New patriots: How Roosevelt's New Deal made America great again

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based on

"New Deal, New Patriots"

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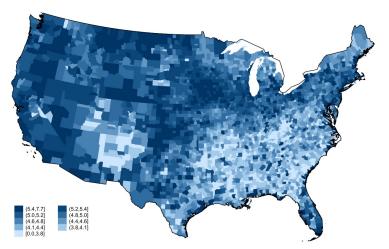
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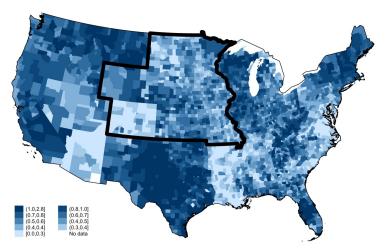


Source: County Data Book 1947.

Patriotism 2: the day after Pearl Harbor



Patriotism 2: volunteers



Source: National Archives and Records Administration 2002.

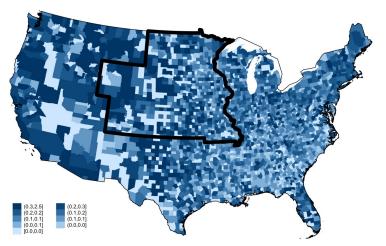
Patriotism 3: meet one hero

Sergeant **Sylvester Antolak**, U.S. Army. Congressional Medal of Honor



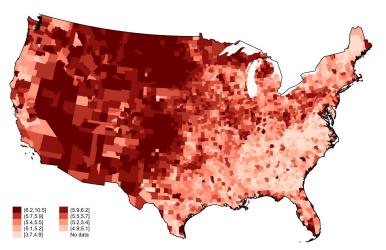
"He charged 200 yards over flat, coverless terrain to destroy an enemy machinegun nest. [...] Three times he was struck by bullets and knocked to the ground, but each time he struggled to his feet to continue his relentless advance. [...] Sqt. Antolak was directly responsible for eliminating 20 Germans and capturing an enemy machinegun."

Patriotism 3: medals



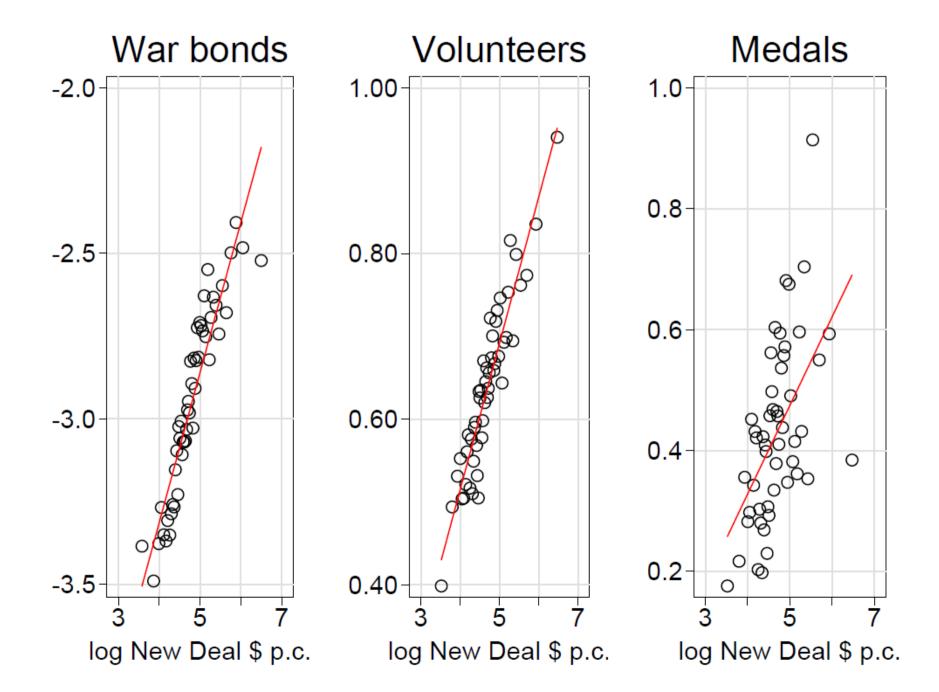
Sources: "Home of Heroes" and "Hall of Valor".

New Deal grants

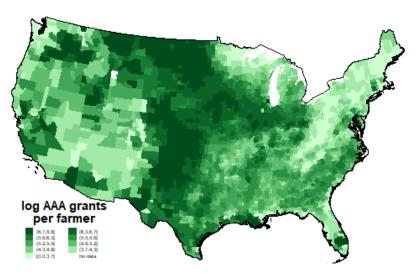


Source: Fishback, Kantor & Wallis (EEH 2003)

Results in one slide

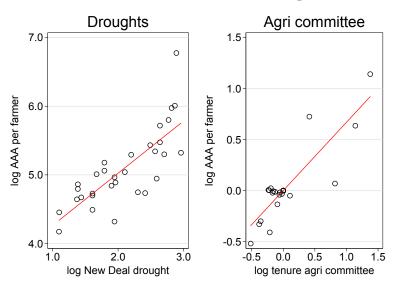


Identification: AAA grants



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Identification: first stages



Summary

- Why does the rise of welfare states coincide with age of mass armies?
- This paper: not accidental.
- Implication: reciprocity may be important for effective mobilization.

