

**Abstract for “Has the Attitude of U.S. Citizens towards Redistribution Changed over Time?”**

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Using repeated cross-sectional survey data from the GSS over the period 1978--2010, we model individual preferences in the U.S. within a chronological perspective. We fit a logistic non-nested multilevel model with three different levels of variation: individuals, time and cohort. We solve some complexities in estimation due to the 3 levels of variation and we find that driving factors in shaping redistributive preferences have changed rapidly. Personal income is always a strong predictor, with the poor-rich gap increasing over time. Large changes over time have characterized also the effects of education, ethnic bonds and self-declared party identification.