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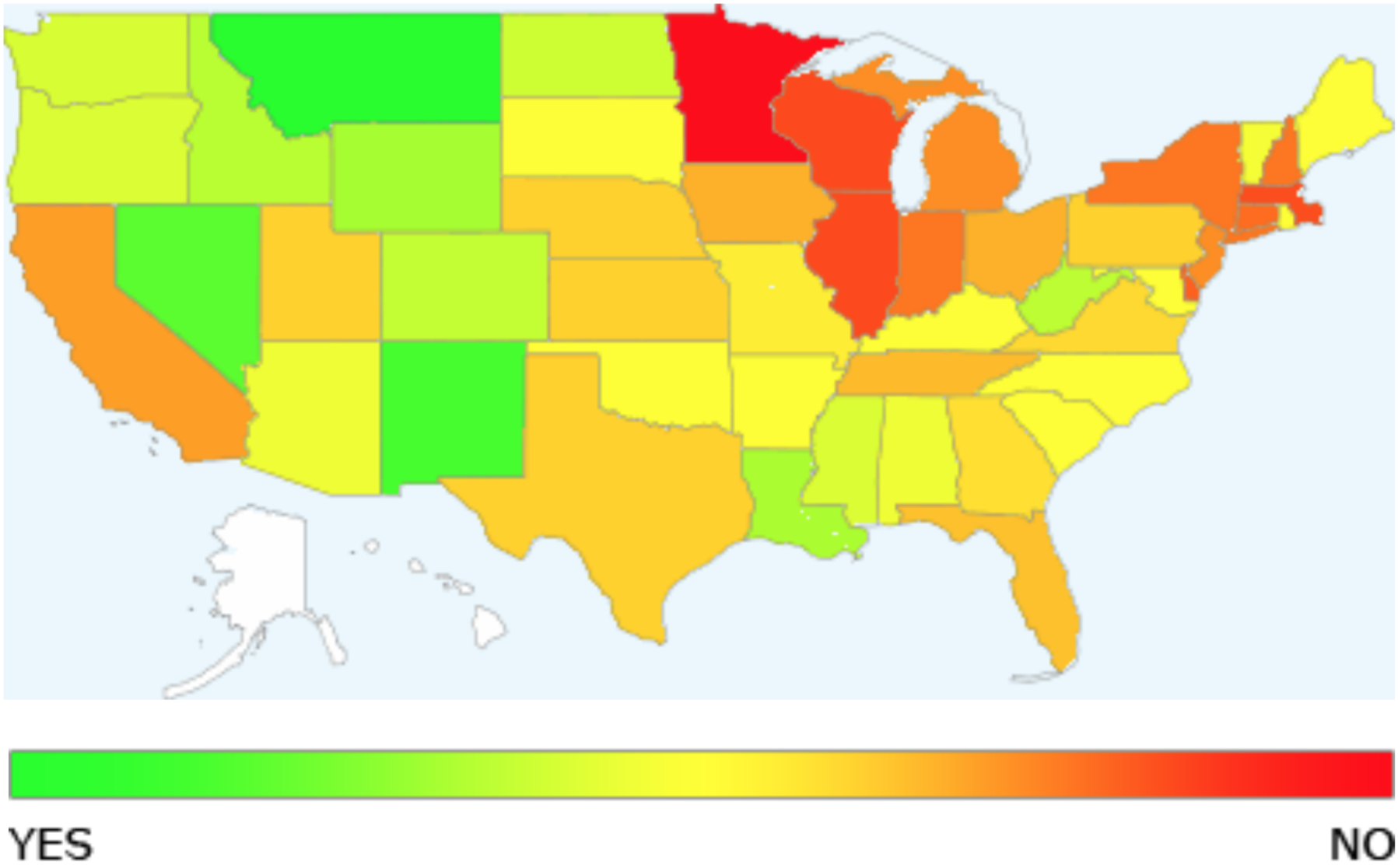

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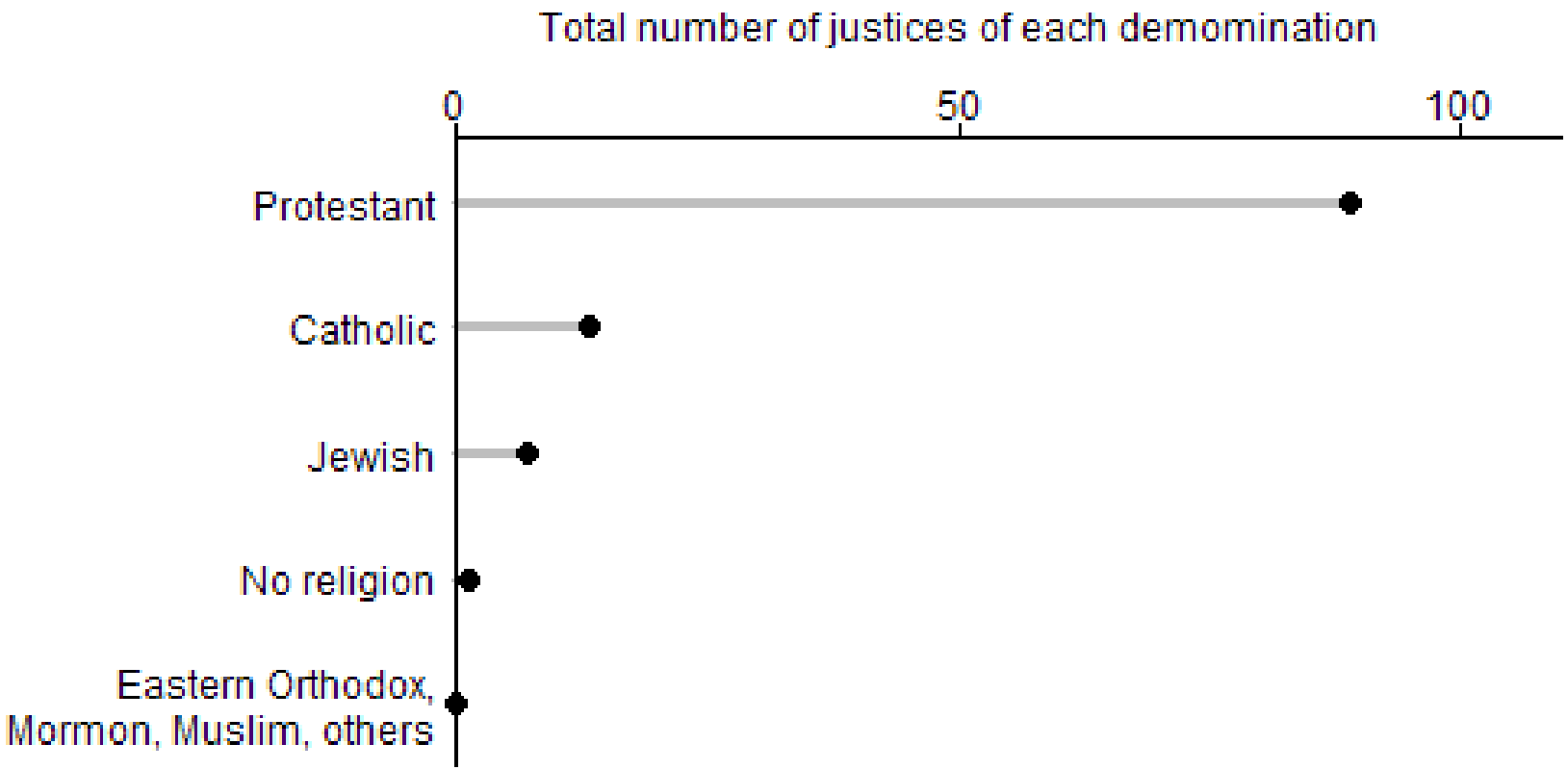

