

Do firm expectations respond to monetary policy announcements?

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 - ▶ **Newspaper coverage** of the BoE' decisions is important to reach out to the general public

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 - ▶ *Firms' expectations respond to changes in interest rate*
- **Firms vs Households vs Financial Markets:** Andre et al. (2022b), Coibion (2012), Reis (2020), Andre et al. (2022a), Candia et al. (2024), Mikosch et al. (2022), Mikosch et al. (2024)...
 - ▶ *Firms do not respond to monetary announcements as markets do*
- **DMP:** Bloom et al. (2018), Bloom et al. (2019a), Bloom et al. (2019b), Altig et al. (2020), Yotzov et al. (2024) ...

Data

Decision Maker Panel (DMP)

- The DMP was launched in August 2016 by the BoE, the University of Nottingham and Stanford University
- **Representative** of the U.K. business population
- CFO from small, medium, and large U.K. companies operating in a broad range of sectors respond to questionnaires sent to them every month
- 8,000 firms and around 3,000 firms responding in any given month
- Firms' **expectations** are computed from the **DMP**
- DMP is limited in time but covers **several monetary and economic events**
- Our sample starts in November 2016 and stops in December 2023

Focus on the **following questions** from the survey:

- *Looking ahead, from now to 12 months from now, what **approximate % change** in your **AVERAGE PRICE** would you assign to each of the following scenarios? (with five scenarios: lowest, low, middle, high, highest provided)*
- *Please assign a **percentage likelihood** (probability) to the % changes in your **AVERAGE PRICES** you entered*

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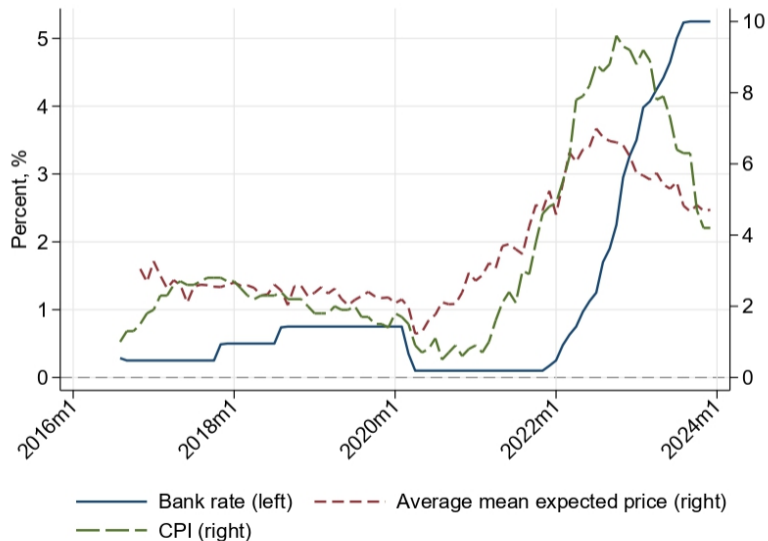
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- Similarly, compute the **median, left tail and right tail expectations** of the price growth

