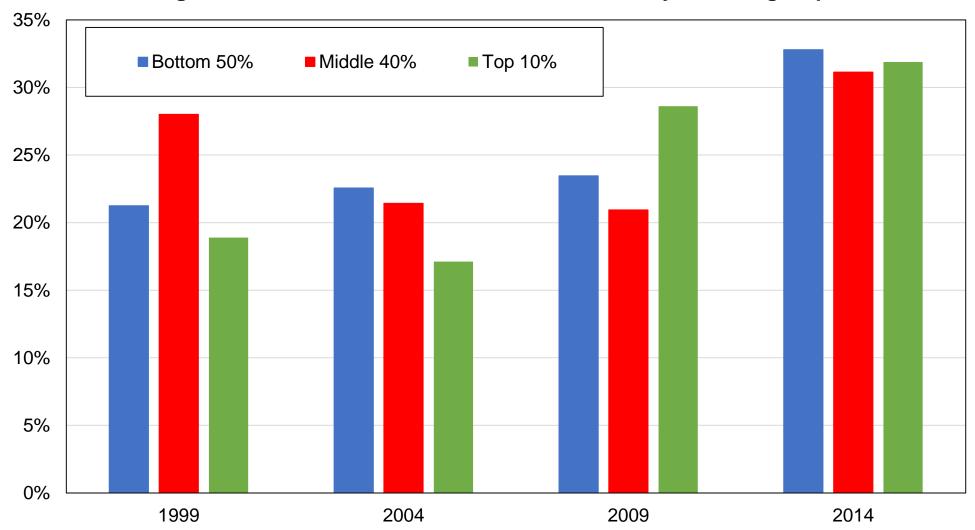
Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by Golkar/Gerindra/Hanura by education level.

Figure DB2 – Vote for Golkar/Gerindra/Hanura among higher-educated voters



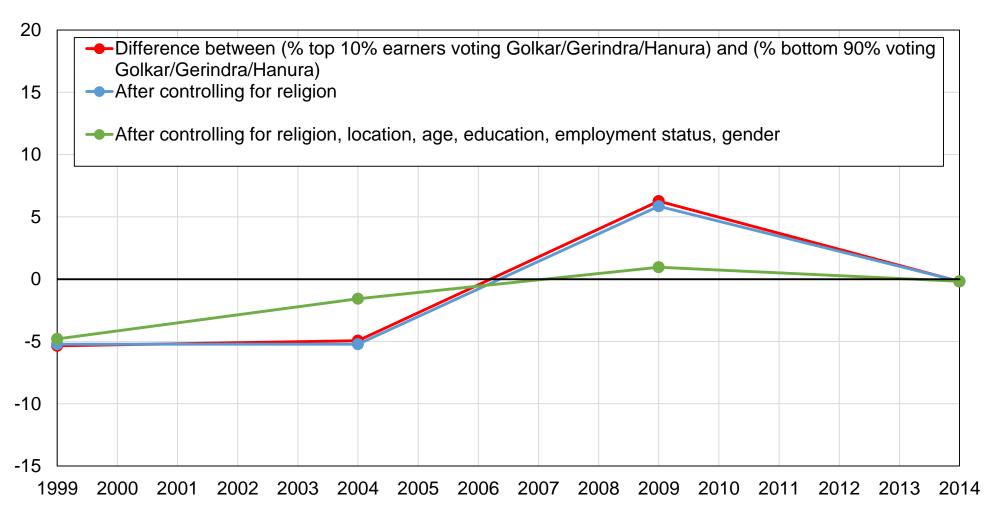
Note: the figure shows the difference between the share of top 10% educated voters voting for Golkar/Gerindra/Hanura and the share of other voters voting for these parties, before and after controls.

Figure DB3 – Vote for Golkar/Gerindra/Hanura by income group



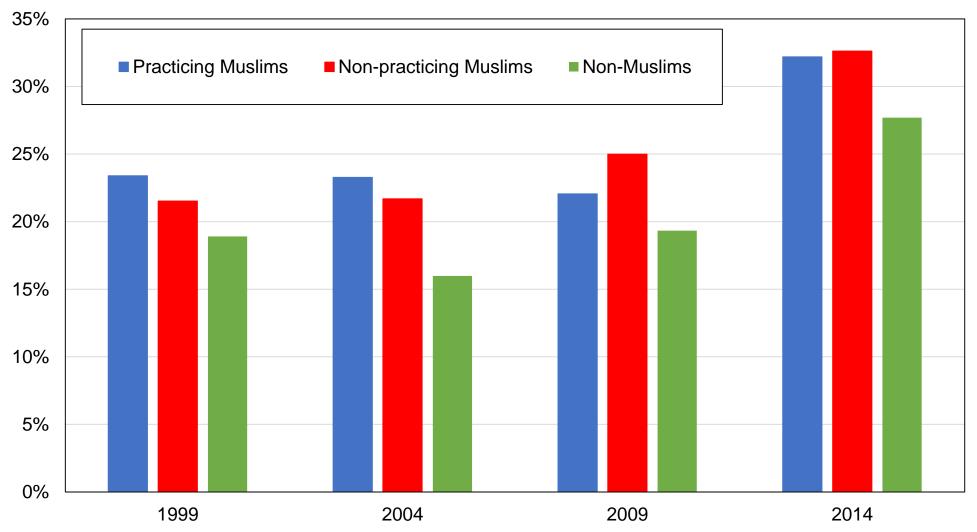
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Figure DB4 – Vote for Golkar/Gerindra/Hanura among top-income voters



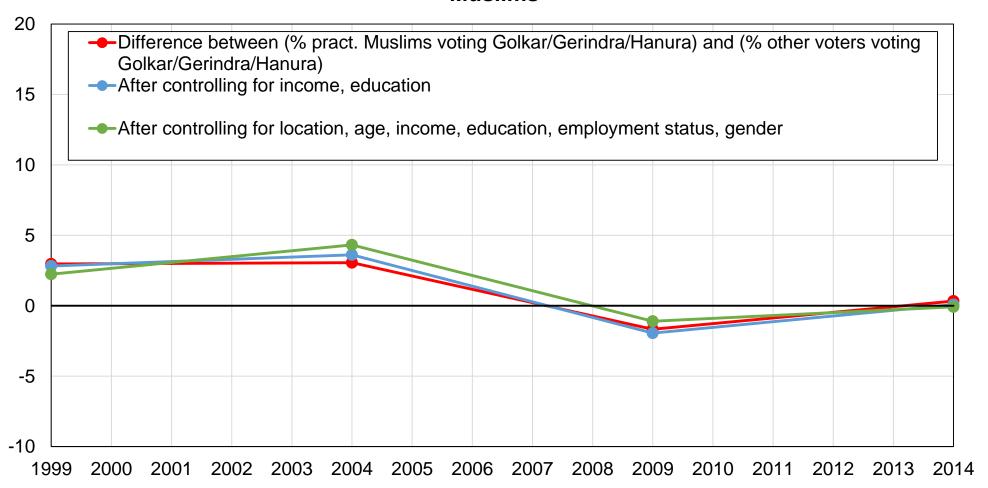
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Figure DB5 – Vote for Golkar/Gerindra/Hanura by religion



Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by Golkar/Gerindra/Hanura by religion.

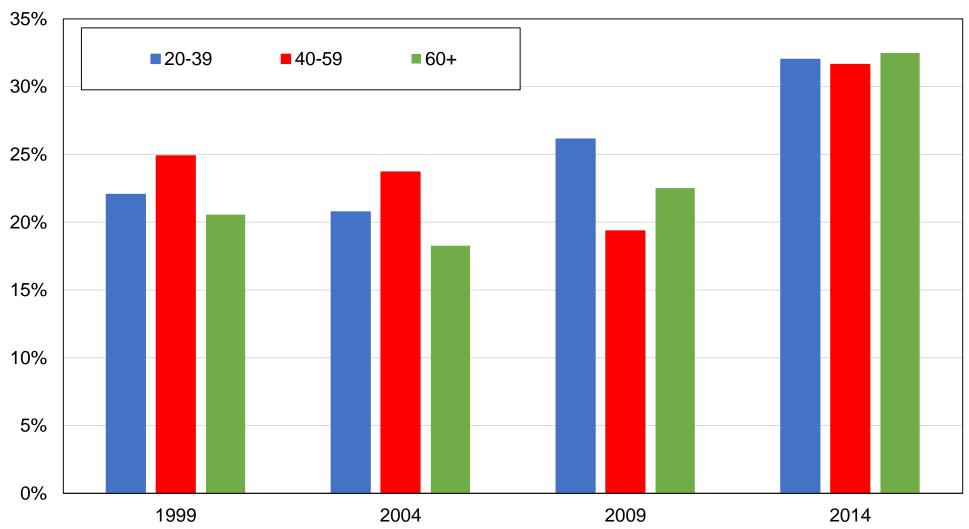
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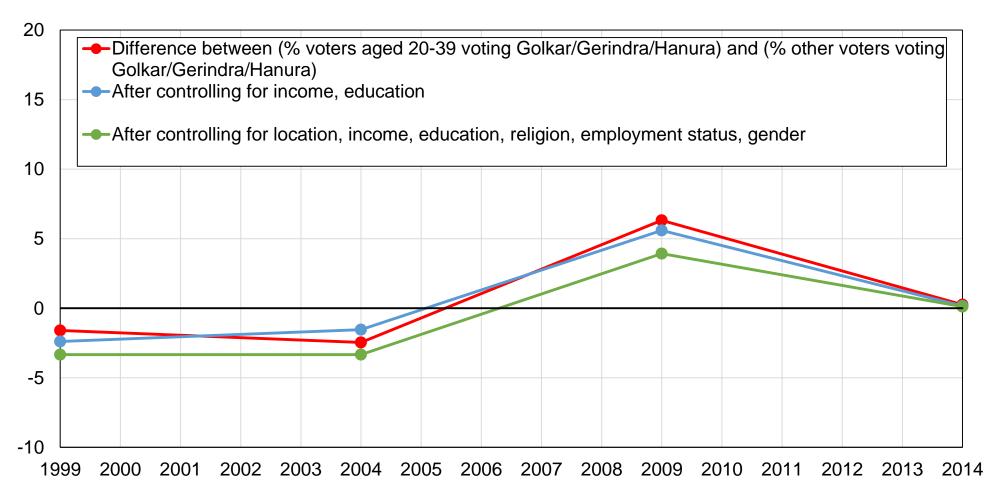
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Figure DB7 – Vote for Golkar/Gerindra/Hanura by age group



Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by Golkar/Gerindra/Hanura by age group.

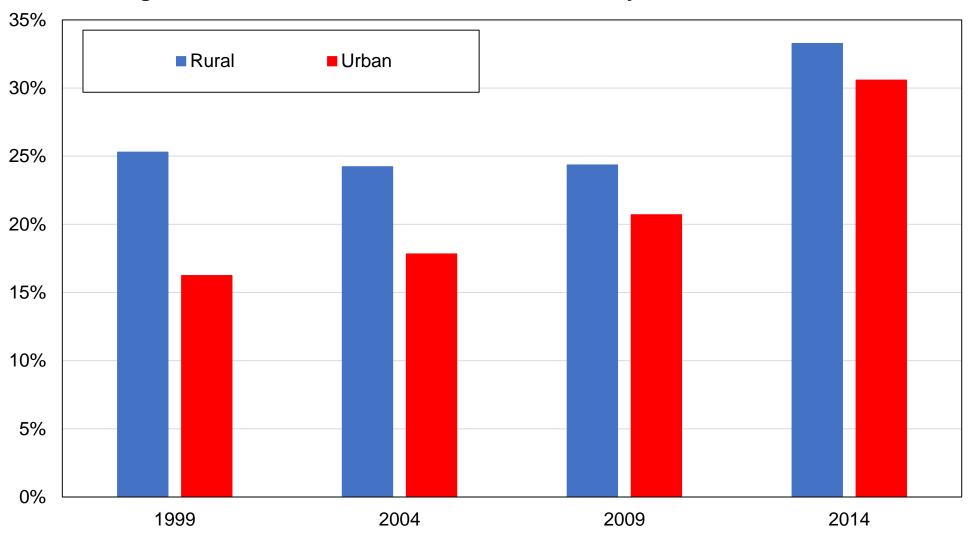
## Figure DB8 – Vote for Golkar/Gerindra/Hanura among young voters



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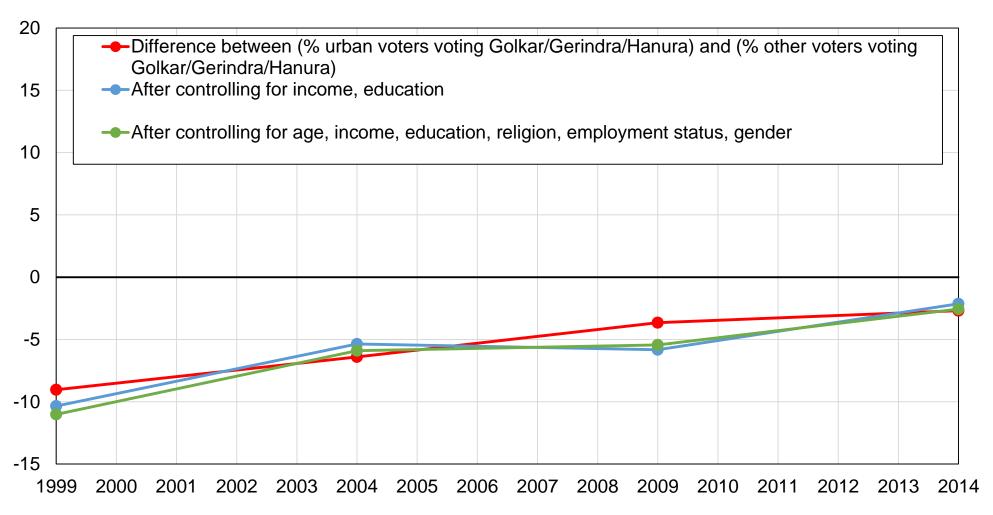
Note: the figure shows the difference between the share of voters aged 20 to 39 voting for Golkar/Gerindra/Hanura and the share of other voters voting for Golkar/Gerindra/Hanura, before and after controls.

Figure DB9 – Vote for Golkar/Gerindra/Hanura by rural-urban location



Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by Golkar/Gerindra/Hanura by rural-urban location.

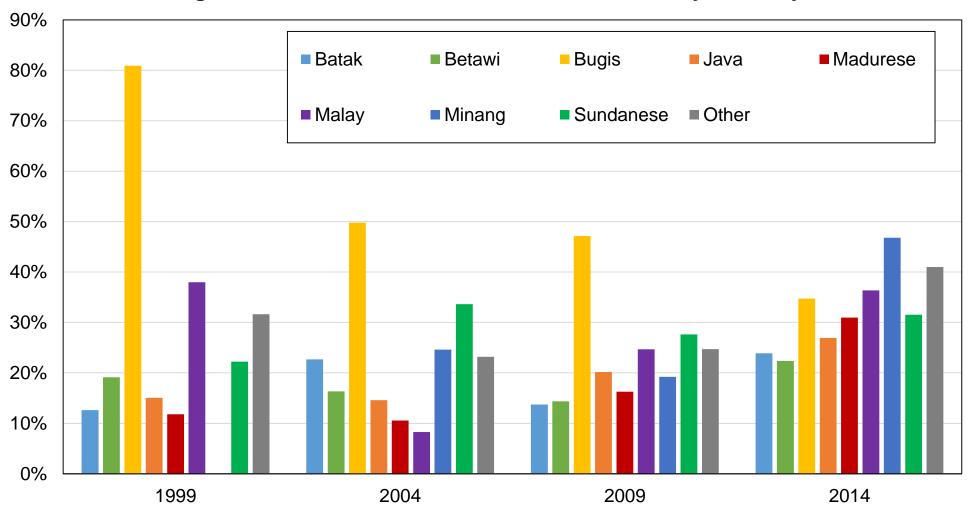
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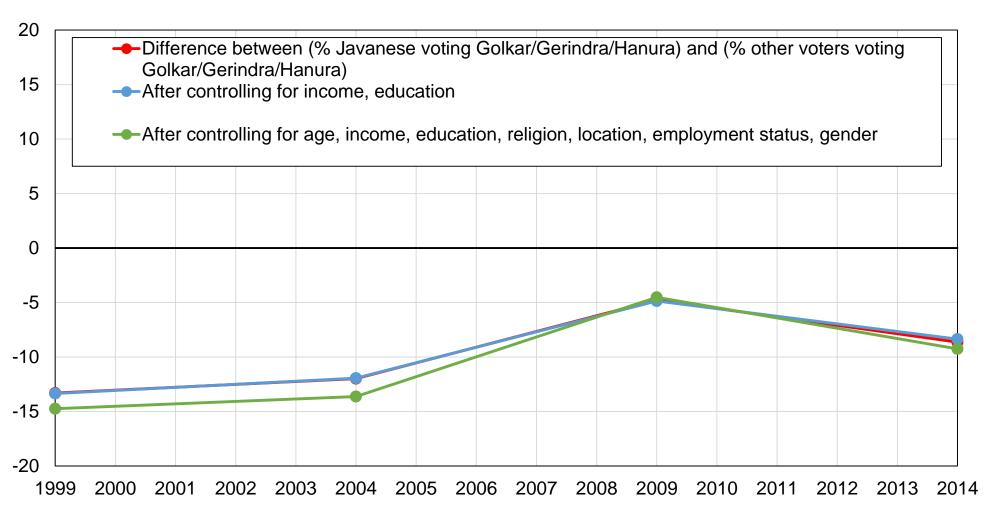
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Figure DB11 – Vote for Golkar/Gerindra/Hanura by ethnicity



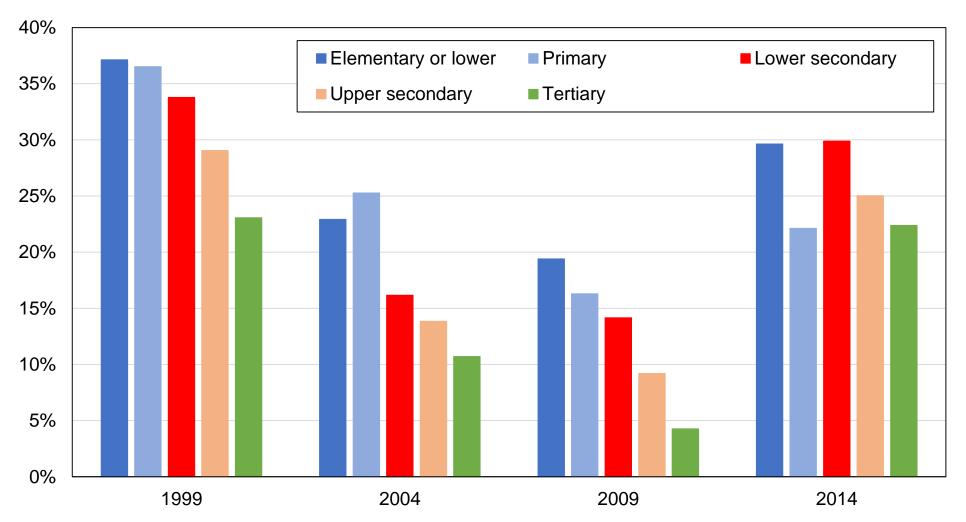
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Figure DB12 – Vote for Golkar/Gerindra/Hanura among Javanese voters



