

The Domestic Politics of International Organizations

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How does domestic politics affect U.S. participation in IOs?

- Literature focused at the state (country) level
- U.S. voters/representatives have IO preferences that are obscured at a high level
- We seek to analyze what motivates Congress regarding IOs
 - Who sponsors bills?
 - Who supports IO funding?
 - Which IOs do Congress vote on?



Research Methods: Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis

- **Statistical Analysis**
 - **Thomas**
 - Congressional bills and roll call votes
 - **Contributions to International Organizations**
 - Understand budget trends overtime
- **Qualitative**
 - **Interview Congressional Aides**
 - How do members of Congress determine how they will vote on IOs?
 - Where do members of Congress get information on IO performance?

International Organization by Category	Amount	U.S. Participati by Percentage
Assessed Contributions		
United Nations, Specialized Agencies and International Atomic Energy Agency (Assessed Budgets)		
Food and Agriculture Organization	\$ 113,639,158	22%
International Atomic Energy Agency	106,866,274	26%
International Civil Aviation Organization	21,496,663	25%
International Labor Organization	85,491,583	22%
International Maritime Organization	1,290,453	3%
International Telecommunication Union	10,504,847	7%
United Nations	567,945,826	22%
United Nations International Residual Mechanism	5,739,414	22%
United Nations International Tribunal for Former Yugoslavia	16,048,456	22%
United Nations International Tribunal for Rwanda	9,731,466	22%
Universal Postal Union	2,811,245	6%
World Health Organization	109,879,450	22%
World Intellectual Property Organization	1,224,748	7%
World Meteorological Organization	15,185,465	22%
Total - United Nations, Specialized Agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency	\$ 1,067,855,048	

Hypotheses



- **Path dependency**
- **Congressional preferences are more diverse** than internationalist vs. isolationist divide
 - Gender
 - Military experience
 - Committee representation
- Research relevant to understand why US participation in IOs ebbs and flows over time

Thank You!
