

# Why Is Trade Not Free? A Revealed-Preference Approach

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  1. Who wins and who loses from redistributive trade policy? **Sectors! Not states.**
  2. How much of observed tariff variation can redistributive trade policy explain? **30%**
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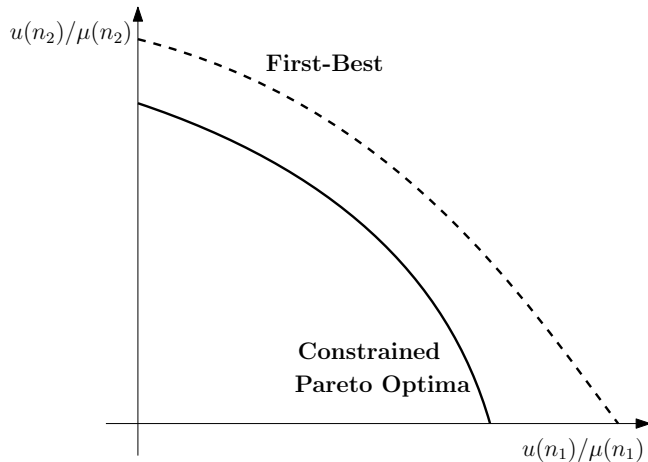
A vector of trade taxes  $t^*$  is *constrained Pareto-efficient* if there exists an individual  $n_0$  and a vector of utility  $\{\underline{u}(n)\}_{n \neq n_0}$  such that  $t^*$  solves

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where  $\mathcal{U}(t)$  = set of utility profiles in competitive equilibrium with trade taxes  $t$ .

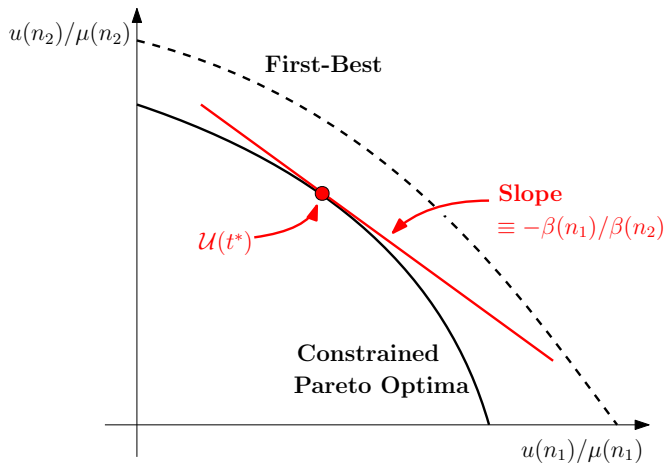


# Pareto-Efficient Trade Taxes: A simple case with two individuals



$\mu(n)$  is marginal utility of income for  $n$

**Pareto-Efficient Trade Taxes:** Slope of the tariff-constrained frontier at  $t^*$  reveals the relative social marginal returns of transfers,  $\beta(n)$



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- If negotiations make Home puts weight on utility in country  $j$ , then ToT term becomes  $\sum_j (1 - \beta(j)) (m(j) \cdot \partial p^w / \partial m_g)$

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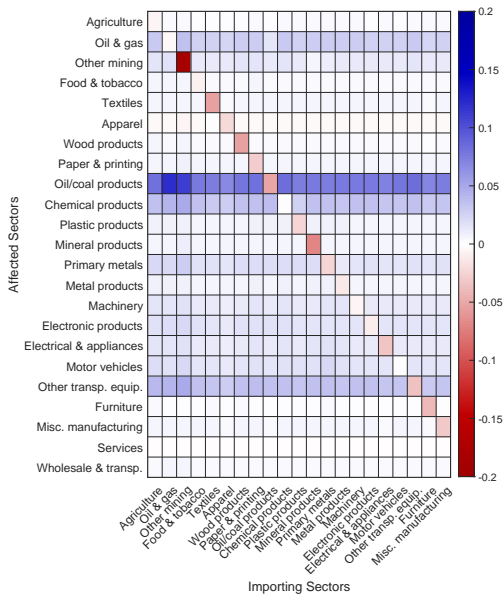
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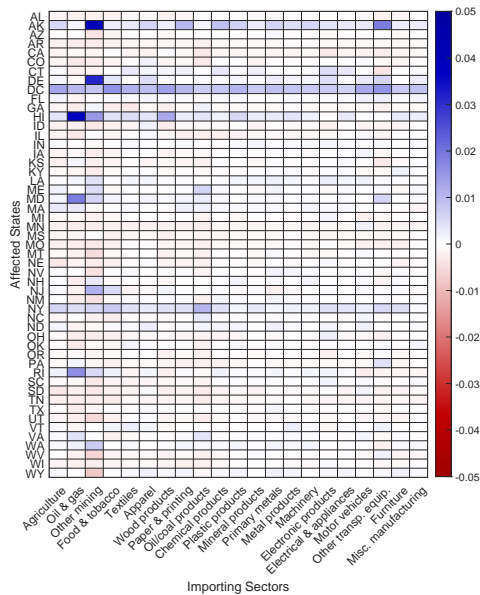
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  - International trade flows by US region  $r$ , foreign country  $i$ , and product  $h$  (Census)
  - US specific tariffs inferred from  $t_{ih} = t_{ih}^{\text{av}} / (1 + t_{ih}^{\text{av}})$  (USITC )

