

## How political malpractice affects trust in EU institutions

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### Online Appendix

**Table A1.** Multinomial regression model explaining knowledge of the Selmayr affair (Average Marginal Effects)

	M1			M2		
	Fully aware	Somewhat aware	Never heard of	Fully aware	Somewhat aware	Never heard of
<i>Media exposure</i>						
Quality newspapers	0.05*** (0.01)	-0.00 (0.01)	-0.05** (0.01)	0.04*** (0.01)	-0.00 (0.01)	-0.04** (0.01)
Tabloid newspapers	-0.00 (0.01)	0.02** (0.01)	-0.02* (0.01)	0.00 (0.01)	0.02* (0.01)	-0.02* (0.01)
Television news	0.00 (0.01)	0.02* (0.01)	-0.02* (0.01)	-0.00 (0.01)	0.02* (0.01)	-0.02* (0.01)
Online news	0.06*** (0.01)	-0.03* (0.02)	-0.02 (0.02)	0.05*** (0.01)	-0.03* (0.02)	-0.02 (0.02)
Satire (Zondag met Lubach)				0.24*** (0.03)	0.04 (0.03)	-0.28*** (0.04)
<i>Education</i>						
Lower educated	-0.05* (0.02)	-0.01 (0.02)	0.06* (0.03)	-0.04 (0.02)	-0.01 (0.02)	0.05* (0.02)
Higher educated	0.04 (0.02)	0.00 (0.02)	-0.04 (0.02)	0.03 (0.02)	-0.00 (0.02)	-0.03 (0.02)
Age	0.01*** (0.00)	-0.00 (0.00)	-0.00* (0.00)	0.01*** (0.00)	-0.00 (0.00)	-0.00* (0.00)
Gender (1=Female)	-0.05** (0.02)	-0.01 (0.02)	0.06*** (0.02)	-0.05** (0.02)	-0.01 (0.02)	0.07*** (0.02)
Political interest	0.06*** (0.01)	0.01 (0.01)	-0.06*** (0.01)	0.05*** (0.01)	0.01 (0.01)	-0.06*** (0.01)
General political knowledge	0.10*** (0.01)	-0.02 (0.01)	-0.09*** (0.01)	0.09*** (0.01)	-0.02 (0.01)	-0.08*** (0.01)
N	2,153			2,153		

*Note:* Multinomial regression models explaining affair knowledge in Wave 2. \*\*\*  $p \leq .001$ ; \*\*  $p < .01$ ; \*  $p < .05$ . N=2,153.

**Table B1.** LDV models explaining trust in the European Commission (short term effect)

	M1		M2	
	Ref: somewhat aware	Ref: never heard of	Ref: somewhat aware	Ref: never heard of
Trust EC w1 (LDV)	0.61*** (0.02)	0.61*** (0.02)	0.61*** (0.02)	0.61*** (0.02)
Selmayr knowledge				
Fully aware	-0.26*** (0.07)	-0.16* (0.07)	-0.62* (0.31)	-0.48 (0.28)
Somewhat aware		0.10 (0.06)		
Never heard of	-0.10 (0.06)		-0.14 (0.21)	0.14 (0.21)
General political knowledge	-0.01 (0.03)	-0.01 (0.03)	-0.03 (0.07)	-0.02 (0.04)
Selmayr * general knowledge				
Interaction: Fully aware			0.13 (0.12)	0.12 (0.10)
Interaction: Somewhat aware				-0.01 (0.08)
Interaction: Never heard of			0.01 (0.08)	
Quality newspapers	0.10*** (0.03)	0.10*** (0.03)	0.10** (0.03)	0.10** (0.03)
Tabloid newspapers	-0.03 (0.02)	-0.03 (0.02)	-0.03 (0.02)	-0.03 (0.02)
Television news	-0.06* (0.02)	-0.06* (0.02)	-0.06* (0.02)	-0.06* (0.02)
Online news	-0.01 (0.04)	-0.01 (0.04)	-0.01 (0.04)	-0.01 (0.04)
Satire (Zondag met Lubach)	-0.13 (0.08)	-0.13 (0.08)	-0.12 (0.08)	-0.12 (0.08)
Left-right	0.14* (0.06)	0.14* (0.06)	0.14* (0.06)	0.14* (0.06)
Left-right <sup>2</sup>	-0.01** (0.00)	-0.01** (0.00)	-0.01** (0.00)	-0.01** (0.00)
Lower educated	-0.02 (0.06)	-0.02 (0.06)	-0.02 (0.06)	-0.02 (0.06)
Higher educated	0.22*** (0.06)	0.22*** (0.06)	0.22*** (0.06)	0.22*** (0.06)
Age	0.00* (0.00)	0.00* (0.00)	0.00* (0.00)	0.00* (0.00)
Gender (1=female)	0.14** (0.05)	0.14** (0.05)	0.14** (0.05)	0.14** (0.05)
Political interest	0.03 (0.02)	0.03 (0.02)	0.03 (0.02)	0.03 (0.02)
Constant	0.92** (0.22)	0.82** (0.21)	1.00*** (0.26)	0.84** (0.22)
R-squared	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44

