

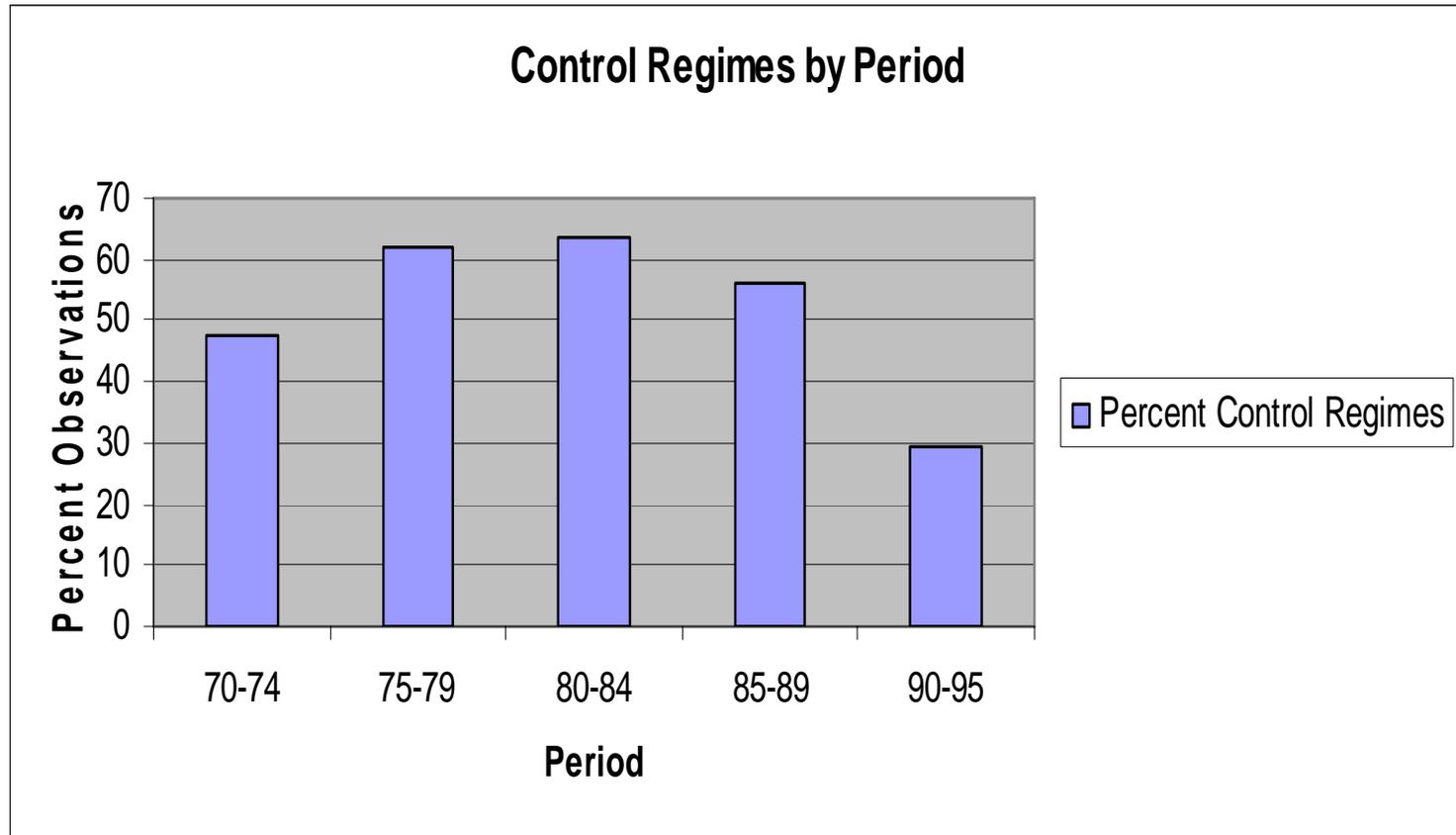
The Political Economy -- The Road Ahead

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