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- IV from 2017-2019 tariff shocks (mean-independent from other shocks to earnings)

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- Inference allows for arbitrary GE dependence in residuals (iid tariff shocks over  $ih$ )

# Validating Model-Implied Sensitivity of Earnings to Imports

Outcome:	Log-change in			
	earnings per worker			employment
	observed (1)	predicted (2)	obs. - pred. (3)	observed (4)
Estimate	1.792	1.173	0.620	-0.481
St. error	(0.548)	(0.020)	(0.567)	(0.356)
p-value	0.001	0.000	0.274	0.177
$R^2$	0.015	0.994	0.001	0.006

Notes: Sample of 1,055 region-sector pairs with  $w_{rs}$ . All specifications include a constant and are weighted by employment in 2017. Observed outcomes in columns (1), (3) and (4) correspond to changes between 2017 and 2019; predicted outcomes in columns (2) and (3) correspond to our model's predictions for the impact of US and foreign tariff changes between 2017 and 2019. Standard errors in parentheses computed with ACD's version of inference for shift-share specifications clustered by 6-digit HS product. [Figure](#)

- Column (4) echoes findings in Flaaen and Pierce (2021) and Autor et al (2023)

## **Putting the Formula to Work**



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- **Specification:** tariff on product-country  $ih$  is

$$t_{ih} = - \sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}} \beta_s N_s \frac{\partial(\omega_s - \bar{\omega})}{\partial m_{ih}} - \sum_{r \in \mathcal{R}_H} \beta_r N_r \frac{\partial(\omega_r - \bar{\omega})}{\partial m_{ih}} + \text{Controls}_{ih} + \varepsilon_{ih}$$

Baseline: OLS,  $\text{Controls}_{ih}$  including constant and ToT motive ( $m \cdot \partial p^w / \partial m_{ih}$ )

## Estimation: Baseline specification and identification

- Suppose:

$$\beta(n) = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \text{Dummy}_j(n) \times \beta_j$$

- $\text{Dummy}_j(n) = 1$  iff individual  $n$  belongs to group  $j$ , defined as “works in sector  $s$ ” ( $\{\beta_s\}_{s \in \mathcal{S}}$ ) and “resides in region  $r$ ” ( $\{\beta_r\}_{r \in \mathcal{R}_H}$ )

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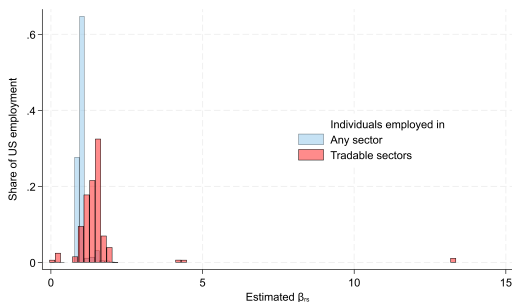
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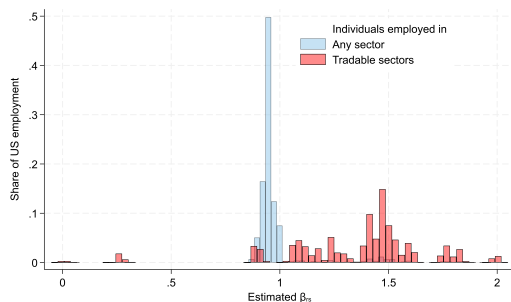
- **Identification:** other (non-controlled) motives in  $\varepsilon_{ih}$  are orthogonal to  $\frac{\partial(\omega_j - \bar{\omega})}{\partial m_{ih}}$ 
  - Theory-consistent alternative specifications attest robustness to: other policy instruments, tariff constraints, trade negotiation, simultaneity bias, additional groups

