

Preference Mismatch for Environmental Policy in Indonesia

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Abstract: We study Indonesian voters and politicians' preferences for action on a suite of policy issues. We conduct concurrent surveys in advance of the 2024 Indonesian general election, and we randomize provision of the information we collect to candidates. We find that voters care about environmental issues more than politicians, and that politicians underestimate voters' concern. Information on voters' preferences induced changes in politicians' own stated policy preferences, especially on issues for which politicians initially underestimated voter support. However, information on voter preferences did not affect politicians' willingness to support costly policy action on environmental issues, nor did it affect politicians' vote share in the election.

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