

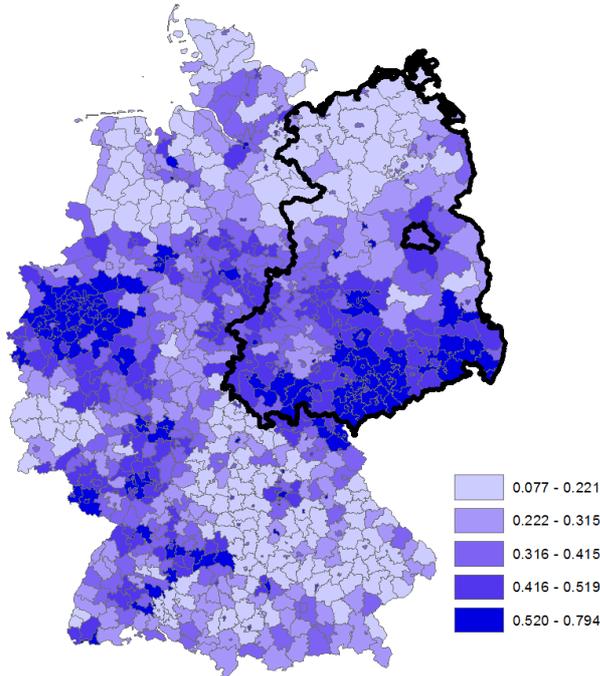
Table A1: East-West Differences before World War II: Additional Outcomes

	Full German sample	Band around the East-West border		
		<= 200 km	<= 100 km	Border counties
Economic outcomes				
Agricultural employment share (1925)				
Constant (West)	0.352*** (0.009)	0.382*** (0.012)	0.357*** (0.018)	0.406*** (0.033)
GDR	-0.128*** (0.015)	-0.165*** (0.019)	-0.138*** (0.026)	-0.051 (0.043)
Health sector employment share (1925)				
Constant (West)	0.013*** (0.000)	0.012*** (0.001)	0.012*** (0.001)	0.009*** (0.001)
GDR	0.001 (0.001)	0.001 (0.001)	0.000 (0.001)	0.001 (0.001)
Political preferences				
SPD vote share (1924)				
Constant (West)	0.201*** (0.005)	0.234*** (0.007)	0.268*** (0.010)	0.277*** (0.025)
GDR	0.104*** (0.008)	0.070*** (0.011)	0.034** (0.015)	0.010 (0.034)
Zentrum+BVP vote share (1924)				
Constant (West)	0.363*** (0.010)	0.310*** (0.014)	0.258*** (0.020)	0.240*** (0.041)
GDR	-0.320*** (0.012)	-0.258*** (0.017)	-0.184*** (0.024)	-0.086 (0.058)
DNVP vote share (1924)				
Constant (West)	0.148*** (0.005)	0.191*** (0.008)	0.220*** (0.012)	0.229*** (0.017)
GDR	0.104*** (0.010)	0.039*** (0.012)	-0.011 (0.016)	0.011 (0.034)
Voter turnout (1924)				
Constant (West)	0.776*** (0.003)	0.800*** (0.004)	0.825*** (0.004)	0.822*** (0.008)
GDR	0.051*** (0.004)	0.032*** (0.005)	0.005 (0.007)	-0.018 (0.012)
Culture				
Catholic share (1925)				
Constant (West)	0.491*** (0.015)	0.380*** (0.022)	0.317*** (0.029)	0.226*** (0.052)
GDR	-0.438*** (0.017)	-0.326*** (0.023)	-0.255*** (0.032)	-0.094 (0.069)
Jewish share (1910)				
Constant (West)	0.005*** (0.000)	0.006*** (0.000)	0.007*** (0.001)	0.005*** (0.001)
GDR	-0.003*** (0.000)	-0.004*** (0.001)	-0.005*** (0.001)	-0.004*** (0.001)

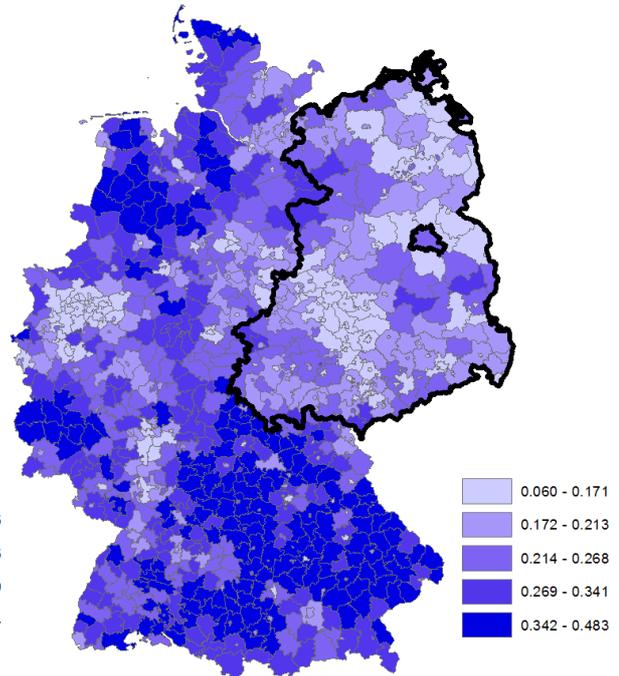
Notes: Each pair of “GDR” and “Constant (West)” estimates reflect the result of a separate regression. County-level analyses. Distance to border based on county centroids. Robust standard errors in parentheses: significance at * 10, ** 5, *** 1 percent. Data source: Falter and Hänisch (1990).