# Baseline OLS Estimates of $\hat{\beta}_{rs} \equiv \hat{\beta}_s + \hat{\beta}_r$

All estimates



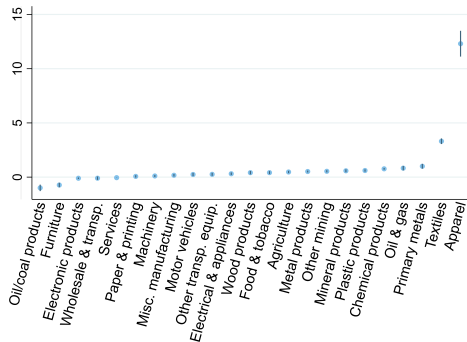
Truncated estimates



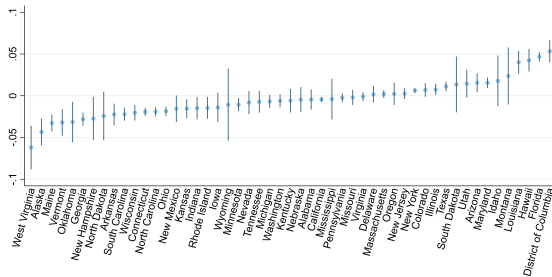
1. Trade policy is far from redistribution-neutral: substantial dispersion, with long upper tail (P99, P95 and P90 are 91%, 53% and 8% higher than P10)
2. Typically, welfare weights are higher for workers employed in tradable sectors
3. Pareto-efficiency test (Werning, 2007): cannot reject positive weights

# A First Look at Winners and Losers

$$\hat{\beta}_s - \frac{1}{S} \sum_s \hat{\beta}_s$$



$$\hat{\beta}_r - \frac{1}{R_H} \sum_r \hat{\beta}_r$$



- Sector-based redistribution > Region-based redistribution by order of magnitude

Average welfare weight

Without Apparel

state vs sector variation

# Sensitivity Analysis: in all cases, high correlation with baseline $\hat{\beta}$

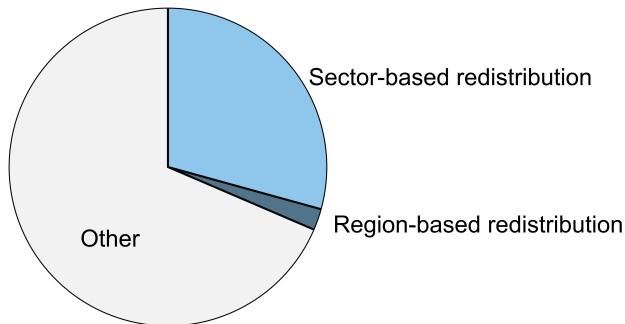
1. Other policy instruments: Instruments
  - 1.1 Non-tariff measures: Dummies to controls for the common effect of 6 types of NTMs
  - 1.2 Income taxes: Adjust real earnings by the average marginal tax rate of sector-state
2. Constrained trade taxes: Constraints Trade war
  - 2.1 Unrestricted subsample: 3.4% of obs not restricted by PTA or WTO bounds
  - 2.2 MFN restrictions: Implementation assuming all WTO members face same tariff
3. Negotiated trade taxes: Negotiations
  - 3.1 Separate ToT control for each of the 101 foreign countries
4. Econometric concerns: Other specifications
  - 4.1 Simultaneity bias: IV with sensitivity around free trade counterfactual eq
  - 4.2 Tariff censoring at zero: Tobit model under normally distributed residuals
  - 4.3 Welfare weights that depend on gender, race and education Weights by group

# **How Important Is Redistributive Trade Protection?**

# Importance of Redistributive Trade Protection: Tariff Variation

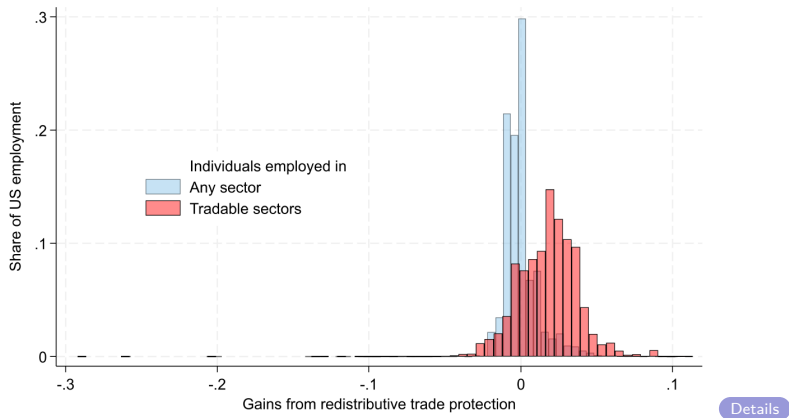
- Shapley-Owen decomposition applied to redistribution terms in