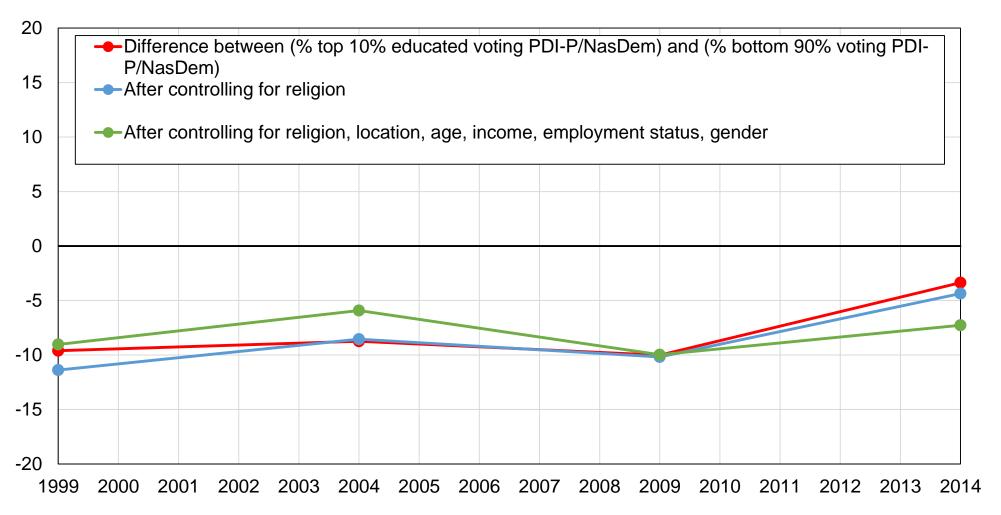
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Figure DC1 – Vote for PDI-P/NasDem by education level



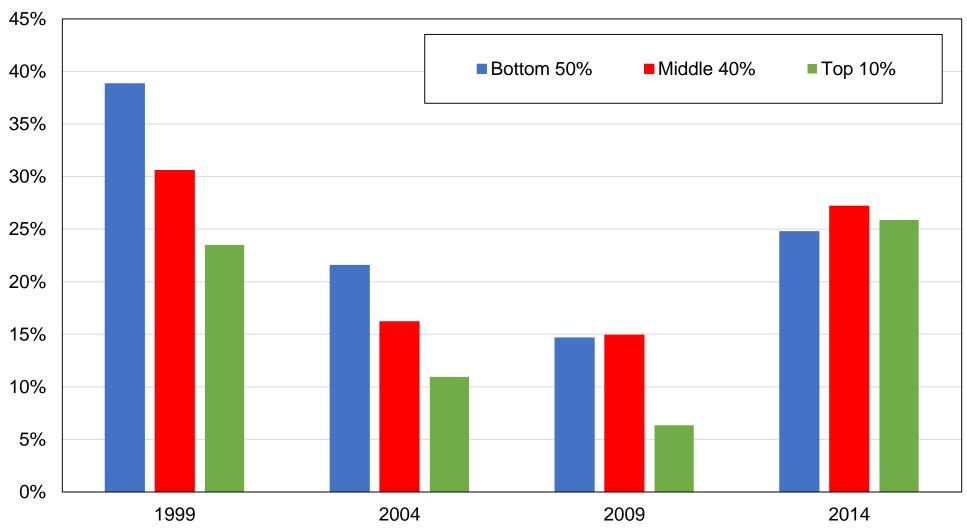
Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by PDI-P/NasDem by education level.

Figure DC2 – Vote for PDI-P/NasDem among higher-educated voters



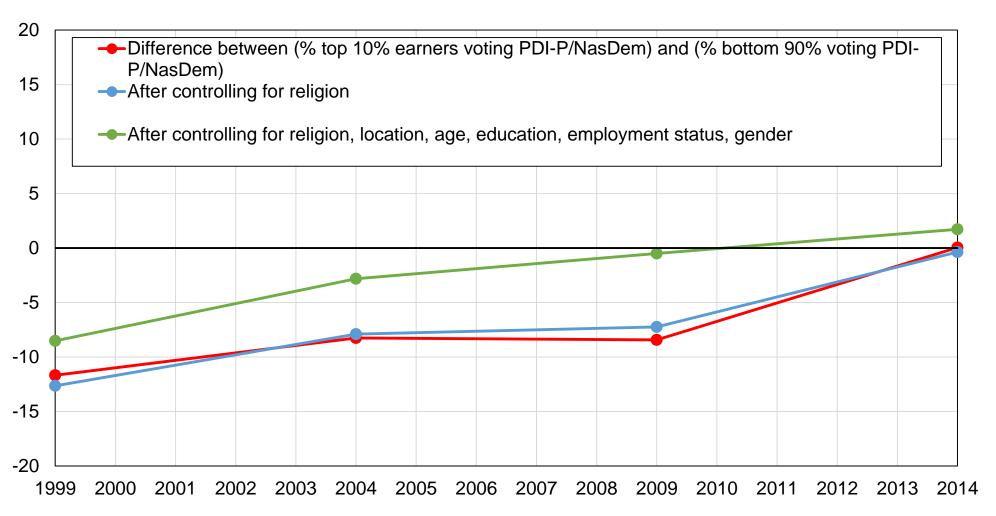
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Figure DC3 – Vote for PDI-P/NasDem by income group



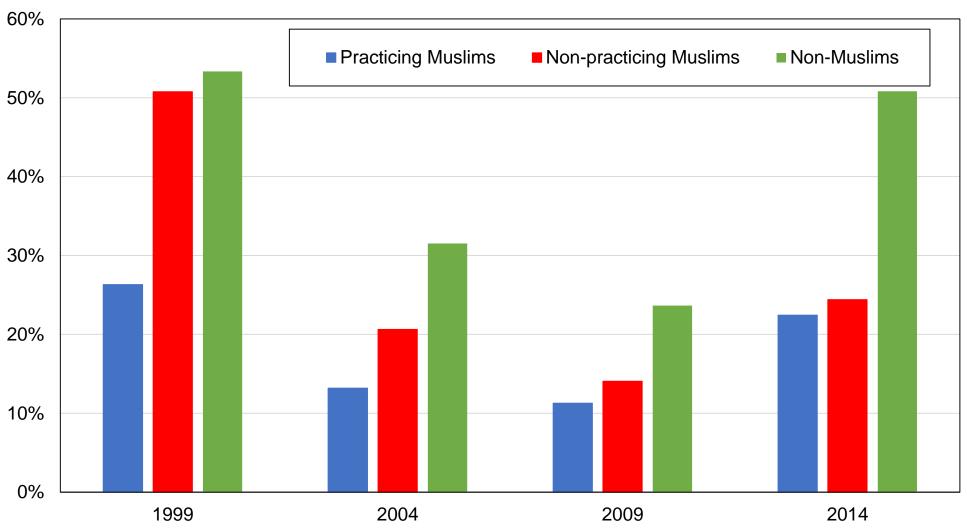
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Figure DC4 – Vote for PDI-P/NasDem among top-income voters



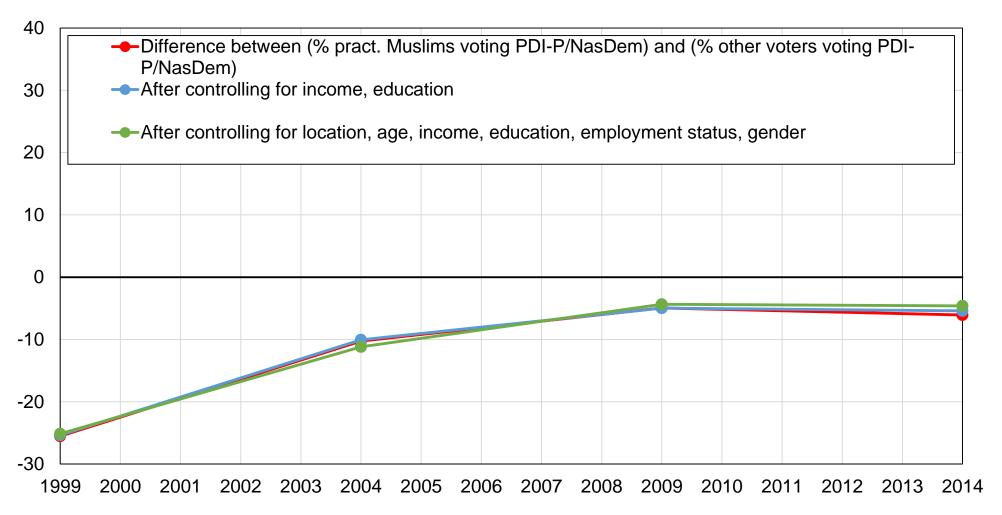
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Figure DC5 – Vote for PDI-P/NasDem by religion



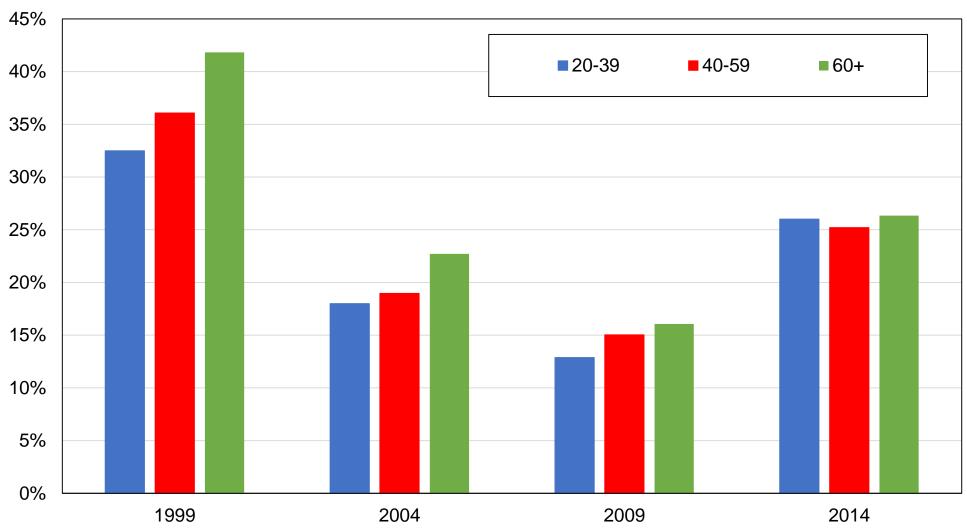
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Figure DC6 – Vote for PDI-P/NasDem among practicing Muslims



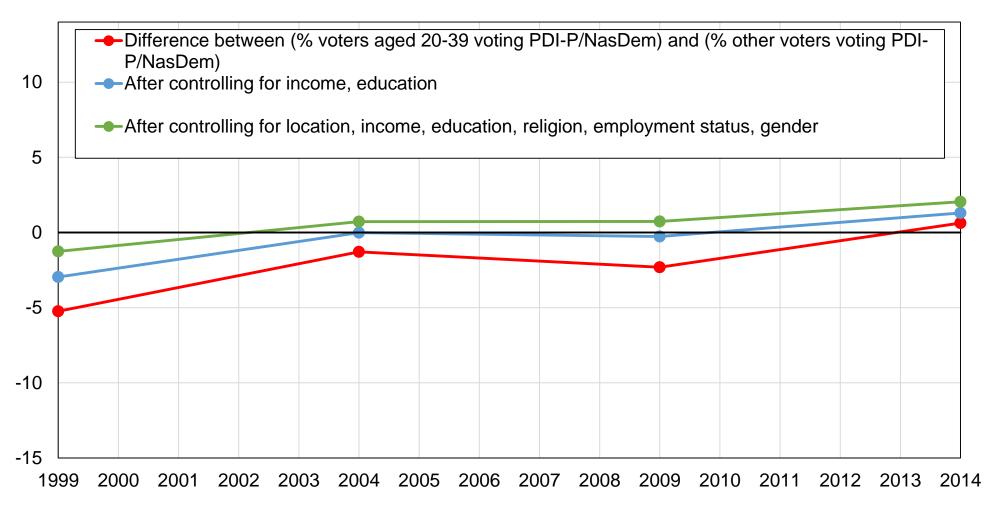
Note: the figure shows the difference between the share of practicing Muslims voting for PDI-P/NasDem and the share of other voters voting for PDI-P/NasDem, before and after controls.

Figure DC7 – Vote for PDI-P/NasDem by age group



Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by PDI-P/NasDem by age group.

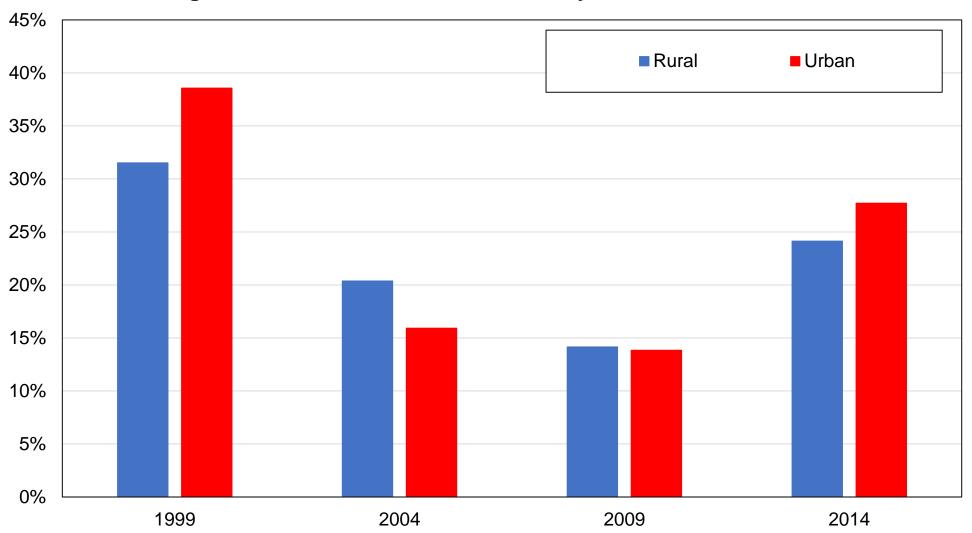
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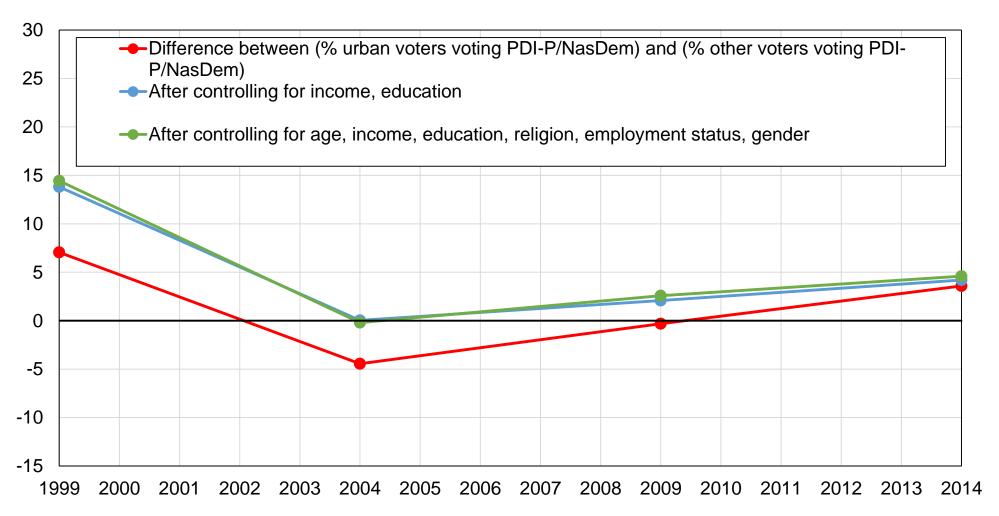
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Figure DC9 – Vote for PDI-P/NasDem by rural-urban location



Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by PDI-P/NasDem by rural-urban location.

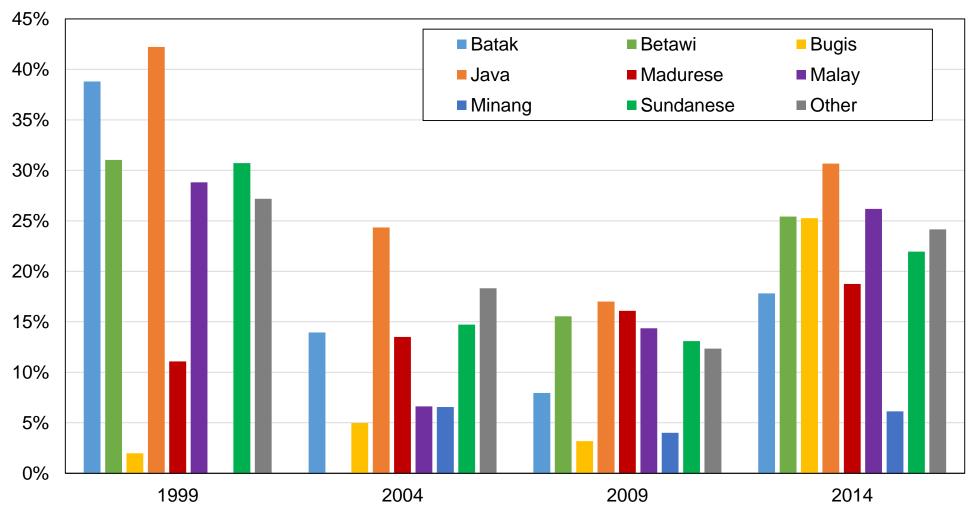
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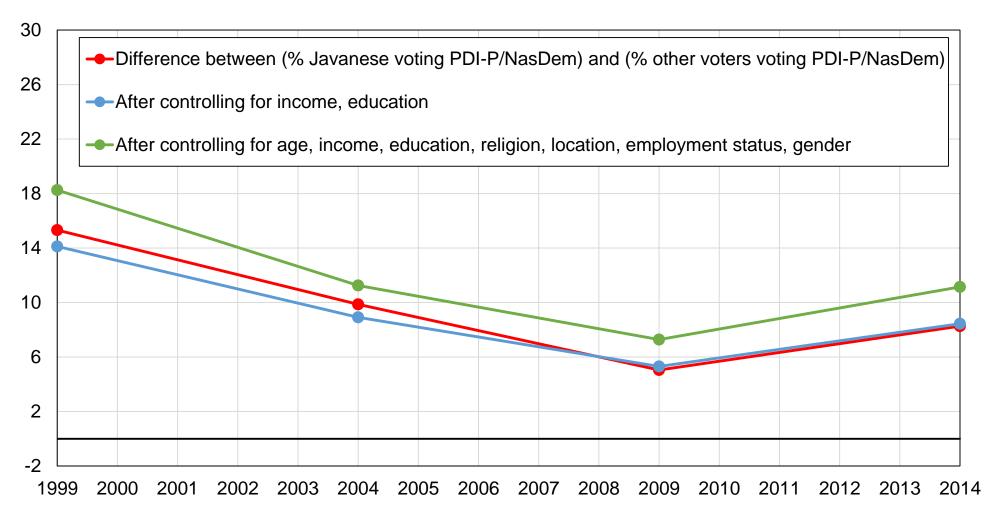
Note: the figure shows the difference between the share of urban voters voting for PDI-P/NasDem and the share of other voters voting for PDI-P/NasDem, before and after controls.

Figure DC11 – Vote for PDI-P/NasDem by ethnicity



Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by PDI-P/NasDem by ethnic affiliation.

