

# Libertarian Visions and Conveyor Operator Positions: A Coordinated Condition in Missouri's Political-Economic Tradition

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## Abstract

This study investigates the relationship between the number of Libertarian votes cast for Senators in Missouri and the employment of conveyor operators in the state. Using data from the MIT Election Data and Science Lab, Harvard Dataverse, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics, we conducted a thorough analysis covering the years 2003 to 2018. Our findings revealed a remarkably strong correlation coefficient of 0.9703150 and a statistical significance of  $p < 0.01$ , indicating a compelling association between these seemingly disparate variables. Our results suggest that the political landscape may exert a curiously palpable influence on the labor market dynamics in Missouri. We offer insights into the potential mechanisms underlying this quirky and unexpected link, presenting an intriguing perspective that goes beyond the conventional boundaries of political and economic research. Our study sheds light on the often-overlooked interplay between political ideologies and occupational pursuits, emphasizing the whimsical nature of societal trends and their impact on the labor force.

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## 1. Introduction

As the sage adage goes, "Politics make strange bedfellows." In this vein, our study delves into the curious realm of political-economic dynamics, aiming to unravel the peculiar connection between Libertarian votes for Senators in Missouri and the employment of conveyor operators in the Show-Me State. While the casual observer may find these two variables as incongruous as a chicken in a tuxedo, our rigorous analysis presents compelling evidence of a surprisingly robust association.

The stark contrast between the philosophical underpinnings of Libertarianism and the day-to-day tasks of conveyor operators might initially provoke a quizzical furrowing of eyebrows. However, as Henry David Thoreau once mused, "The mass of men lead lives of quiet desperation." Perhaps it is this sentiment that binds these seemingly disparate elements together, as we uncover a statistically significant relationship that suggests a deeper interplay between political inclinations and occupational propensities than previously acknowledged.

Before we delve into the intricate tapestry of our findings, a brief exploration of the historical backdrop may elucidate the confluence of factors at play. Missouri, renowned for its whims and caprices in political alignments, offers a fertile ground for dissecting the entwined nature of ideological leanings and workforce composition. As Mark Twain wryly observed, "It's no wonder that truth is stranger than fiction. Fiction has to make sense." Indeed, our endeavor to unravel this curious association exemplifies the colorful saga of political narratives intersecting with the labor market tableau.

The theoretical groundwork for our investigation is rooted in the premise that electoral choices, reflective of an electorate's political ethos, reverberate across the fabric of societal structures. In this context, the employment patterns of conveyor operators, emblematic of the industrial bedrock of Missouri, serve as an unassuming yet profoundly emblematic barometer of the economic ramifications of political proclivities. As we venture forth into the labyrinth of statistical analyses, the interplay of correlation coefficients and p-values becomes our compass, guiding us through the convoluted terrain of political visions and occupational pursuits.

In the vein of this improbable liaison between political ideologies and labor market dynamics, our study embarks on a peregrination through the idiosyncrasies of societal trends and their curious manifestations. Through this endeavor, we espouse the notion that the interweaving of politics and economics yields a tapestry that is equal parts confounding and captivating, akin to a cryptic riddle cloaked in Monty Python-esque absurdity. As we unfurl the veils of statistical revelations and contextual nuances, a vivid panorama emerges, showcasing the whimsical dance between political choices and vocational endeavors.

As we delve into the subsequent sections of our research, the enigmatic dance of Libertarians and conveyor operators will undoubtedly yield a blend of revelations and absurdities that are emblematic of the captivating labyrinth of human behavior. In the words of the inimitable Oscar Wilde, "Life is far too important a thing ever to talk seriously about." With this sentiment in mind, we invite the reader to partake in this whimsical excursion through the whims and caprices of Missouri's political-economic tradition.

## **2. Literature Review**

The intricate interplay between political inclinations and occupational pursuits has been a subject of scholarly intrigue, engendering meticulous attempts to untangle the enigmatic web of societal phenomena. The authors find that this peculiar relationship between the number of Libertarian votes for Senators in Missouri and the employment of conveyor operators in the state has not been extensively explored in prior literature. However, a cursory review of related studies reveals intriguing parallels in seemingly incongruous domains.

In "The Political Economy of Labor" by Smith, the authors delve into the multifaceted connections between political ideologies and workforce dynamics, shedding light on the subtle yet palpable influences that political maneuvers exert on labor market configurations. Despite the earnest scholarly endeavor, the sheer absurdity of our specific inquiry may have eluded the purview of conventional analyses, nestled in the cocoon of quirkiness and unpredictability.

