

Supplementary Material for

Political Depression? A Big-Data, Multi-Method Exploration of Americans' Emotional Response to the Trump Presidency

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Bayesian Analyses Statement

All Bayesian analyses were conducted using BayesFactor package for R (Morey & Rouder, 2018), with a JZS prior (Rouder, Morey, Speckman, & Province, 2012) and 10,000 MCMC iterations. In model comparisons BIC to BF was converted following Rouder et al. (2009).

Pre-Study Psychologists' Evaluation

We were interested in finding out what would the psychological community predict; could a political depression be perceived as a valid phenomenon, or would it seem to be far-fetched? To address this question, we ran a modified version of study 1A on a pool of professional psychologists.

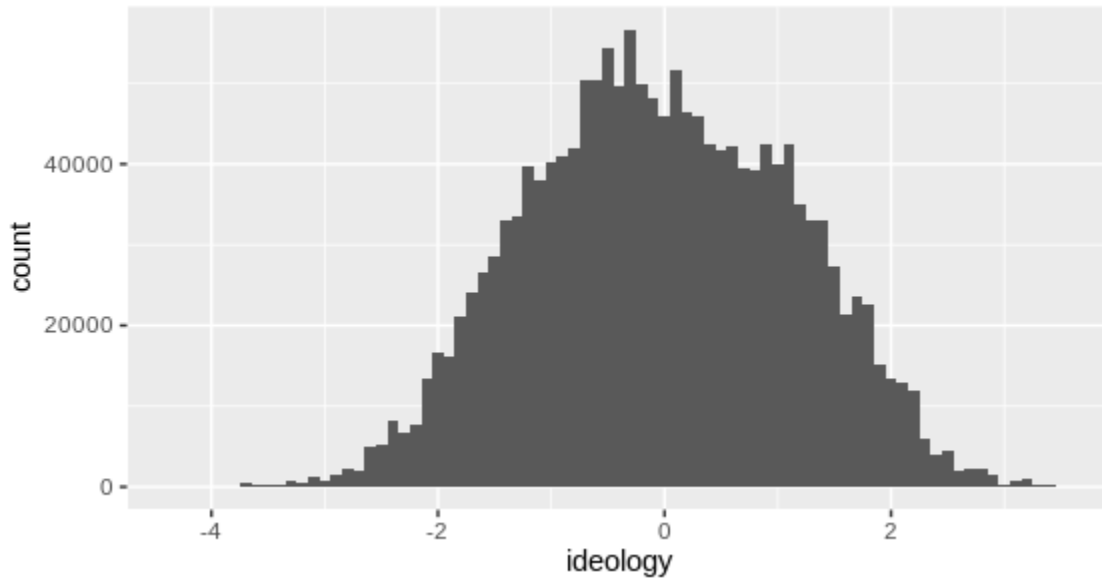
Method

We conducted a modified version of study 1A among 65 professional psychologists recruited through the PsychMAP Facebook group (46 from the United States, 52 at PhD level). The psychologists' areas of expertise were: social – 30, clinical – 9, neuroscience – 6, personality – 5, cognitive – 4, developmental – 3, organizational – 3, health – 2, other - 3. We asked them to predict the PHQ-2 scores of the “average American Liberal” and the “average American Conservative” for 1 year before the election, 2 weeks before the election, 2 weeks after the election and 1 year after the election.