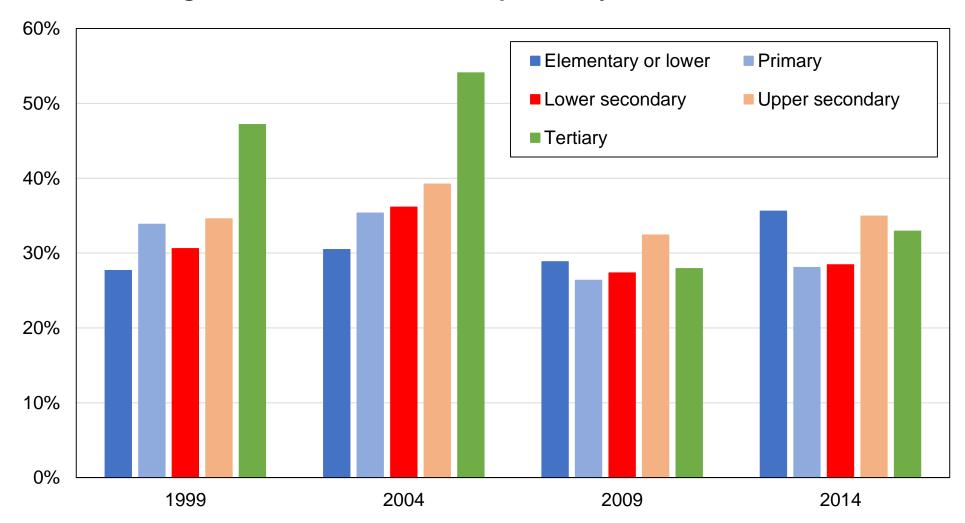
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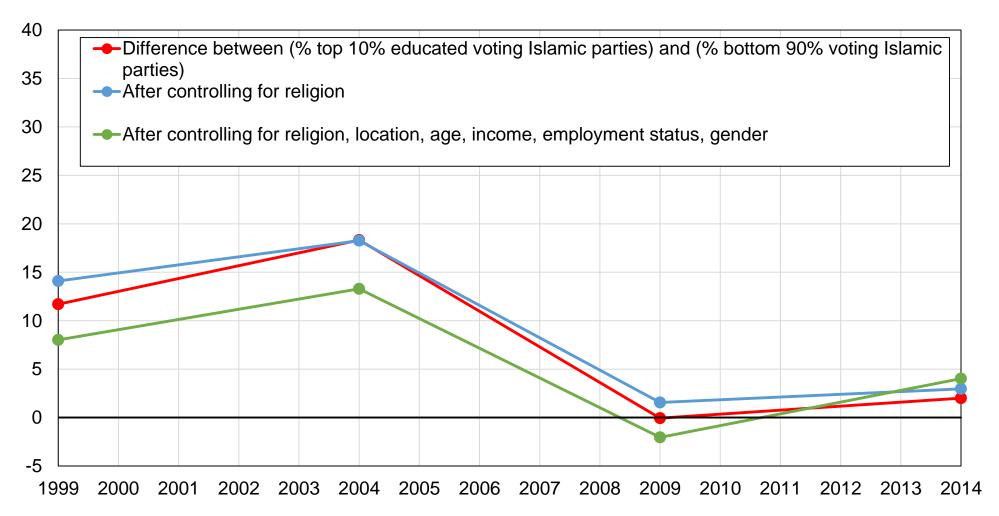
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Figure DD1 – Vote for Islamic parties by education level



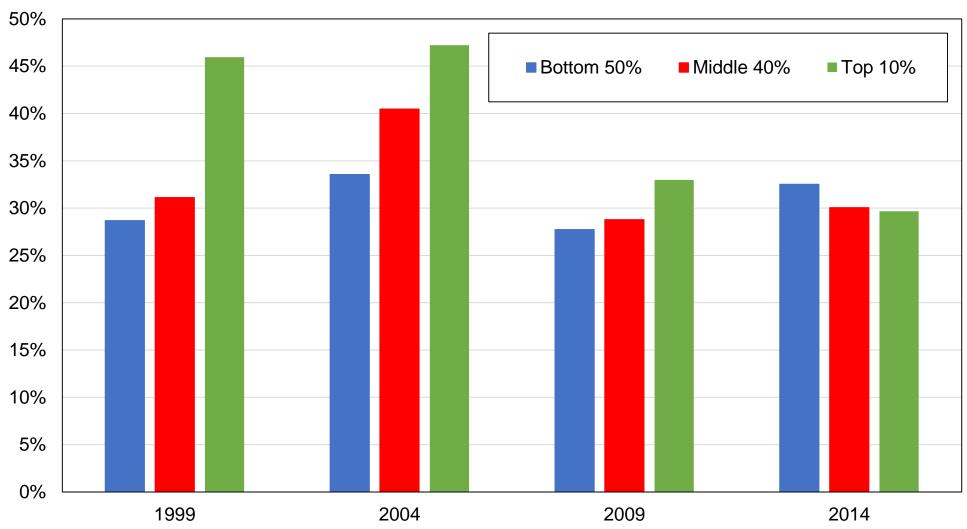
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Figure DD2 – Vote for Islamic parties among higher-educated voters



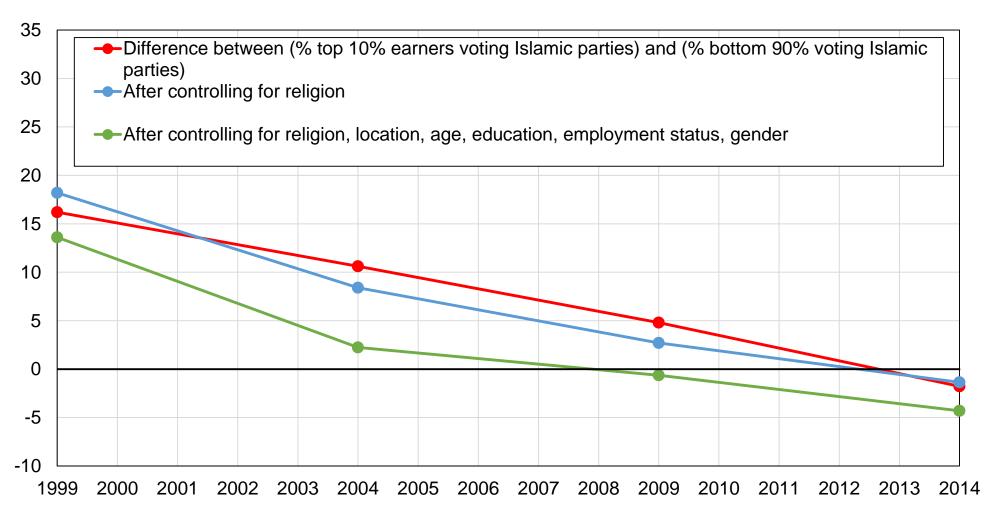
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Figure DD3 – Vote for Islamic parties by income group



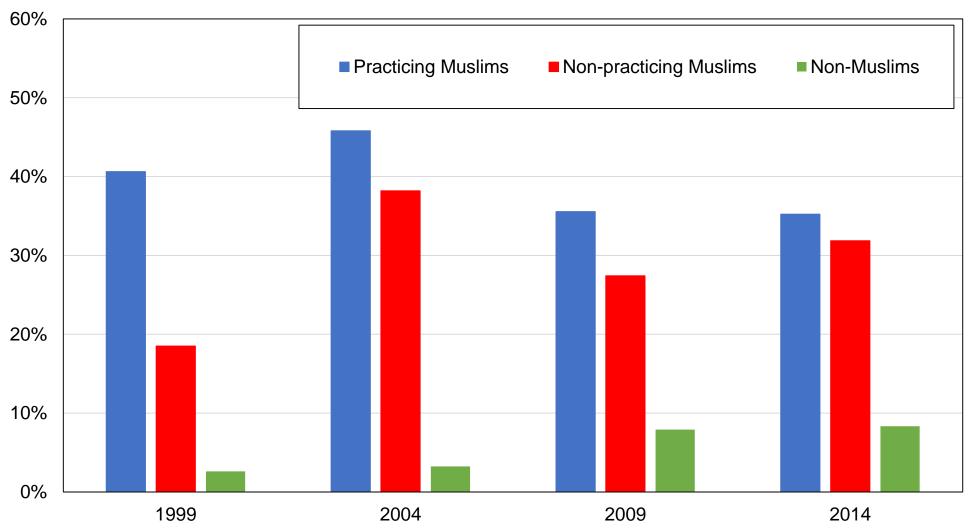
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Figure DD4 – Vote for Islamic parties among top-income voters



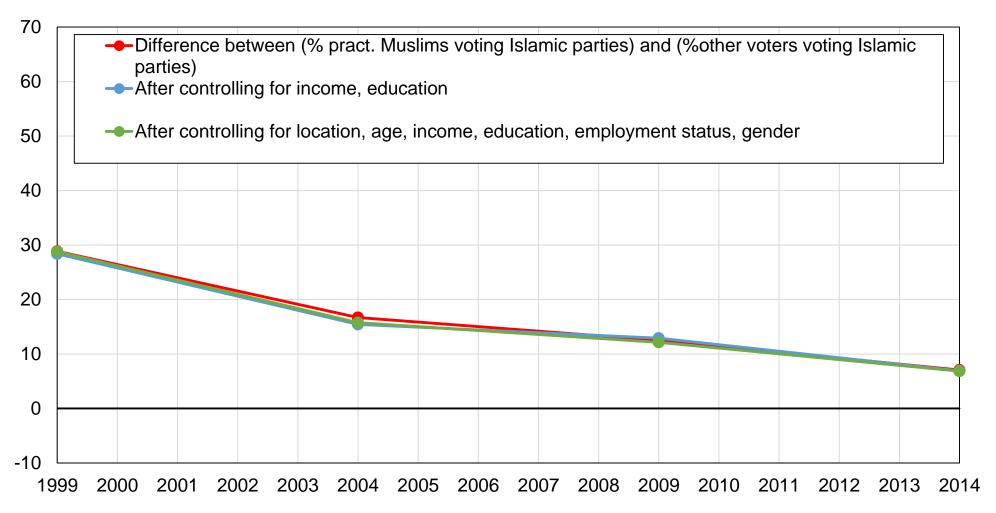
Note: the figure shows the difference between the share of top 10% earners voting for Islamic parties and the share of other voters voting for Islamic parties, before and after controls.

Figure DD5 – Vote for Islamic parties by religion



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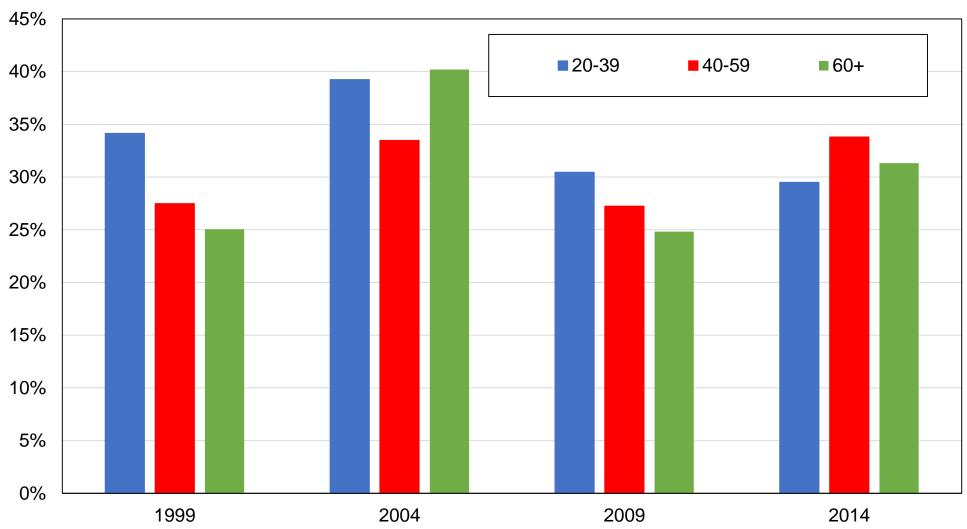
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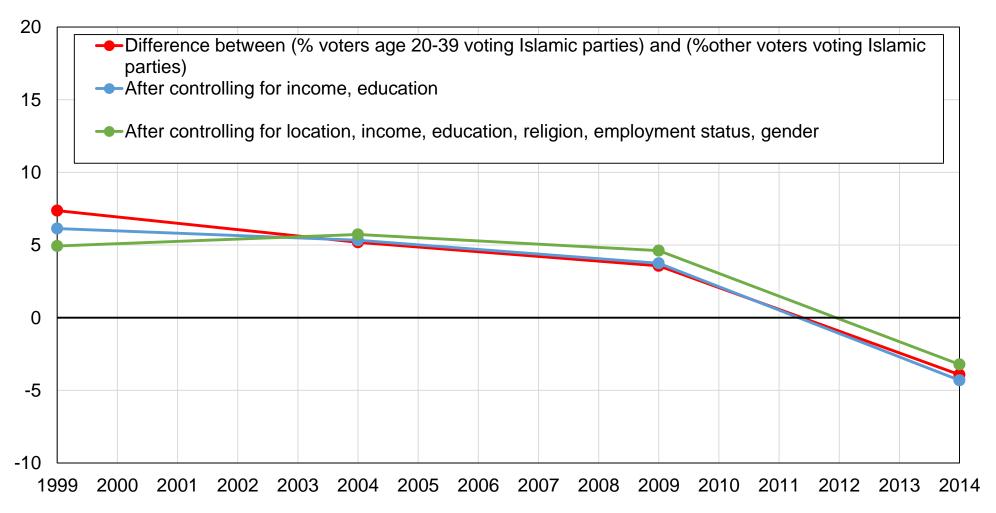
Note: the figure shows the difference between the share of practicing Muslims voting for Islamic parties and the share of other voters voting for Islamic parties, before and after controls.

Figure DD7 – Vote for Islamic parties by age group



Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by Islamic parties by age group.

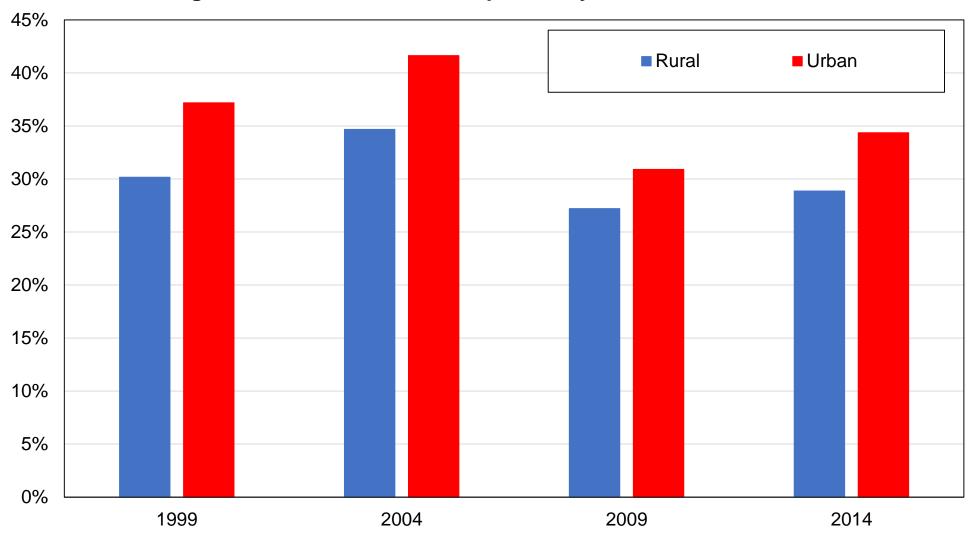
#### Figure DD8 – Vote for Islamic parties among young voters



Source: authors' computations using Indonesian political attitudes surveys.

Note: the figure shows the difference between the share of voters aged 20 to 39 voting for Islamic parties and the share of other voters voting for Islamic parties, before and after controls.

Figure DD9 – Vote for Islamic parties by rural-urban location



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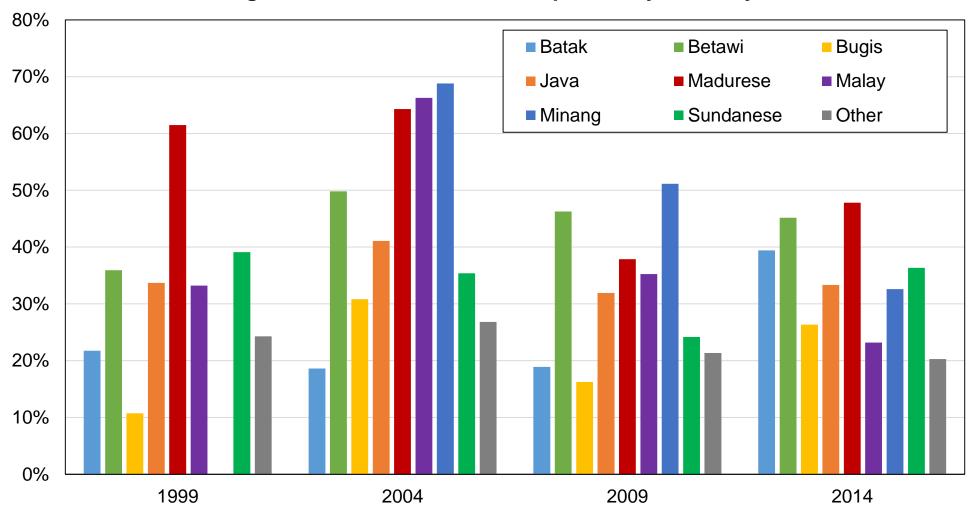
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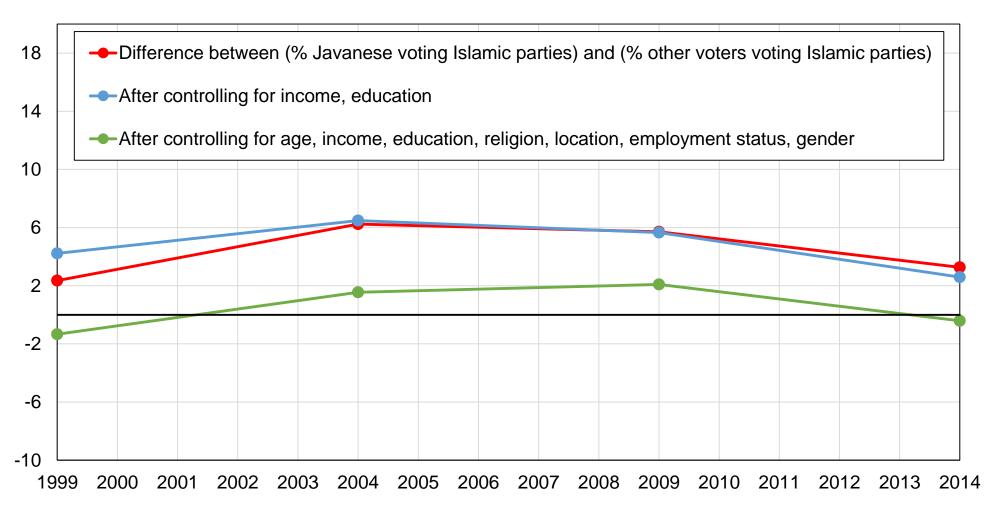
Note: the figure shows the difference between the share of urban voters voting for Islamic parties and the share of other voters voting for Islamic parties, before and after controls.

Figure DD11 – Vote for Islamic parties by ethnicity



Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by Islamic parties by ethnic affiliation.