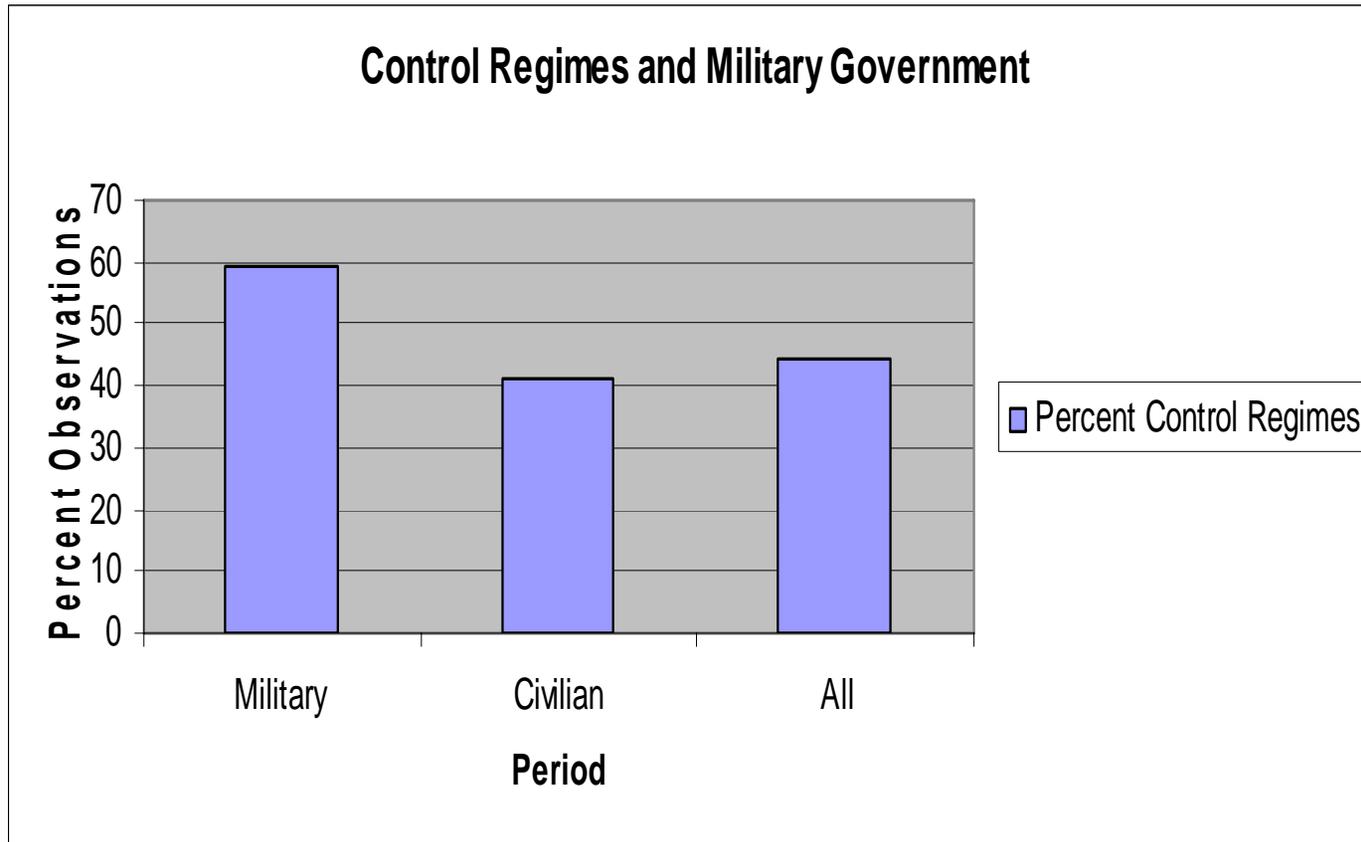
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- Study of Growth
- To Study of the Political Economy of Growth