$$t_{ih} = \underbrace{- \sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}} \hat{\beta}_s N_s \frac{\partial(\omega_s - \bar{\omega})}{\partial m_{ih}}}_{\text{Sectors}} - \underbrace{\sum_{r \in \mathcal{R}_H} \hat{\beta}_r N_r \frac{\partial(\omega_r - \bar{\omega})}{\partial m_{ih}}}_{\text{States}} + \underbrace{\text{Controls}_{ih} + \varepsilon_{ih}}_{\text{Other}}$$





# Importance of Redistributive Trade Protection: Implicit Transfers



1. P99, P95 and P90 are 5.1, 3.4, and 2.0 percentage points higher than P10
2. Average gain for tradable workers is 2.1 p.p. higher than for non-tradable workers
3. Top and bottom decile difference equivalent to **\$2,450p.a.**

## A Final Look at Winners and Losers

Table: Winners and losers from redistributive trade protection

Outcome:	Estimated welfare weight (1)	Estimated protection gain (2)
High trade-lobbying sector	0.675 (0.104)	0.018 (0.002)
Swing state	0.000 (0.014)	0.001 (0.002)
$R^2$	0.091	0.095

Notes: Sample of 1,080 region-sector pairs with positive employment in 2017. All specifications include a constant and are weighted by employment in 2017. In column (1), the dependent variable is the estimated welfare weight of each region-sector,  $\hat{\beta}_{rs} = \hat{\beta}_s + \hat{\beta}_r$ ; in column (2), it is the estimated gain from redistributive trade protection. Robust standard errors in parentheses.

## **Concluding Remarks**

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- **A revealed preference approach:**
  - $\text{Tariff} = \sum_n (\text{social return})_n \times (\text{economic return to importing})_n + (\text{other motives})$
  - Given measures of  $(\text{economic return to importing})_n$ , tariff schedule can be used to reveal each  $(\text{social return})_n$
- **Lessons from US trade policy:**
  - Redistributive trade protection is important:
    - Explains around 30% of tariff variation across goods
    - Creates large as-if transfers across US population
  - Redistributive trade protection is primarily driven by preference bias for certain sectors rather than states (or other demographic characteristics)
- **In progress:**
  - “A World Trading System for Whom?”: Reveal Pareto weights *across countries* and shed light on the distribution of the gains from international cooperation

## Model: Domestic Technology

- For each region  $r \in \mathcal{R}_H$ , destination  $d \in \mathcal{R}_H \cup \mathcal{R}_F \equiv \mathcal{R}$ , and product  $h \in \mathcal{H}_s$  from sector  $s \in \mathcal{S}$ , there is a representative firm  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  whose gross output  $q(f)$  is

$$q(f) = \theta_{rds} [\ell_{rs}(f)]^{\alpha_s} \prod_{k \in \mathcal{S}} [Q_{rk}(f)]^{\alpha_{ks}},$$

$$Q_{rk}(f) = \left[ \sum_{c=H,F} (\theta_{rk}^c)^{\frac{1}{\kappa}} [Q_{rk}^c(f)]^{\frac{\kappa-1}{\kappa}} \right]^{\frac{\kappa}{\kappa-1}},$$

$$Q_{rk}^c(f) = \left[ \sum_{v \in \mathcal{H}_k} (\theta_{rkv}^c)^{\frac{1}{\eta}} [Q_{rkv}^c(f)]^{\frac{\eta-1}{\eta}} \right]^{\frac{\eta}{\eta-1}},$$

$$Q_{rkv}^c(f) = \left[ \sum_{o \in \mathcal{R}_c} (\theta_{orkv}^c)^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} [q_{orv}(f)]^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma}} \right]^{\frac{\sigma}{\sigma-1}},$$

