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**for trustful, participatory
and inclusive public policies**

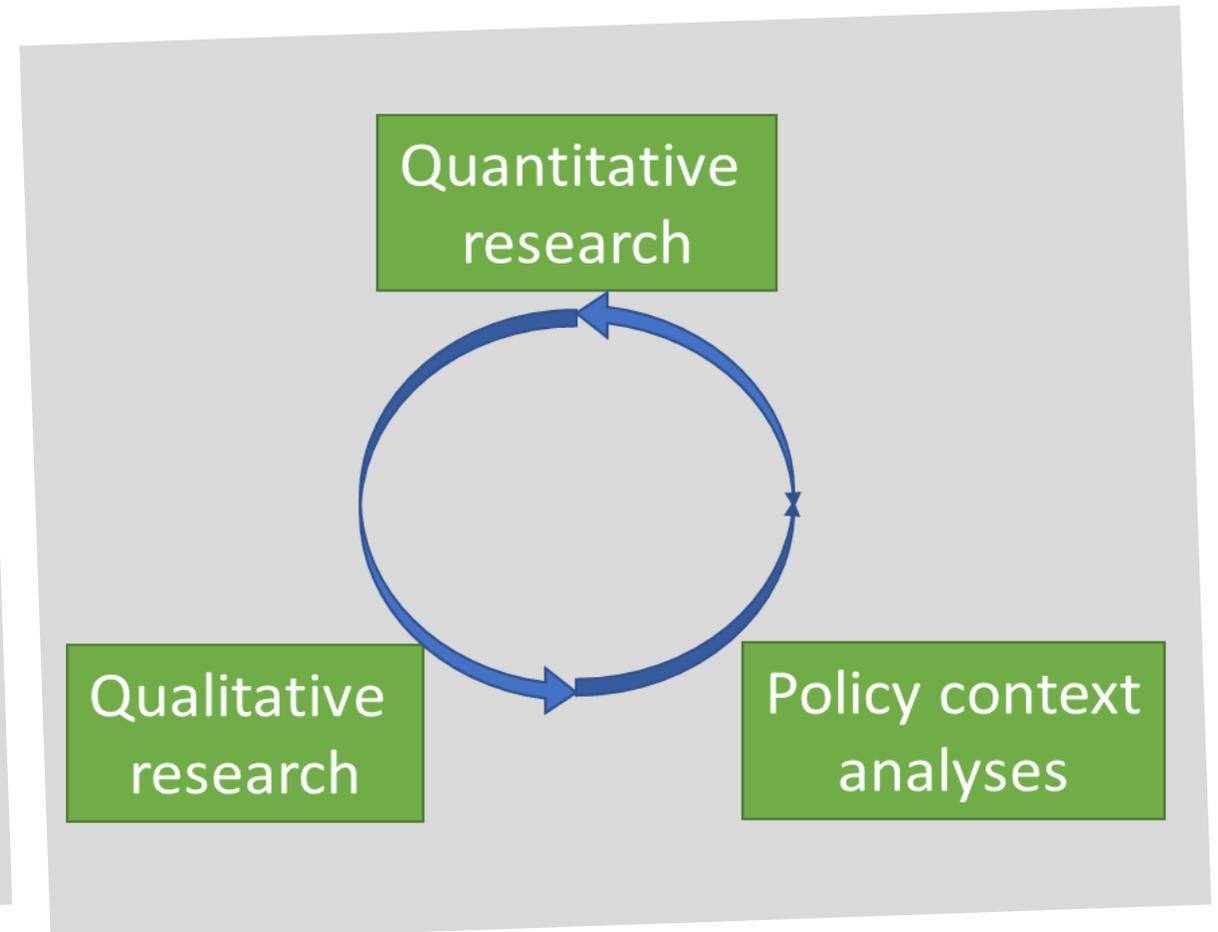
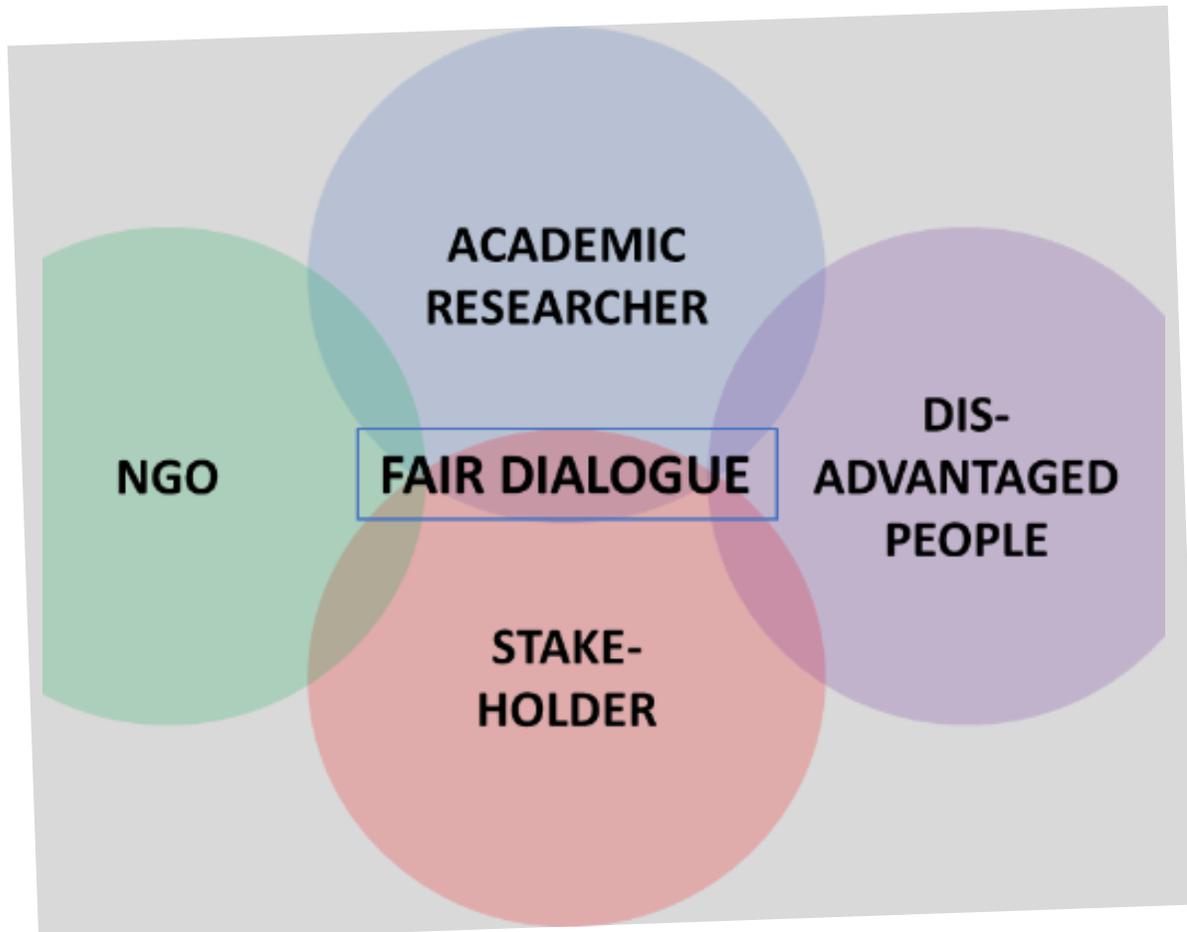