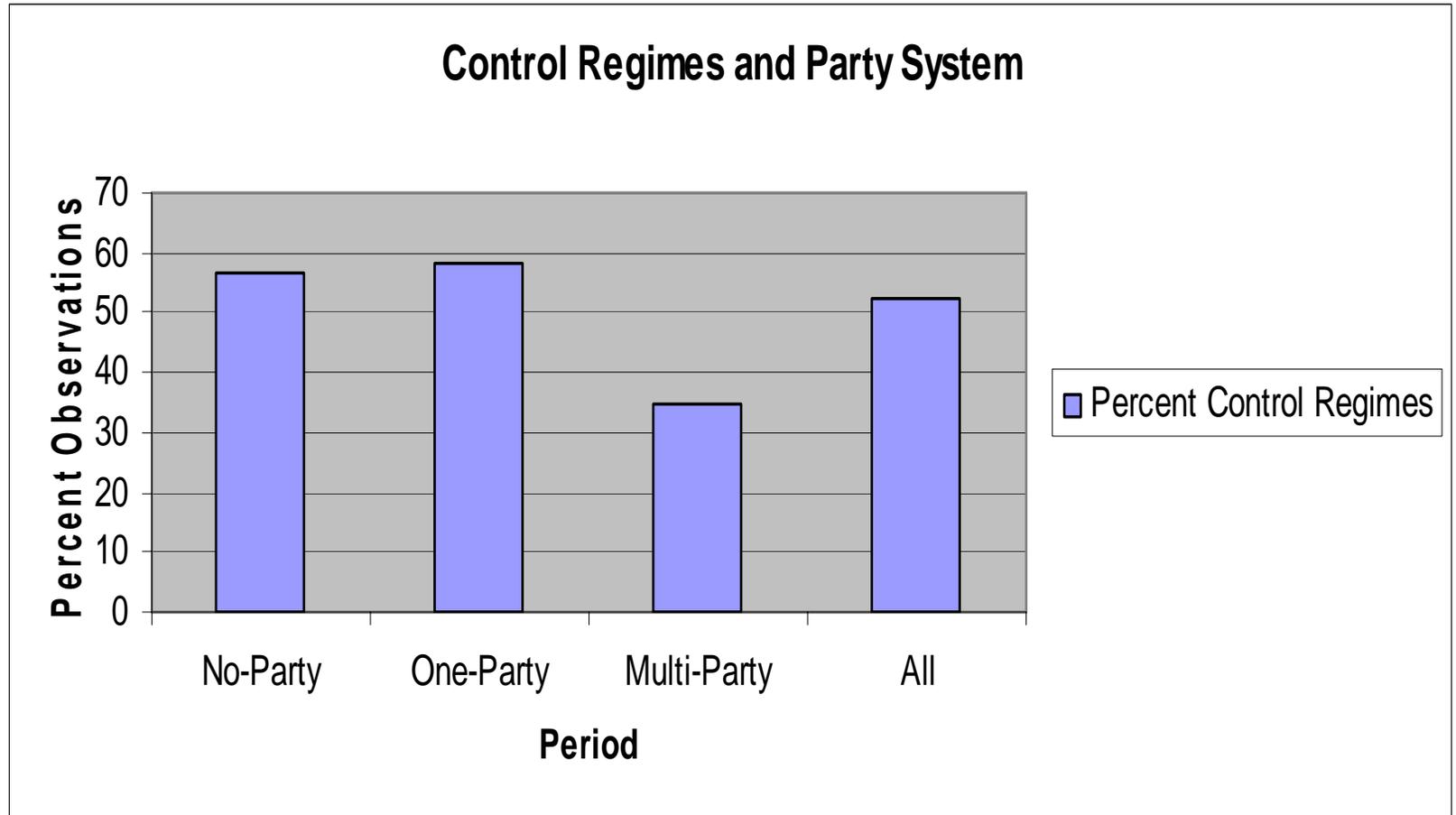
Policy Mistakes



Policy Mistakes and Military Government



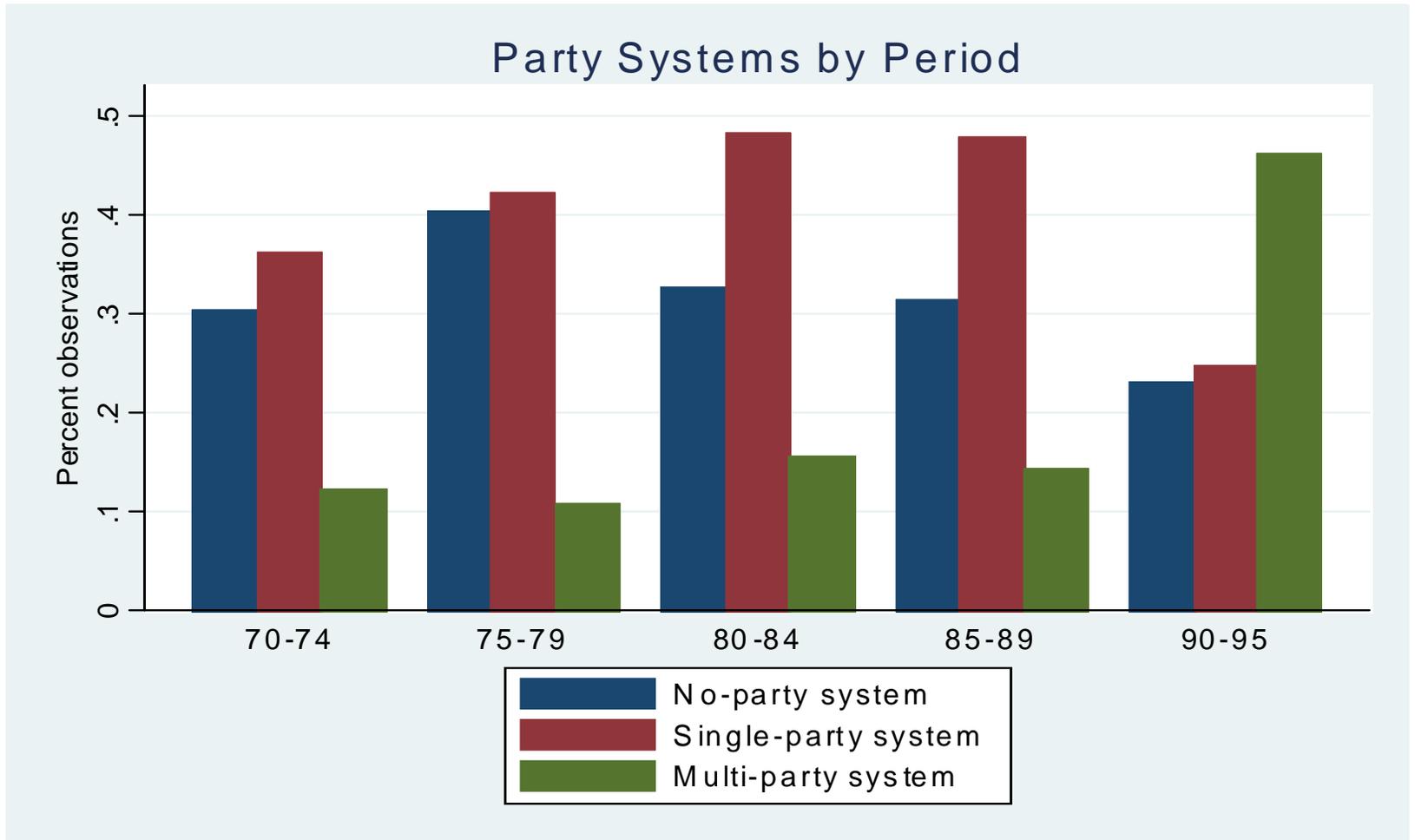
