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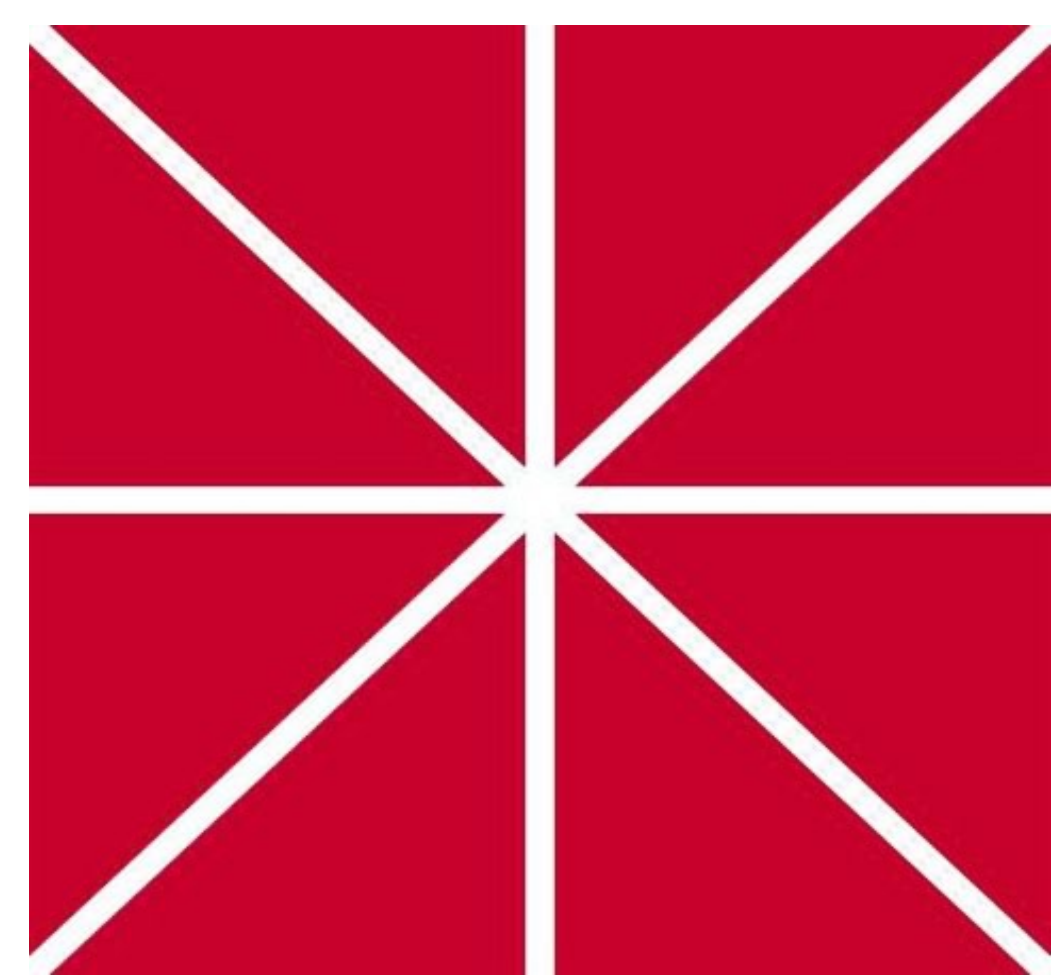
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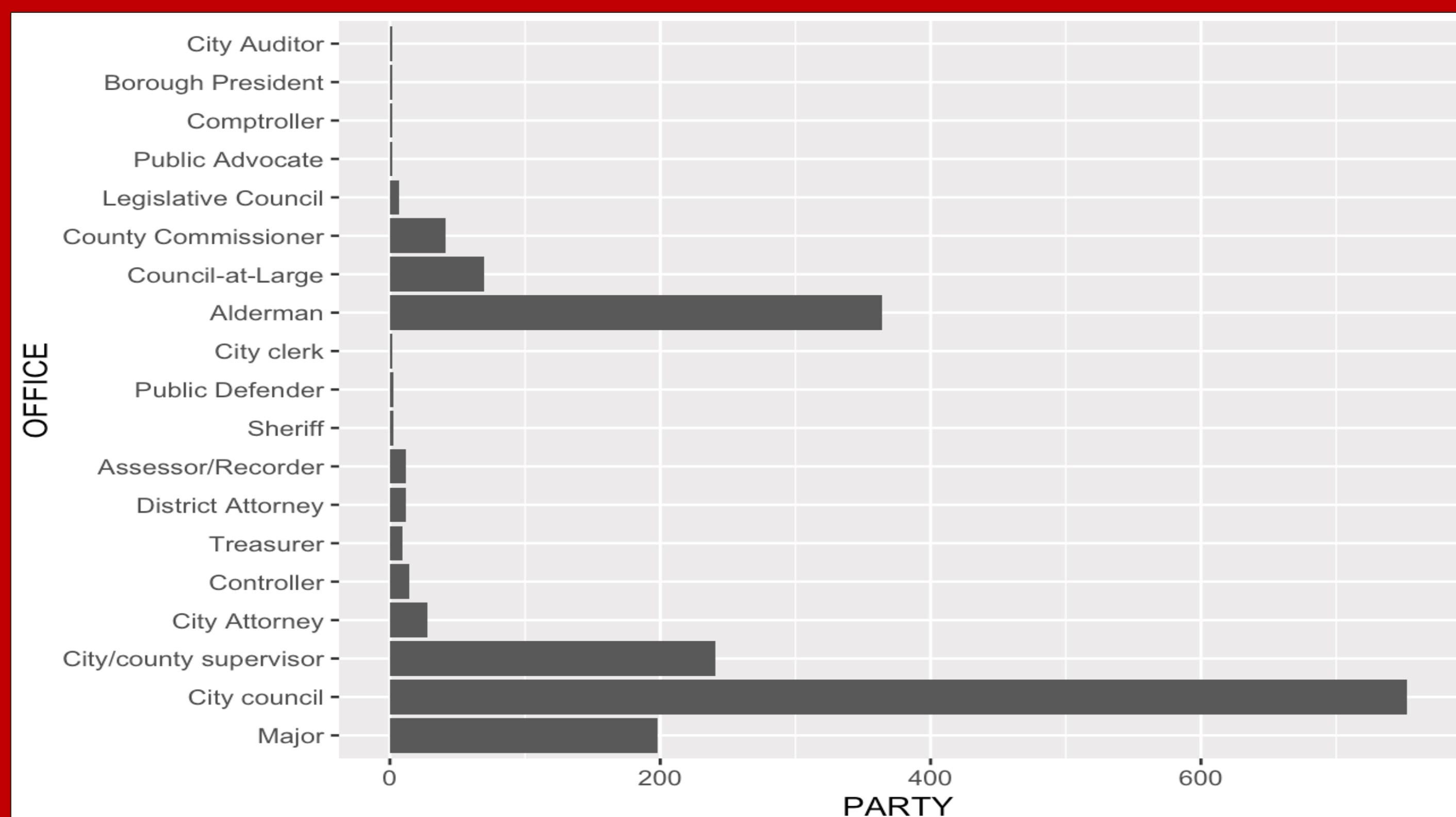
Factors in decision making of political candidates

