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Online Appendix: What's in a Buzzword? - A
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Publications over time

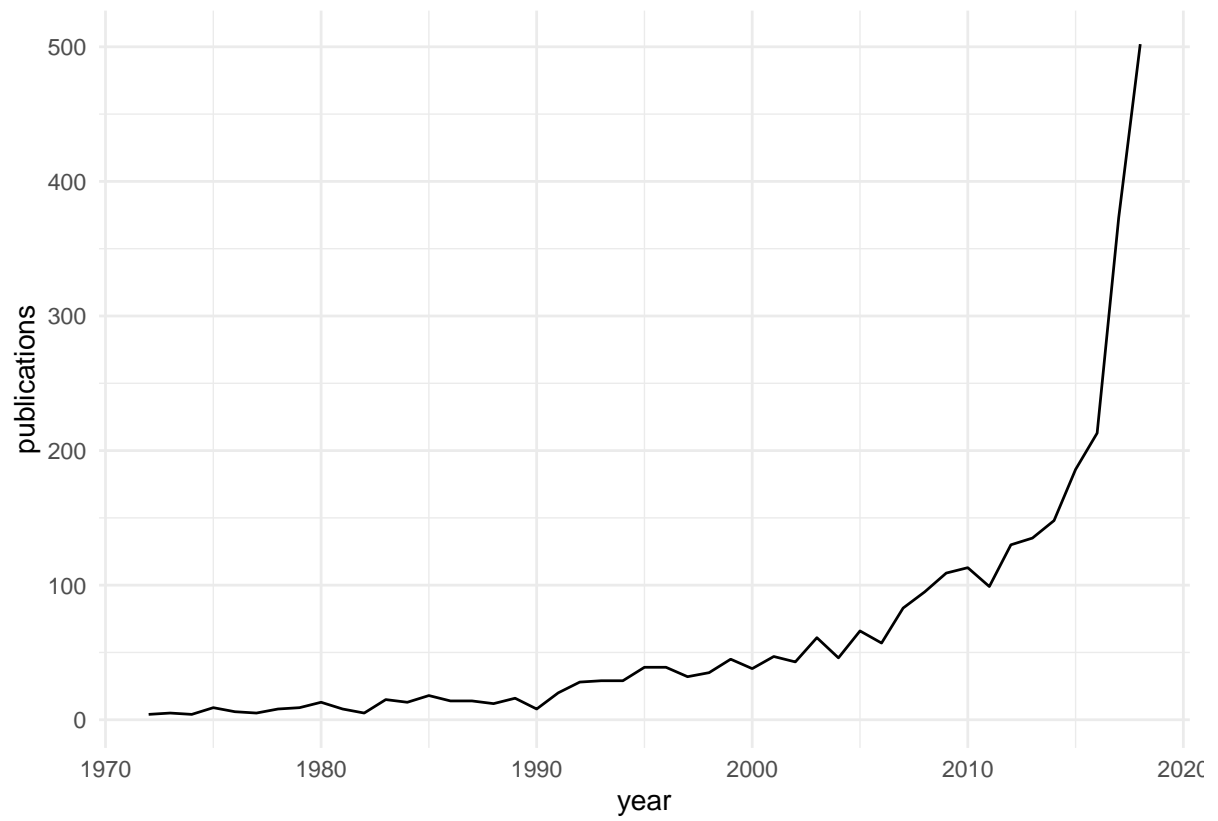


Figure 1: Number of articles published per year from WoS

Validation of *Web of Science* query

In order to validate our sample, we cross-checked our findings with search queries on the websites of two journals, *Party Politics* and *West European Politics*. We chose these two journals, as they are among the journals that publish most articles on populism (see also table 2, appendix) and because they are published by two different publishing houses: Sage and Taylor & Francis. Table 1 compares the number of papers that are identified using the search function on the different websites and differentiates between the number of hits in each part of the paper. As outlined above, we include articles which include the string “populis*” in either the title, the keywords, or the abstract. The first thing to notice is that the general searches on the journals’ websites result in a significantly higher number of articles than our search query. This is, however, due to the fact, that both websites allow for a full-text search, which is not possible through *Web of Science*. Comparing the numbers of hits in title, keywords, and abstracts separately, our *Web of Science* search comes fairly close to the search results on the respective websites. Small differences might also stem from online first articles, which are not included in *Web of Science* yet. Given the consistency between the articles identified by the website search queries and by *Web of Science*, we argue that our approach manages to strike a good balance between sensitivity and accuracy.