Figure A1: Spotting the GDR Before It Existed: Economic Outcomes

Manufacturing employment share (1925)



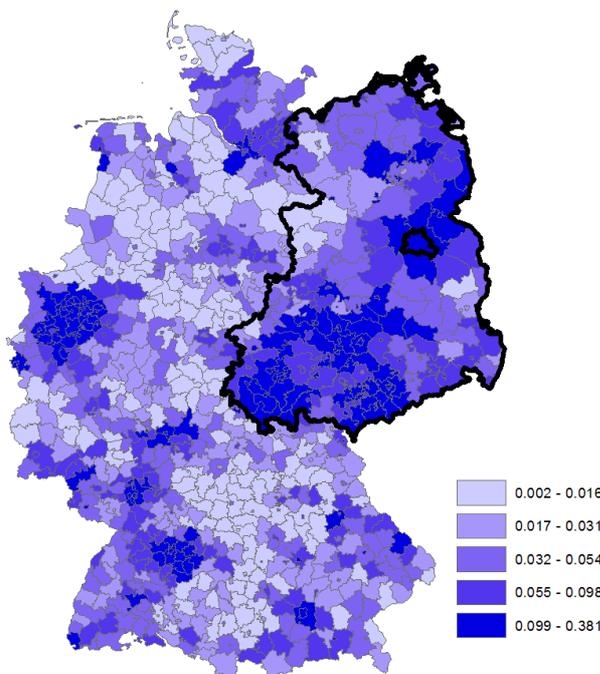
Self-employment share (1925)



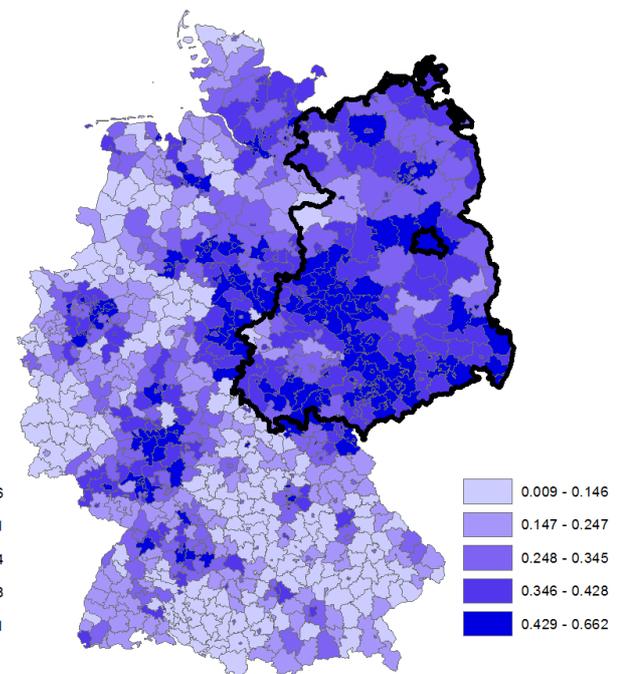
Notes: Colors refer to quintiles on each variable. Missing data imputed by nearest neighbor. Source: Own depiction based on county-level census data in Falter and Hänisch (1990).

Figure A2: Spotting the GDR Before It Existed: Political Preferences

Communist (KPD) vote share (1924)