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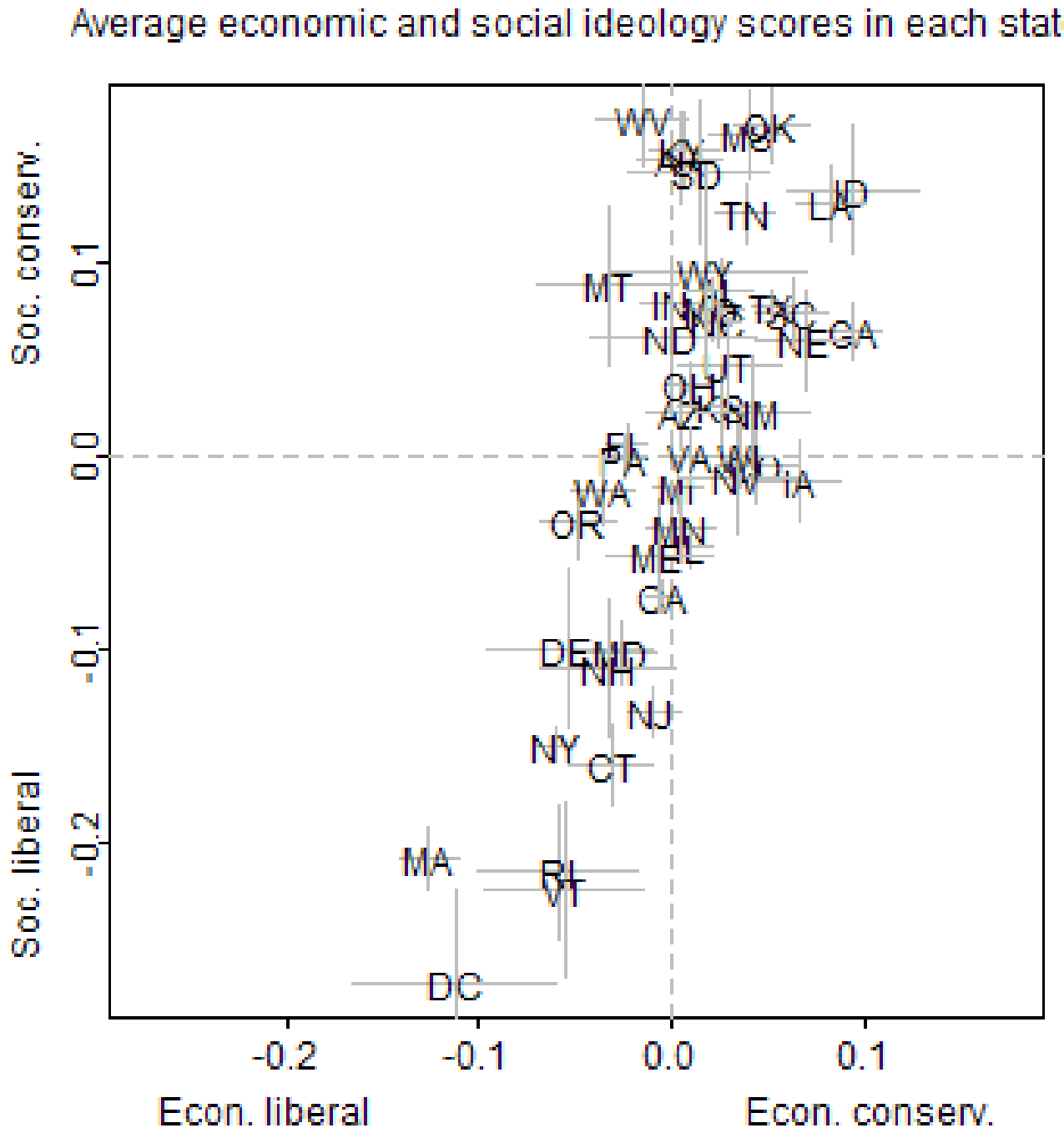
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SD
TN
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MT
ND
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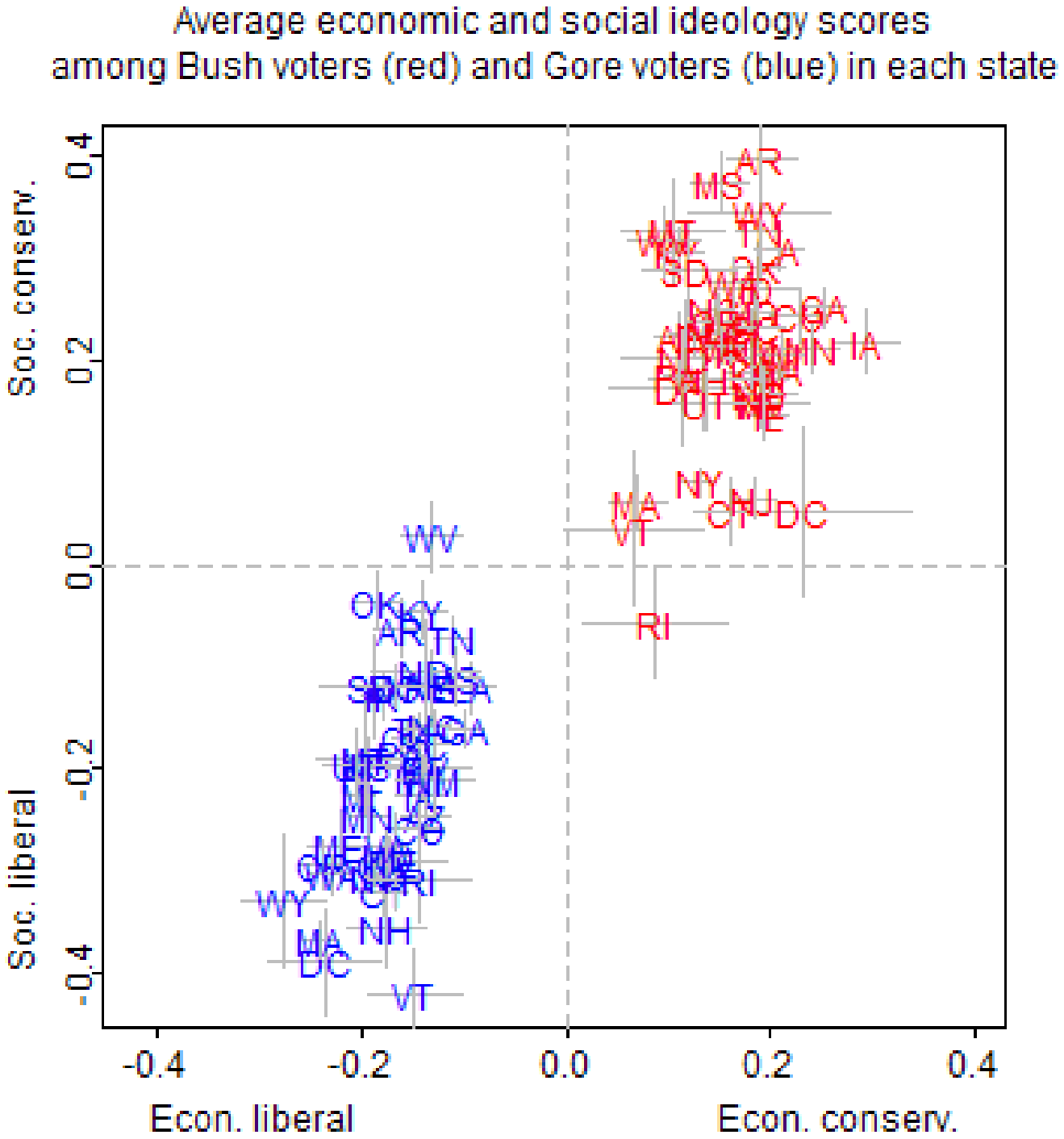
Average economic and social ideology scores
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0.4
AR
MS
WY
TN
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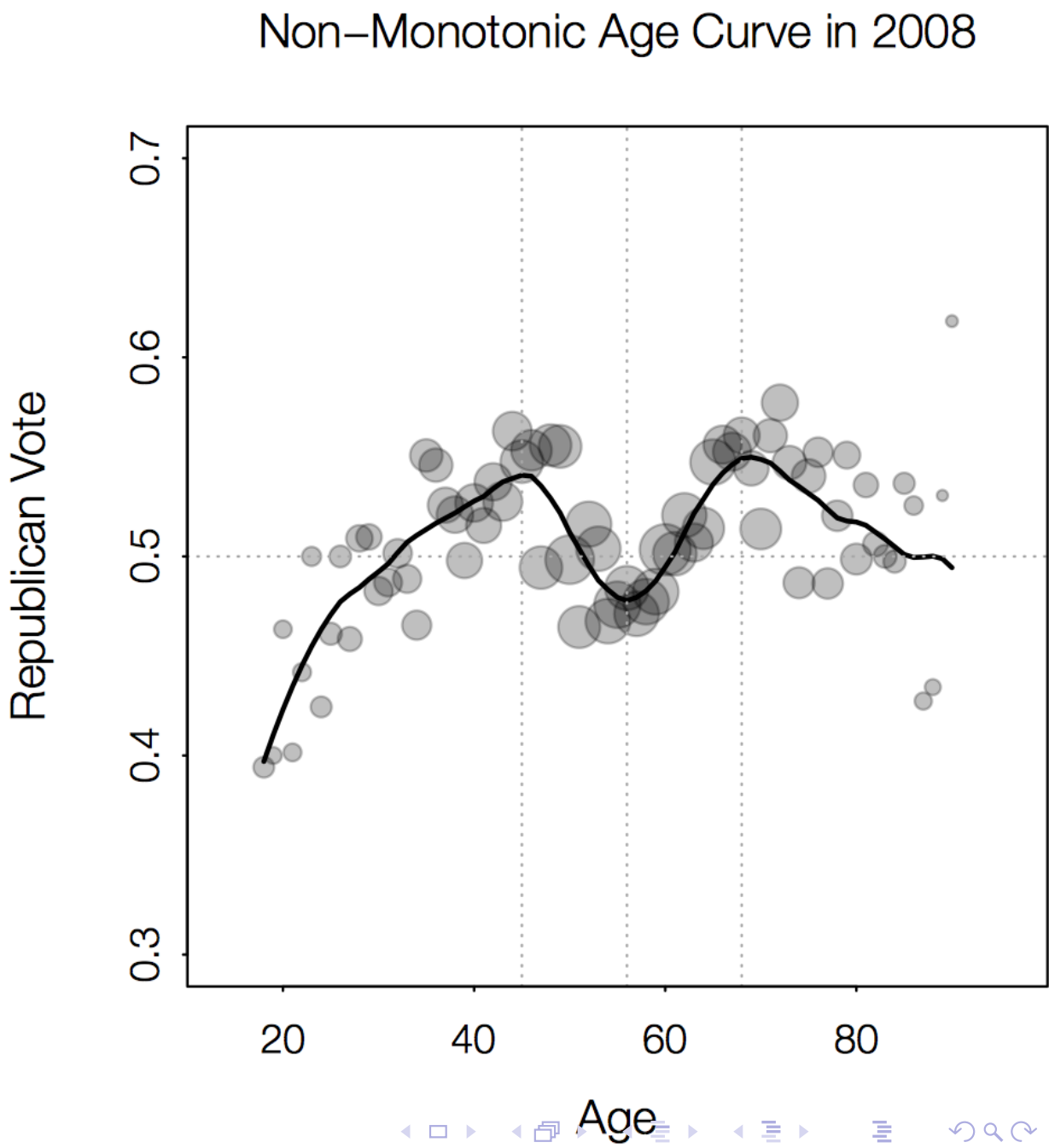

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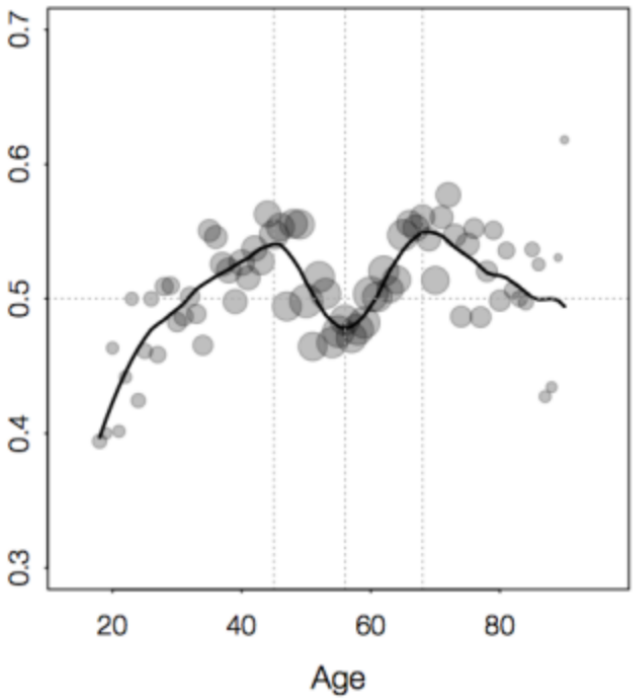