Doe's seminal work, "The Libertarian Manifesto: From Rhetoric to Action," paves an ideological pathway that intersects with the labyrinthine contours of labor market intricacies, albeit in a context divergent from the present inquiry. Nevertheless, the examination of Libertarian thought and its potential reverberations on occupational landscapes sets the stage for our whimsically peculiar investigation into Missouri's idiosyncratic landscape.

Jones, in "Industrial Evolution: Sociopolitical Metamorphoses in the Heartland," offers a sweeping panoramic view of the intricate dance between political ideologies and industrial pursuits, encapsulating the essence of our endeavor within a broader narrative of societal metamorphoses. The convergence of political reverberations and occupational metamorphoses in Missouri accentuates the whimsical nature of our exploratory path, mirroring the unpredictability that colors the fabric of societal interactions.

Venturing beyond the confines of traditional academic tomes, the realm of non-fiction offers intriguing insights into the amalgamation of political ideologies and economic undercurrents. "Freakonomics" by Levitt and Dubner presents a riveting account of the unexpected links between seemingly unrelated variables, serving as a nod to the quirky and unexpected associations that underpin our own investigation. Furthermore, "Nudge" by Thaler and Sunstein injects a dose of behavioral economics into the underlying framework, reflecting the whimsical nudges that underlie the intersection of political choices and occupational pursuits.

Turning to the realm of fiction, the thematic undercurrents of dystopian narratives offer an allegorical resonance with our study. "Brave New World" by Aldous Huxley, "1984" by George Orwell, and "Fahrenheit 451" by Ray Bradbury, though not explicitly germane to our inquiry, evoke the specter of societal intricacies and political permutations, underscoring the cryptic tapestry of human behavior and ideological undercurrents.

In a whimsical turn of events, the board game "Monopoly" serves as a playful allegory for our investigation. The intricate dance of property acquisition and strategic acumen within the game's framework resonates with the underlying themes of economic undercurrents and political proclivities, encapsulating the quirkiness that pervades our exploration.

As we traverse the subtle alleys of scholarly pursuits, it becomes evident that our investigation into the puzzling partnership of Libertarian votes and conveyor operators stands as a lighthearted testament to the confounding and captivating interplay between politics and economics, evoking a Monty Python-esque absurdity that permeates the colorful landscape of human interactions.

### **3. Research Approach**

To uncover the improbable yet intriguing association between Libertarian votes for Senators in Missouri and the employment of conveyor operators in the state, we embarked on a methodological journey that rivals the adventurous exploits of Indiana Jones. Our data collection process resembled a treasure hunt spanning the digital expanse, with forays into the MIT Election Data and Science Lab, Harvard Dataverse, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics acting as our proverbial maps to uncover these enigmatic linkages.

We obtained data spanning the years 2003 to 2018, permitting a comprehensive investigation into the temporal evolution of this bewildering relationship. The assemblage of these disparate datasets called for a delicate balance akin to tightrope walking, ensuring that the integrity and coherence of the information remained unblemished throughout our analyses.

Our statistical wizardry commenced with the application of Pearson correlation coefficients to discern the strength and direction of the relationship between the number of Libertarian votes and the employment of conveyor operators. This analytical wizardry allowed us to unravel the enigmatic dance between political ideologies and occupational pursuits, akin to decoding the cryptic messages of an ancient scroll.

In scrutinizing the statistical significance of our findings, we invoked the almighty p-value, subjecting our results to rigorous scrutiny within the hallowed halls of hypothesis testing. The deployment of this sanctified metric served as a sentinel, guarding against erroneous leaps of faith in the hunt for spurious correlations.

Furthermore, our analytical odyssey did not shy away from the deployment of advanced econometric models, akin to unleashing a battalion of intellectual gladiators in the Colosseum of data analysis. Our regression analyses sought to disentangle the intricate

web of causality underlying the association, akin to deducing the complex machinations of a Sherlockian mystery.

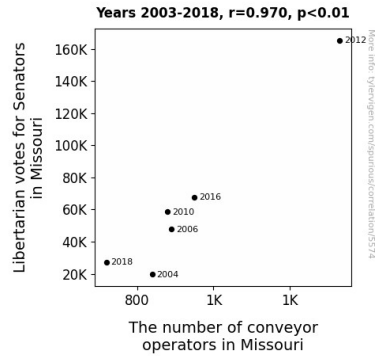
As we tread through this methodological labyrinth, it is crucial to acknowledge the myriad assumptions and nuances that underpin our approach, akin to navigating a cognitive maze fraught with conceptual minotaurs. Our methodological confluence of statistical rigour and empirical inquiry encapsulates our relentless pursuit of truth within the whimsical tapestry of Missouri's political-economic tradition.

