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Abstract

Bueno de Mesquita 2010 proposes a model to explain how a revolutionary vanguard might use violence to mobilize a mass public. In this paper we study whether his results are robust w.r.t to some debatable assumptions on the model specification. To this aim, we consider a general class of global game of policy change, and we analyze the effects on the set of equilibria of different payoff matrixes maintaining the same game form to show how payoffs shape Bueno de Mesquita results. We conclude that his results crucially depends on its peculiar specification of the payoff matrix.