

Condoms & Conservatives:

Support for Planned Parenthood in Reference to Political Ideology by State

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ABSTRACT

In recent years, Planned Parenthood funding is subjected to culture wars and dysfunctional partisan polarization. This research looks at the relationship between support, in terms of funding, for Planned Parenthood clinics by state, in reference to political ideology by state. By looking at the political ideology of each state legislature in 2010 and the state-only funding to Planned Parenthood in 2010, this research examines the effects of politics on Planned Parenthood funding. Looking at the patterns between funding and political ideology by state will test whether politics are involved in deciding the amount of access to reproductive healthcare the state provides its citizens. By examining on a state by state level of political ideology in regards to funding, historical political views on Planned Parenthood's practices are used to determine if there is a pattern amongst funding choices. The pattern shows how each of the states incorporate funds for these kinds of organizations, specifically Planned Parenthood. By examining statistical significance between funding for Planned Parenthood and political ideology by state, decisions are made to change funding and support of these facilities.

HYPOTHESES

H₁: The more conservative a state is, the less funding Planned Parenthood facilities receive in that state.

H₂: The more liberal a state is, the more funding Planned Parenthood facilities receive in that state.

H₀: State ideology has no affect on financial sustainability of Planned Parenthood

VARIABLES

Independent: State Political Ideology in terms of the percentage of Republicans in 2010 state legislature.

Dependent: Funding received by Planned Parenthood from each state.

METHODOLOGY

Due to the nature of this topic, secondary data were essential for results through the use of the Guttmacher Institute. The Planned Parenthood funding data were collected for the year 2010 while the state legislative political party data were collected for the fiscal year 2010.

Data were compiled and analyzed in SPSS (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences). Through SPSS, the data were able to be put into charts as well as graphs in order to test for statistical significance and illustrate the variables.

Data analysis was done using crosstabulations.

In SPSS, the funding amount was coded into a set scale. The scale incrementally increased by \$10 million and data were grouped according to amount of funding given.

FINDINGS

H₁: This hypothesis is not statistically significant from zero, and the null hypothesis was not rejected.

H₂: This hypothesis is not statistically significant from zero, and the null hypothesis was not rejected.

H₀: The null hypotheses were not rejected since state political ideology was not statistically significant from zero on funding for Planned Parenthood.

CONCLUSION

The study shows that statistically, a state's political ideology based on their legislation does not have any impact on how much funding Planned Parenthood is given from the state. Stereotypically, it is believed that liberal states will allocate more funds to Planned Parenthood, but in the year 2010, there is no relationship between ideology and funding.

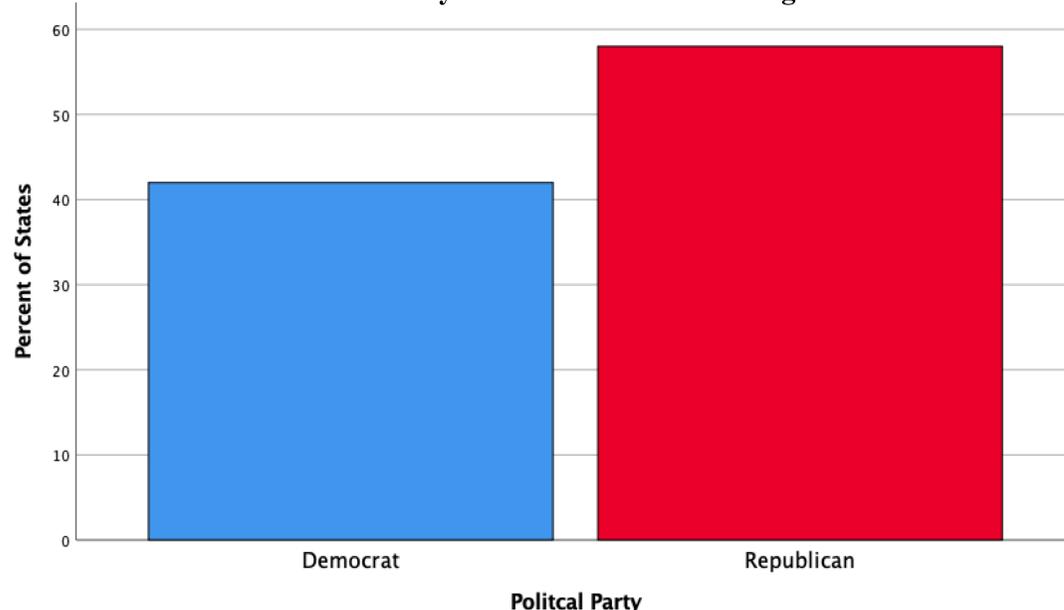
Even though the pie chart below shows that Democrats in 2010 gave more money to Planned Parenthood facilities in their state than Republicans, when looking at the numbers on a state-by-state basis it shows that there is no statistical significance to the relationship between state funding to the organization and a state's political ideology.

LIMITATIONS

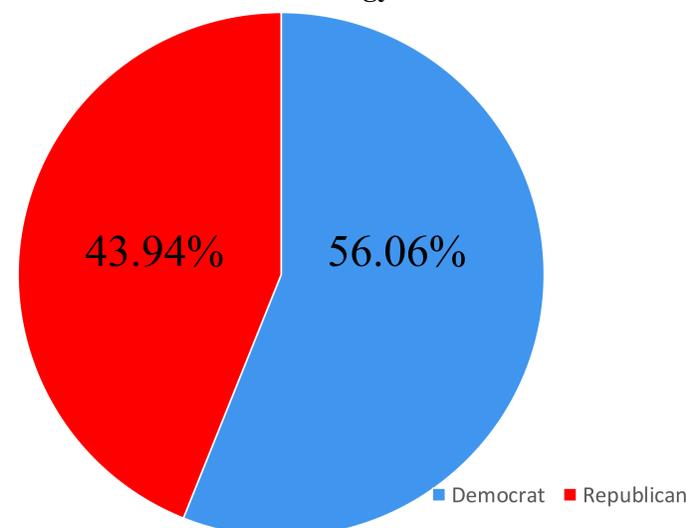
This research does have limitations that could have the possibly of analyzing data in a slightly different way than anticipated. The first limitation being that out of all 50 states, only 45 states' reported funding amounts could be located, which makes the data collected slightly incomplete. Another limitation is the way that population plays a role. Some of the larger states appear to have a larger pool of funds to give as opposed to smaller states. One last limitation is the time period of the data. The data collected for this research were limited to 2010. This was the most amount of specific funding by state that could be located.

The amount of funding in more current years has the possibility of being different than what the results say about this data, especially if it compiled multiple years of data.

Political Party Identification of State Legislatures



Funding Contributions to Planned Parenthood by Political Ideology



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