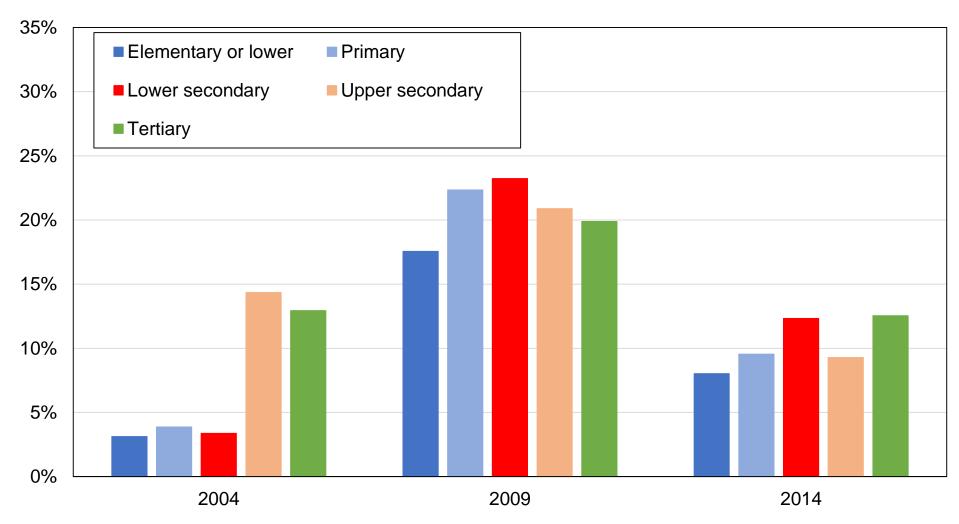
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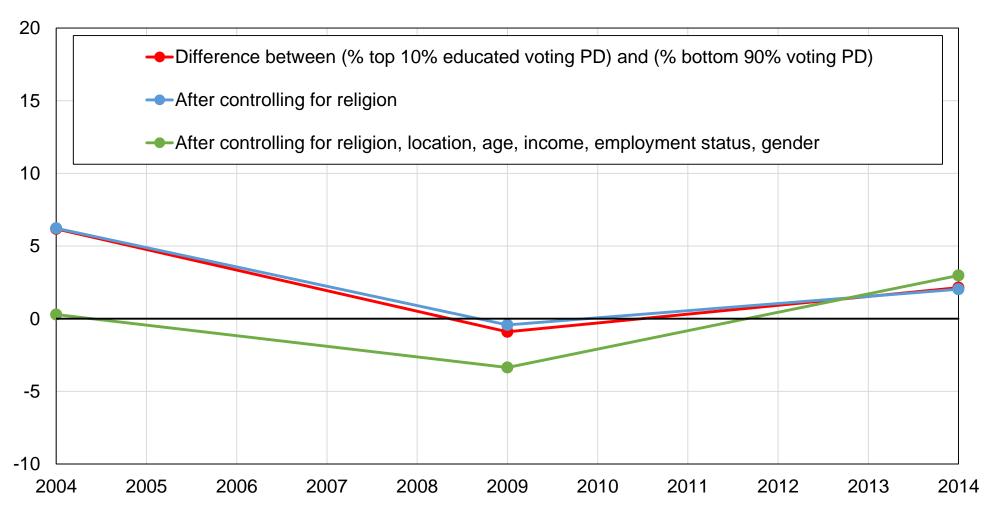
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Figure DE1 – Vote for PD by education level



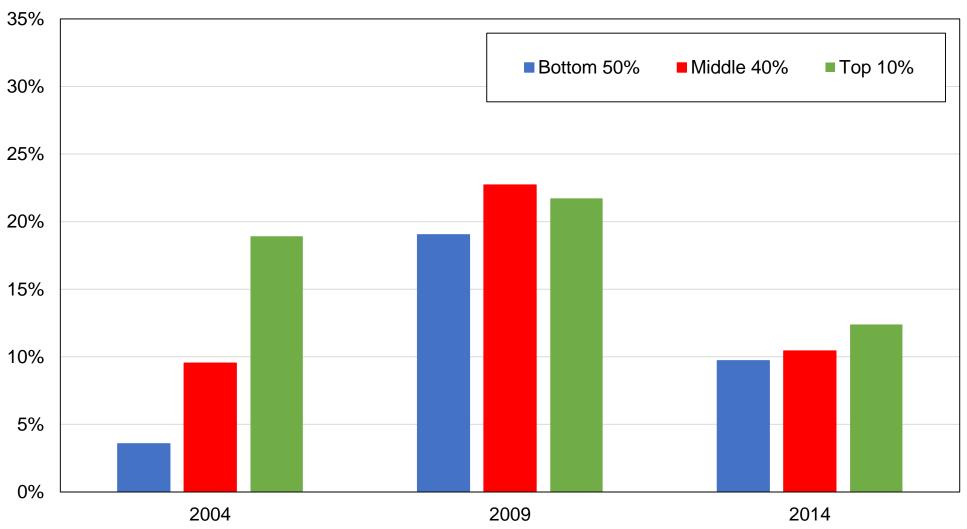
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Figure DE2 – Vote for PD among higher-educated voters



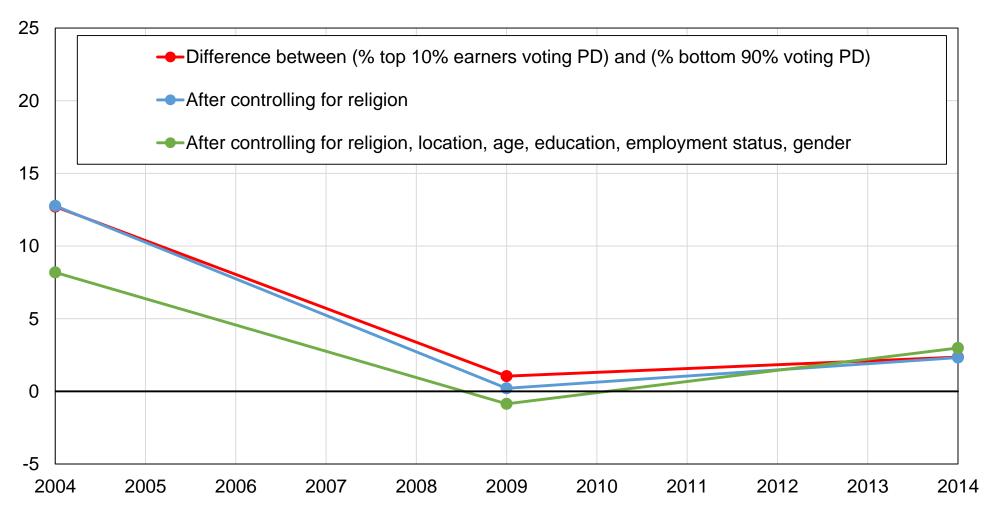
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Figure DE3 – Vote for PD by income group



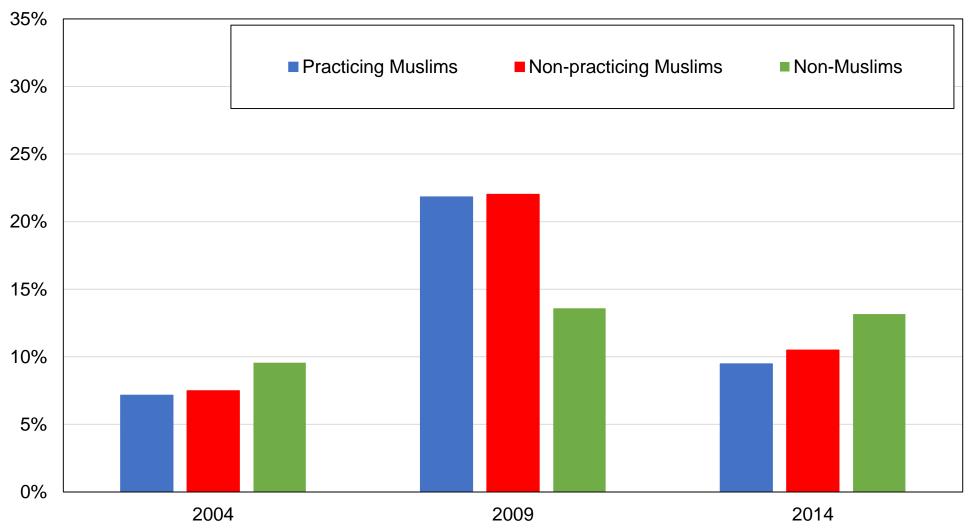
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Figure DE4 – Vote for PD among top-income voters



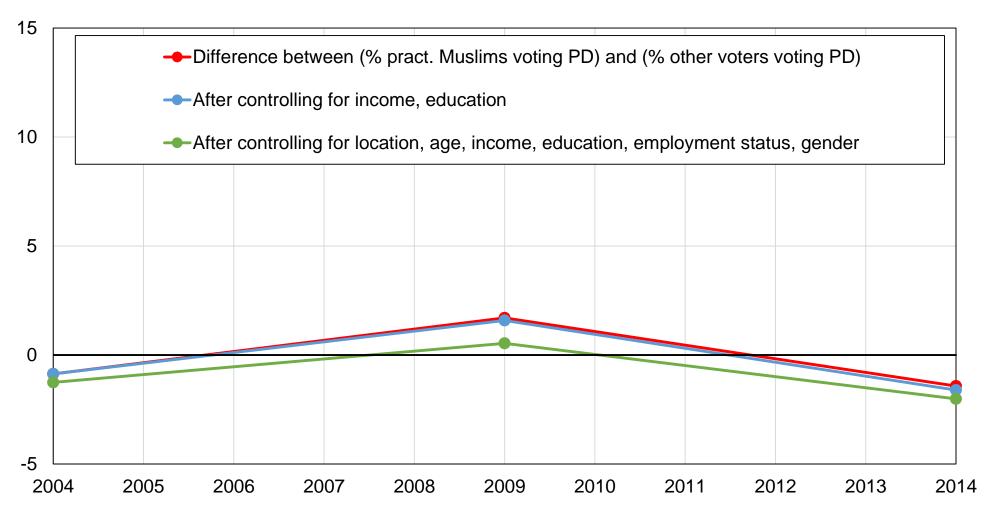
Note: the figure shows the difference between the share of top 10% earners voting for the Democratic Party and the share of other voters voting for the Democratic Party, before and after controls.

Figure DE5 – Vote for PD by religion



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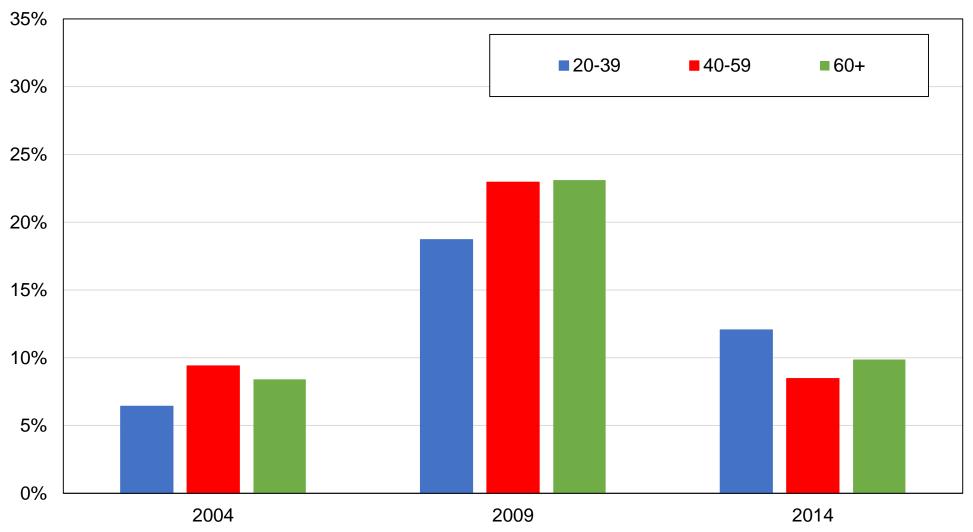
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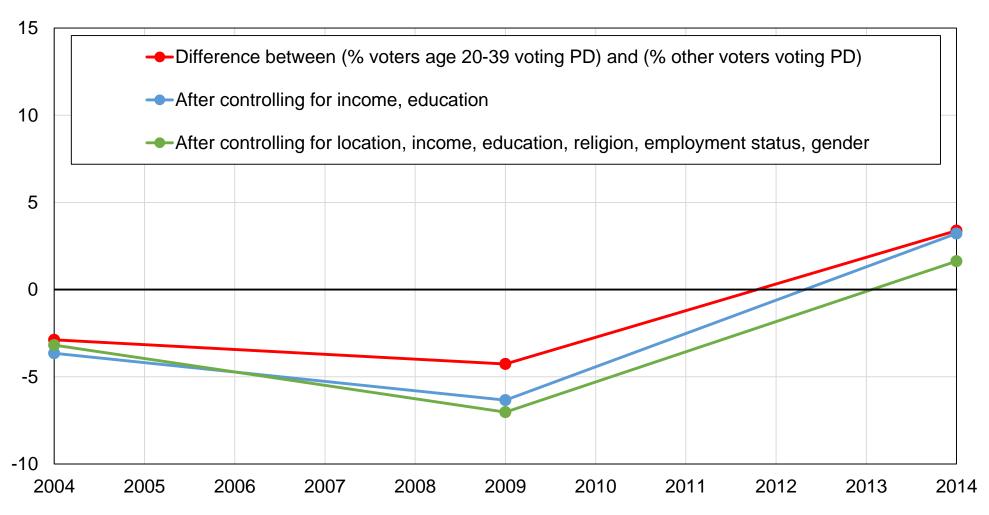
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Figure DE7 – Vote for PD by age group



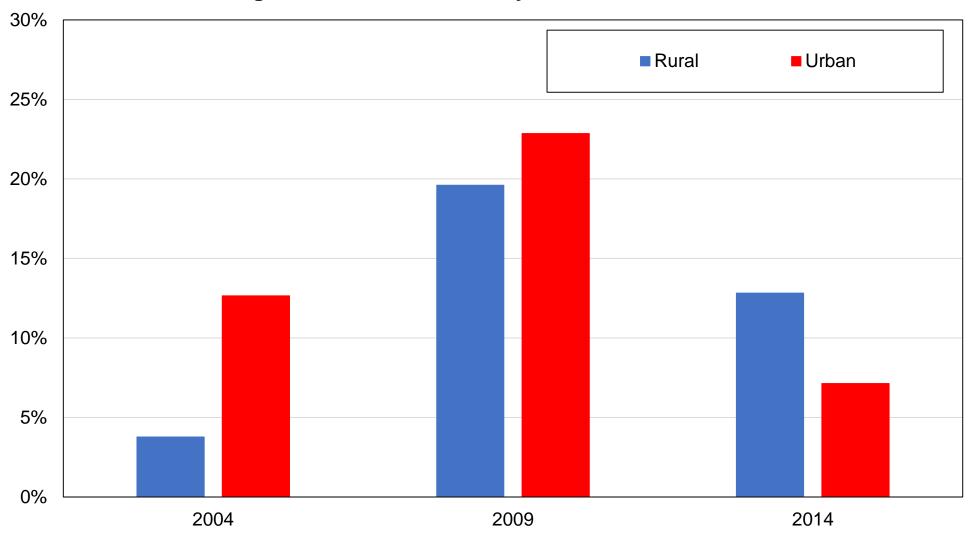
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Figure DE8 – Vote for PD among young voters



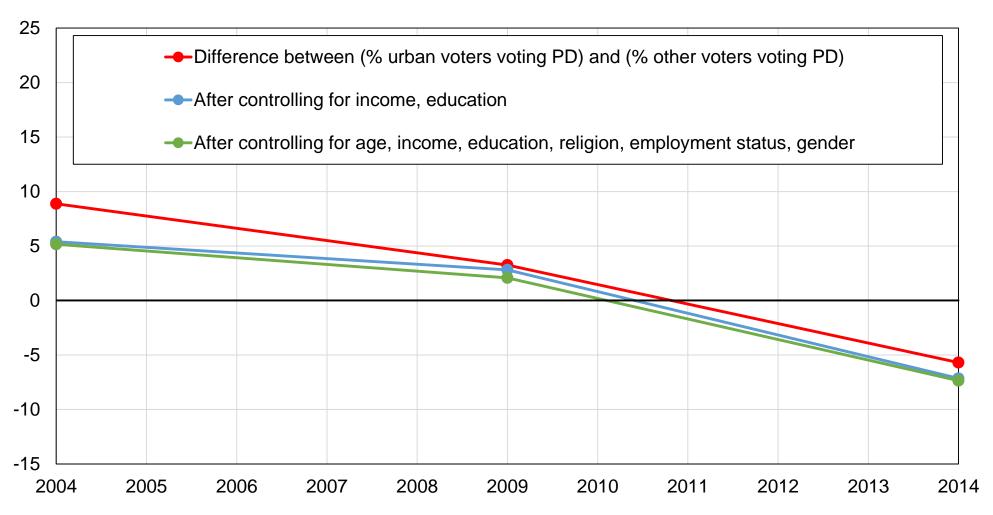
Note: the figure shows the difference between share of young voters voting for the Democratic Party and the share of other voters voting for the Democratic Party, before and after controls.

Figure DE9 – Vote for PD by rural-urban location



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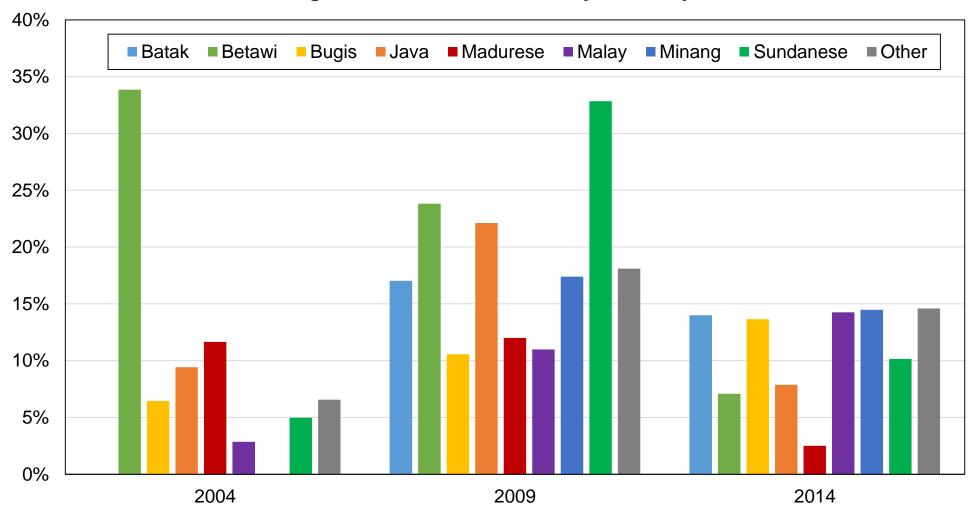
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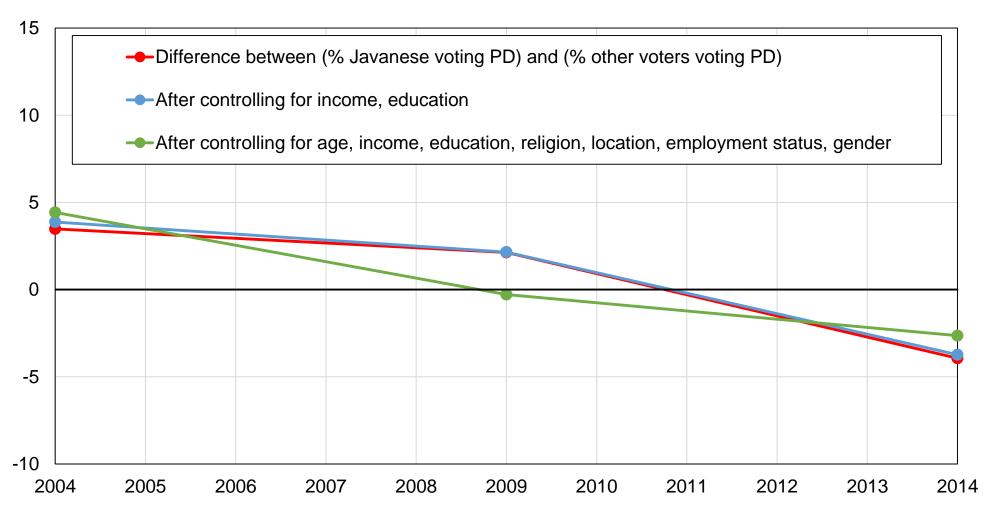
Note: the figure shows the difference between the share of urban voters voting for PD and the share of other voters voting for PD, before and after controls.