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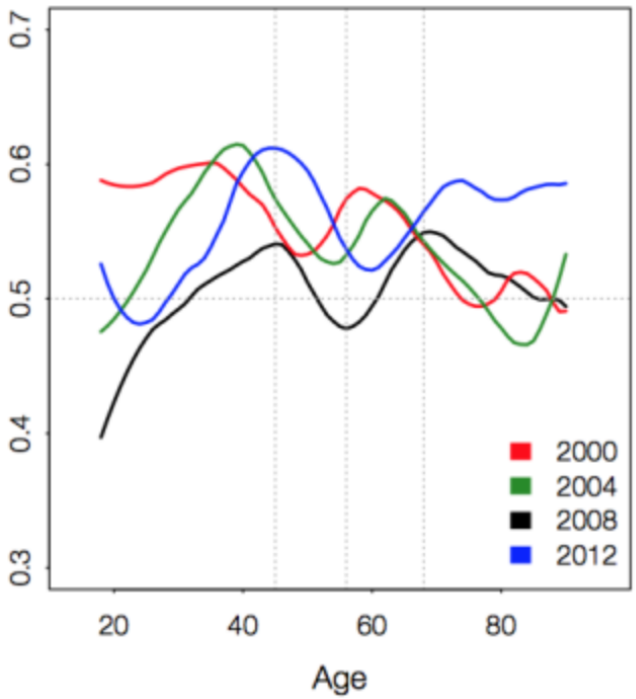

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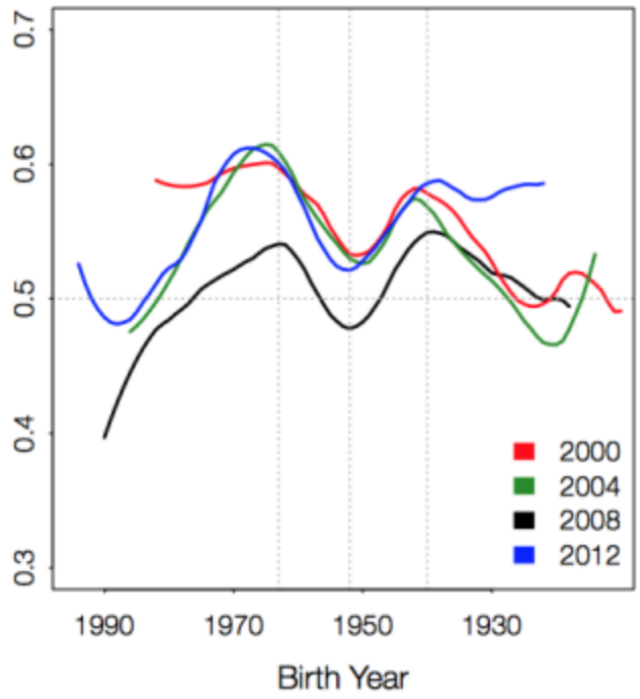

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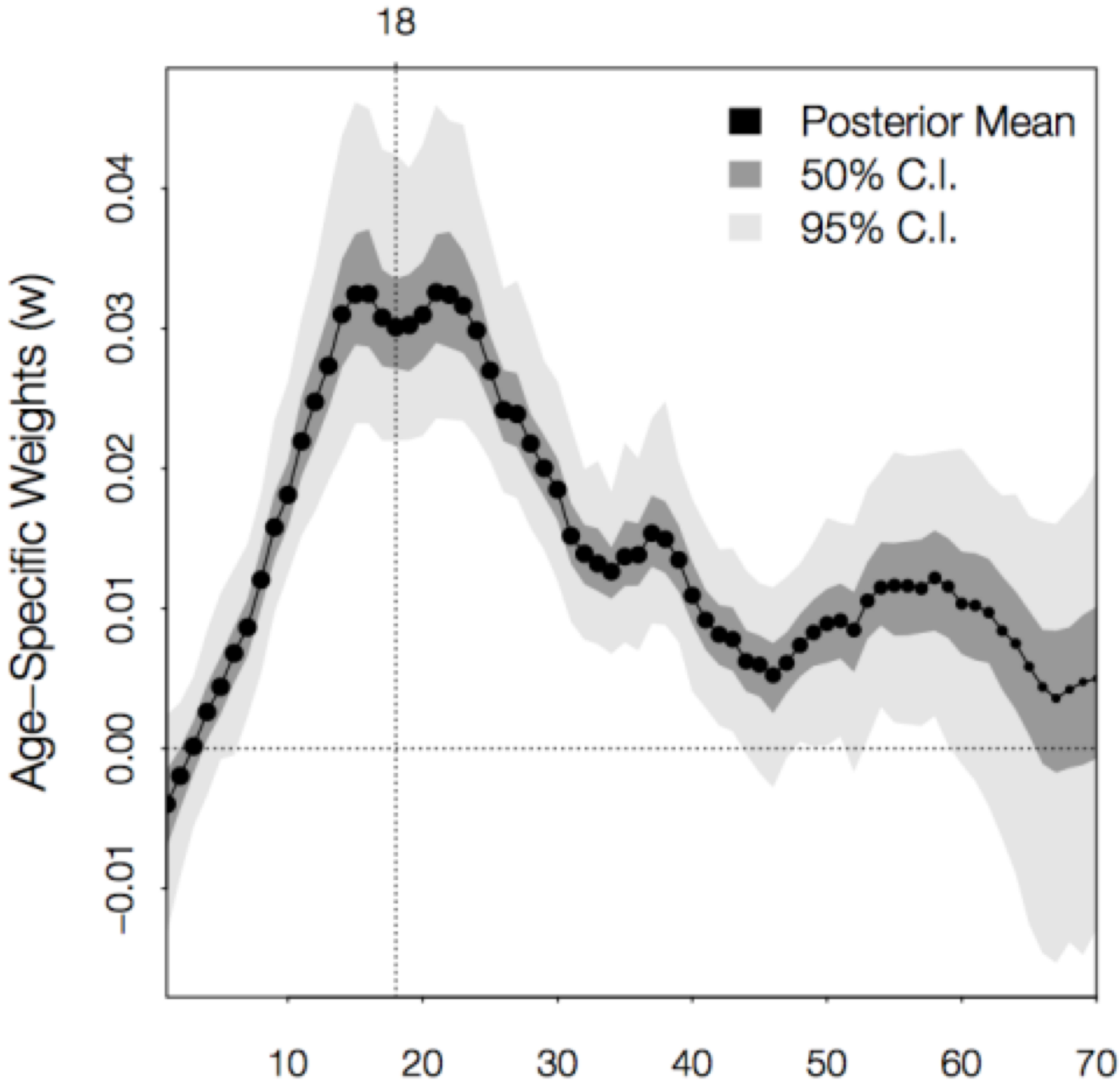

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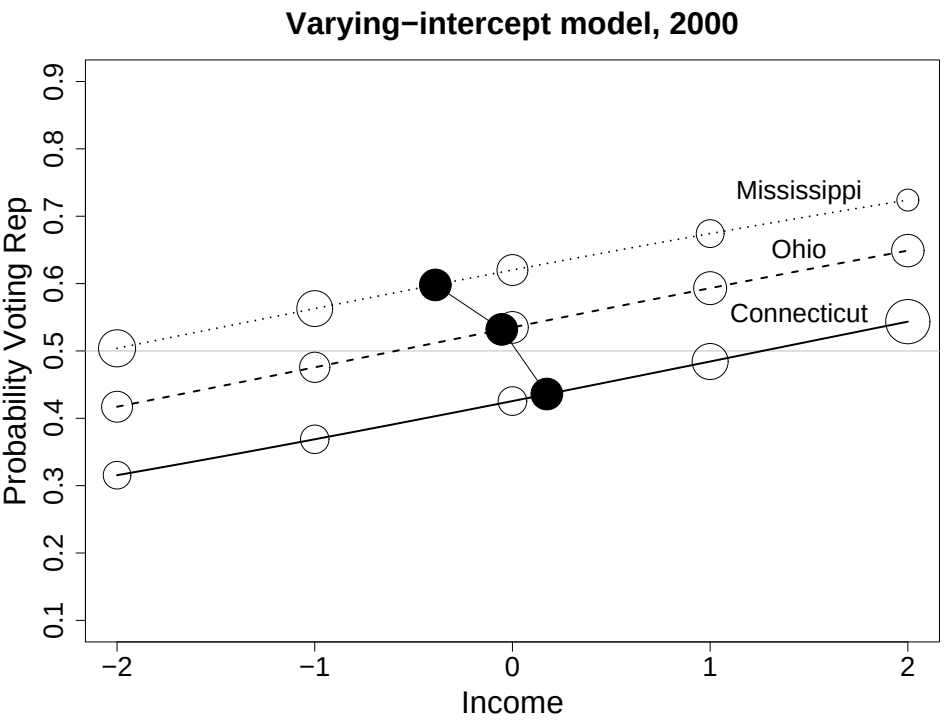

