

Comments on:
Electoral Politics @ the Time of
Broadband

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Things to Include

- Register to vote. Could you use registration as an outcome? Could there be selection of registered population overtime?
- Where do they vote?
- Why are the parliament elections two years apart after the broadband expansion? Could this lead to a lower turnout?
- After 2005 people has to include their id to use Wi-Fi
- How did satellite, cable, or digital TV expanded and when.

IV Methodology

- This paper uses and IV methodology to account for the endogeneity of broadband expansion
- Internet could be a proxy for development, education, income.
- Explain the sign of the bias, OLS seems to have an upward bias.
- Is the voting place some how correlated to the place of the UGS. This will violate the exclusion restriction of the instrument.

Additional checks

- Use polls to test the same hypothesis
- What happens in cities that got free Wi-Fi. (Rome). When did this happen?
- Could you separate results for senate and house representatives, given that there is a difference in the age required to vote?
- Use as outcomes: other measures of electoral competition (Herfindhal index), and winner party in the municipality.
- Changes in electoral system could bias the results (plurality vote, proportional vote). Run separate effects for 2001-06 and 2001-08