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Introduction: It is important to analyze this phenomenon because it has an effect on politicism and in the daily life. It is essential to understand which factors impact on the decision making of the candidates when they are deciding to which office they are running for. Analyzing the tendency and relationship the office they can run for and the partisan or non-partisan party they are going with.

Results: There is no important relationship between the office and the decision of running non partisan over partisan, however the data shows a small relationship in being partisan if candidates are running for the City Council. There is a relationship that suggests that with the past of the time the candidates tend to be non-partisan.



Hypothesis: The type of office the candidates are competing for will affect the decision to run a partisan or non-partisan ticket in American local elections.

Methodology: Logistic Regression

Data: Campaign Finance in Local Elections: An Eleven City Study, 1989-2007

Variables:

- DV: PARTISANSHIP (0 or 1)
- IV:
 - OFFICE (categorical)
 - ELECTIONTYPE (categorical)
 - ELECYEAR (continuous)
 - STATE (categorical)

Conclusion: There is no important relationship between the office the candidate decided to run for and the decision to run partisan or non-partisan. Which means that it doesn't matter which office the candidates decide to run for, they can run for it either representing a partisan or a non partisan, with the exception of City Council that shows a that if you are deciding to run for a City Member position you should be partisan in order to have more opportunities to win. For whatever office you decide to run for you would have the same opportunities being non-partisan or partisan, there is no significant difference between both.

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Predictors	PARTISANSHIP	
	Log-Odds	std. Error
Constant	892.188	10368.588
City council	-2.914 **	0.994
City/county supervisor	-3.182	6924.134
City Attorney	-2.537	14269.878
Controller	-3.125	18604.136
Treasurer	-3.549	25695.556
District Attorney	-2.769	22486.274
Assessor/Recorder	-2.662	23273.494
Sheriff	-2.391	45079.488
Public Defender	-2.564	46183.916
City clerk	-21.715	55231.479
Alderman	-21.872	6886.893
Council-at-Large	-2.613	10557.637
County Commissioner	-2.680	15792.576
Legislative Council	-0.807	0.919
Public Advocate	-0.110	1.139
Comptroller	-0.149	1.135
Borough President	-1.238	1.093
Auditor	-0.736	56269.465
Nonpartisan primary	-1.902	9967.730
Nonpartisan runoff	-1.837	10847.077
Nonpartisan general (no primary)	-0.609	18147.347
Partisan primary	-50.383	11840.742
Partisan general	-30.374	11608.711
ELECYEAR (1989-2007)	-0.432 ***	0.117
Washington	0.032	6265.879
Illinois	19.099	8491.786
Kentucky	0.902	6781.543
New York	-2.331	6781.543
Florida	1.466	10316.973
Observations	3539	
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* p<0.05 ** p<0.01 *** p<0.001