Figure DE11 – Vote for PD by ethnicity



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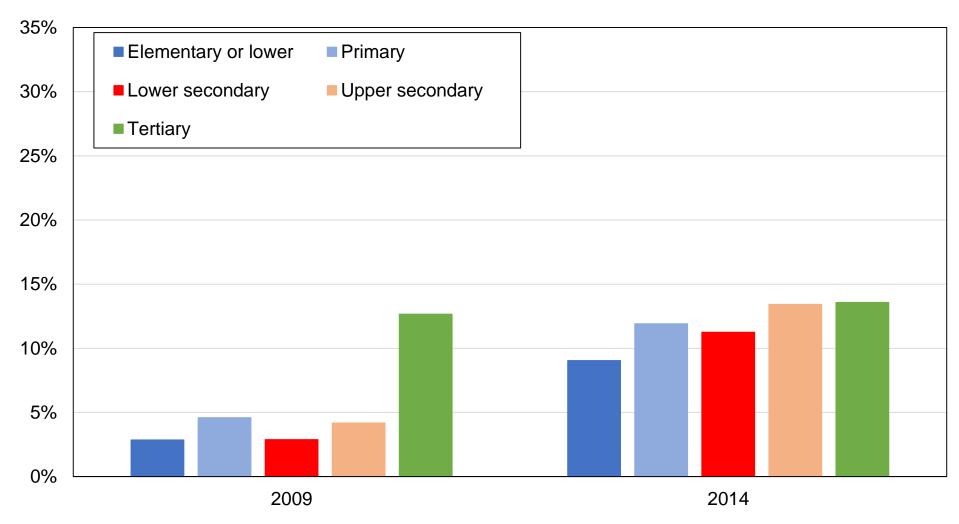
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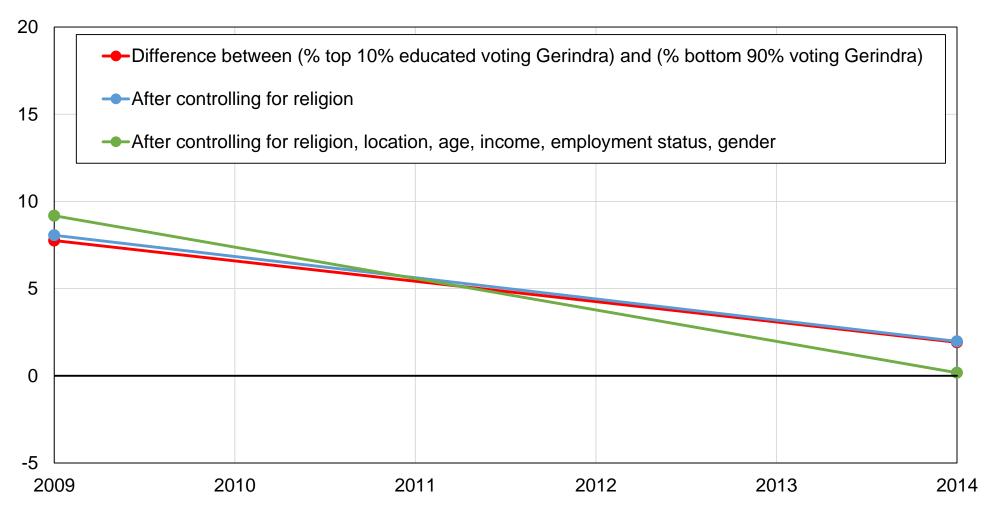
Note: the figure shows the difference between the share of Javanese voters voting for PD and the share of other voters voting for PD, before and after controls.

Figure DF1 – Vote for Gerindra by education level



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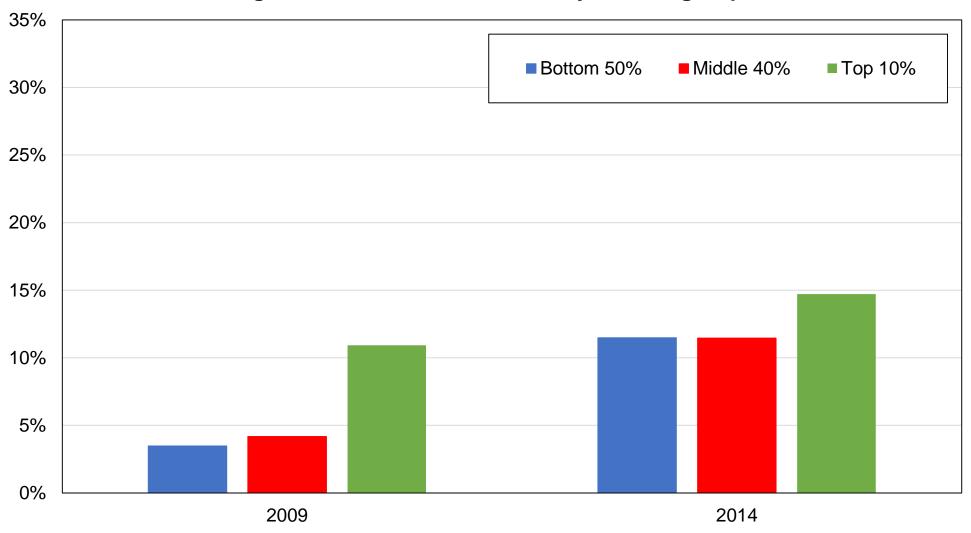
Figure DG2 – Vote for Gerindra among higher-educated voters



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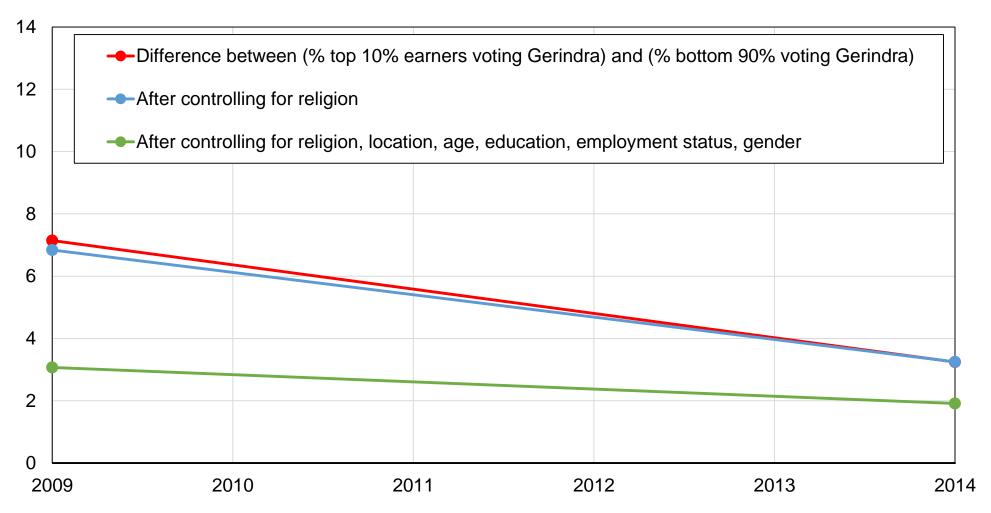
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Figure DF3 – Vote for Gerindra by income group



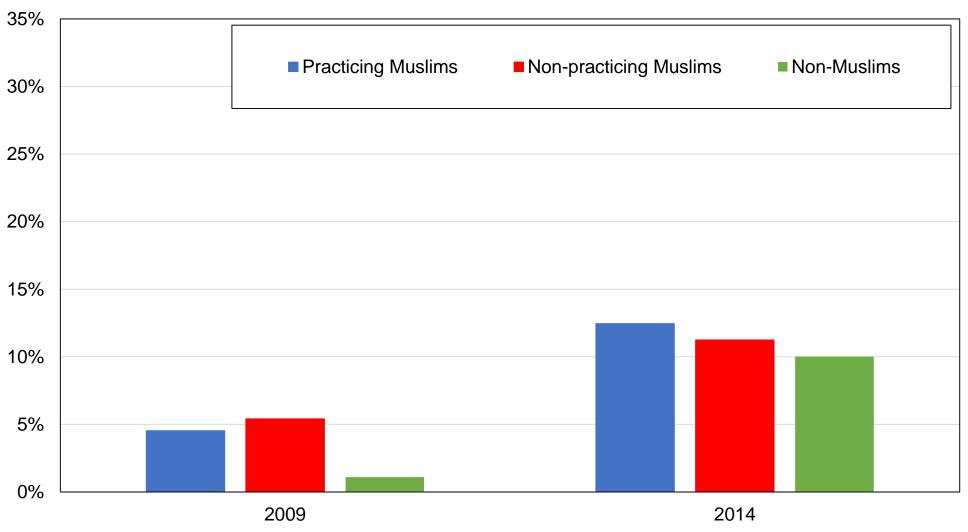
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Figure DF4 – Vote for Gerindra among top-income voters



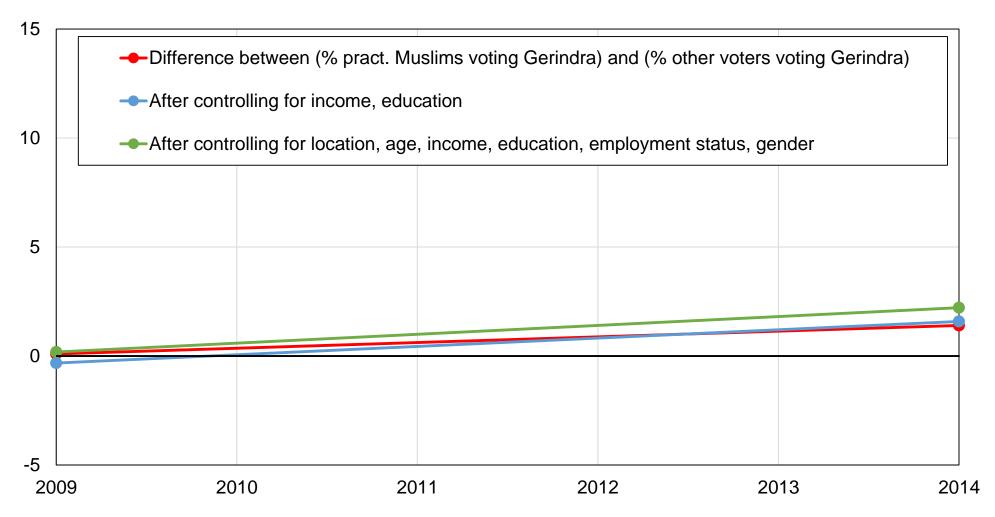
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Figure DF5 – Vote for Gerindra by religion



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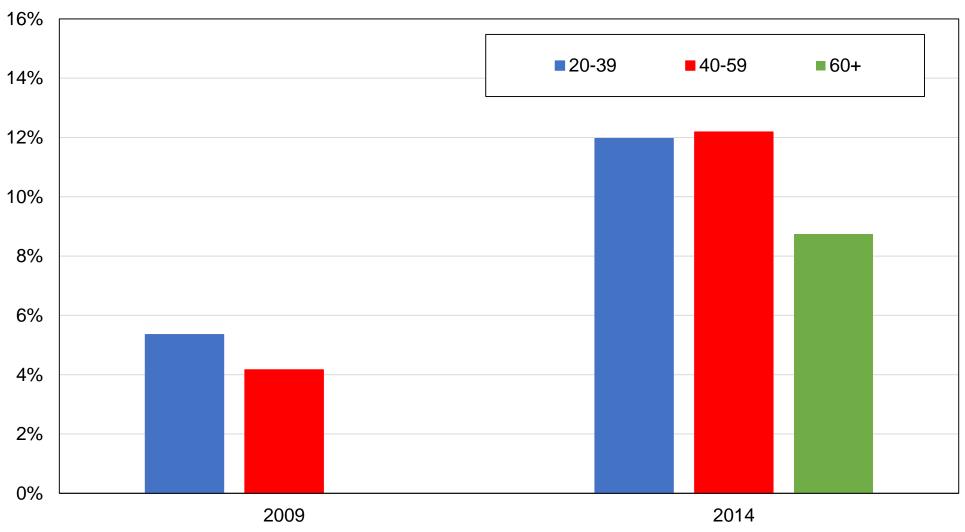
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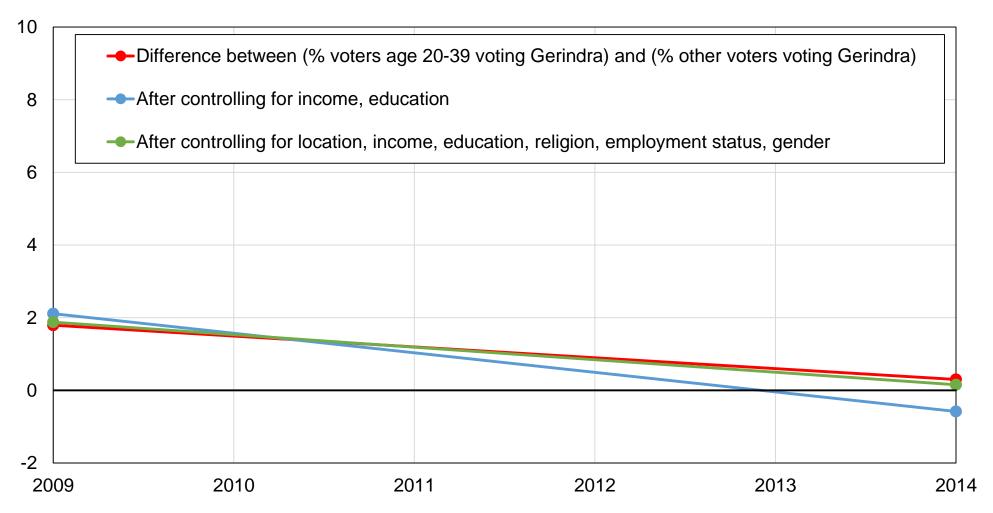
Note: the figure shows the difference between the share of practicing Muslims voting for Gerindra and the share of other voters voting for Gerindra, before and after controls.

Figure DF7 – Vote for Gerindra by age group



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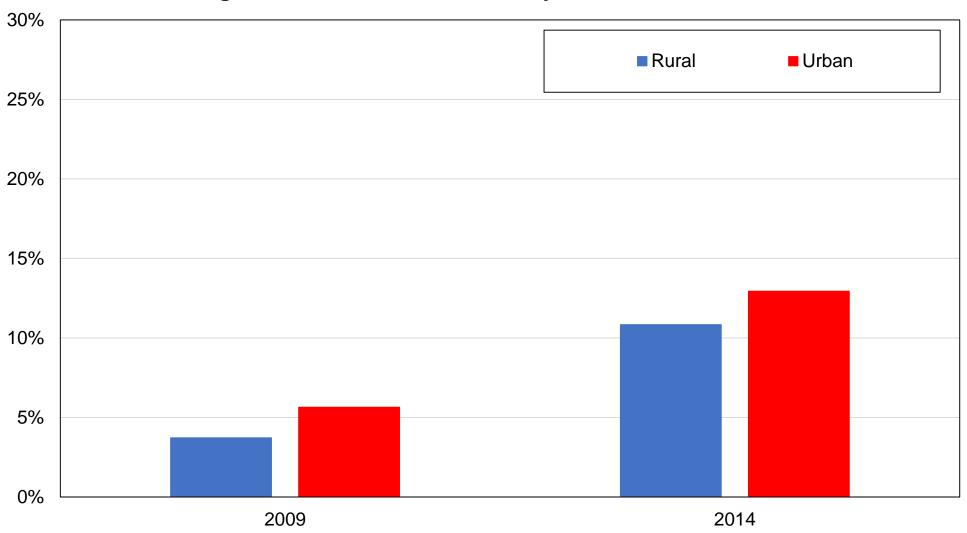
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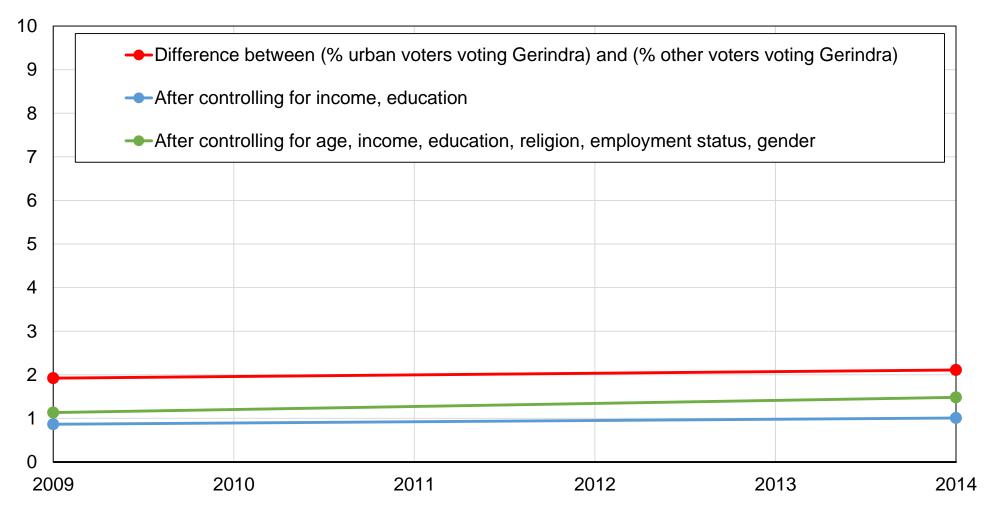
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Figure DF9 – Vote for Gerindra by rural-urban location



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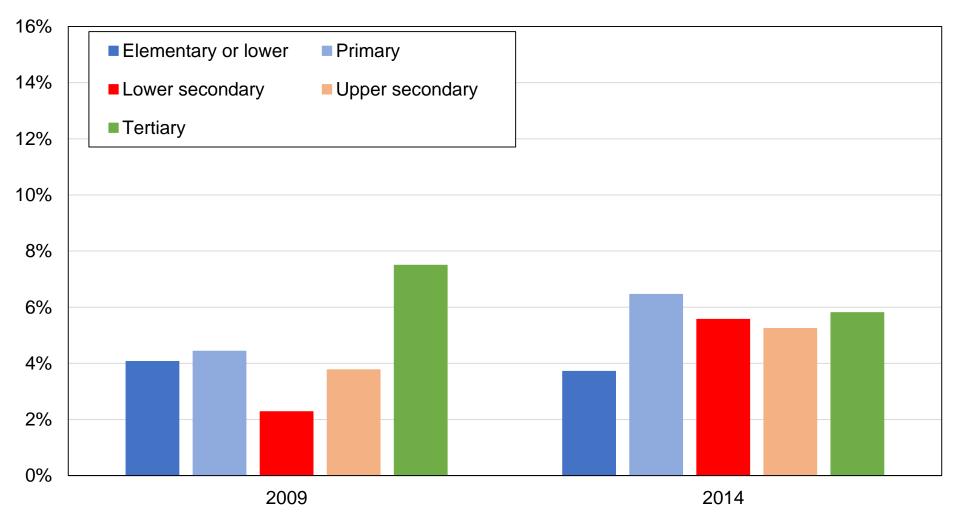
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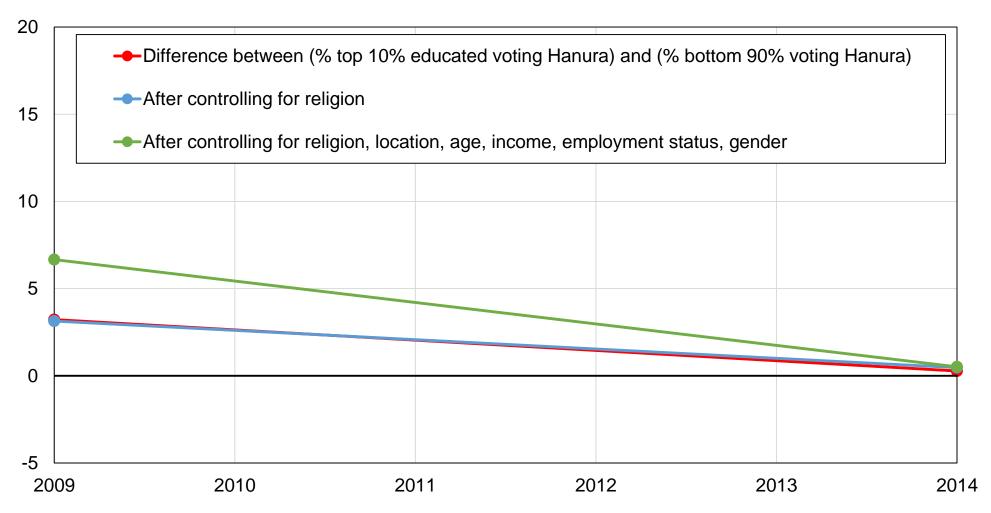
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Figure DG1 – Vote for Hanura by education level