Table 1: Comparison between number of hits in searches on *Web of Science* and journals’ websites

	Journal	Web of Science
	Party Politics	
Title	13	12
Keyword	20	20
Abstract	25	24
Anywhere	146	NA
	West European Politics	
Title	15	14
Keyword	7	9
Abstract	NA	21
Anywhere	251	NA

Publications by journal

Table 2: Numbers of articles on populism per journal, more than 10 articles from 2004 to 2018

Journal	Frequency
Party Politics	26
Swiss Political Science Review	26
West European Politics	26
Political Studies	25
Government And Opposition	23
Journal Of Democracy	20
Acta Politica	18
Comparative European Politics	18
Political Quarterly	18
Democratization	17
Electoral Studies	16
European Journal Of Political Research	16
Politics	16
Politologicky Casopis-Czech Journal Of Political Science	15
Comparative Political Studies	14
Latin American Perspectives	14
Nation	14
South European Society And Politics	14
International Political Science Review	12
Latin American Politics And Society	12
Chinese Political Science Review	11
East European Politics And Societies	11
Politics And Governance	11
Other	491

Features of Wordfish model

Table 3: Selection of top negative and positives features

Negative features			Positive features		
feature	beta	psi	feature	beta	psi
south	-5.123973	-8.938667	pvv	3.724852	-8.765190
correa	-4.724507	-9.299902	sp	3.103528	-8.453870
liberty	-4.371365	-8.662715	svp	3.087259	-7.080853
african	-4.063217	-7.768584	anti-immigrant	2.494238	-5.668078
land	-4.034202	-7.994357	attitudinal	2.245590	-6.398947
accumulation	-4.008242	-8.441954	men	2.224858	-5.992069
revolutionary	-3.893383	-8.275445	accounting	2.198857	-7.115079
africa	-3.736217	-6.994867	controlling	2.193973	-6.008954
capitalist	-3.612716	-7.471801	center-right	2.190680	-6.514720
venezuela's	-3.578240	-7.829238	educated	2.116624	-5.421183
thaksin	-3.421050	-6.859031	predictors	2.083549	-6.352363
rafael	-3.420158	-7.899269	multilevel	2.076318	-6.592880
thaksin's	-3.284579	-7.022917	panel	1.994551	-6.220954
universal	-3.257269	-7.391877	turnout	1.979495	-5.911366
thai	-3.205016	-7.455942	unemployment	1.975875	-6.311580
regulatory	-3.162138	-7.148003	rightist	1.955197	-6.163899
socialism	-3.096612	-6.694410	determinants	1.939622	-6.036142
marxist	-2.997922	-7.522147	male	1.937531	-6.138505
un	-2.982764	-7.320368	preferences	1.933805	-4.341405
republicanism	-2.976568	-6.619281	cues	1.924314	-5.918923
venezuelan	-2.944516	-7.271475	estimate	1.867529	-6.627013
writings	-2.801309	-7.091043	messages	1.831786	-4.928517
chinese	-2.769056	-6.540167	regression	1.830871	-6.239434

Table 3: Selection of top negative and positives features
(continued)

