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**“Split Ticket Voting: The Relative Uncertainty Hypothesis.
Evidence from the 2000 Mexican Election”**



While “split ticket voting,” which occurs when individual voters cast ballots for the candidate of one party for president and the other party for national legislative office, has been debated and studied in the United States, we know less about this in the case of presidential political systems in other countries.

This ground-breaking paper examines competing theories about what factors are most likely to produce split ticket voting in the case of Mexico. Analysis of data from the 2000 Mexican election, which led to the democratic turnover of power from one major party to another for the first time in Mexican history, provides support for the influences on split ticket voting of perceptions of the president’s party’s economic performance and of uncertainty about the positions and personal characteristics of the parties’ different candidates for different offices.

These findings provide important insights and raise questions not only for future research on Mexican elections but for elections in other presidential systems as well.

NYAAPOR recognizes the high level of scholarly merit of this excellent paper.