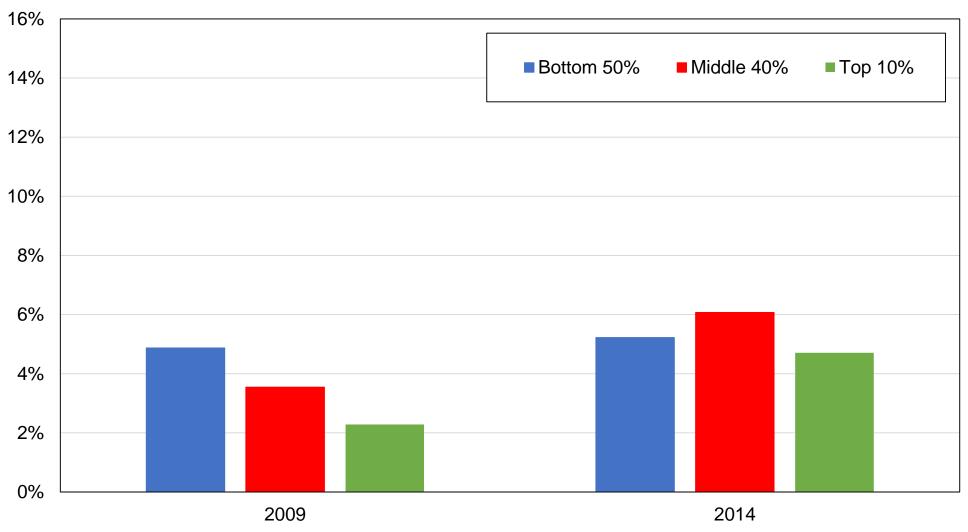
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Figure DG2 – Vote for Hanura among higher-educated voters



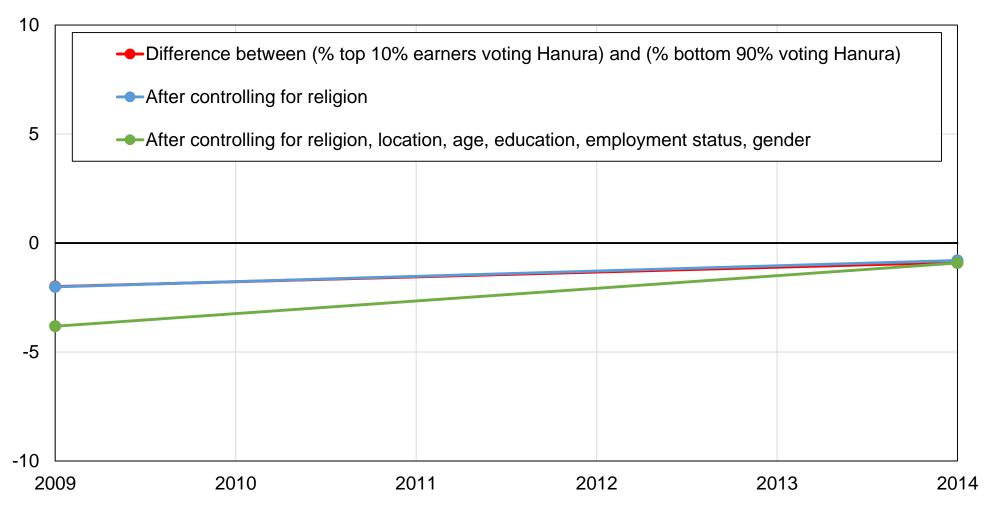
Note: the figure shows the difference between the share of top 10% educated voters voting for Hanura and the share of other voters voting for Hanura, before and after controls.

Figure DG3 – Vote for Hanura by income group



Source: authors' computations using Indonesian political attitudes surveys. Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by Hanura by income group.

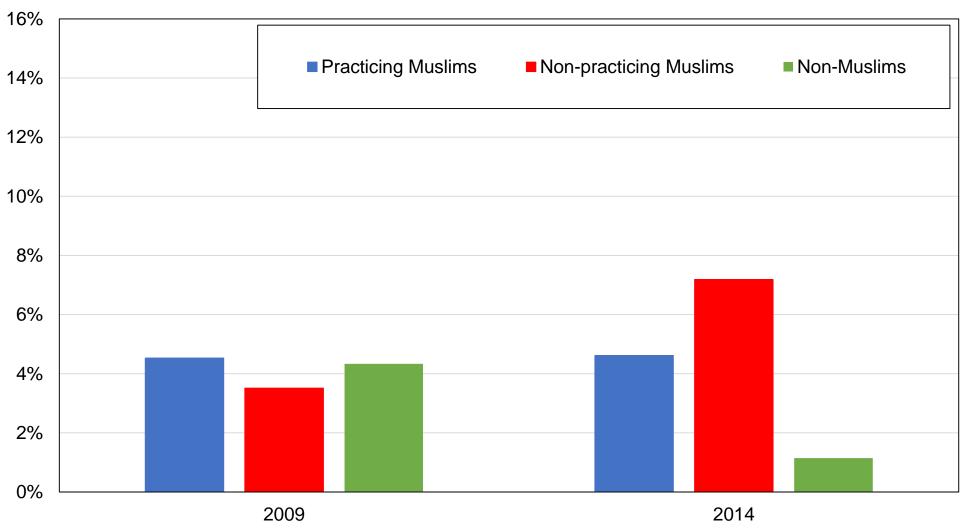
## Figure DG4 – Vote for Hanura among top-income voters



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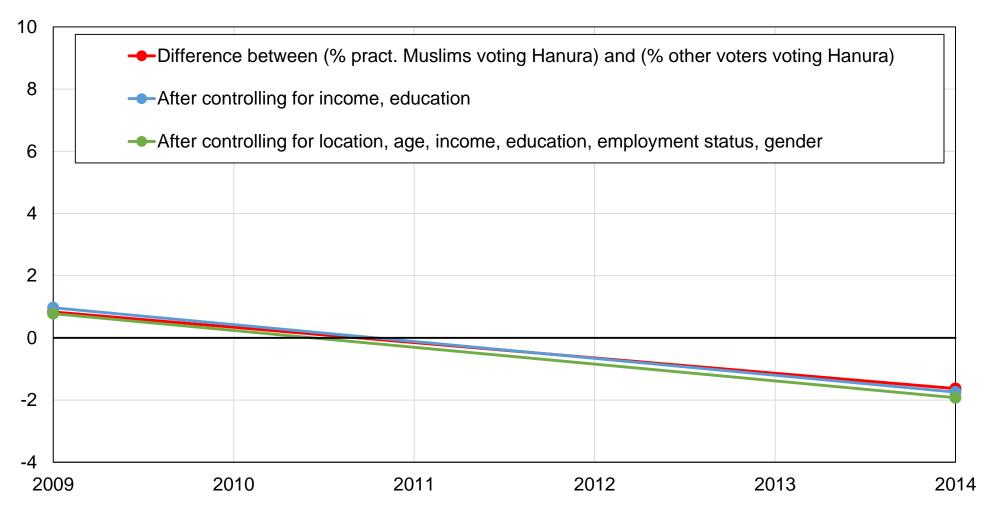
Note: the figure shows the difference between the share of top 10% earners voting for Hanura and the share of other voters voting for Hanura, before and after controls.

Figure DG5 – Vote for Hanura by religion



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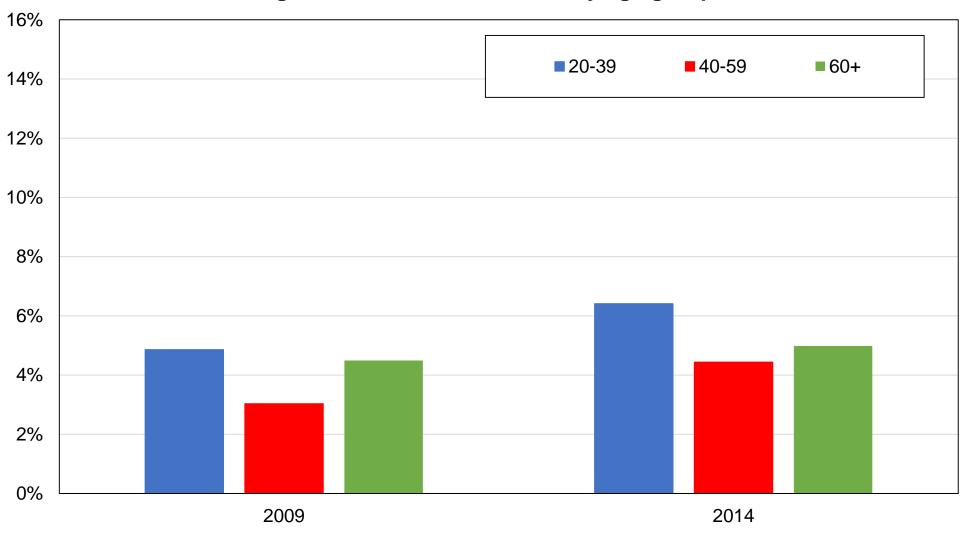
# Figure DG6 – Vote for Hanura among practicing Muslims



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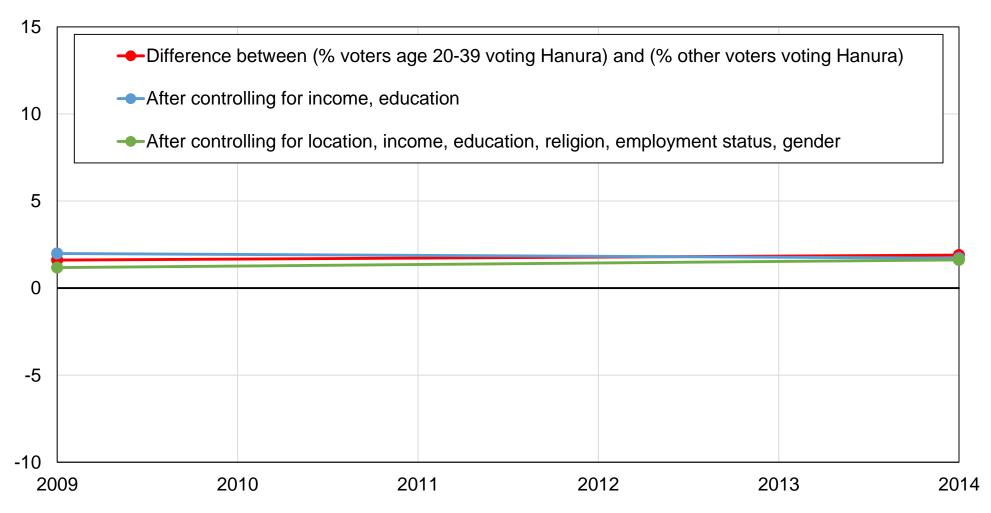
Note: the figure shows the difference between the share of practicing Muslims voting for Hanura and the share of other voters voting for Hanura, before and after controls.

Figure DG7 – Vote for Hanura by age group



Source: authors' computations using Indonesian political attitudes surveys. Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by Hanura by age group.

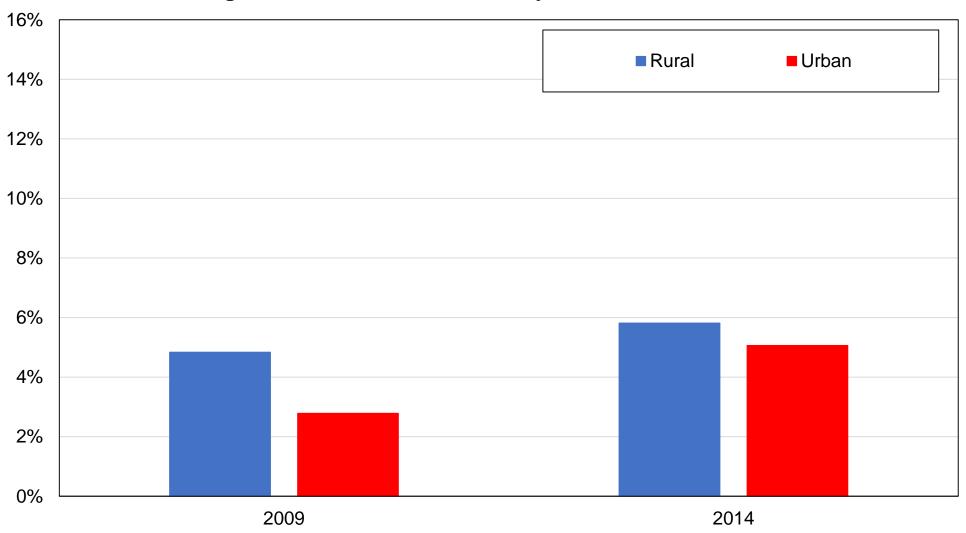
## Figure DG8 – Vote for Hanura among young voters



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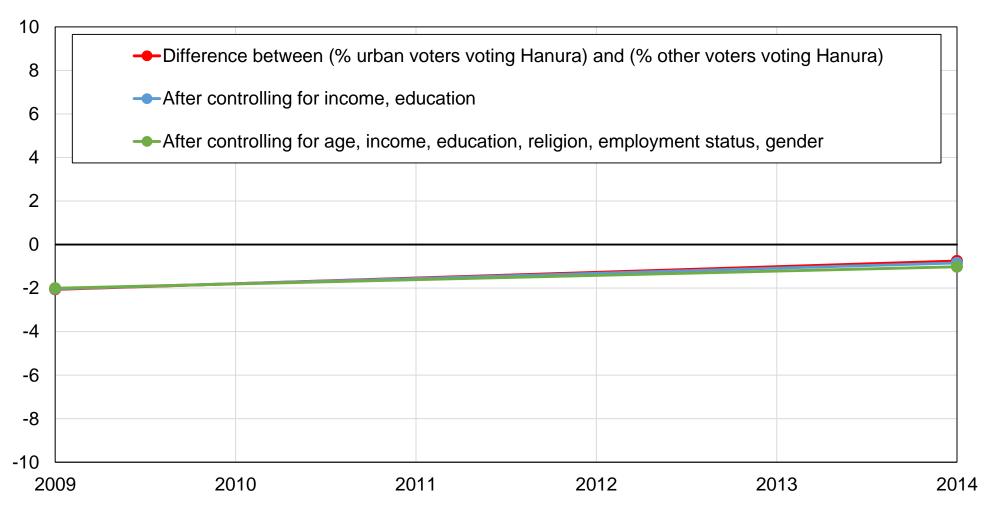
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Figure DG9 – Vote for Hanura by rural-urban location



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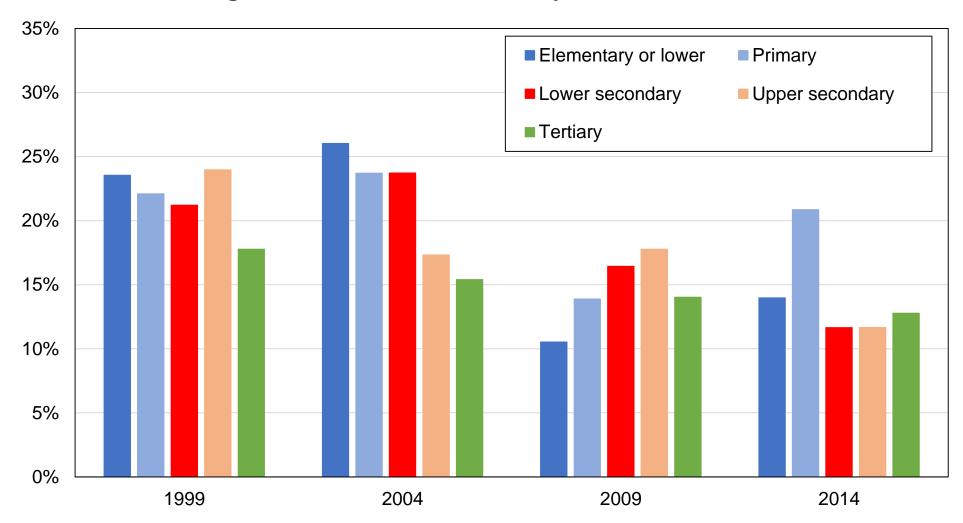
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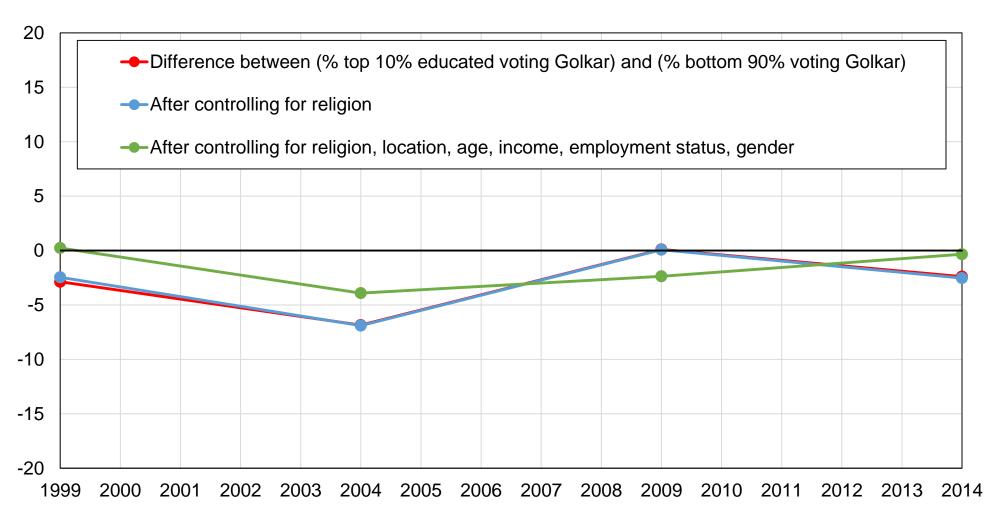
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Figure DH1 – Vote for Golkar by education level



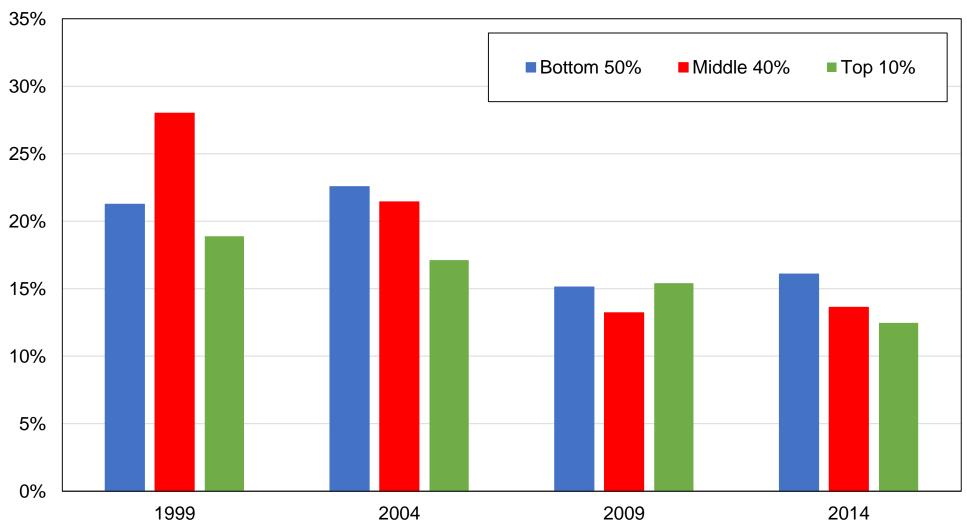
Source: authors' computations using Indonesian political attitudes surveys. Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by Golkar by education level.