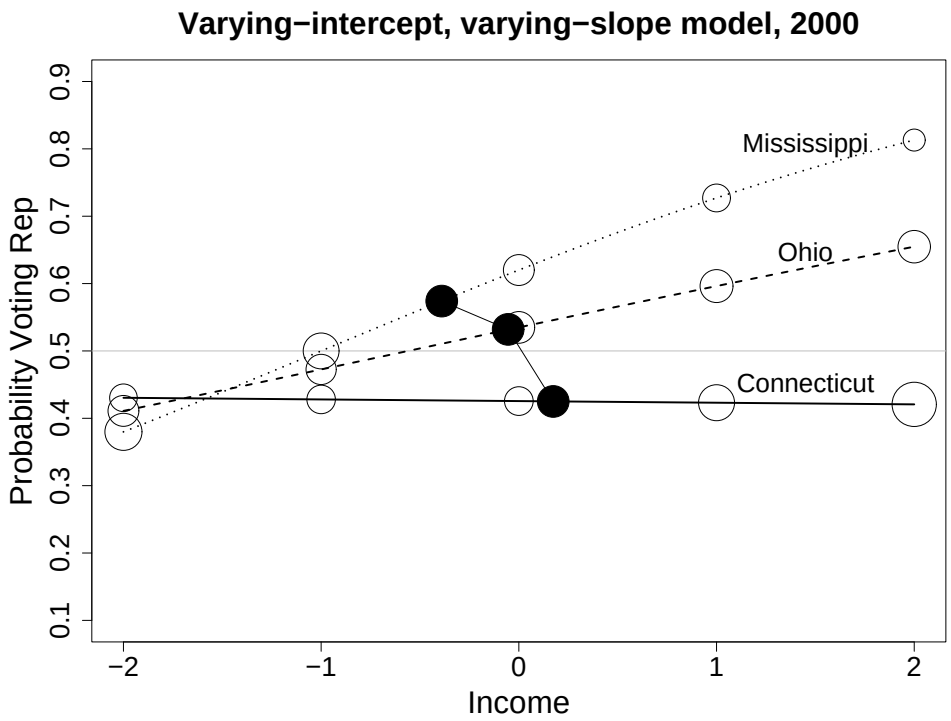

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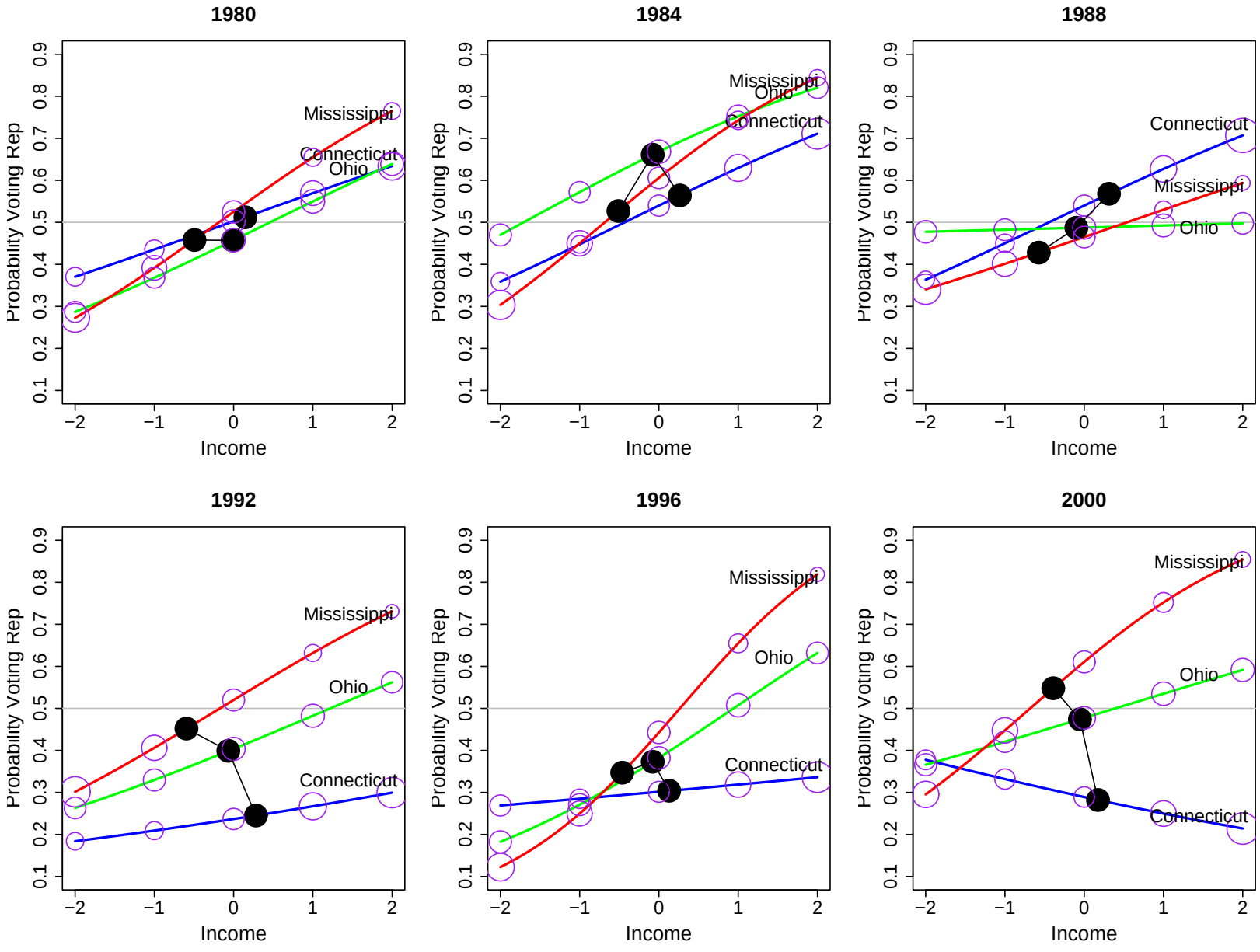

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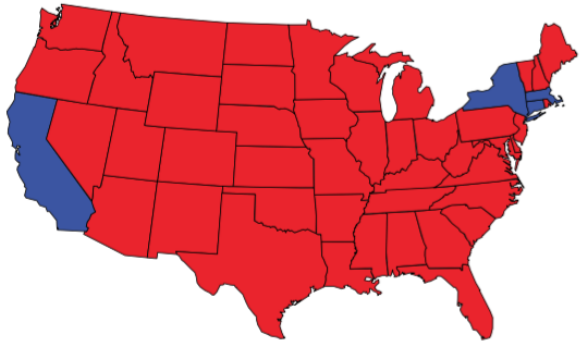

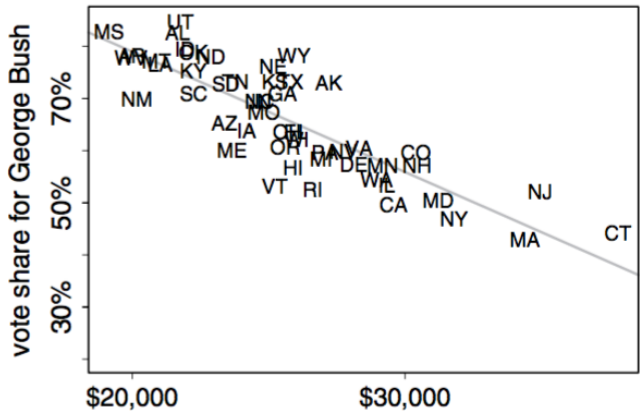

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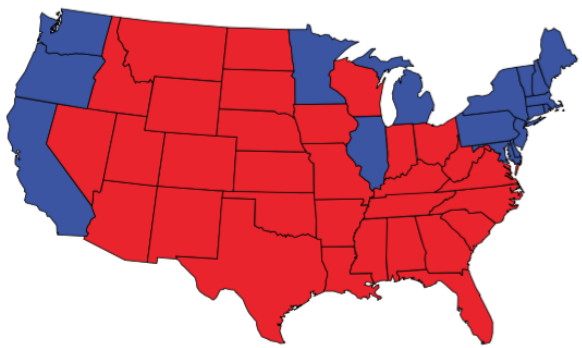

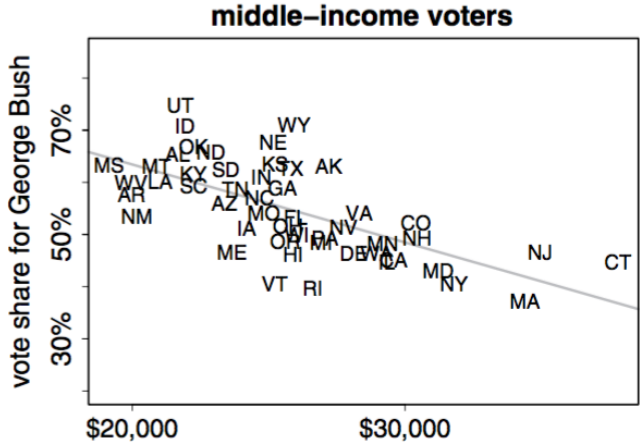

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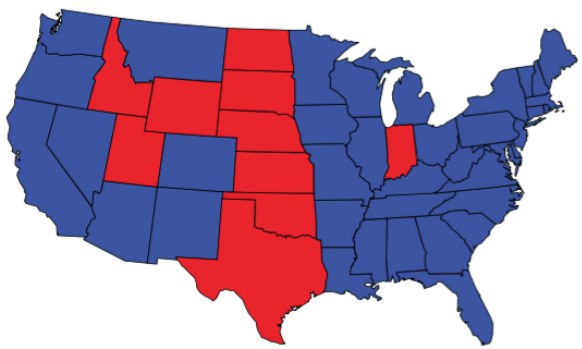

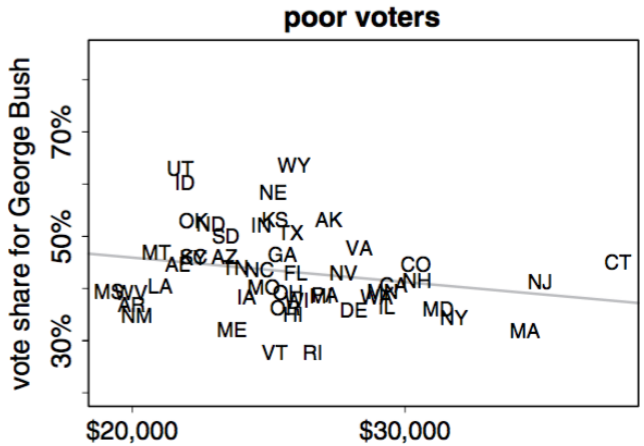

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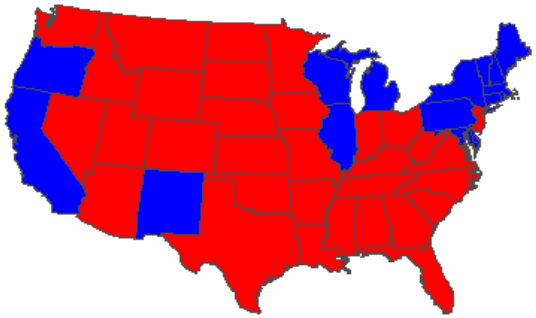