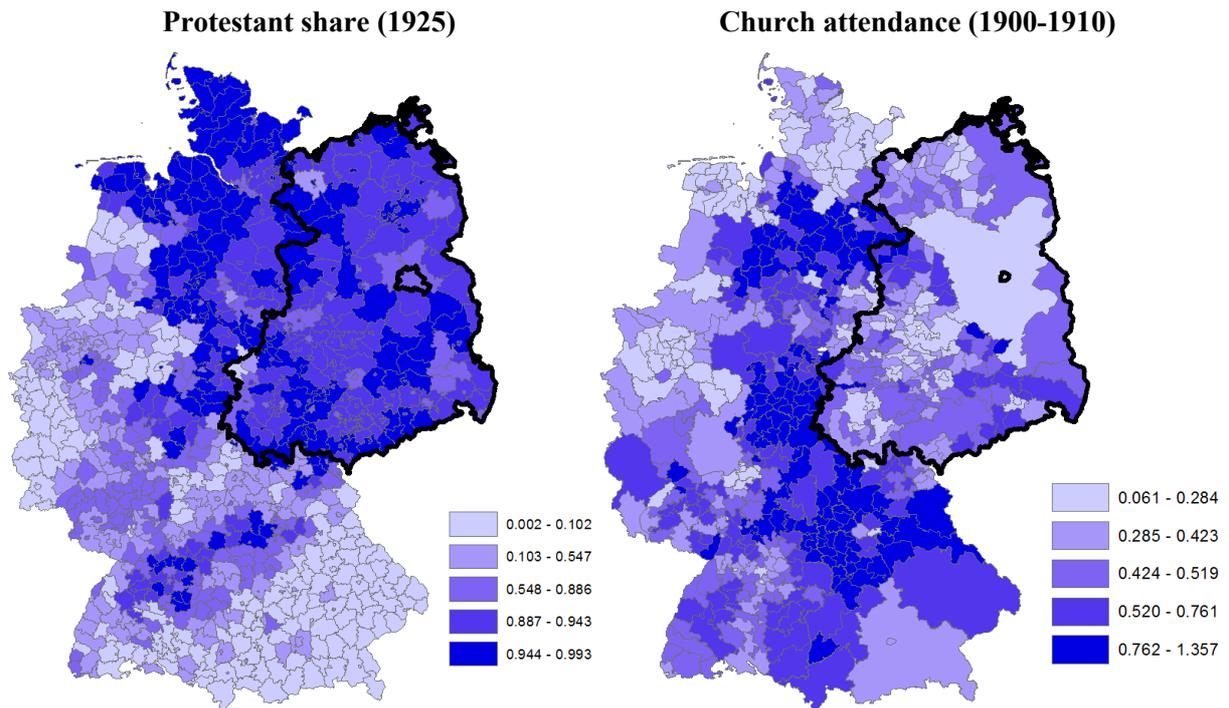


Left-party vote share (1924)



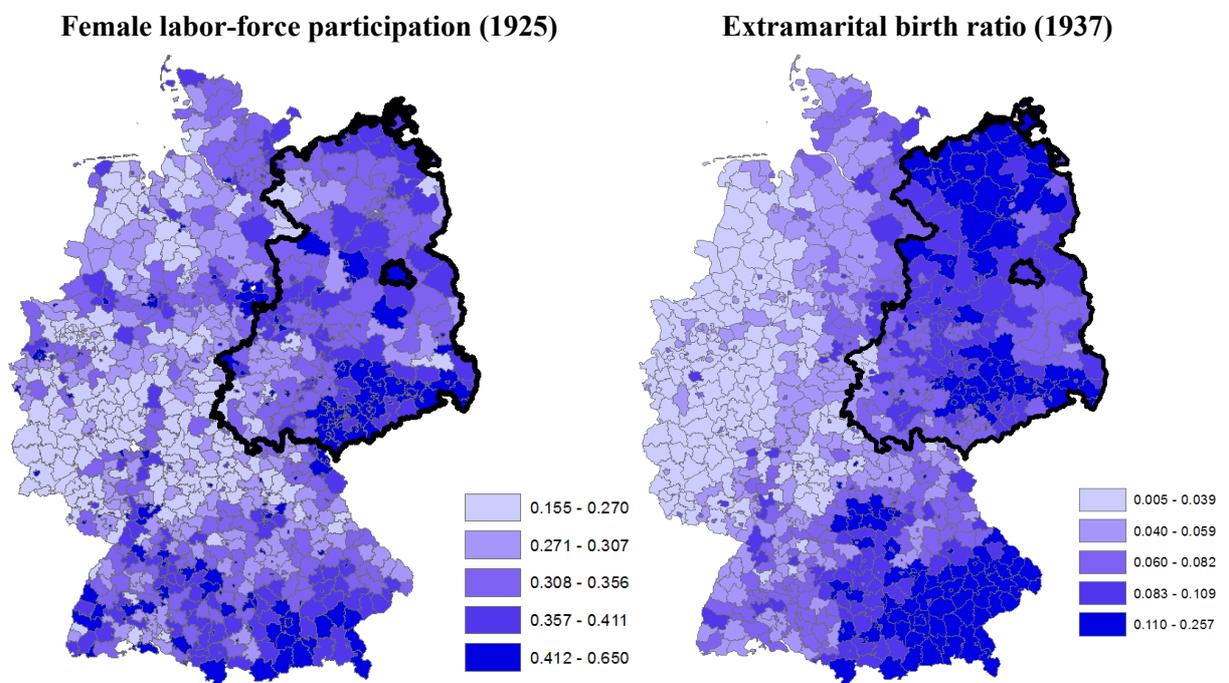
Notes: Left parties include KPD, SPD, and USPD. Colors refer to quintiles on each variable. Missing data imputed by nearest neighbor. Source: Own depiction based on county-level data of Reichstag election in December 1924 in Falter and Hänisch (1990).

Figure A3: Spotting the GDR Before It Existed: Culture



Notes: Colors refer to quintiles on each variable. Missing data imputed by nearest neighbor. Source: Own depiction based on census data at the county level in Falter and Hänisch (1990) and Protestant church attendance data at the church-district level in Hölscher (2001).

Figure A4: Spotting the GDR Before It Existed: Gender Roles



Notes: Colors refer to quintiles on each variable. Missing data imputed by nearest neighbor. Source: Own depiction based on county-level data on female labor-force participation provided by Wyrwich (2019) and extramarital birth ratio provided by Klüsener and Goldstein (2016).