Figure DH2 – Vote for Golkar among higher-educated voters



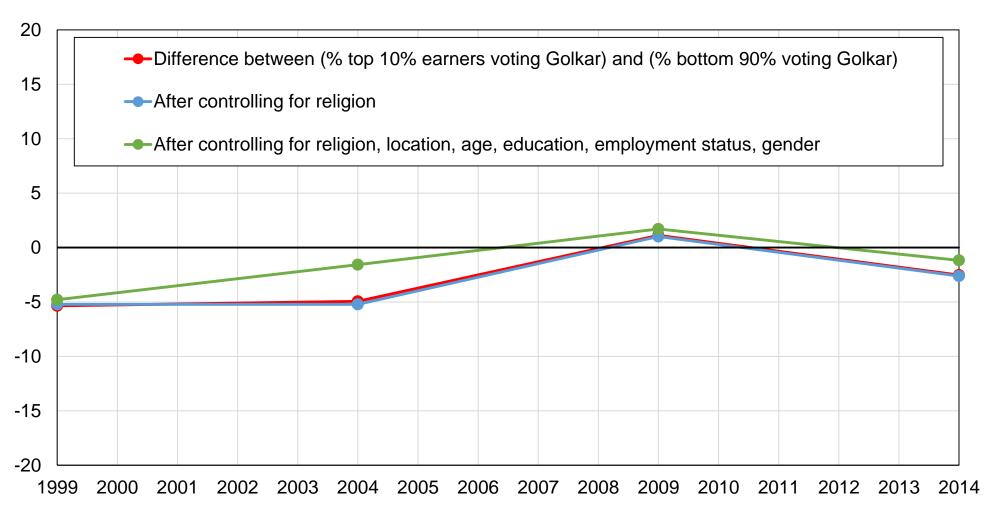
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Figure DH3 – Vote for Golkar by income group



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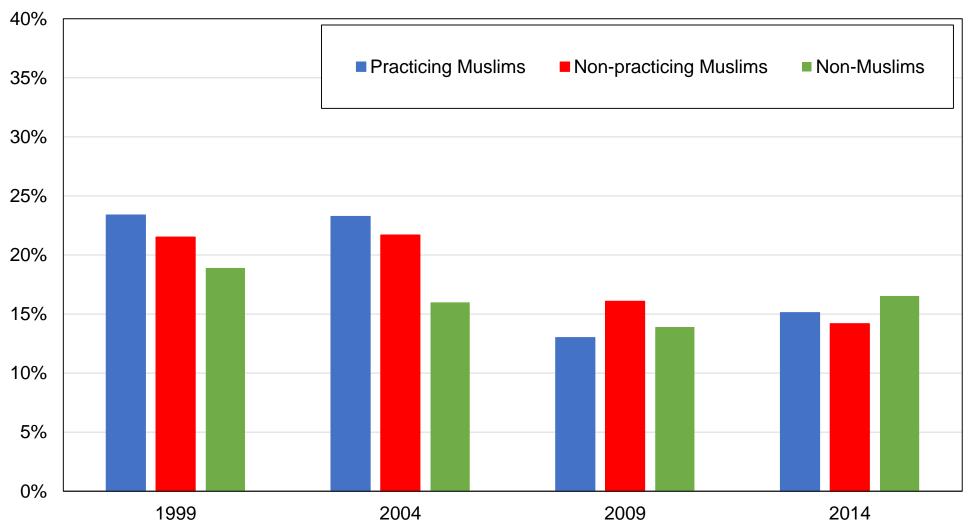
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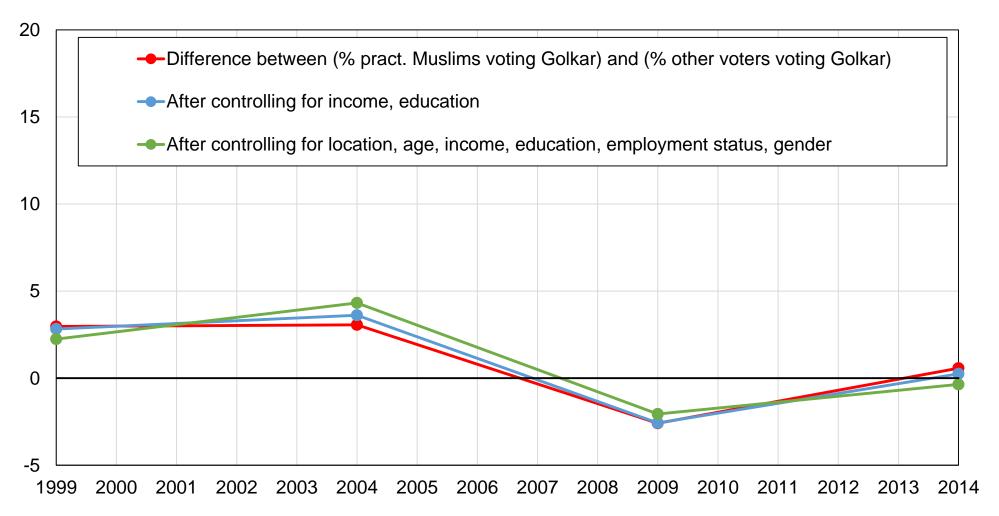
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Figure DH5 – Vote for Golkar by religion



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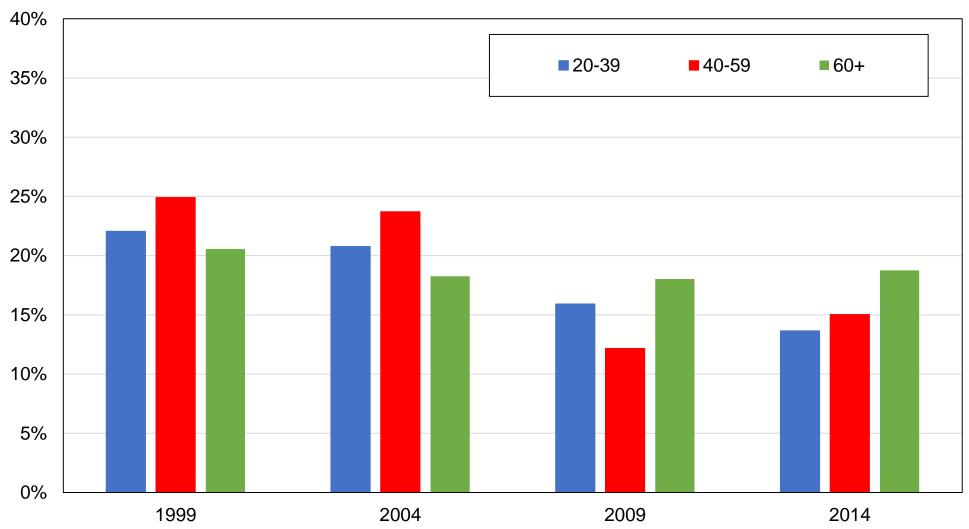
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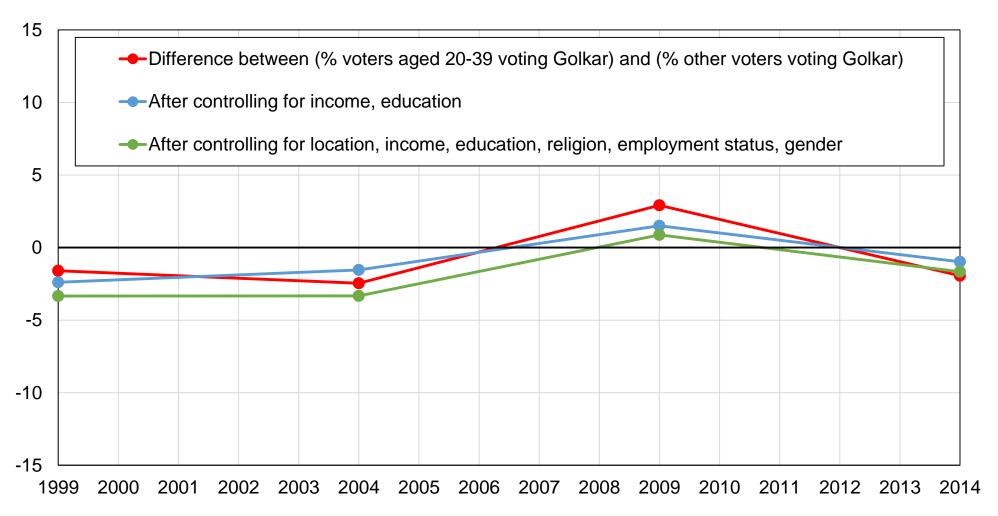
Note: the figure shows the difference between the share of practicing Muslims voting for Golkar and the share of other voters voting for Golkar, before and after controls.

Figure DH7 – Vote for Golkar by age group



Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by Golkar/Gerindra/Hanura by age group.

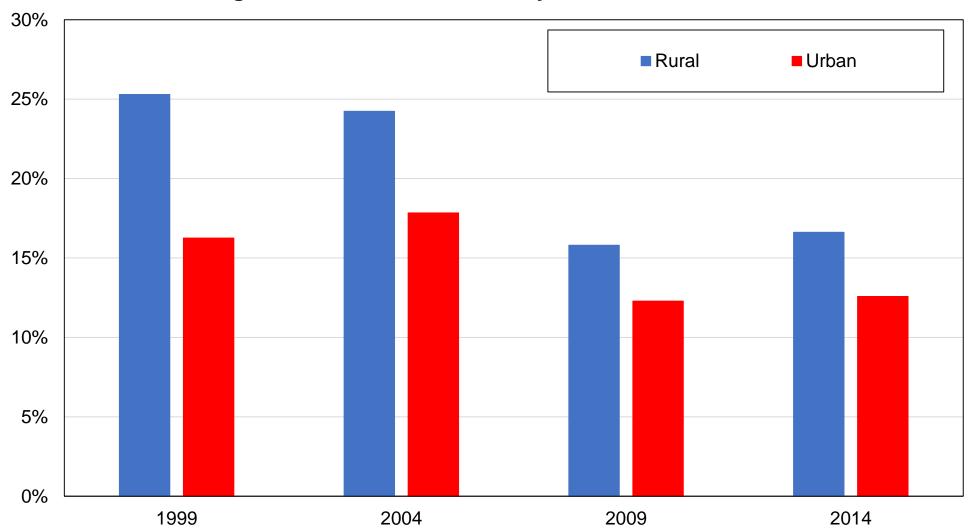
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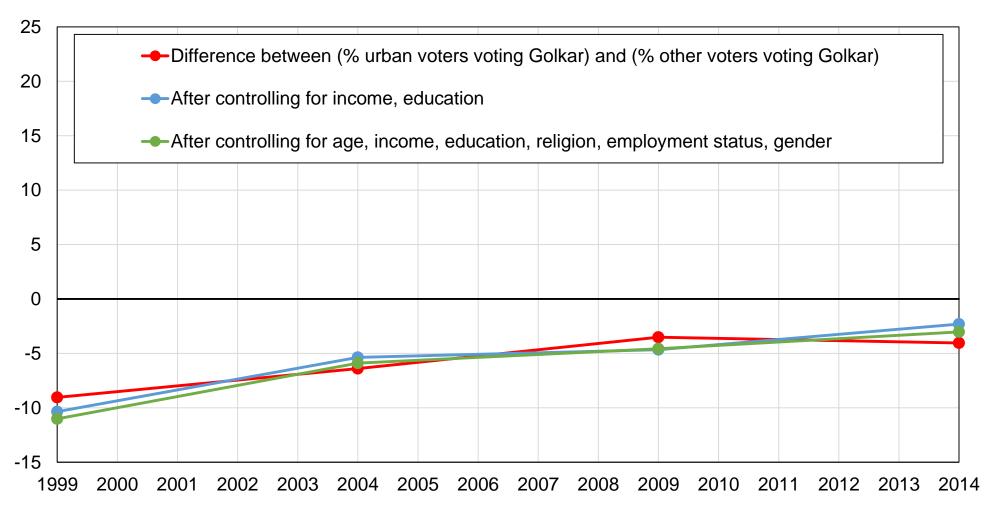
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Figure DH9 – Vote for Golkar by rural-urban location



Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by Golkar by rural-urban location.

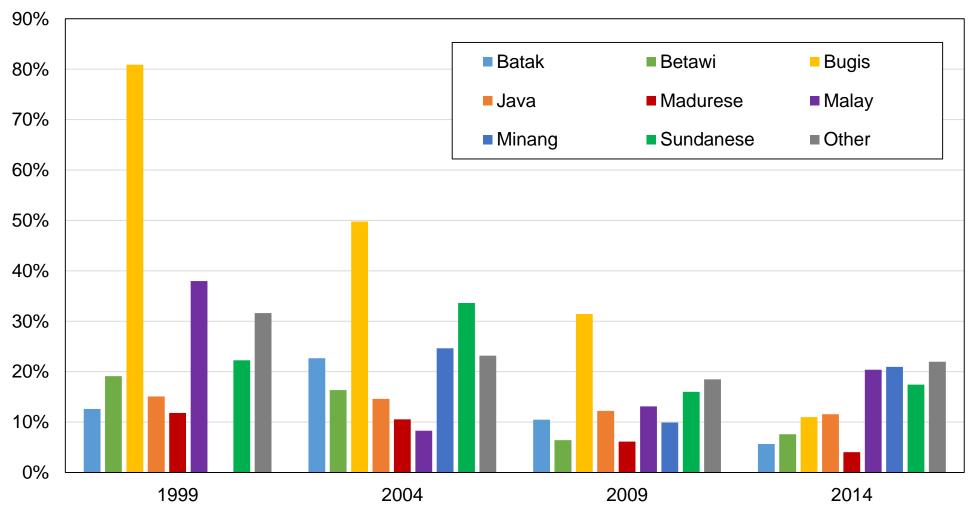
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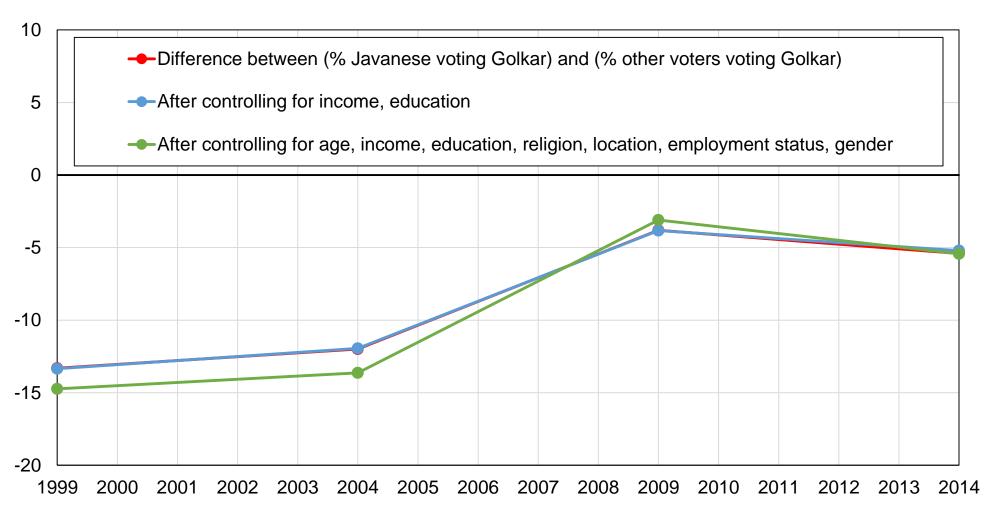
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Figure DH11 – Vote for Golkar by ethnicity



Source: authors' computations using Indonesian political attitudes surveys. Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by Golkar by ethnic affiliation.

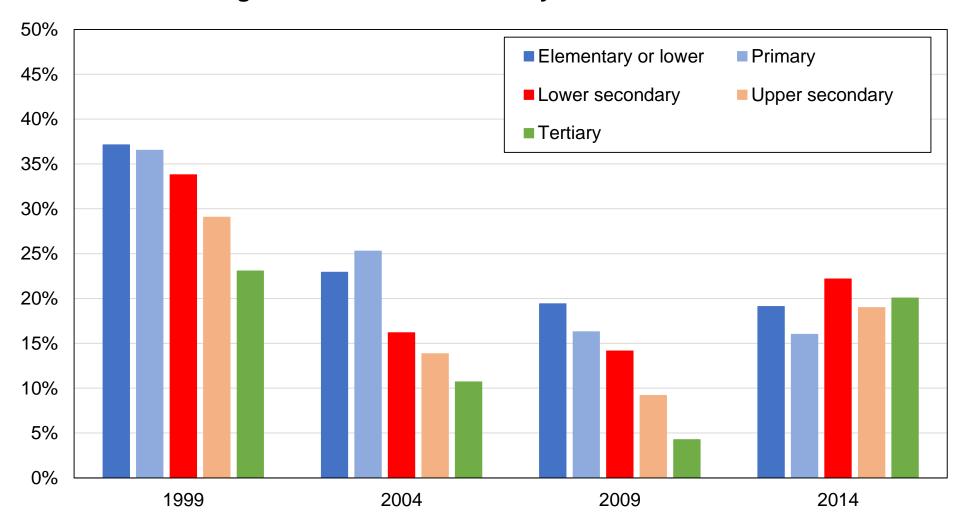
## Figure DH12 – Vote for Golkar among Javanese voters



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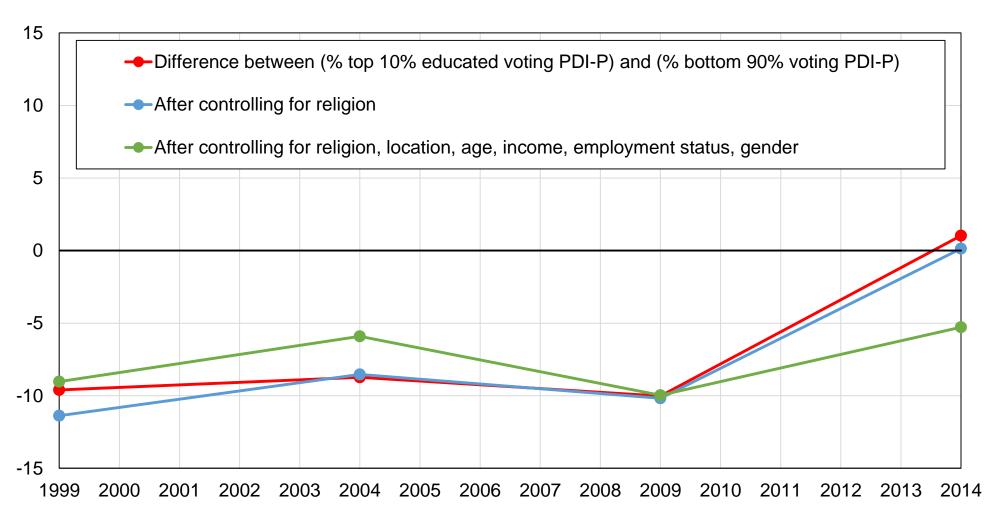
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Figure DI1 – Vote for PDI-P by education level