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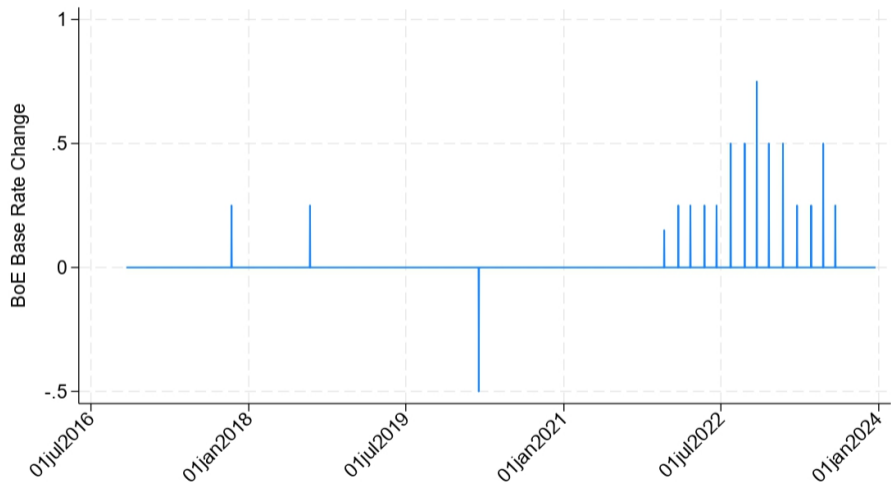
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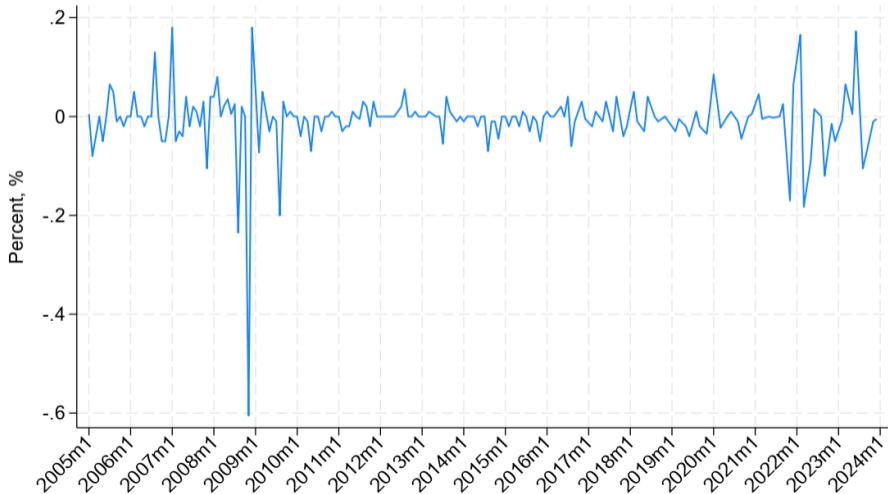
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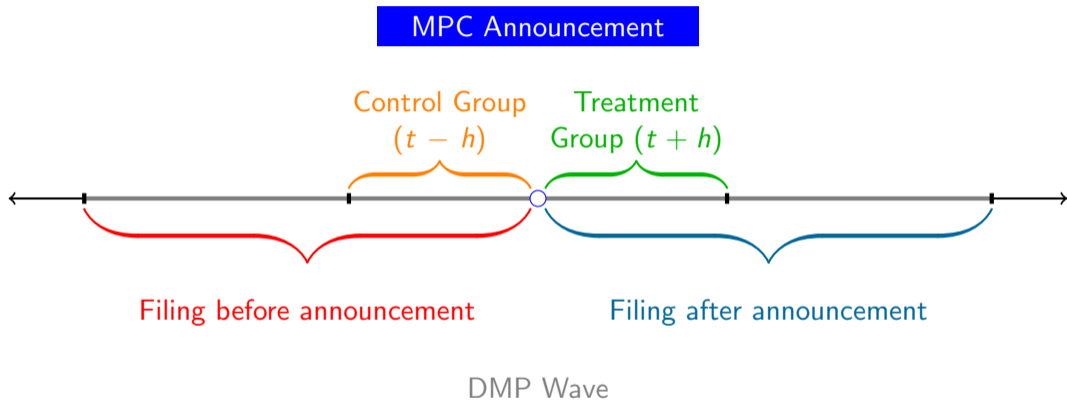
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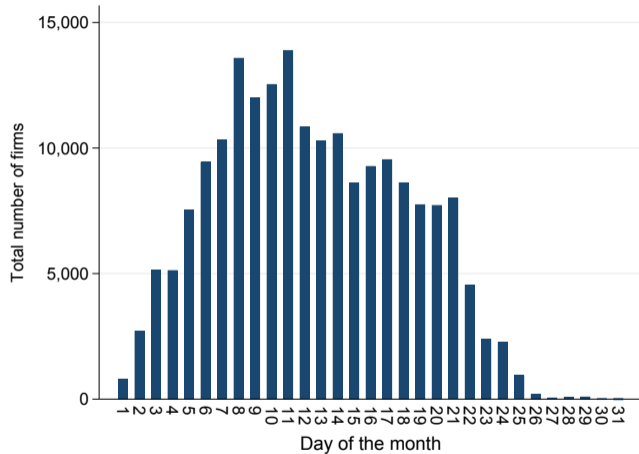
Empirical Strategy

Event study approach



The survey allows us to exploit cross-sectional variation in subjective firms' expectations

DMP Responses within month



Responses are mainly filed in the second and third week of the month

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- β capture the average effect of a 25bps monetary policy shock on $y_{i,t}$

What monetary policy shocks do firms respond to?