## Model: Domestic Preferences

- In each region  $r \in \mathcal{R}_H$ , the utility  $U(n)$  of any individual  $n$  is

$$U(n) = E(z, n) \prod_{s \in \mathcal{S}} [C_{rs}(n)]^{\gamma_s},$$

$$C_{rs}(n) = \left[ \sum_{c=H,F} (\theta_{rs}^c)^{\frac{1}{\kappa}} [C_{rs}^c(n)]^{\frac{\kappa-1}{\kappa}} \right]^{\frac{\kappa}{\kappa-1}},$$
$$C_{rs}^c(n) = \left[ \sum_{h \in \mathcal{H}_s} (\theta_{rsh}^c)^{\frac{1}{\eta}} [C_{rsh}^c(n)]^{\frac{\eta-1}{\eta}} \right]^{\frac{\eta}{\eta-1}},$$
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- $E(z, n)$  denotes the impact of externalities on the utility of individual  $n$

## Model: Foreign Offer Curve

- For each foreign country  $i \in \mathcal{R}_F$ , domestic region  $r \in \mathcal{R}_H$ , and product  $h \in \mathcal{H}$ , gross exports  $q_{irh}^{X,F}$  and gross imports  $q_{rih}^{M,F}$  satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} p_{irh}^{X,F} &= \theta_{irh}^{X,F} (q_{irh}^{X,F})^{\psi^{X,F}}, \\ p_{rih}^{M,F} &= \theta_{rih}^{M,F} (q_{rih}^{M,F})^{-\psi^{M,F}}, \end{aligned}$$

- $p_{irh}^{X,F}$ : price received by foreign sellers of product  $h$  in country  $i$  serving region  $r$
- $p_{rih}^{M,F}$ : price paid by foreign buyers of product  $h$  from region  $r$  in country  $i$

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# Competitive Equilibrium with Trade Taxes

1. Each firm  $f$  chooses  $y(f)$  to maximize profits

$$\max_{y \in \Upsilon(z; f)} p \cdot y$$

2. Each individual  $n$  chooses  $c(n)$  to maximize utility subject to budget constraint

$$\max_c u(c, z; n)$$

$$\text{subject to: } p \cdot c = p \cdot y(n) + \tau$$

3. All markets clear

$$\sum_n c(n) = \sum_f y(f) + m$$

4. The government's budget is balanced

$$t \cdot m = N\tau$$

5. Domestic prices satisfy  $p_g = p_g^w + t_g$ ; net imports satisfy  $m \in \Omega(p^w, z)$ ; and externalities satisfy  $z \in \mathcal{Z}(\{y(f), c(n)\}, m, p, p^w)$  [Back](#)



## A Look Back at a Classic: Grossman and Helpman (1994)

$$t_g^* = \left( \frac{l_s - \alpha_L}{a + \alpha_L} \right) \left( \frac{Z_s}{e_s} \right)$$

- $\left( \frac{l_s - \alpha_L}{a + \alpha_L} \right) \equiv$  social marginal return  $\beta(s)$  of transfers to sector  $s$ 
  - Takes only two values depending on whether  $n$  lobbies ( $l_s = 1$ ) or not ( $l_s = 0$ )
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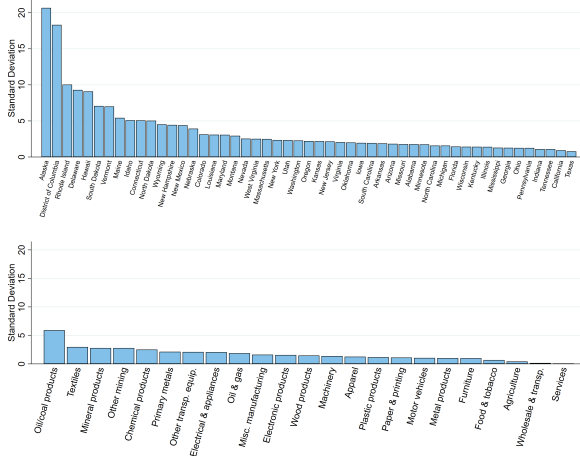
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- **This paper's perspective:**

$$t_g^* = -\beta \cdot \frac{\partial(\omega - \bar{\omega})}{\partial m_g}$$

- Keep political process and hence  $\beta$  unrestricted, except for Pareto efficiency
- In order to go from  $t$  to  $\beta$ , key to measure changes in real earnings  $\frac{\partial(\omega - \bar{\omega})}{\partial m_g}$