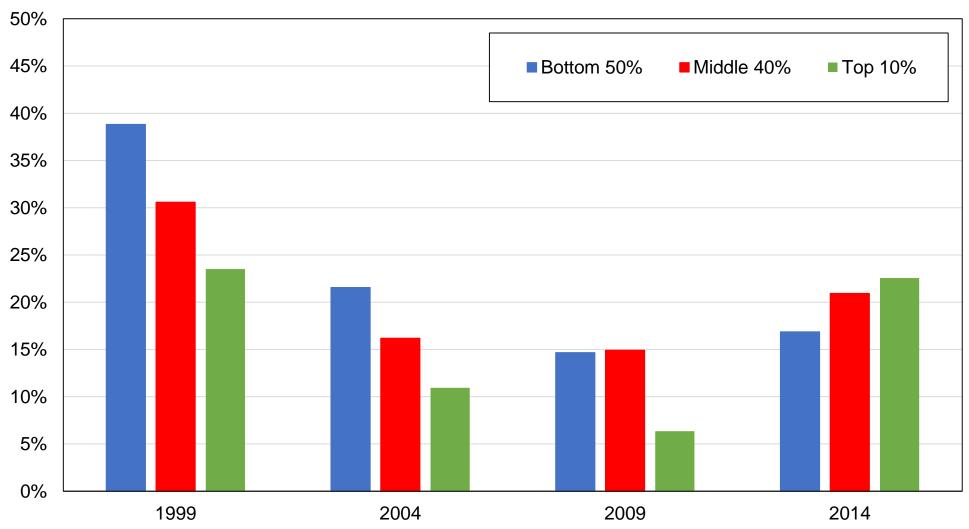
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Figure DI2 – Vote for PDI-P among higher-educated voters



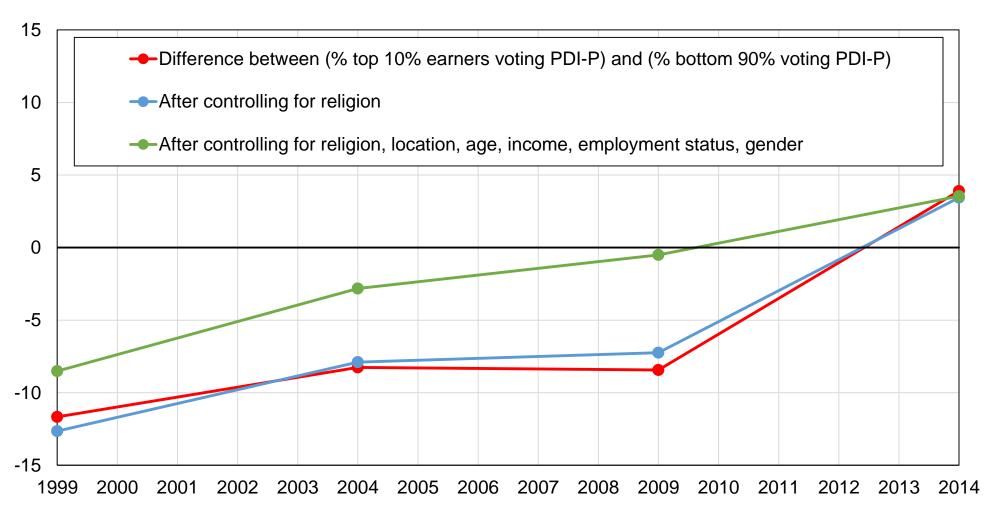
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Figure DI3 – Vote for PDI-P by income group



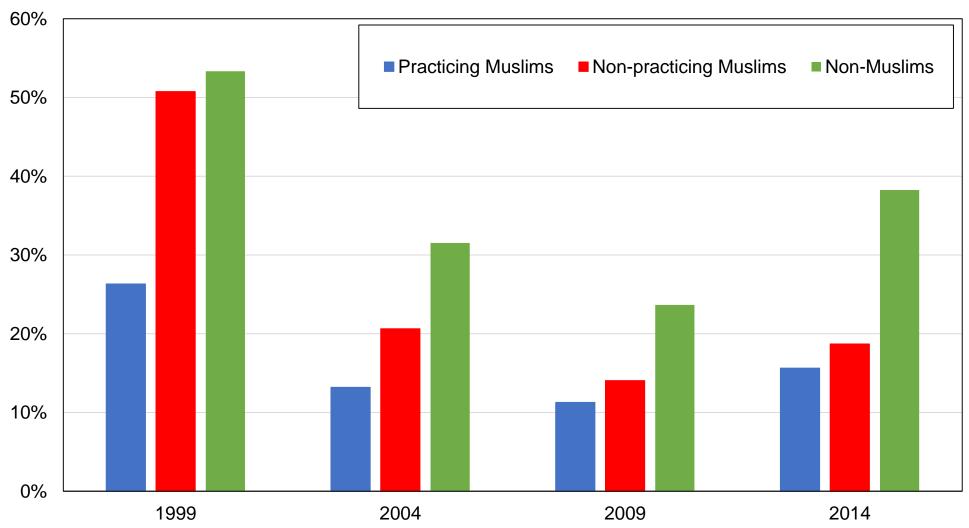
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Figure DI4 – Vote for PDI-P among top-income voters



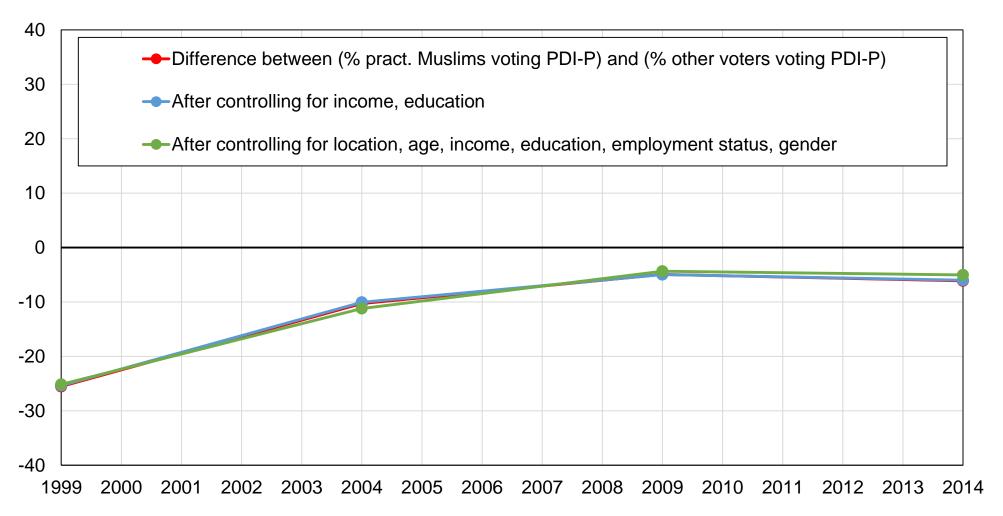
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Figure DI5 – Vote for PDI-P by religion



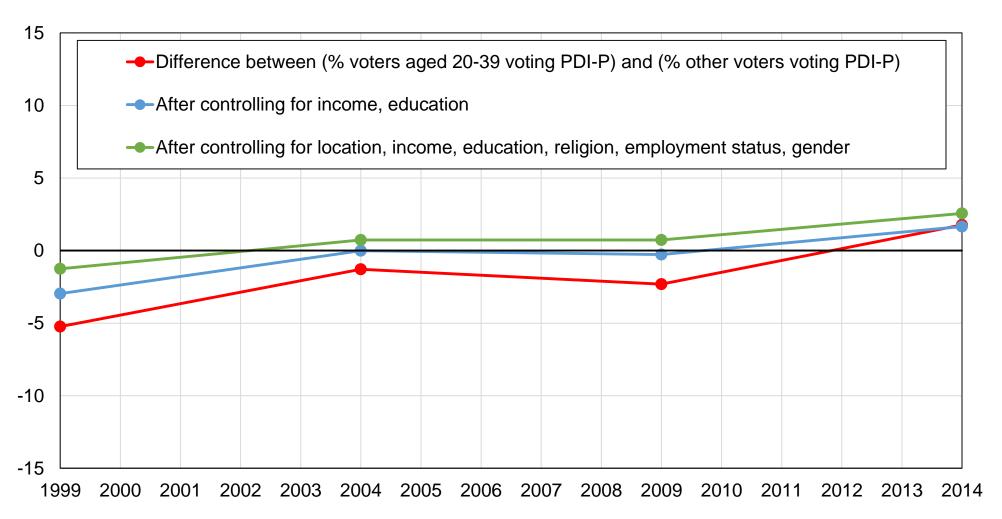
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Figure DI6 – Vote for PDI-P among practicing Muslims



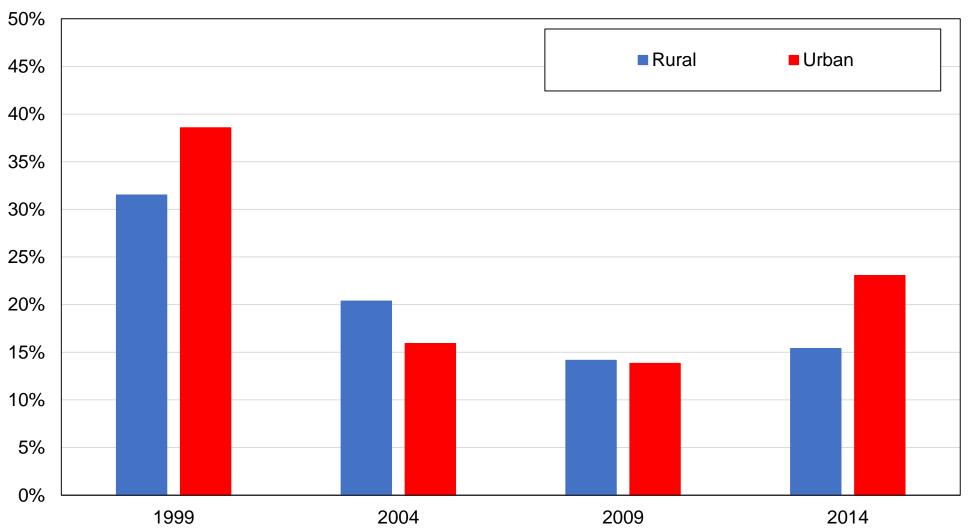
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Figure DI7 – Vote for PDI-P among young voters



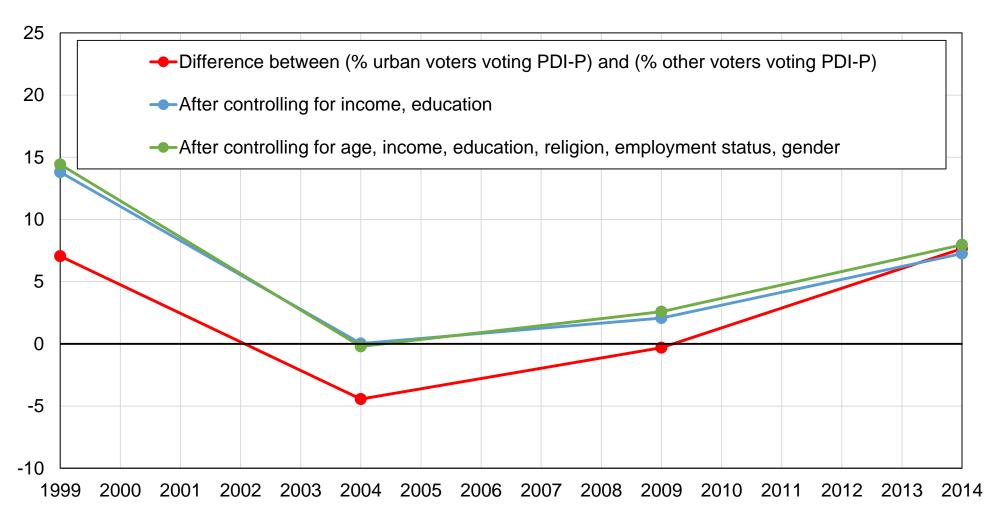
Note: the figure shows the difference between share of voters aged 20-40 voting for PDI-P and the share of other voters voting for PDI-P, before and after controls.

Figure DI8 – Vote for PDI-P by rural-urban location



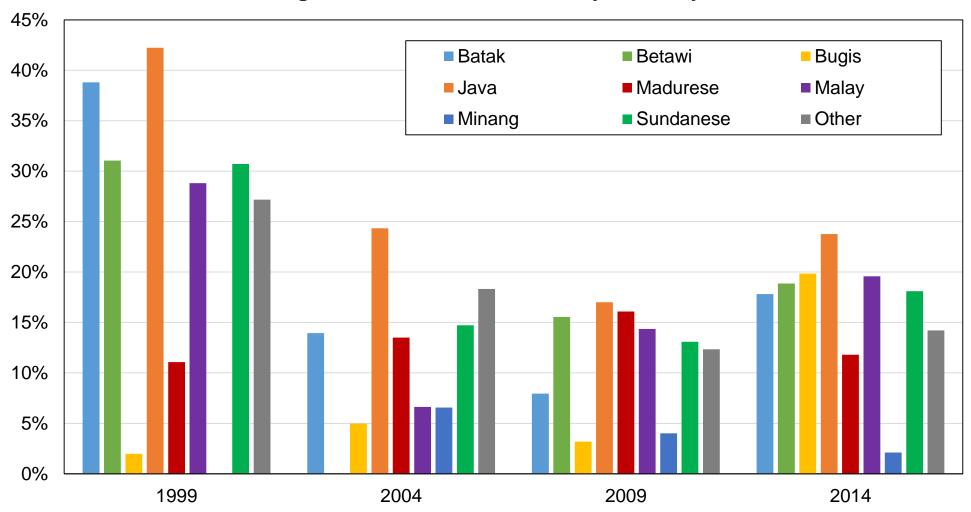
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Figure DI9 – Vote for PDI-P among urban voters



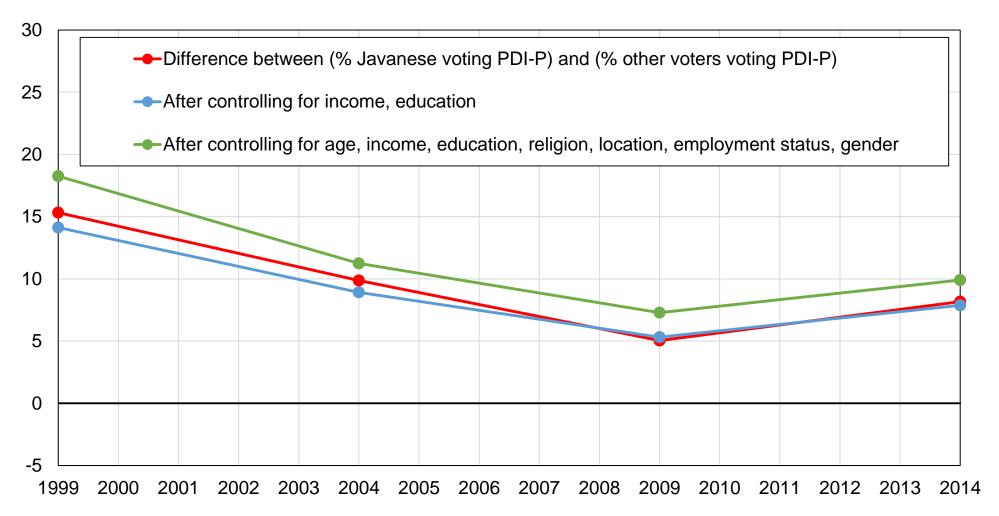
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Figure DI10 – Vote for PDI-P by ethnicity



Source: authors' computations using Indonesian political attitudes surveys. Note: the figure shows the share of votes received by PDI-P by ethnic affiliation.

Figure DI11 – Vote for PDI-P among Javanese voters



Note: the figure shows the difference between the share of Javanese voters voting for PDI-P and the share of other voters voting for PDI-P, before and after controls.

Table DA1 - Survey data sources						
Year	Survey	Source	Sample size			
1999	CNEP, 1999	Comparative National Elections Project	2488			
2004	CNEP, 2004	Comparative National Elections Project	1194			
2009	CNEP, 2009	Comparative National Elections Project	1980			
2014	CNEP, 2014	Comparative National Elections Project	1737			
Source: autho	rs' elaboration.					

	1999	2004	2009	2014
Gender: Man	50%	50%	50%	52%
Ethnicity: Batak	3%	4%	3%	2%
Ethnicity: Betawi	3%	1%	1%	3%
Ethnicity: Bugis	2%	4%	3%	4%
Ethnicity: Java	45%	42%	41%	41%
Ethnicity: Madurese	4%	3%	4%	6%
Ethnicity: Malay	2%	3%	6%	5%
Ethnicity: Minang	0%	2%	3%	3%
Ethnicity: Other	25%	24%	23%	22%
Ethnicity: Sundanese	17%	17%	14%	15%
Education: Elementary or lower	30%	18%	24%	16%
Education: Primary	23%	26%	26%	29%
Education: Lower secondary	20%	19%	19%	23%
Education: Upper secondary	20%	27%	23%	24%
Education: University or higher	7%	10%	9%	9%
Age: 20-40	76%	62%	51%	48%
Age: 40-60	17%	35%	42%	44%
Age: 60+	7%	3%	7%	8%
Employment status: Employed	64%	66%	28%	62%
Employment status: Inactive	36%	33%	72%	38%
_ocation: Rural	68%	58%	62%	53%
Religion:Islam	88%	87%	88%	91%
Religion:Christian	10%	11%	10%	7%
Religion:Others	2%	2%	2%	2%
Collective prayer: Never	2%	6%	14%	13%
Collective prayer: Sometimes	15%	36%	35%	38%
Collective prayer: Often	53%	36%	37%	33%
Collective prayer: Very often	29%	22%	14%	16%

**Source**: authors' computations using Indonesian political attitudes surveys. **Note**: the table shows descriptive statistics by year for selected available variables.

Table DA3 - Full structure of the vote in the 2014 Indonesian election							
	PDI-P	PD	Golkar	Nasdem	Hanura	Gerindra	Islamic Parties
Overall vote share	18,95%	10,19%	14,75%	6,72%	5,26%	11,81%	31,41%
Education							
Primary or lower	17%	9%	18%	8%	5%	11%	31%
Secondary	21%	11%	12%	7%	5%	12%	32%
Tertiary	20%	13%	13%	2%	6%	14%	33%
Income							
Bottom 50%	17%	10%	16%	8%	5%	11%	33%
Middle 40%	21%	10%	14%	6%	6%	11%	30%
Top 10%	23%	12%	12%	3%	5%	15%	30%
Religion							
Practicing Muslims	16%	9%	15%	7%	5%	12%	35%
Non-practicing Muslims	19%	10%	14%	6%	7%	11%	32%
Non-Muslims	38%	13%	17%	13%	1%	10%	8%
Location							
Urban	23%	7%	13%	5%	5%	13%	34%
Rural	15%	13%	17%	9%	6%	11%	29%
Gender							
Woman	20%	10%	16%	6%	6%	9%	32%
Man	18%	10%	13%	8%	5%	15%	31%
Age							
20-39	20%	12%	14%	6%	6%	12%	29%
40-59	18%	8%	15%	7%	4%	12%	34%
60+	18%	10%	19%	9%	5%	9%	31%
Ethnic group							
Madurese .	12%	2%	4%	7%	9%	18%	48%
Bugis	20%	14%	11%	5%	0%	24%	26%
Minang	2%	14%	21%	4%	0%	26%	33%
Sundanese	18%	10%	17%	4%	5%	9%	36%
Betawi	19%	7%	8%	7%	3%	11%	45%
Java	24%	8%	12%	7%	5%	10%	33%

Batak	18%	14%	6%	0%	10%	9%	39%
Malay	20%	14%	20%	7%	4%	12%	23%
Other	14%	15%	22%	10%	7%	12%	20%

Source: authors' computations using CNEP surveys.

**Note**: the table shows the detailed structure of the vote for Indonesian political parties in the 2014 legislative election. Islamic parties include the PAN, PBB, PKB, and PPP.