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## **Abstract**

Knack uses 1991 Pilot Study data to see if the threat of selecting jurors from voter registration lists deters citizens from registering to vote. Knack finds that items measuring perceptions of juror source practices prove useful for predicting registration behavior. However, there does not appear to be an interaction between the perception items and degree of distaste for jury duty, indicating that an individual's preferences regarding jury duty do not affect their decision to register to vote. Knack argues that the data did not yield the expected results because the Pilot Study items measure only the benefits of jury service, not opportunity costs. He suggests including a "cost variable" to the jury duty sequence of items in future survey efforts.