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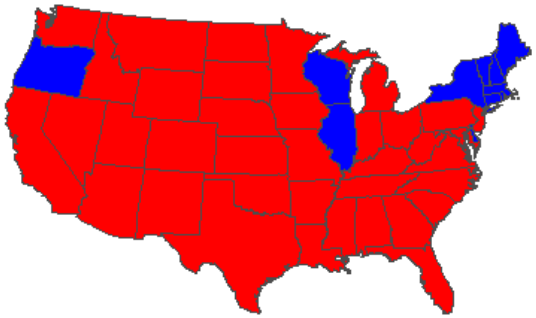

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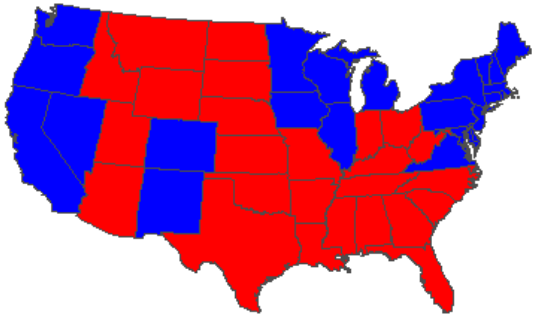

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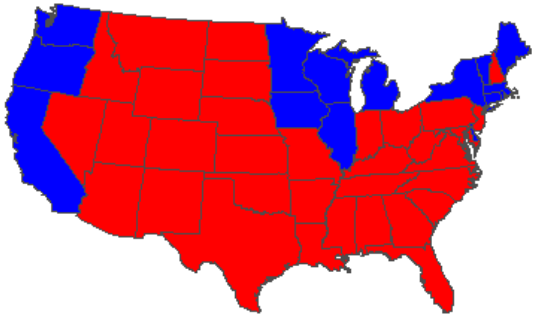

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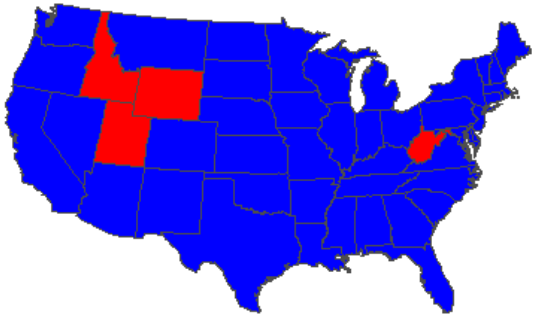

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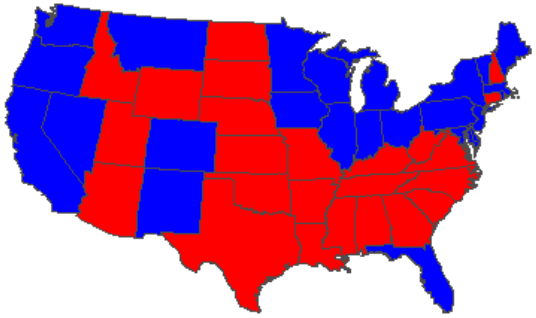

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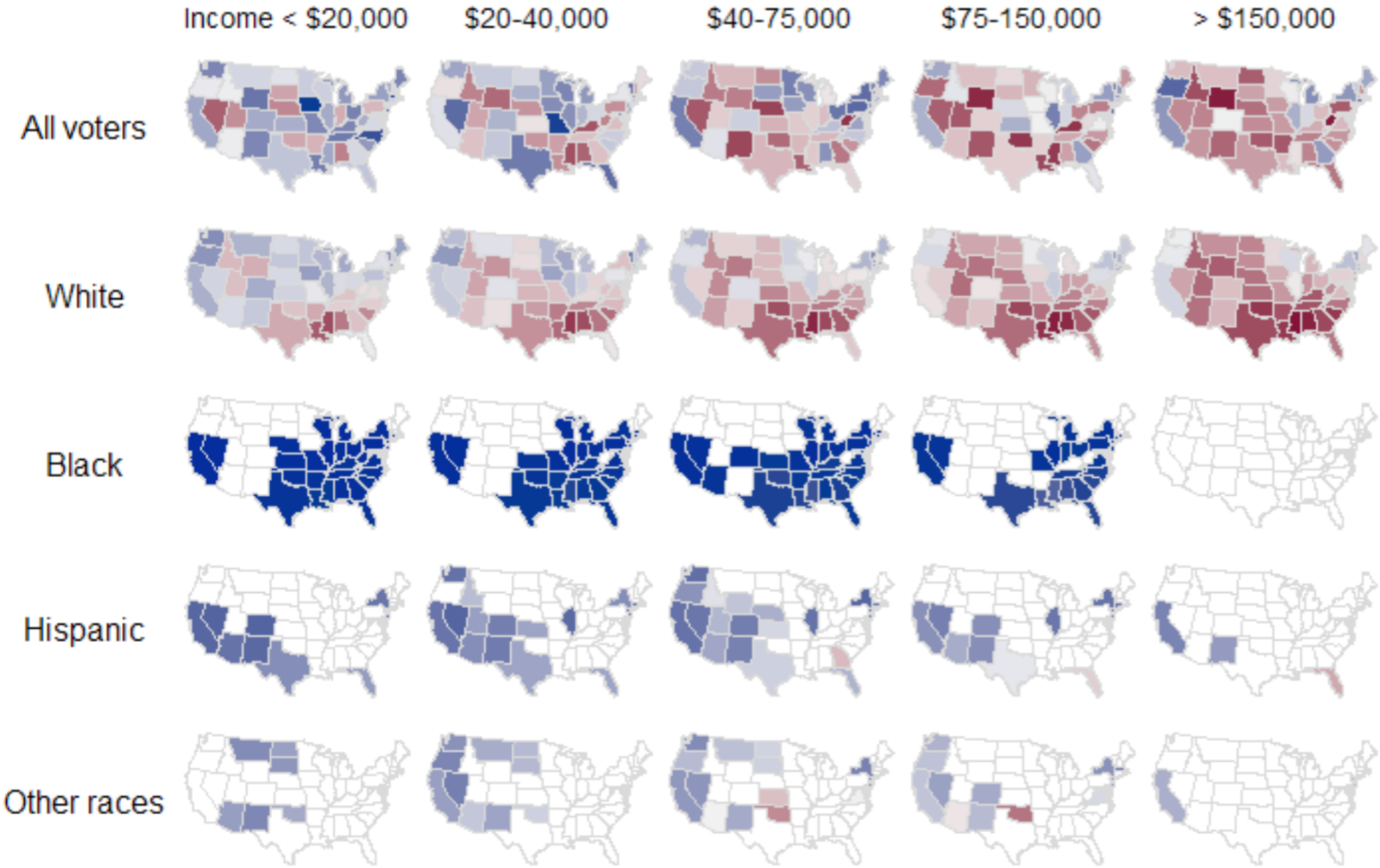

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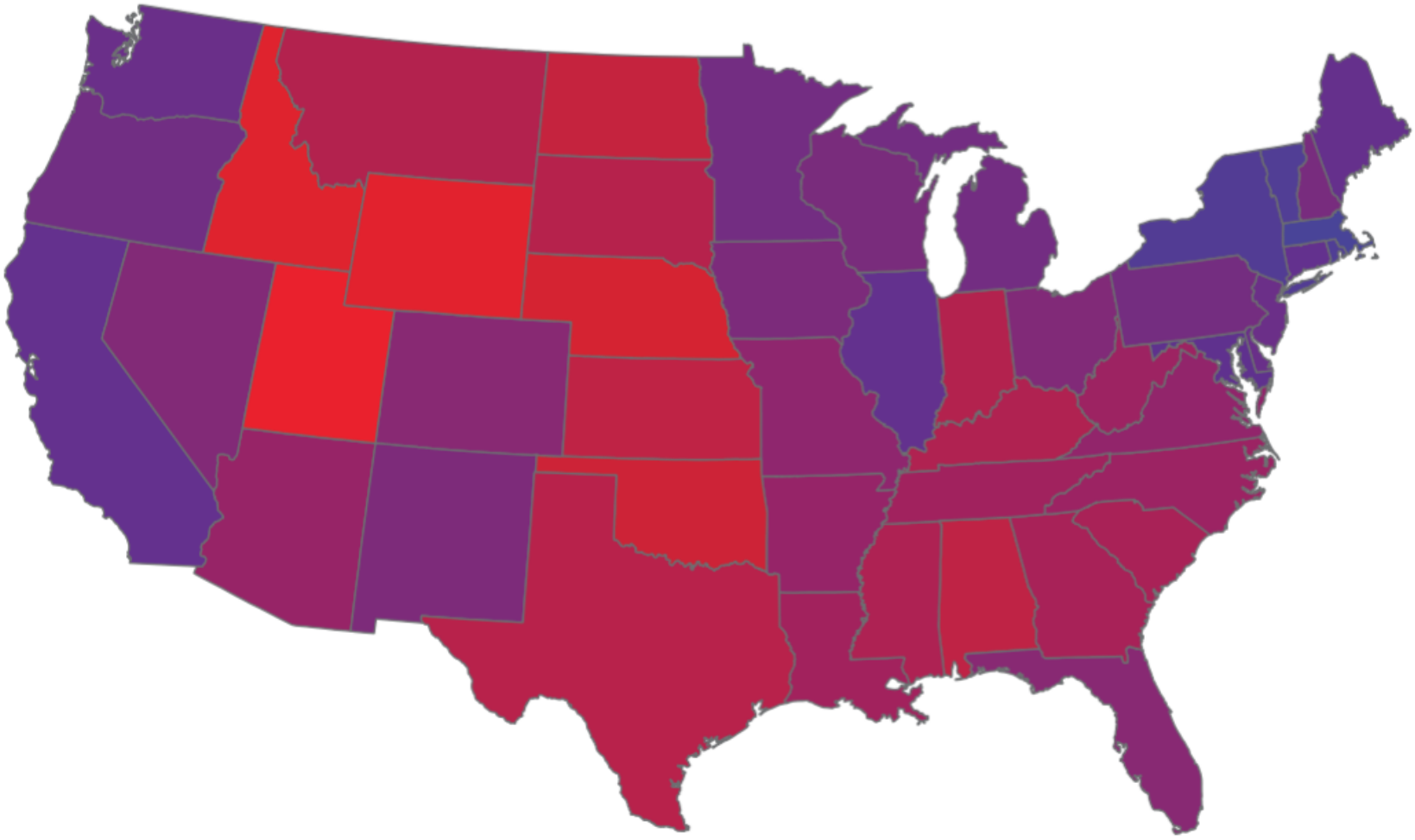