Negative features			Positive features		
feature	beta	psi	feature	beta	psi
turmoil	-2.737427	-7.194253	pr	1.808231	-4.282892
coup	-2.712748	-6.288455	contextual	1.785572	-5.558109
reproducing	-2.703048	-7.152038	immigrants	1.743405	-4.698665
reading	-2.686085	-6.948982	swiss	1.674430	-4.678618
autonomous	-2.558653	-6.795250	cynical	1.663332	-6.350519
visions	-2.554983	-6.503195	dutch	1.655814	-4.143509
morales	-2.524539	-6.600568	attitudes	1.647453	-2.962589
commercial	-2.510673	-6.738320	individual-level	1.635665	-5.285034
caribbean	-2.464760	-6.530194	adds	1.610456	-6.282323
hegemonic	-2.408770	-5.319918	expert	1.599463	-5.931859
investment	-2.404887	-5.841521	considerably	1.581602	-6.063412
management	-2.369903	-6.420276	sample	1.571258	-5.762723
again	-2.305596	-6.501164	belgium	1.525952	-5.706443
revolution	-2.304050	-5.518586	statements	1.500351	-5.808680
paradigm	-2.295083	-5.978460	extant	1.489770	-5.950005
marginalized	-2.273045	-6.176794	sweden	1.489329	-4.745499
classes	-2.256637	-6.040621	voting	1.467267	-3.171406

Results for two-dimensional scaling

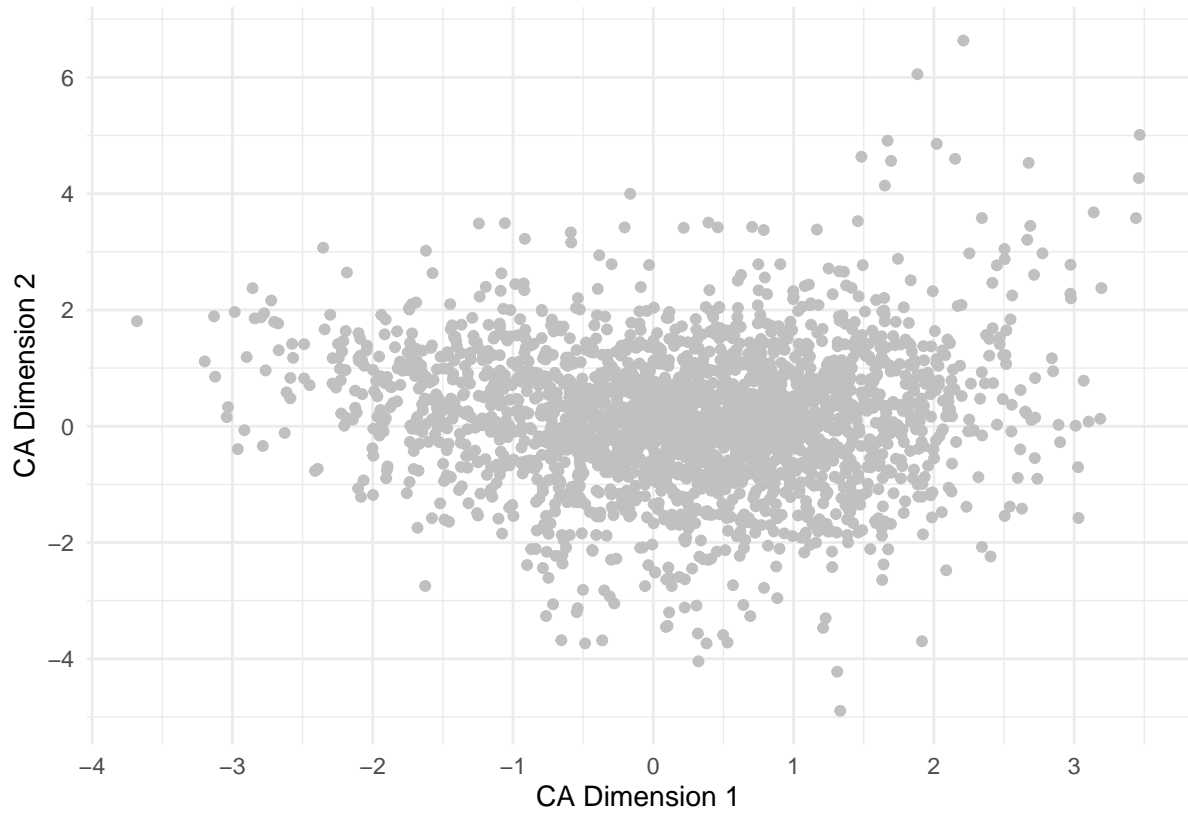


Figure 2: Results for two-dimensional scaling/correspondence analysis (CA)