Policy Mistakes and Party System



The impact on largest industry

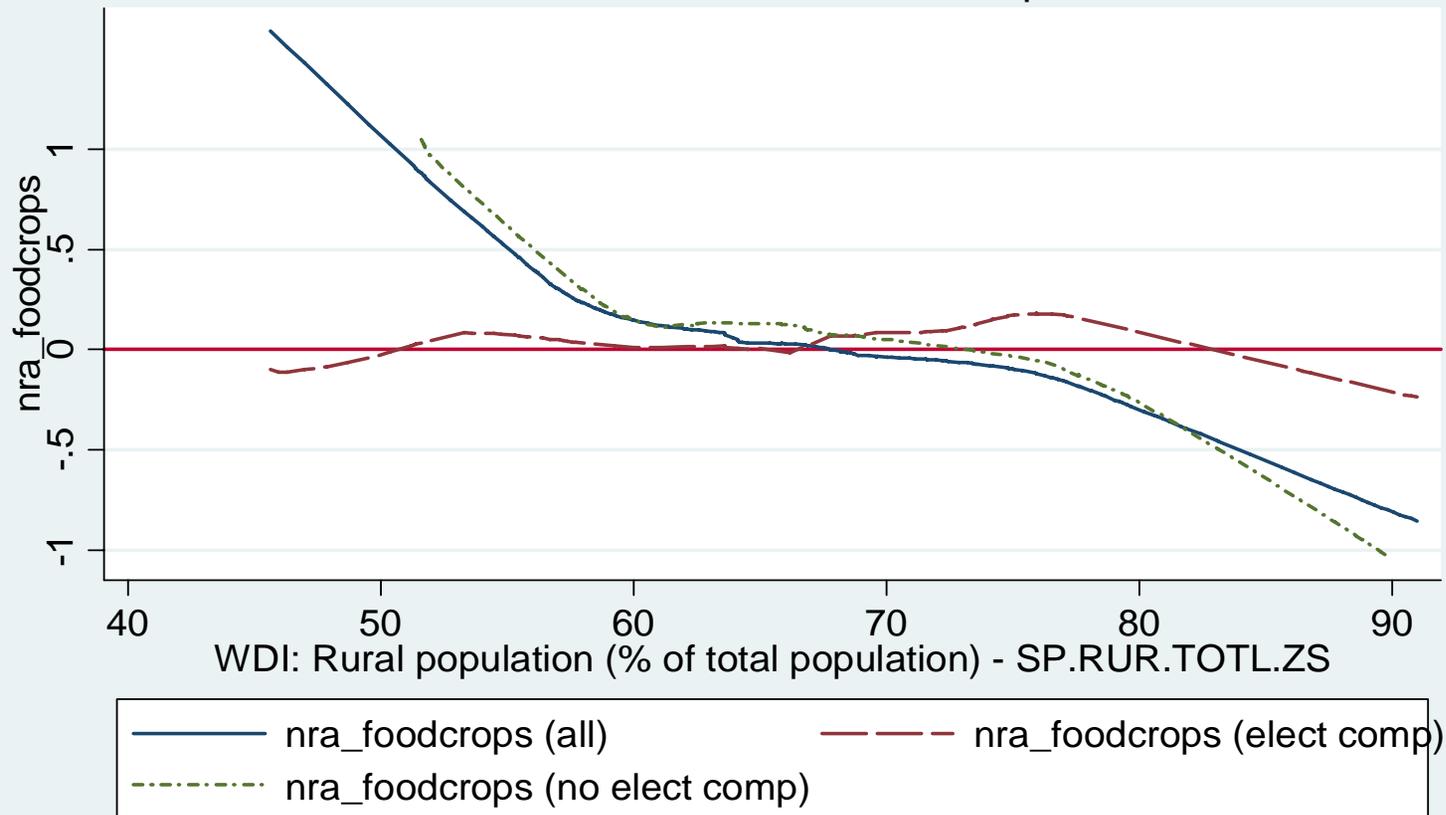
- As the size of rural sector increases
 - Private benefits of lobbying decrease
 - Costs of organizing increase
 - Size of lobby for cheap food increases