Policy rate changes, actual and information-cleaned

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Mean price	Median price	Left tail price	Right tail price	Mean price	Median price	Left tail price	Right tail price
BR x D MPC	-0.354 (0.228)	-0.402* (0.236)	-0.447** (0.222)	-0.302 (0.262)				
BR (Info) x D MPC					-0.793** (0.349)	-0.871** (0.351)	-0.824** (0.333)	-0.821** (0.400)
D MPC	-0.525* (0.299)	-0.385 (0.305)	-0.355 (0.280)	-0.643* (0.348)	-1.025** (0.414)	-0.929** (0.413)	-0.845** (0.375)	-1.184** (0.482)
Past price growth	0.185*** (0.0210)	0.166*** (0.0214)	0.146*** (0.0216)	0.215*** (0.0231)	0.185*** (0.0210)	0.166*** (0.0214)	0.146*** (0.0216)	0.215*** (0.0230)
Medium (50-250)	-0.565*** (0.147)	-0.332** (0.150)	-0.249* (0.145)	-0.824*** (0.165)	-0.562*** (0.147)	-0.328** (0.150)	-0.246* (0.145)	-0.820*** (0.165)
Large (above 250)	-0.966*** (0.155)	-0.633*** (0.159)	-0.415*** (0.158)	-1.435*** (0.173)	-0.965*** (0.155)	-0.632*** (0.159)	-0.413*** (0.158)	-1.434*** (0.173)
Exporter	-0.132 (0.126)	-0.163 (0.128)	-0.276** (0.125)	0.00187 (0.140)	-0.127 (0.126)	-0.158 (0.128)	-0.272** (0.125)	0.00710 (0.140)
Observations	6664	6664	6664	6664	6664	6664	6664	6664
R^2	0.183	0.161	0.140	0.191	0.183	0.161	0.140	0.192
Wave FE	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Sector FE	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
ONS controls	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Number of meetings	48	48	48	48	48	48	48	48
BR change meetings	13	13	13	13				

High-frequency monetary policy surprises

► Other shocks

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	Mean price	Median price	Left tail price	Right tail price
Surprise × Dummy MPC	1.897 (1.277)	1.694 (1.281)	1.087 (1.232)	2.469* (1.417)
Dummy MPC	-0.774** (0.343)	-0.672* (0.347)	-0.642** (0.317)	-0.891** (0.400)
Past price growth	0.184*** (0.0211)	0.164*** (0.0214)	0.143*** (0.0216)	0.214*** (0.0232)
Medium (50-250)	-0.634*** (0.149)	-0.406*** (0.151)	-0.320** (0.146)	-0.898*** (0.168)
Large (above 250)	-1.031*** (0.157)	-0.710*** (0.159)	-0.477*** (0.158)	-1.511*** (0.176)
Exporter	-0.165 (0.129)	-0.193 (0.131)	-0.306** (0.128)	-0.0338 (0.144)
Constant	4.328*** (0.292)	3.936*** (0.298)	2.840*** (0.270)	5.781*** (0.345)
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R^2	0.186	0.164	0.141	0.198
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 - ▶ The **rate cut** of 50 basis points on March 11, 2020 in response to the COVID pandemic
 - ▶ The **substantial rate hikes** at the peak of the tightening cycle of 50 basis points and above
 - from July 2022 to February 2023
 - ▶ The beginning and end of the cycle mainly characterized by **rate hikes** of 15 and 25 bps
 - from December 2021 to June 2022 and from March 2023 to December 2023

Policy rate changes, large vs small adjustments

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	Mean price	Median price	Left tail price	Right tail price
BR change ($< 50bps $) \times Dummy mpc	0.549 (0.659)	0.570 (0.685)	0.679 (0.647)	0.501 (0.751)
BR change ($\geq 50bps $) \times Dummy mpc	-0.603** (0.305)	-0.669** (0.308)	-0.757*** (0.289)	-0.523 (0.351)
Dummy MPC	-0.921** (0.416)	-0.811** (0.409)	-0.849** (0.379)	-0.995** (0.485)
Past price growth	0.185*** (0.0210)	0.166*** (0.0214)	0.146*** (0.0216)	0.215*** (0.0230)
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The Bank of England's tightening cycle