Impact factors of hand-coded sample

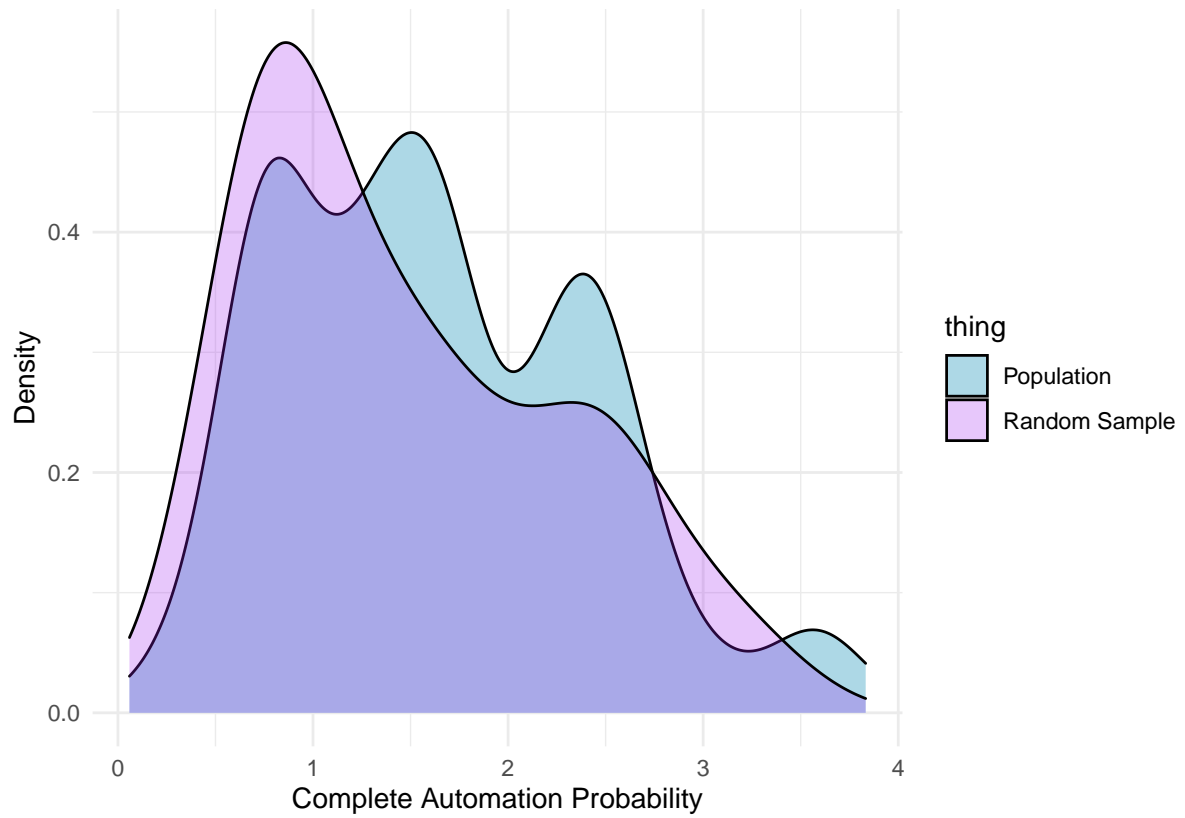


Figure 3: Density of sample and population of political science papers

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