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Why Involve?



Merging of knowledge



Involvement

Giving people a Voice

- Quantitative research
- Qualitative research
- Policy labs
- Democratic experiments

Empowering people

- Reflecting the results of the Q&Q Research
- Reflecting social policies
- Creating together aspirations
- Dialogue with stakeholders
- Writing policy recommendations



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Report 1: Securing welfare to foster democratic engagement?

A longitudinal analysis on the impact of economic inequality and social welfare policies on political trust and participation in Europe

Mathijs Gillissen, Silke Goubin & Anna Ruelens

Three Research Questions

What are the **long-term trends of trust in political institutions** and **political participation in Europe**?

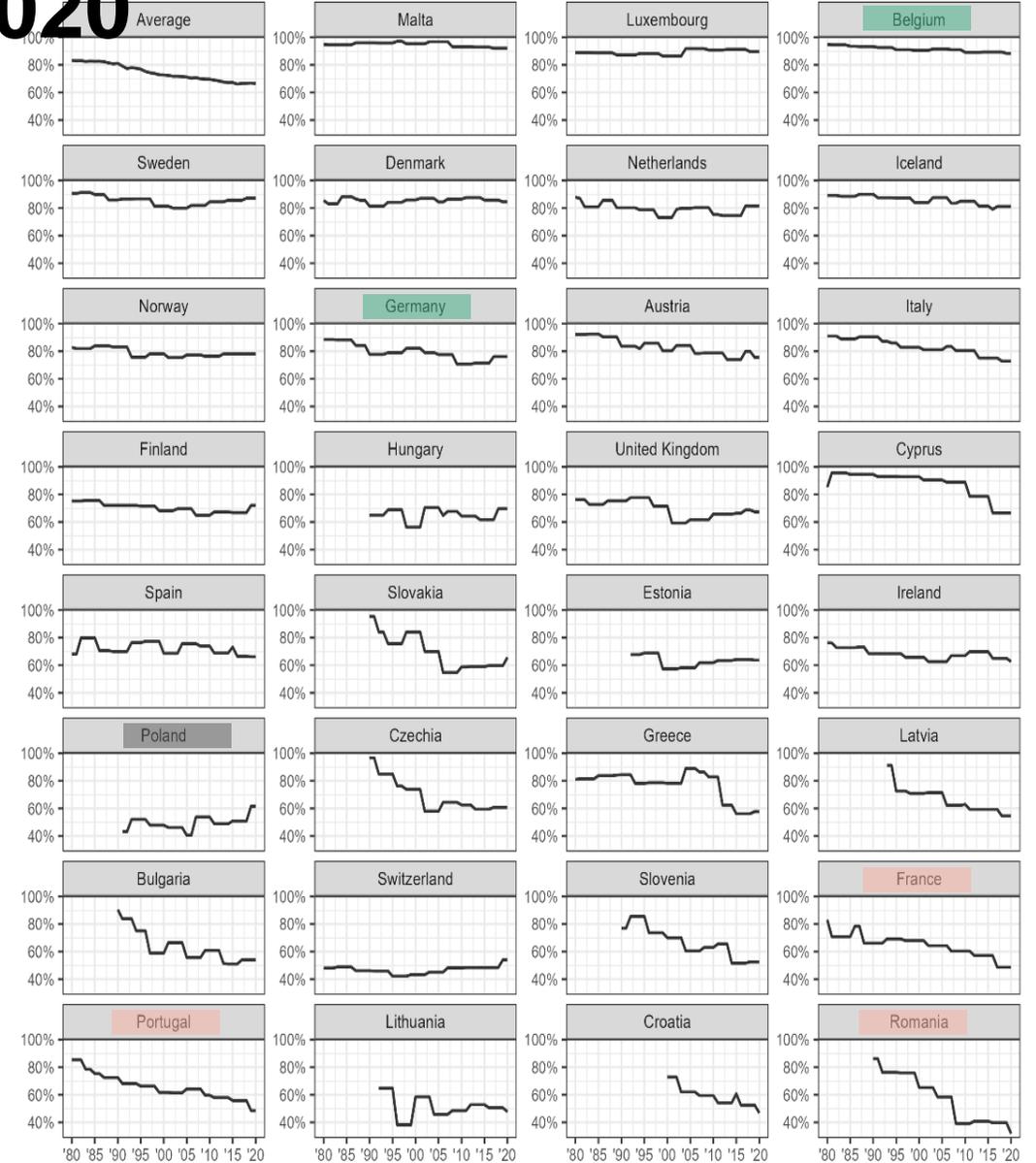
Is there an association between **economic inequality**, on the one hand, and trust in political institutions and participation, on the other hand?

Are more **generous social policies** associated with higher levels of political trust and participation?