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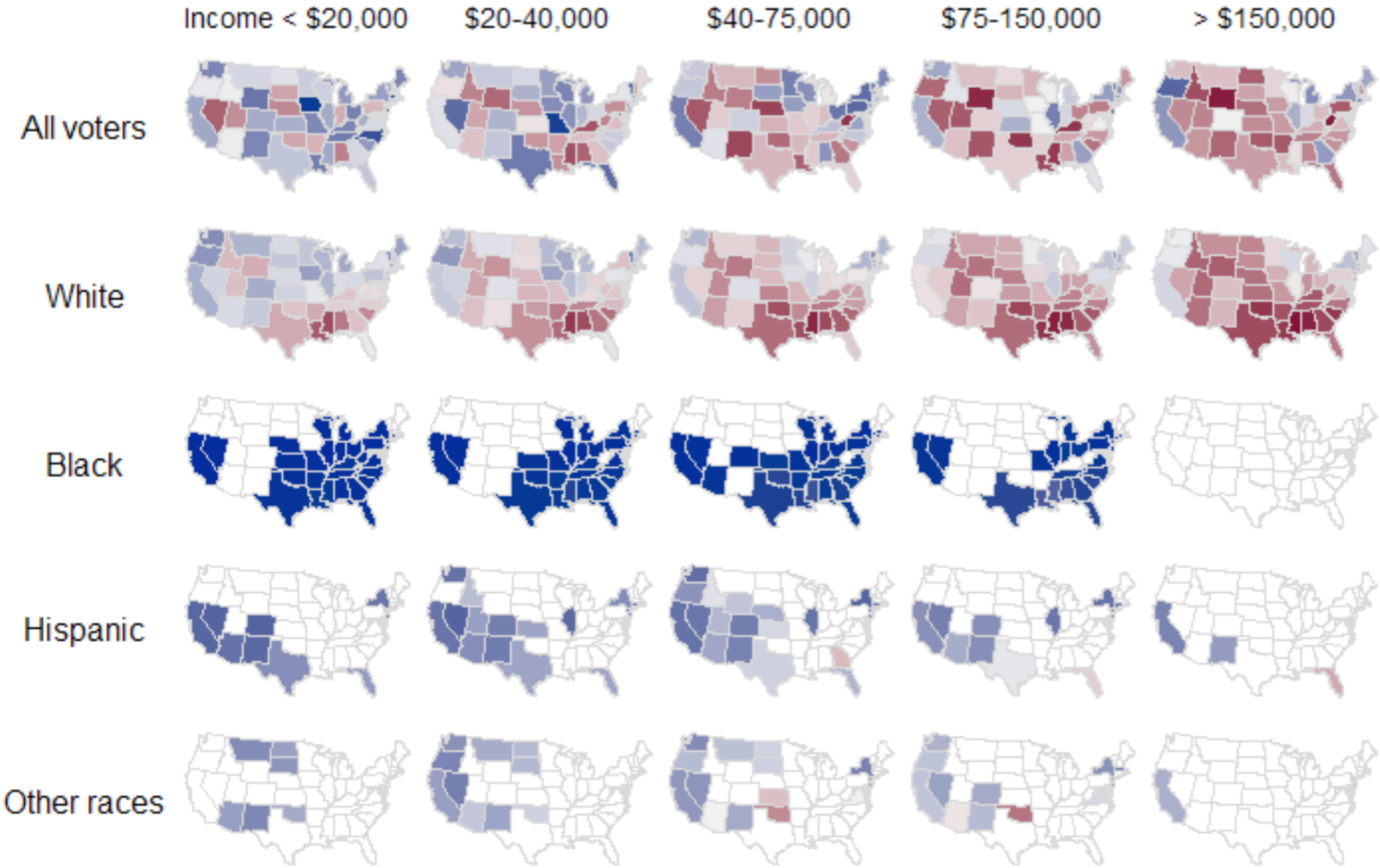
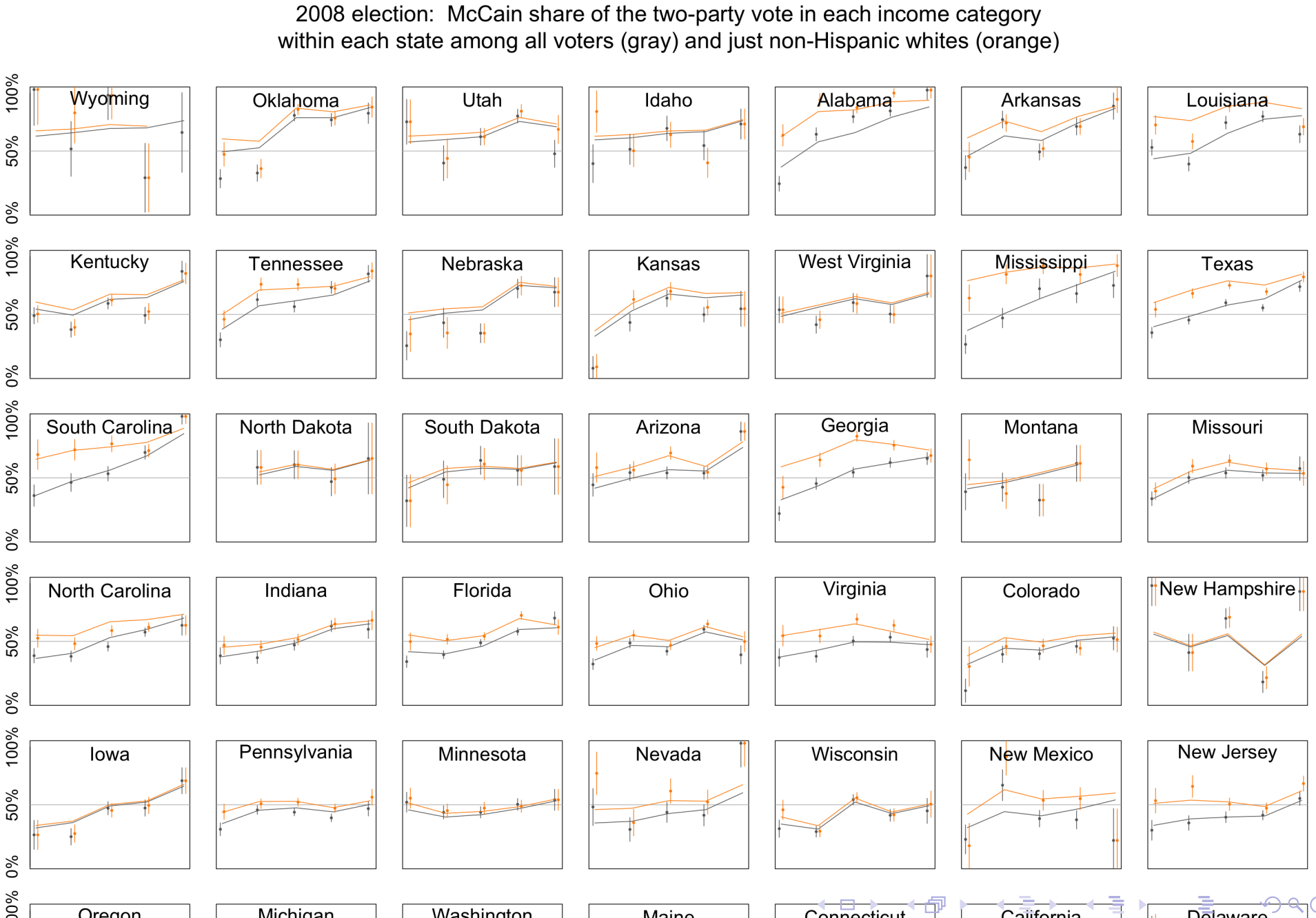


A graph we made to study and criticize our inferences



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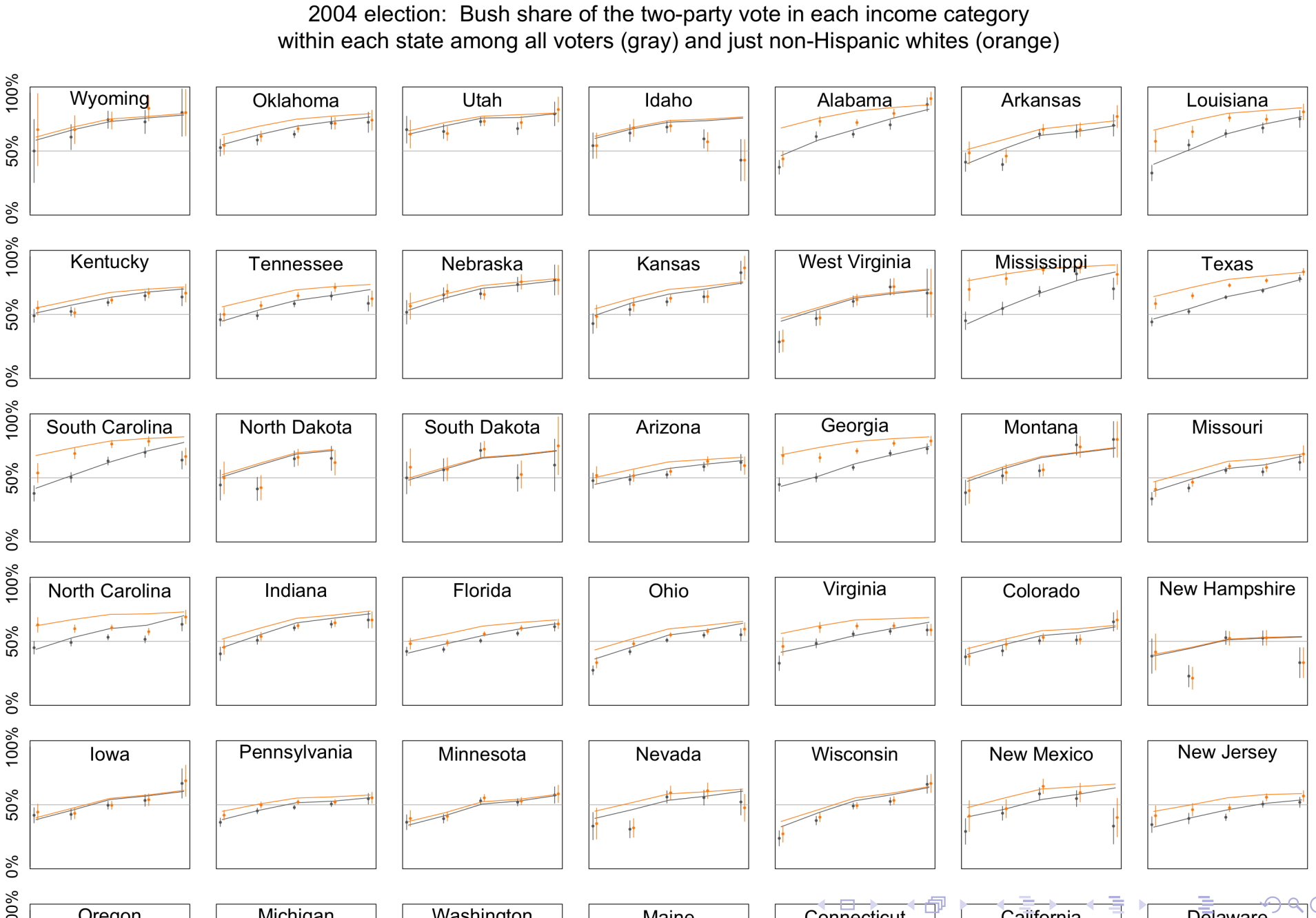

