Midlands Economics Theory and Applications (META) Workshop Abstracts of papers

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Campaign Tactics (joint work with Vincent Anesi)

<u>Abstract:</u> Negative campaigns typically do not benefit the attacker, and are more common in close elections. We show how both of these stylized facts can be explained by a model in which candidates decide whether to disclose their spatially differentiated ideal policies or to bluster, and some citizens are credulous.