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Abstract

Gronke examines responses to the party registration item in the 1984 National Election Study. He finds that the number of respondents who claim to be registered with a political party is far greater than the number who actually are registered; almost half of the respondents who supplied a party identification were not required to do so by their state of residence. Gronke recommends that the party registration question, if included in future surveys, be asked only in states that require partisan registration.