But then: Political Reform



Policy Choices and Agriculture: Africa's Largest Industry

nra_foodcrops by Rural Pop. Share
with & without electoral comp



semi-parametric

Conclusion I

- Political reform -> Policy Reform

Conclusion II

- The importance of “Political Geography”

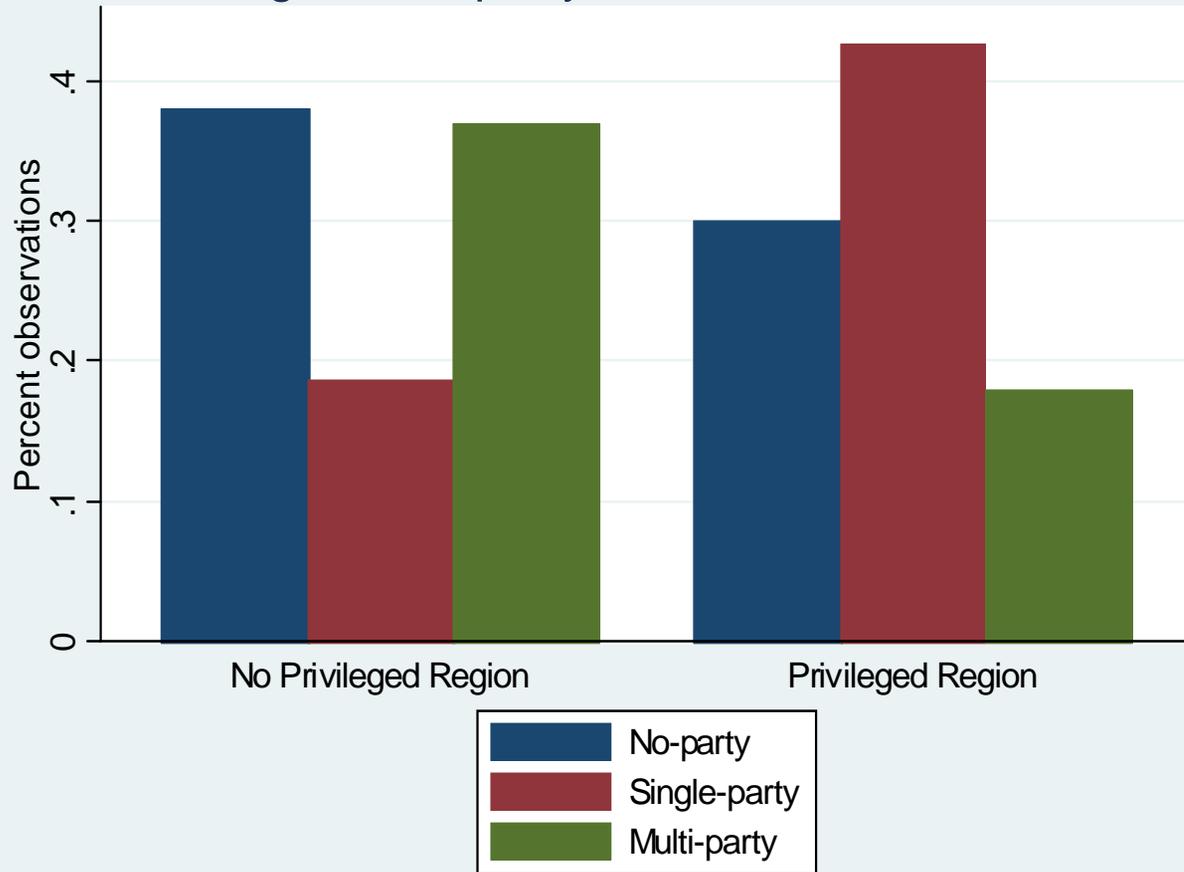
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- But also: the politics of regional inequality

Regional Inequality and Authoritarian Politics



Conclusion III

- The fragility of policy reform
- The fragility of political reform