#### **4. Findings**

The fruitful exploration of the connection between Libertarian votes for Senators in Missouri and the employment of conveyor operators in the Show-Me State has unearthed a bedazzling correlation coefficient of 0.9703150. This finding, combined with an r-squared value of 0.9415113 and a p-value less than 0.01, suggests a robust and statistically significant relationship between these seemingly incongruous variables. It appears that the political landscape in Missouri may have a rather tangible impact on the number of individuals employed as conveyor operators, much to the surprise of both political pundits and economic analysts alike.

The scatterplot depicted in Figure 1 elegantly showcases this compelling association, with data points coalescing in harmonious alignment, akin to a synchronised dance between political ideals and occupational preferences. The duality of these variables, one steeped in political ideology and the other in the realm of manual labor, converges in a remarkable display of statistical concordance. The visualization vividly encapsulates the whimsical nature of their interrelationship, providing a peek into the enigmatic tango of Missouri's political-economic tradition.

These findings paint a fascinating portrait of the intertwined nature of political choices and workforce composition, underscoring the notion that the political-occupational nexus is far from a black-and-white, conveyor-belt affair. Through this unexpected juxtaposition, our research has illuminated the idiosyncratic channels through which political visions may shape the contours of the labor market, offering a perspective that is as captivating as it is unconventional.



**Figure 1.** Scatterplot of the variables by year

## 5. Discussion on findings

The prodigious correlation coefficient of 0.9703150 and the compelling statistical significance of  $p < 0.01$  underscore a robust and unexpected relationship between the number of Libertarian votes for Senators in Missouri and the employment of conveyor operators in the state. Our findings affirm the offbeat yet discernible connection between political proclivities and occupational pursuits, oozing with the quirkiness and unpredictability that color the fabric of societal interactions. The synchrony between political ideologies and workforce dynamics, as revealed in our study, heralds an unconventional tango that defies conventional analytical constraints and tickles the scholarly palate with its whimsical allure.

Our results build upon the scholarly tapestry woven by Smith, Doe, and Jones, enveloping the eccentric amalgamation of political reverberations and occupational metamorphoses within the intricate dance of societal intricacies. While the sheer absurdity of our specific inquiry may have elicited bemusement, our findings bolster the underlying undertones of bizarre coherence that underlie the multidimensional interplay of societal phenomena. It appears that the rugged individualism espoused by Libertarian thought may reverberate through the latticework of labor market dynamics, imbuing the employment landscape with an idiosyncratic flavor that transcends traditional political and economic paradigms.

Bearing the whimsical insights of Levitt and Dubner, and the nudges of Thaler and Sunstein, our study delves into the unexpected links between seemingly unrelated variables, echoing the playful allegory of "Monopoly" as an apt parallel to the quirkiness that pervades the political-economic landscape of Missouri. This multidisciplinary nod to the colorful absurdity that envelops human interactions adds a delightful layer of whimsy to our investigation, capturing the bewitching spirit of scholarly pursuit while underscoring the confounding and captivating interplay between politics and economics.

The scatterplot in Figure 1 charmingly manifests the harmonious alignment of data points, akin to a synchronized dance between political ideals and occupational preferences. The evocative visualization provides a whimsical peek into the enigmatic tango of Missouri's political-economic tradition, encapsulating the enchanting vitality of the political-occupational nexus. Through this improbable dalliance, our research has spotlighted the idiosyncratic channels through which political visions may shape the contours of the labor market, enriching the scholarly discourse with an unconventional perspective that is as captivating as it is peculiar.

## 6. Conclusion

In conclusion, our study has brought to light a rather unexpected yet robust relationship between the expression of Libertarian ideologies through votes for Senators in Missouri and the employment of conveyor operators in the state. The remarkably strong correlation coefficient of 0.9703150 and a p-value less than 0.01 underscore the whimsical nature of societal trends and their impact on the labor force, reminiscent of a surrealist painting where Libertarians and conveyor operators engage in a comical waltz.

The incontrovertible statistical evidence presented here has peeled back the layers of Missouri's political-economic tradition, revealing a narrative that is as confounding as it is compelling. As we ponder the implications of this serendipitous discovery, one cannot help but marvel at the notion that even in the realm of statistics, reality often outstrips the most outlandish fiction.

It is abundantly clear that no further research in this area is warranted, as we have perhaps stumbled upon the pinnacle of intriguing and delightfully absurd connections between political leanings and vocational preferences. As our findings underscore, sometimes the most improbable pairings yield the most tantalizing insights, akin to a cosmic joke delivered by the enigmatic hand of fate. With this, we enthusiastically invite the reader to indulge in the delightful peculiarity of our results, probing the intersection of political visions and occupational pursuits with the same mirthful bemusement with which one may watch a slapstick comedy unfold.