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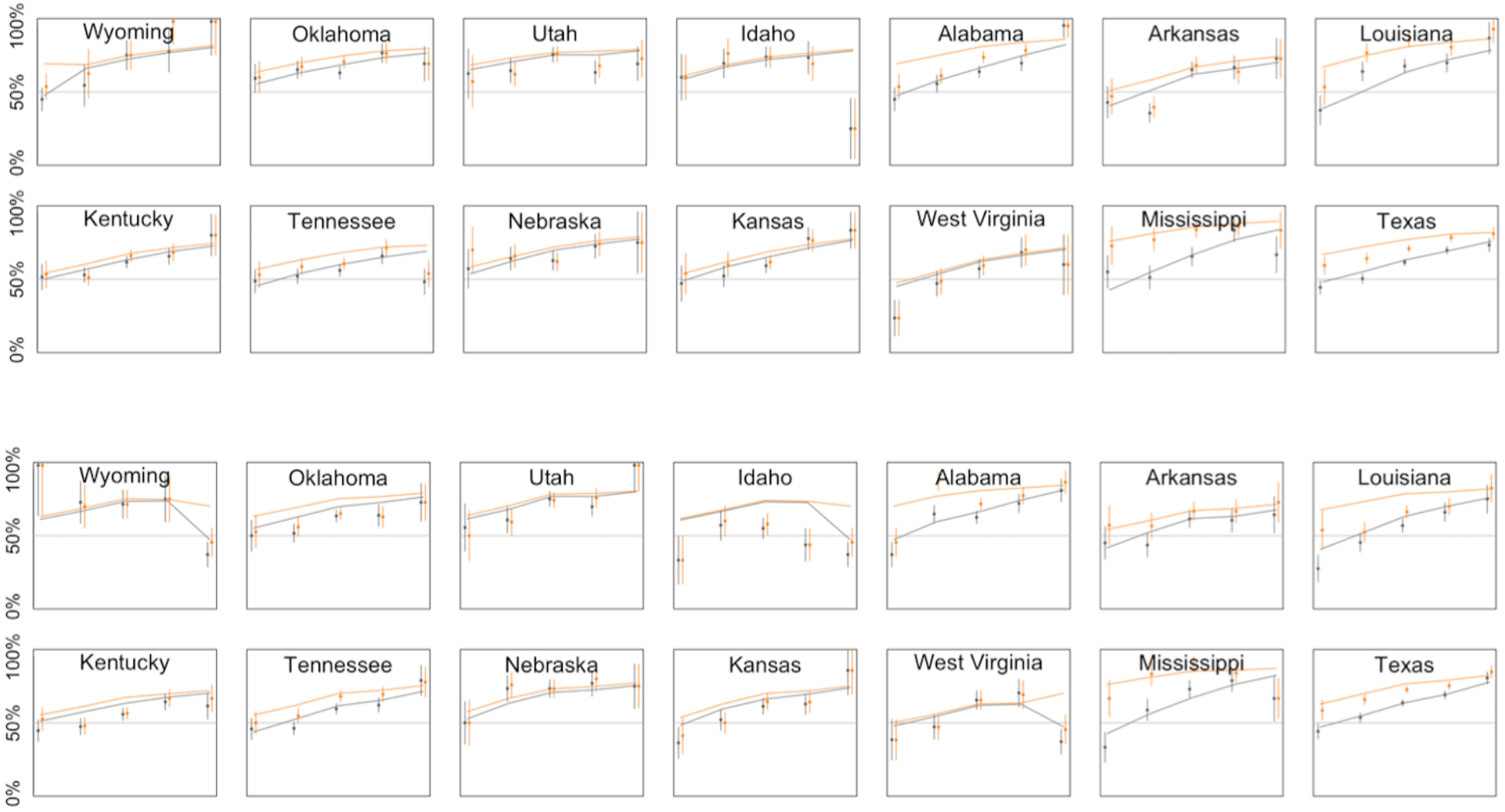

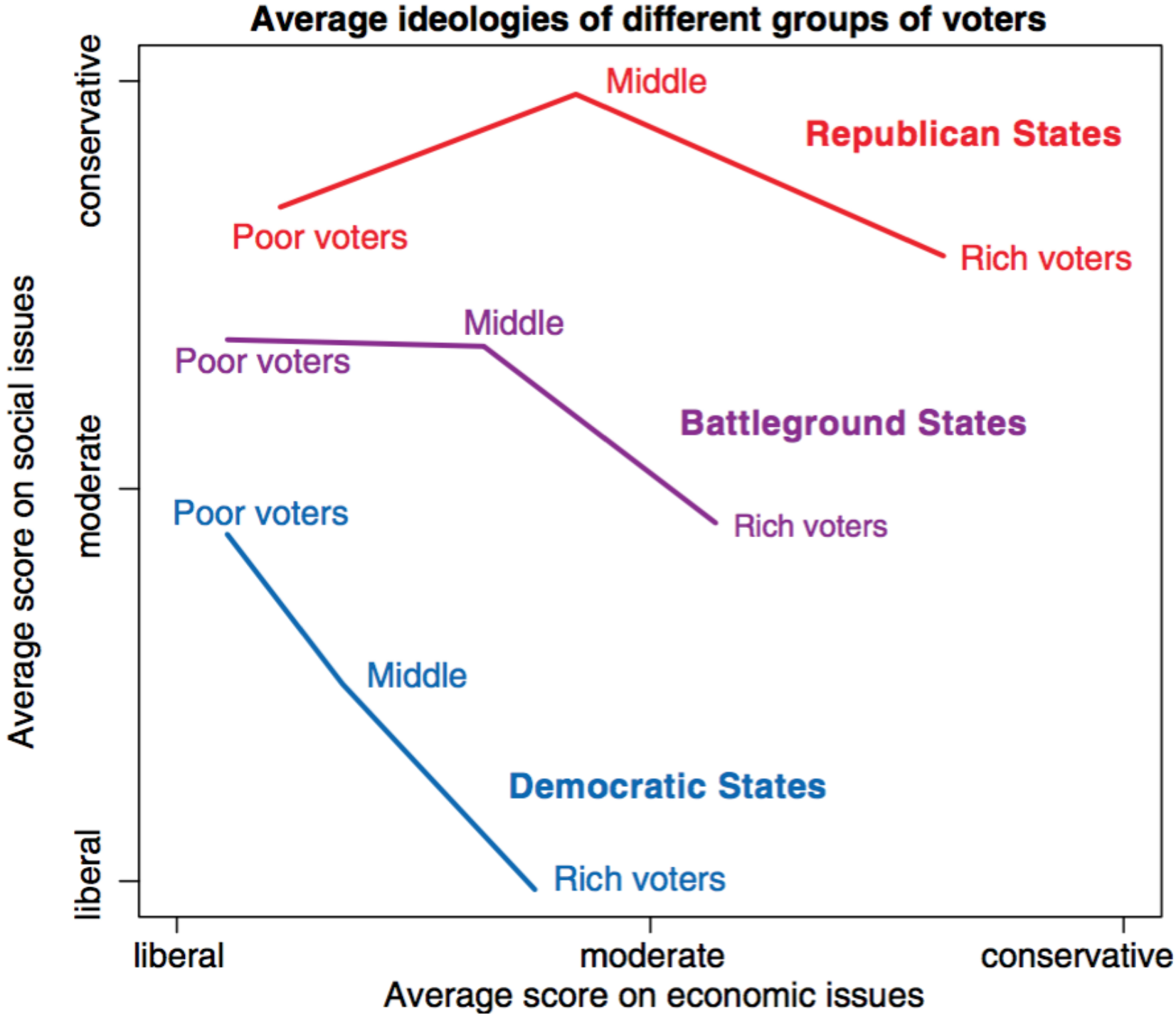
Average ideologies of different groups of voters
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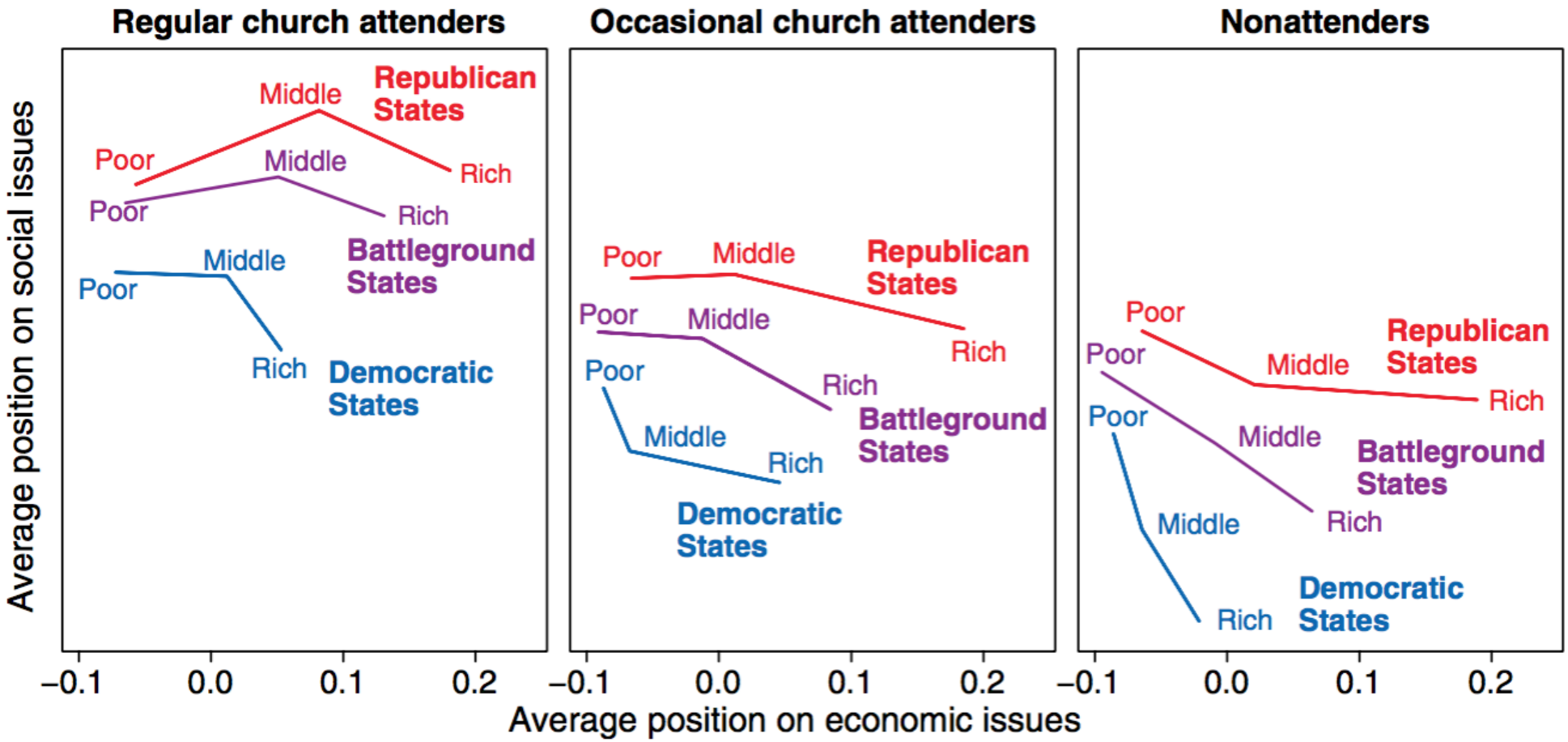