Political Trust

Trends 1980-2020

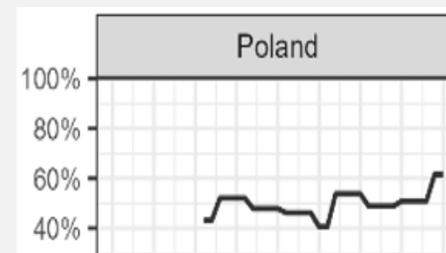
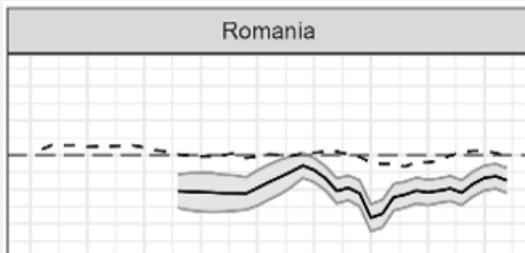
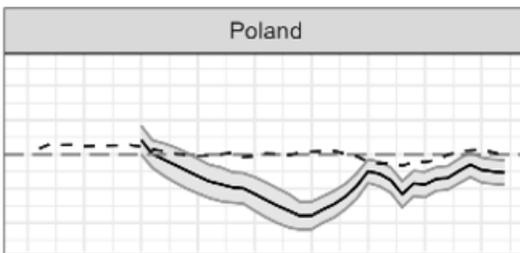
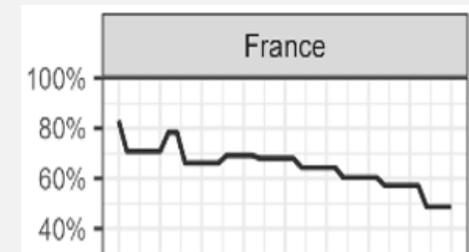
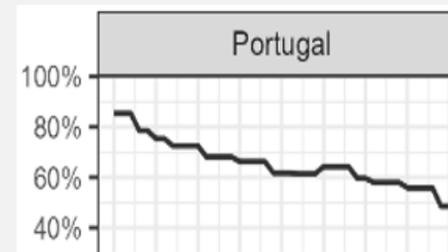
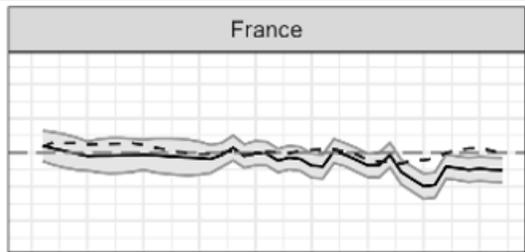
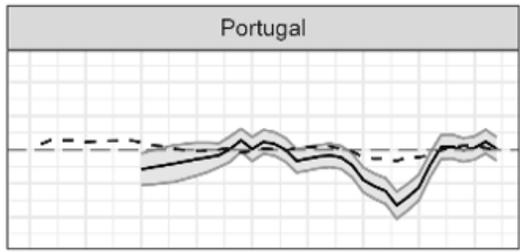
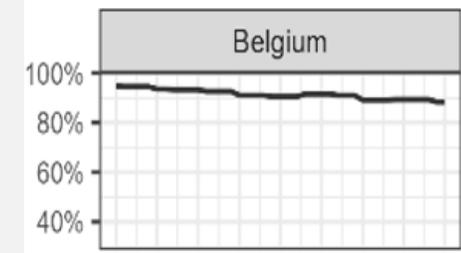
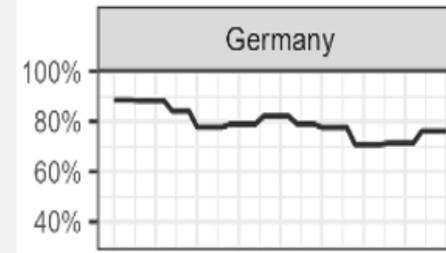
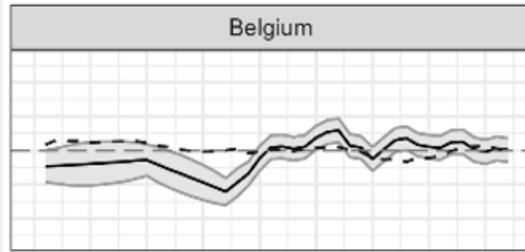
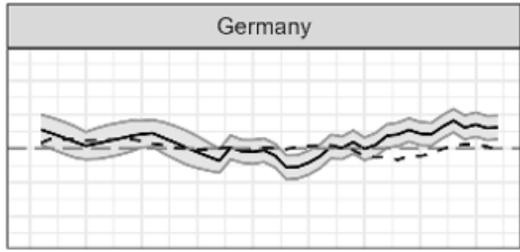
Political Participation