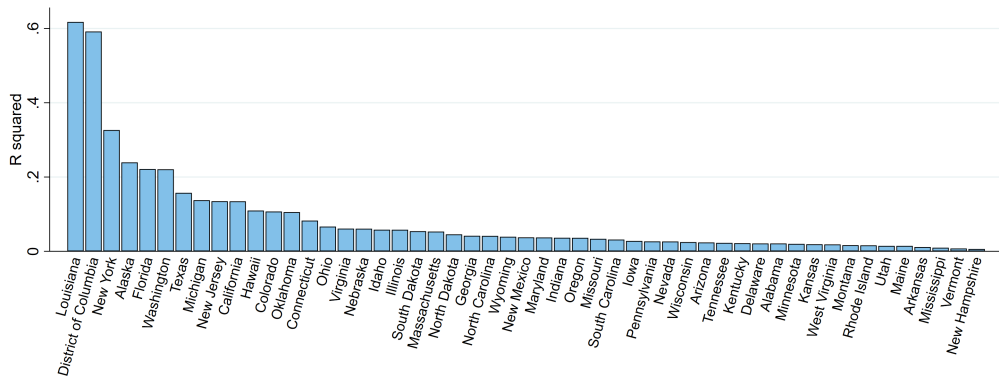
# Standard Deviation of $\frac{\partial \omega_s}{\partial m_{ih}}$ and $\frac{\partial \omega_r}{\partial m_{ih}}$



Import Sensitivity

Welfare weights

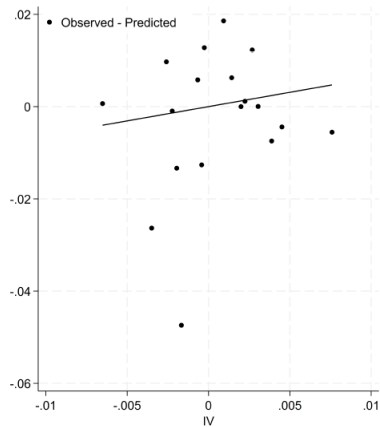
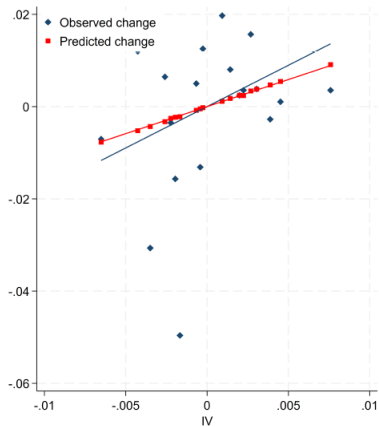
$R^2$  of regressing  $\partial(\omega_r - \bar{\omega})/\partial m_{ih}$  on the set  $\{\partial(\omega_s - \bar{\omega})/\partial m_{ih}\}_{s \in \mathcal{S}}$



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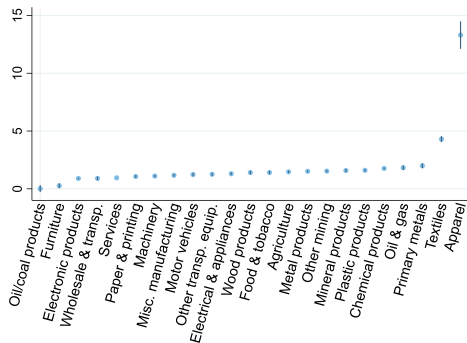
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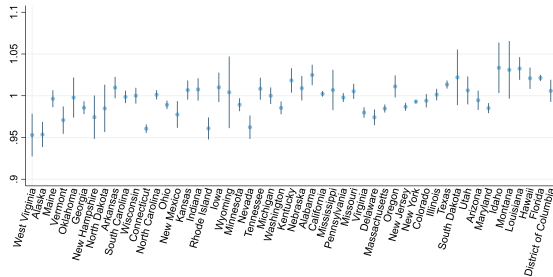
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# Who Wins and Loses? Average Welfare Weights

$$\bar{\beta}_s \equiv \sum_r (N_{rs}/N_s) \hat{\beta}_{rs}$$



$$\bar{\beta}_r \equiv \sum_s (N_{rs}/N_r) \hat{\beta}_{rs}$$

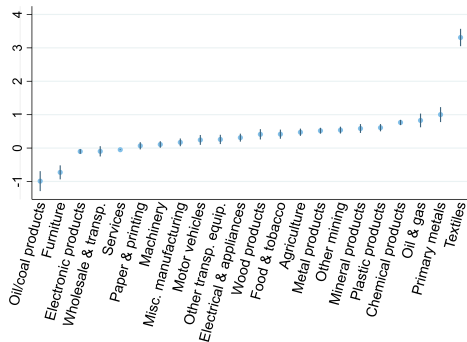


- Sector-based redistribution > Region-based redistribution by order of magnitude