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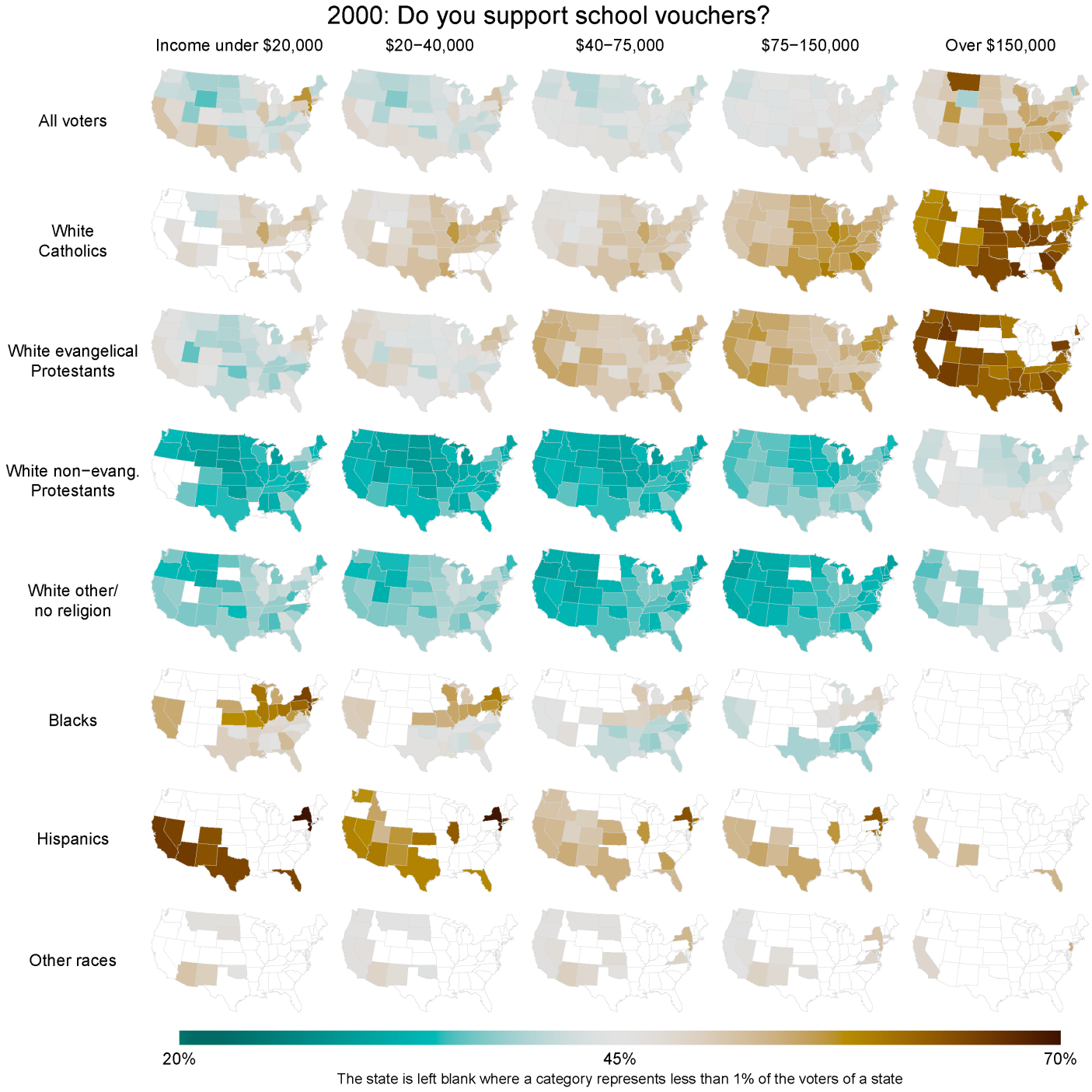

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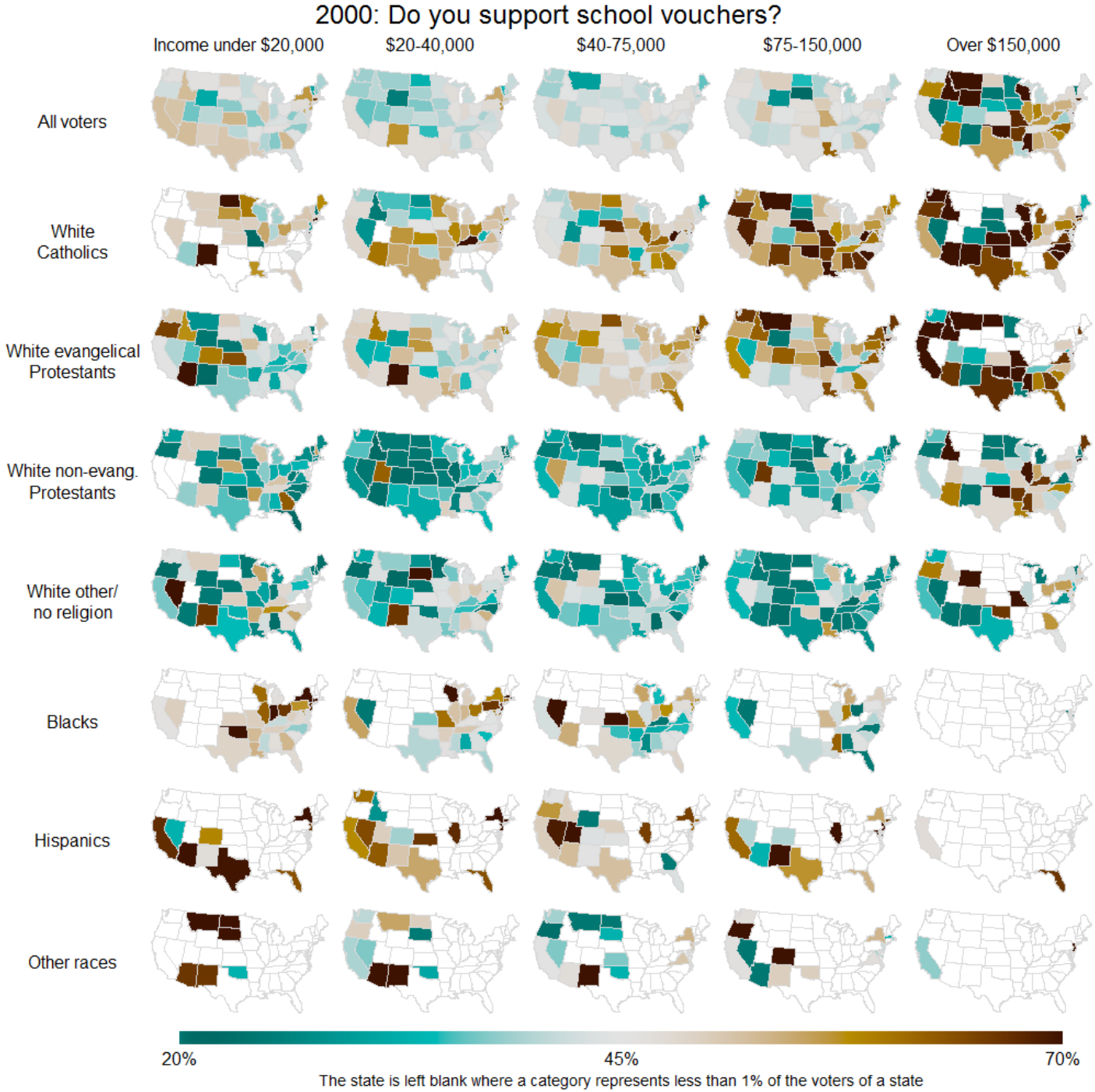
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$20-40,000
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All voters
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White evangelical Protestants
White non-evang. Protestants
White other/ no religion
Blacks
Hispanics
Other races
20%
45%
70%
The state is left blank where a category represents less than 1% of the voters of a state