Note: Lagged dependent variable OLS regression models explaining EC trust in Wave 2. \*\*\* p ≤ .001; \*\* p < .01; \* p < .05. N=2,153.

**Table B2.** LDV models explaining trust in the European Parliament (short term effect)

	M1		M2	
	Ref: somewhat aware	Ref: never heard of	Ref: somewhat aware	Ref: never heard of
Trust EP w1 (LDV)	0.60*** (0.02)	0.60*** (0.02)	0.60*** (0.02)	0.60*** (0.02)
Selmayr knowledge				
Fully aware	-0.10 (0.07)	-0.09 (0.07)	-0.50 (0.32)	-0.46 (0.28)
Somewhat aware		0.01 (0.06)		0.04 (0.21)
Never heard of	-0.01 (0.06)		-0.04 (0.21)	
General political knowledge	0.01 (0.04)	0.01 (0.04)	-0.02 (0.07)	-0.01 (0.05)
Selmayr * general knowledge				
Interaction: Fully aware			0.14 (0.12)	0.14 (0.10)
Interaction: Somewhat aware				-0.01 (0.08)
Interaction: Never heard of			0.01 (0.08)	
Quality newspapers	0.12*** (0.03)	0.12*** (0.03)	0.12*** (0.03)	0.12*** (0.03)
Tabloid newspapers	-0.05* (0.02)	-0.05* (0.02)	-0.05* (0.02)	-0.05* (0.02)
Television news	-0.04 (0.02)	-0.04 (0.02)	-0.04 (0.02)	-0.04 (0.02)
Online news	0.00 (0.04)	0.00 (0.04)	0.00 (0.04)	0.00 (0.04)
Zondag met Lubach	-0.11 (0.09)	-0.11 (0.09)	-0.11 (0.09)	-0.11 (0.09)
Left-right	0.20*** (0.06)	0.20*** (0.06)	0.20*** (0.06)	0.20*** (0.06)
Left-right <sup>2</sup>	-0.02*** (0.00)	-0.02*** (0.00)	-0.02*** (0.00)	-0.02*** (0.00)
Lower educated	-0.12 (0.06)	-0.12 (0.06)	-0.12 (0.06)	-0.12 (0.06)
Higher educated	0.18** (0.06)	0.18** (0.06)	0.18** (0.06)	0.18** (0.06)
Age	0.00* (0.00)	0.00* (0.00)	0.00* (0.00)	0.00* (0.00)
Gender (1=female)	0.13** (0.05)	0.13** (0.05)	0.13** (0.05)	0.13** (0.05)
Political interest	0.03 (0.02)	0.03 (0.02)	0.03 (0.02)	0.03 (0.02)
Constant	0.70** (0.23)	0.69** (0.22)	0.76** (0.28)	0.73*** (0.22)
R-squared	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.43

Note. Lagged dependent variable OLS regression models explaining EP trust in Wave 2. \*\*\*  $p \leq .001$ ; \*\*  $p < .01$ ; \*  $p < .05$ .  $N=2,153$ .

