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TITLE: **Electoral competition and Corruption**

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Abstract:

We investigate the links between political competition, corruption and the quality of governance in India. Our theoretical model predicts a non-linear or U-shaped relationship between electoral competition and corruption. Panel data on village level implementation of the NREGA during 2006-10 and sarpanch elections in 2006 in Andhra Pradesh allow us to test the theoretical predictions in the cross-section and over the tenure of the village council. Empirical findings hold up the predicted non-linear relationship between the two variables. In addition, they suggest that incumbents may be better behaved closer to the next round of elections and the structure of program leakages may differ in more competitive GPs.

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