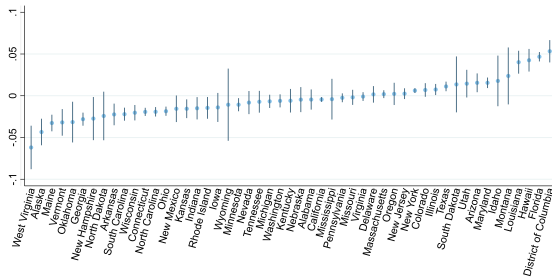
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# Who Wins and Loses? (Without Apparel)

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$$\hat{\beta}_r - \frac{1}{R_H} \sum_r \hat{\beta}_r$$

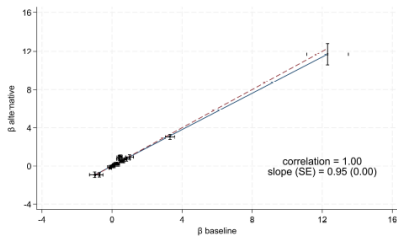


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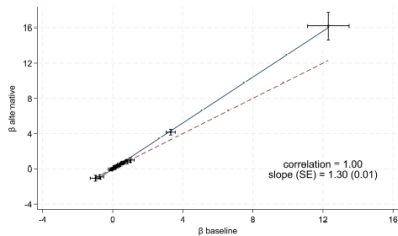
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# Sensitivity Analysis

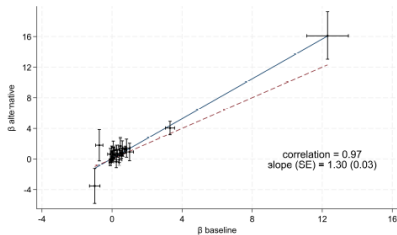
(a) Non-tariff measures



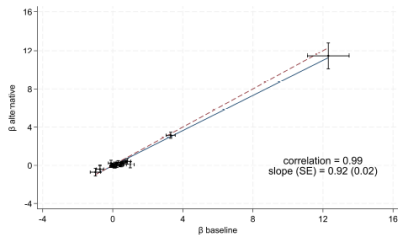
(b) Domestic taxes



(c) Unconstrained tariffs



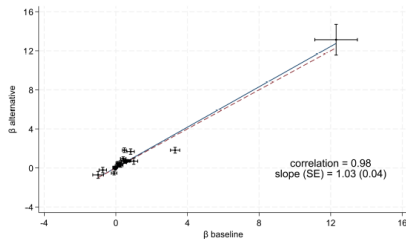
(d) MFN clause



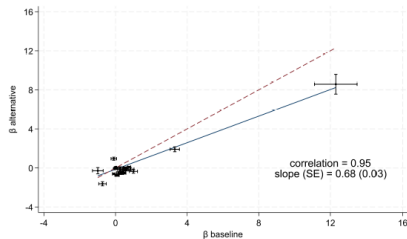


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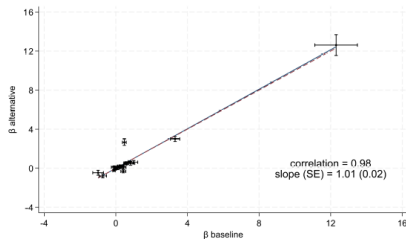
(a) Negotiated trade taxes



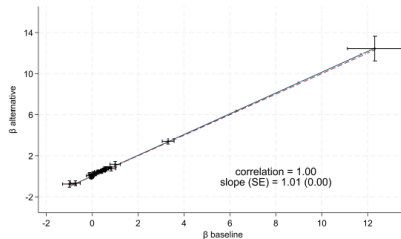
(b) Reverse causality from tariffs to imports