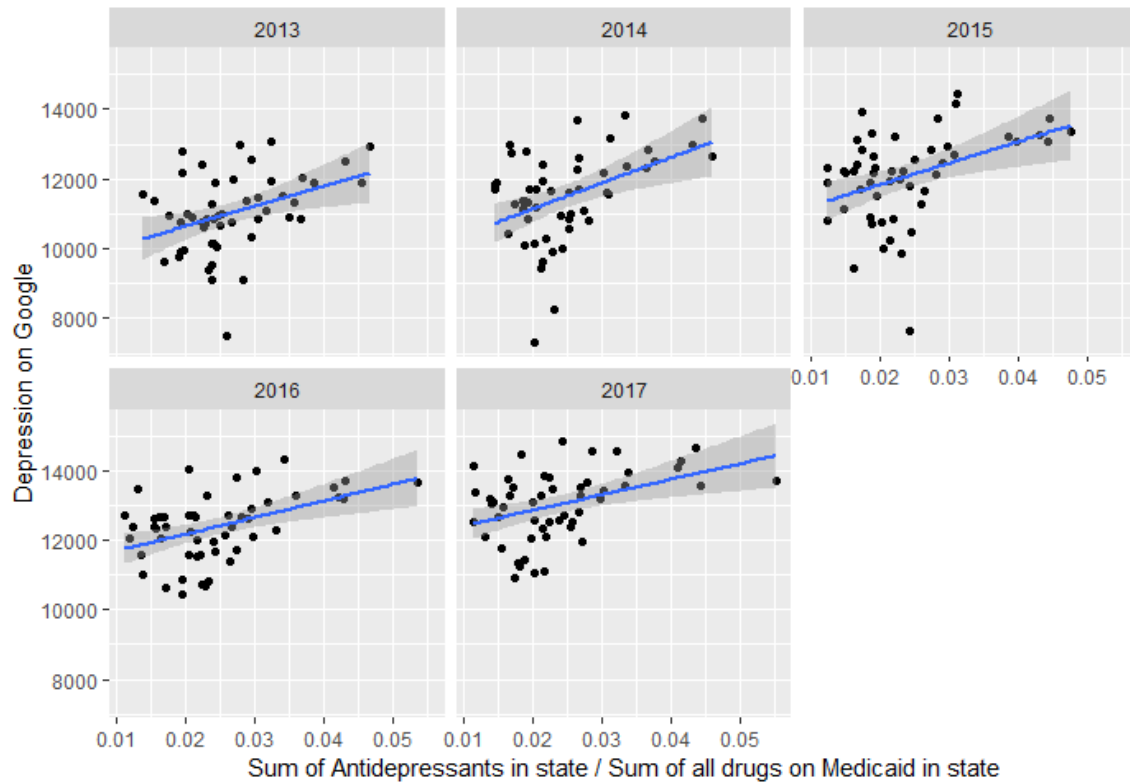
Results

We ran a 4 (time) X 2 (political affiliation) within-subjects ANOVA, $F(1.43, 91.38) = 97.04, p < .0001, \eta^2 = .29, BF_{Inclusion} = Inf$. These results as depicted in Fig 1. (manuscript), suggest that psychologists do consider a phenomenon such as Political Depression to be plausible and in the case of the 2016 presidential election, even highly probable.

Supplementary Figures



Supplementary Fig. 1. Histogram of individual-level political affiliation. Distribution of 1,610,792 twitter users' political affiliation. Negative values denote liberal political affiliation.



Supplementary Fig. 2. State-level scatter plot of Google Depression composite and Antidepressants consumption. Scatter plot and regression line of state-level proportion of Medicaid antidepressants consumption and Google search behavior.

Supplementary Table 1. Multi-level interrupted time-series analysis for the search terms *Protest*. Affiliation stands for political affiliation and signifies Democrats margin of victory. Values in parentheses denote standard errors; values in brackets denote 95% CIs.

<i>Predictors</i>	P1		P2		P3	
	<i>Estimates</i>	<i>Partial r</i>	<i>Estimates</i>	<i>Partial r</i>	<i>Estimates</i>	<i>Partial r</i>
(Intercept)	-438.24 *** (32.25)	-0.085 [-0.1,-0.07]	-438.24 *** (31.88)	-0.084 [-0.1,-0.07]	-438.24 *** (32.07)	-0.085 [-0.1,-0.07]
Spatial Lag	1.21 *** (0.01)	0.643 [0.64,0.65]	1.21 *** (0.01)	0.643 [0.64,0.65]	1.21 *** (0.01)	0.643 [0.64,0.65]
Time	-0.05 (0.05)	-0.006 [-0.02,0.01]	-0.05 (0.06)	-0.006 [-0.02,0.01]	-0.05 (0.06)	-0.006 [-0.02,0.01]
Event	5224.55 *** (264.52)	0.121 [0.11,0.13]	5224.56 *** (264.37)	0.123 [0.11,0.13]	5224.55 *** (264.08)	0.123 [0.11,0.13]
Time:Event	-10.27 *** (0.54)	-0.119 [-0.13,-0.11]	-10.27 *** (0.54)	-0.119 [-0.13,-0.11]	-10.27 *** (0.54)	-0.119 [-0.13,-0.11]
Dem Margin	358.21 *** (95.61)	0.023 [0.01,0.04]	349.73 *** (86.47)	0.021 [0.01,0.03]	-881.03 ** (268.11)	-0.02 [-0.03,-0.01]
Time:Dem Margin	1.64 *** (0.46)	0.021 [0.01,0.03]	1.55 *** (0.46)	0.021 [0.01,0.03]	1.60 *** (0.48)	0.021 [0.01,0.03]
Event:Dem Margin			541.81 * (239.59)	0.014 [0,0.03]	11227.68 *** (2199.46)	0.032 [0.02,0.04]
Time:Event:Dem Margin					-21.81 *** (4.46)	-0.031 [-0.04,-0.02]
Random Effects						

σ^2	226843.27	226922.71	226655.52
τ_{00}	5903.01 State	4725.02 State	5372.95 State
	0.12 State.Time	0.12 State.Time	0.13 State.Time
	38837.96 State.Event	33972.79 State.Event	30301.69 State.Event
	0.00 State.Time.Event	0.00 State.Time.Event	0.00 State.Time.Event
N	49 State	49 State	49 State
Observations	25480	25480	25480
AIC	386880.364	386876.624	386852.622
BIC	386978.1	386982.5	386966.7
log-Likelihood	-193428.182	-193425.312	-193412.311

* $p < .05$ ** $p < .01$ *** $p < .001$

Supplementary Table 2. Interrupted time-series regression analysis of depression proportion on Gallup. Affiliation stands for Political affiliation and is dummy-coded 1 for democrats and 0 for republicans. Gender is dummy coded 1 for females and 0 for males. Values in parentheses denote standard errors.

	<i>Gallup Models:</i>		
	Depression Proportion		
	M1	M2	M3
Time	0.0001*** (0.00004)	0.0001** (0.0001)	0.0002** (0.0001)
Event		0.001 (0.003)	0.001 (0.004)
Time:Event		-0.0002 (0.0003)	-0.0003 (0.0005)
Affiliation	0.024*** (0.005)	0.025*** (0.005)	0.024*** (0.005)
Is.Female	0.098** (0.041)	0.094** (0.042)	0.102** (0.045)
Time: Affiliation			-0.0001 (0.0001)
Event: Affiliation			-0.001 (0.006)
Time:Event: Affiliation			0.0001 (0.001)
Constant	0.041** (0.018)	0.042** (0.019)	0.039* (0.020)
Observations	120	120	120
R ²	0.878	0.879	0.879
Adjusted R ²	0.875	0.873	0.871
AIC	-856.47	-852.98	-847.53
BIC	-842.53	-833.47	-819.66
<i>Note:</i>	* p<0.1; ** p<0.05; *** p<0.01		

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