Condorcet Jury Theorem in a Spatial Model of Elections

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Abstract

Does the electoral outcome reflect the true preference of the majority? I show that when there is uncertainty about who gains and who loses from a given alternative, the majority-preferred alternative may lose the election. This insight helps explain well-known phenomena like status quo bias in referenda and growing incumbency advantage since the advent of mass media.

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