Is politics under increasing corporate sway?

A longitudinal study on the drivers of corporate access

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Online Appendix

Table A1: Variables, operationalization and measurement

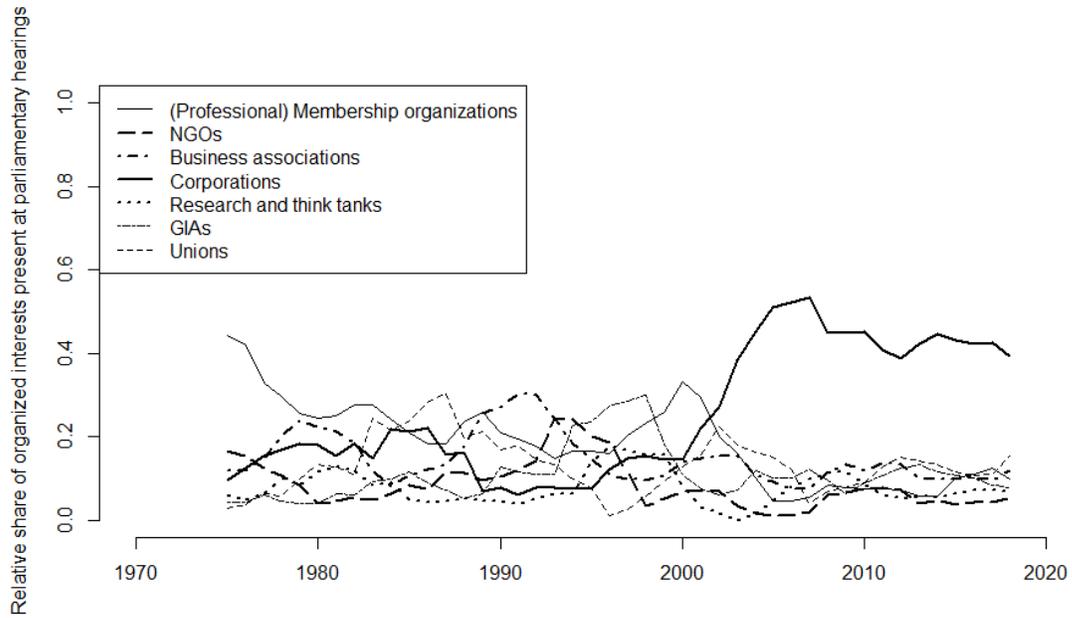| Variable	Operationalization	Mean	Min	Max
Dependent variable				
Relative corporate access	Number of individual corporations that were or are active relative to the number of (business) associations and NGOs that were or are active and present in parliamentary hearings between 1970 and 2017.	0.29	0.03	0.71
Independent variables				
Tendencies in the economy (*H1*)	Annual growth rate in percentages of the gross domestic product (GDP).	2.39	-3.77	5.7
Degree of political opportunities and constraints due to European integration (*H2*)	Signed European treaties over the time frame of 1970 to date (ordinal score).	2.11	0	5
Government size (*H3*)	Percentage change of actual government expenditure in mln euros compared to the GDP in mln euros.	0.39	-17	27
Government alignment (*H4*)	Cabinet composition using the Schmidt index that has a 5-point scale where 1 stands for hegemony of right-wing (and center) parties and 5 stands for hegemony of social-democratic and other left parties.	2.15	1	4

Note: all variables are aggregated to year level

Table A2: Scheme manual coding of results automated query

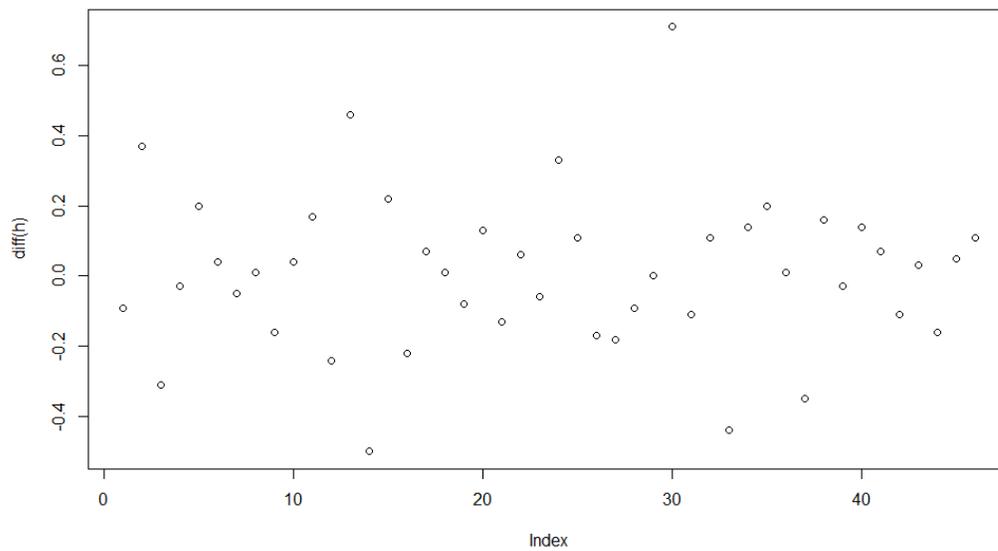| Variable	Measurement
Number of organizations identified from query	Absolute number
Number of organizations missed from query	Absolute number
Number of organizations in query	Absolute number
Number of double organizations identified	Absolute number
Numbers of errors made within one document	Absolute number

Note: 50 documents and 245 organizations were coded. Reasons for why there are missing, doubles or errors are discussed in method section.

Figure A1: Moving average of relative share of all organized interests present at parliamentary hearings over time in the Netherlands

Note: Moving average is calculated as the means of nonoverlapping groups of five

Figure A2: First differenced dependent variable

Note: the variable is first order differenced to ensure stationarity.