Political Trust

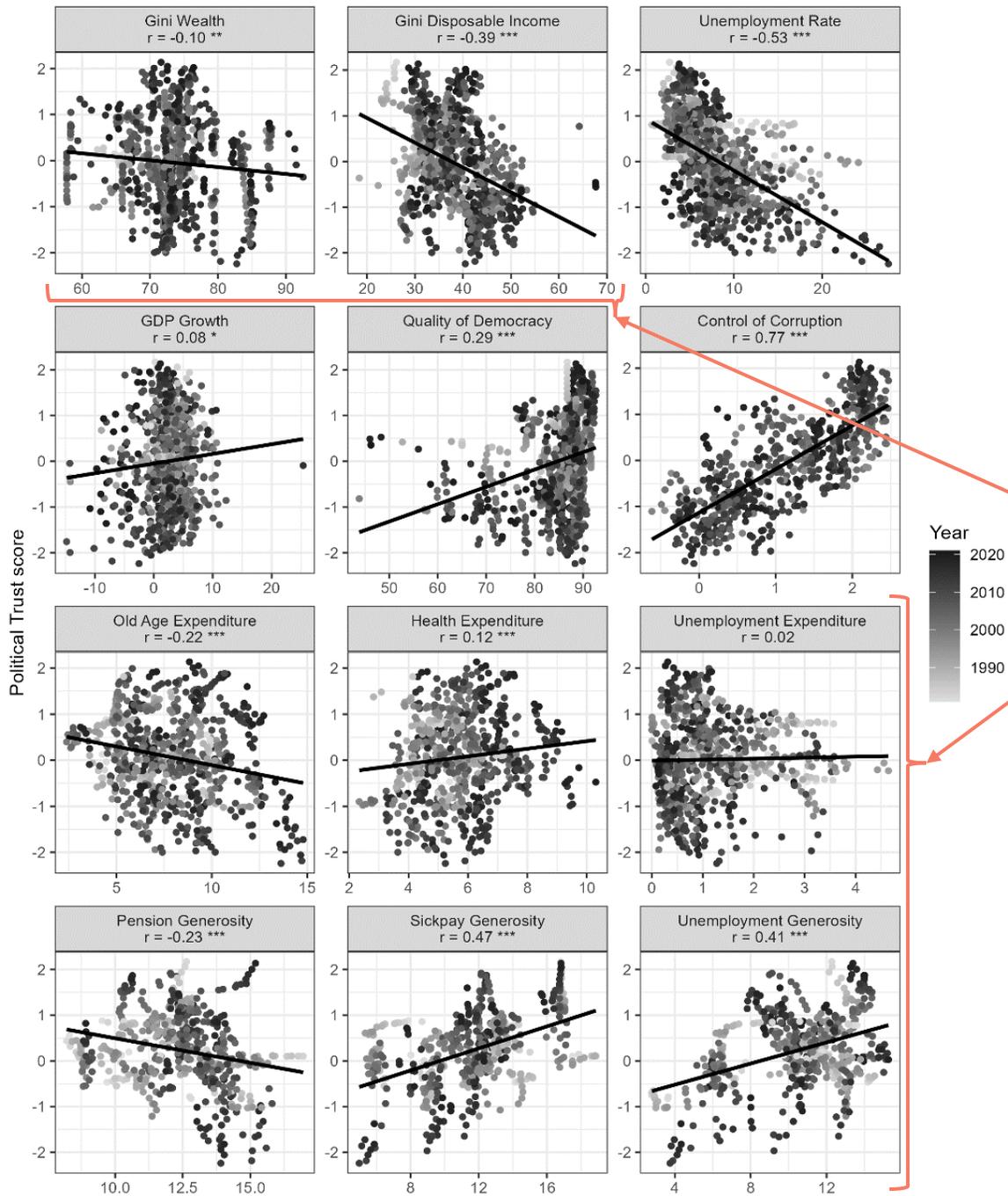
Trends 1980-2020

Political Participation



Does appear as somewhat of a
'crisis of democracy'

