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by



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Bio of Speaker

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Abstract

Does public cheap talk by a biased expert hurt or benefit voters? Expert platform endorsements induce office-seeking parties to serve the expert's ideological interests, hurting voters. But policy advocacy makes platforms respond to the expert's information, helping voters. Together, endorsements and advocacy generate higher welfare than either form of communication alone. In effect, electoral competition leads to partial delegation of decisions to the expert, making policies distorted but more informed. This benefits voters more than policymaking geared to serving the public interest. Direct expert capture of one party is a better form of delegation and the best institution for voters.

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