(c) Censoring of tariffs at zero



(d) Controlling for education, gender, and race

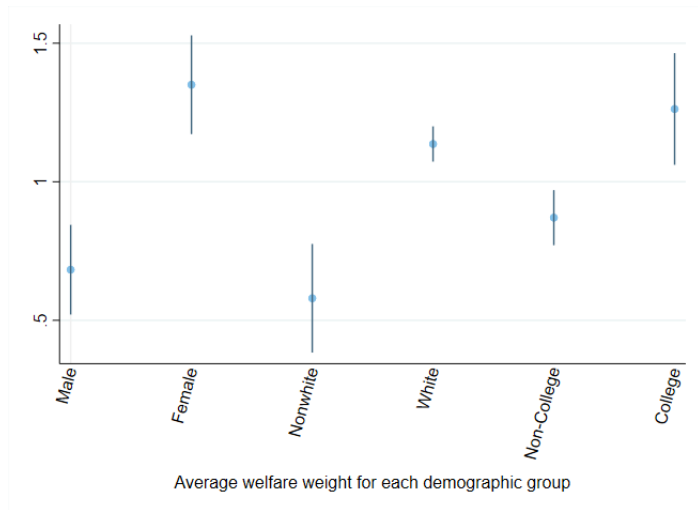


# Sensitivity Analysis (Table)

	All (1)	Drop apparel (2)	Employment- weighted (3)
<i>Panel (a): Non-tariff measures</i>			
Slope	0.95	0.96	0.99
(SE)	(0.00)	(0.04)	(0.04)
Correlation	1.00	0.97	0.98
<i>Panel (b): Domestic taxes</i>			
Slope	1.30	1.21	1.29
(SE)	(0.01)	(0.04)	(0.02)
Correlation	1.00	1.00	1.00
<i>Panel (c): Unconstrained tariffs</i>			
Slope	1.30	1.28	1.34
(SE)	(0.03)	(0.23)	(0.07)
Correlation	0.97	0.75	0.87
<i>Panel (d): MFN clause</i>			
Slope	0.92	0.77	0.86
(SE)	(0.02)	(0.13)	(0.07)
Correlation	0.99	0.92	0.95
<i>Panel (e): Negotiated trade taxes</i>			
Slope	1.03	0.75	1.12
(SE)	(0.04)	(0.16)	(0.09)
Correlation	0.98	0.80	0.90
<i>Panel (f): Reverse causality from tariffs to imports</i>			
Slope	0.68	0.42	0.55
(SE)	(0.03)	(0.15)	(0.13)
Correlation	0.95	0.54	0.58
<i>Panel (g): Censoring of tariffs at zero</i>			
Slope	1.01	0.88	1.08
(SE)	(0.02)	(0.07)	(0.11)
Correlation	0.98	0.82	0.84
<i>Panel (h): Controlling for education, gender, and race</i>			
Slope	1.01	1.03	1.03
(SE)	(0.00)	(0.02)	(0.02)
Correlation	1.00	0.98	0.98

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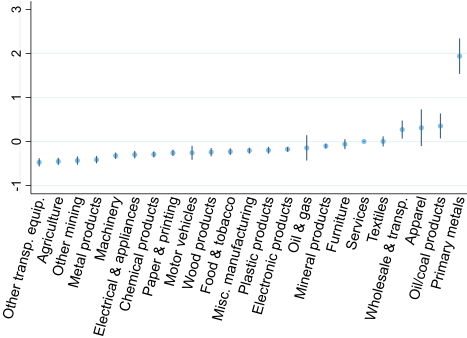
# Average Welfare Weight of Demographic Groups



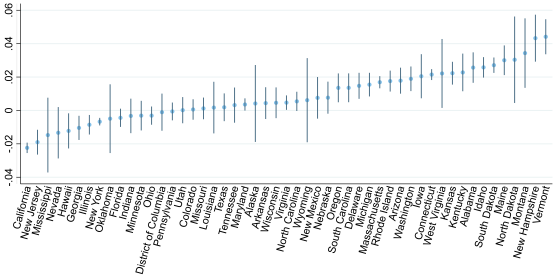
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# Changes in Welfare Weights in 2017-2019

$$\hat{\beta}_s^{2019} - \hat{\beta}_s^{2017}$$



$$\hat{\beta}_r^{2019} - \hat{\beta}_r^{2017}$$



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# Importance of Redistributive Trade Protection: Implicit Transfers

- Counterfactual US economy with trade taxes implied by equal welfare weights:

$$t'_{ih} = t_{ih} + \sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}} \hat{\beta}_s N_s \frac{\partial(\omega_s - \bar{\omega})}{\partial m_{ih}} + \sum_{r \in \mathcal{R}_H} \hat{\beta}_r N_r \frac{\partial(\omega_r - \bar{\omega})}{\partial m_{ih}}$$

- We hold fixed other motives for trade protection
  - Estimated changes in ToT motive are small in practice
  - Other efficiency motives cannot change either (e.g., externalities only depend on imports and world prices)

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