**Table B3.** LDV models explaining trust in the National Parliament (short term effect)

	M1		M2	
	Ref: somewhat aware	Ref: never heard of	Ref: somewhat aware	Ref: never heard of
Trust NP w1 (LDV)	0.62*** (0.02)	0.62*** (0.02)	0.62*** (0.02)	0.62*** (0.02)
Selmayr knowledge				
Fully aware	-0.03 (0.07)	-0.01 (0.07)	-0.47 (0.33)	-0.21 (0.29)
Somewhat aware				0.26 (0.22)
Never heard of	-0.02 (0.07)	0.02 (0.07)	-0.26 (0.22)	
General political knowledge	0.07 (0.04)	0.07 (0.04)	-0.02 (0.08)	0.08 (0.05)
Selmayr * general knowledge				
Interaction: Fully aware			0.16 (0.12)	0.06 (0.11)
Interaction: Somewhat aware				-0.10 (0.09)
Interaction: Never heard of			0.10 (0.09)	
Quality newspapers	0.04 (0.03)	0.04 (0.03)	0.04 (0.03)	0.04 (0.03)
Tabloid newspapers	-0.06** (0.02)	-0.06** (0.02)	-0.06** (0.02)	-0.06** (0.02)
Television news	-0.07** (0.02)	-0.07** (0.02)	-0.07** (0.02)	-0.07** (0.02)
Online news	0.02 (0.04)	0.02 (0.04)	0.02 (0.04)	0.02 (0.04)
Zondag met Lubach	-0.09 (0.09)	-0.09 (0.09)	-0.09 (0.09)	-0.09 (0.09)
Left-right	0.18** (0.06)	0.18** (0.06)	0.18** (0.06)	0.18** (0.06)
Left-right <sup>2</sup>	-0.01** (0.00)	-0.01** (0.00)	-0.01** (0.00)	-0.01** (0.00)
Lower educated	-0.13 (0.07)	-0.13 (0.07)	-0.13 (0.07)	-0.13 (0.07)
Higher educated	0.08 (0.06)	0.08 (0.06)	0.08 (0.06)	0.08 (0.06)
Age	0.00* (0.00)	0.00* (0.00)	0.00* (0.00)	0.00* (0.00)
Gender (1=female)	0.19*** (0.05)	0.19*** (0.05)	0.19*** (0.05)	0.19*** (0.05)
Political interest	0.04 (0.02)	0.04 (0.02)	0.04 (0.02)	0.04 (0.02)
Constant	0.71* (0.24)	0.69* (0.22)	0.88** (0.29)	0.62** (0.23)
R-squared	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.41

Note: Lagged dependent variable OLS regression models explaining NP trust in Wave 2. \*\*\*  $p \leq .001$ ; \*\*  $p < .01$ ; \*  $p < .05$ . N=2,153.

**Table B4.** LDV models explaining trust in the European Commission (long term effect)

	Ref: somewhat aware	Ref: never heard of
Trust EC w1 (LDV)	0.58*** (0.02)	0.58*** (0.02)
Fully aware	-0.21 *** (0.06)	-0.16** (0.06)
Somewhat aware		0.05 (0.06)
Never heard of	-0.05 (0.06)	
General political knowledge	-0.01 (0.03)	-0.01 (0.03)
Quality newspapers	0.15*** (0.03)	0.15*** (0.03)
Tabloid newspapers	-0.00 (0.02)	-0.00 (0.02)
Television news	0.02 (0.02)	0.02 (0.02)
Online news	-0.07 (0.04)	-0.07 (0.04)
Zondag met Lubach	-0.03 (0.08)	-0.03 (0.08)
Left-right	0.07 (0.05)	0.07 (0.05)
Left-right <sup>2</sup>	-0.01 * (0.00)	-0.01 * (0.00)
Lower educated	0.12* (0.06)	0.12* (0.06)
Higher educated	0.24*** (0.05)	0.24*** (0.05)
Age	-0.00 (0.00)	-0.00 (0.00)
Gender (1=female)	0.03 (0.04)	0.03 (0.04)
Political interest	0.00 (0.02)	0.00 (0.02)
Constant	1.15*** (0.20)	1.10*** (0.19)
R-squared	0.47	0.47

*Note:* Lagged dependent variable OLS regression models explaining EC trust in Wave 3. \*\*\*  $p \leq .001$ ; \*\*  $p < .01$ ; \*  $p < .05$ . N=2,153.