Association of Inequality & Social Welfare Policies on Political Trust

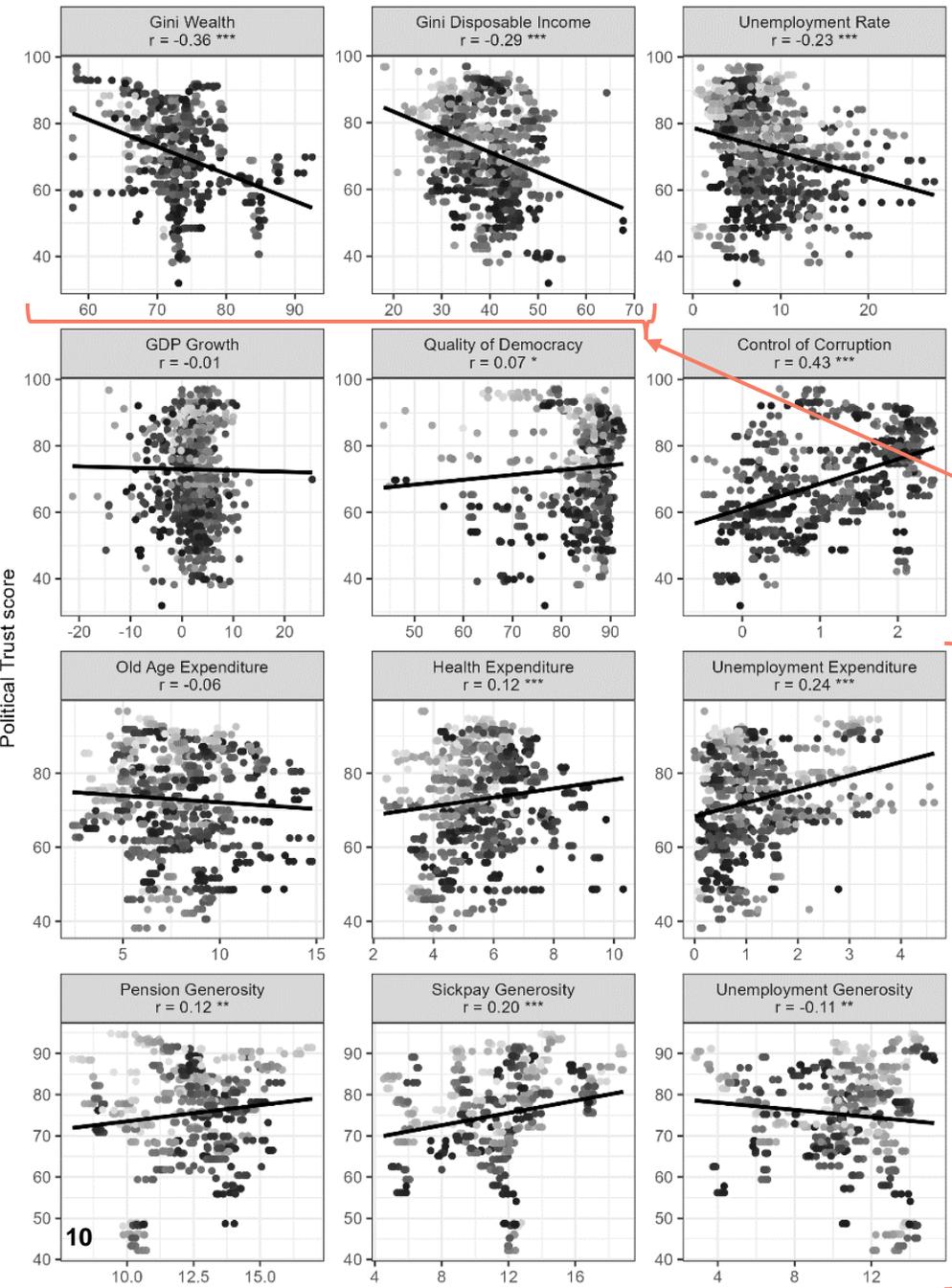


Trust, Inequality & Policy

Trend Trust: Wax & Wanes over Time & Place

- Economic Inequality: Clear Negative Impact**
 - Income strong negative relation
 - Wealth weak negative relation
- Social Policies: Inconsistent Impact**

Association of Inequality & Social Welfare Policies on Voter Turnout



Participation, Inequality & Policy

Trend Voting: Decline Over Time Across Countries

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Securing welfare to foster democratic engagement?

It has not been that simple...