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Covid BR change	-0.902*** (0.330)	-0.978*** (0.333)	-0.923*** (0.316)	-0.964** (0.381)
Bookends cycle BR changes	0.890 (0.568)	0.872 (0.577)	0.606 (0.535)	1.203* (0.650)
Peak cycle BR changes	-1.736** (0.868)	-1.718* (0.885)	-1.542* (0.845)	-1.980** (0.956)
Dummy MPC	-1.338*** (0.423)	-1.223*** (0.414)	-1.047*** (0.378)	-1.626*** (0.495)
Past price growth	0.186*** (0.0210)	0.166*** (0.0214)	0.146*** (0.0216)	0.215*** (0.0230)
Constant	4.812*** (0.398)	4.403*** (0.399)	3.220*** (0.370)	6.384*** (0.460)
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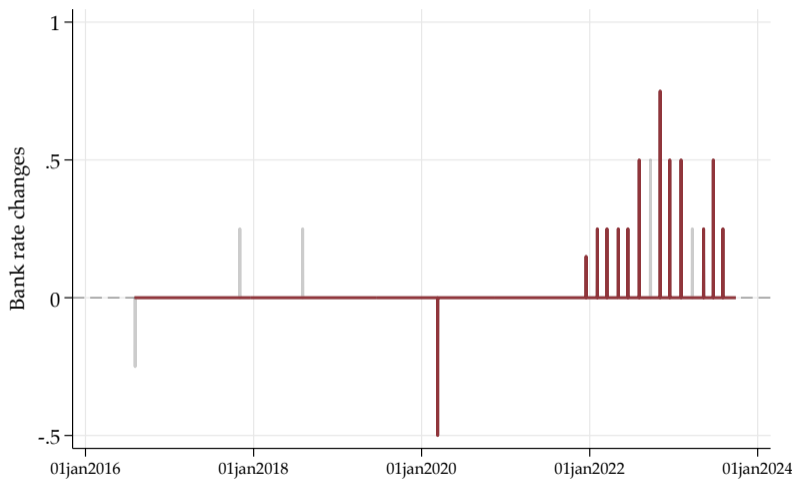
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Changes in BoE Policy Rate, announcements used

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MP shocks and financial market's inflation expectations

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Dummy MPC	0.00507 (0.0179)	0.00976 (0.0196)	0.0209** (0.00912)	0.0340*** (0.00962)	-0.00870* (0.00473)	-0.00362 (0.00507)
BR change x Dummy MPC	-0.00255 (0.0301)		0.0240 (0.0149)		0.0111 (0.00770)	
Surprise x Dummy MPC		-0.138 (0.0918)		-0.0766** (0.0381)		0.000248 (0.0253)
Dummy ONS Infl.	0.0348 (0.0244)	0.0254 (0.0235)	-0.00693 (0.0137)	-0.0125 (0.0129)	0.00119 (0.00942)	-0.00152 (0.00921)
CPI surprise x Dummy ONS	0.810*** (0.0970)	0.888*** (0.111)	0.374*** (0.0591)	0.435*** (0.0632)	-0.00296 (0.0382)	0.00847 (0.0398)
Dummy ONS Empl.	-0.137*** (0.0284)	-0.128*** (0.0217)	-0.0793*** (0.0147)	-0.0798*** (0.0121)	-0.0134 (0.0102)	-0.0112 (0.0107)
Unemp. surprise x Dummy ONS Empl.	0.552*** (0.117)	0.568*** (0.106)	-0.0255 (0.0575)	0.0102 (0.0493)	-0.141*** (0.0370)	-0.121*** (0.0373)
Wage surprise x Dummy ONS Empl.	0.481*** (0.123)	0.456*** (0.116)	0.00539 (0.0468)	-0.0110 (0.0414)	-0.0523 (0.0384)	-0.0652 (0.0396)
Constant	4.055*** (0.0108)	4.086*** (0.0106)	3.837*** (0.00525)	3.856*** (0.00511)	3.724*** (0.00285)	3.728*** (0.00287)
Observations	521	512	521	512	521	512
Wave FE	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Number of meetings	57	57	57	57	57	57
BR change meetings	17		17		17	

MP shocks and financial market's inflation expectations

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	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	Infl. swaps 1y	Infl. swaps 1y	Infl. swaps 2y	Infl. swaps 2y	Infl. swaps 5-2y	Infl. swaps 5-2y
Dummy MPC	0.0115 (0.0190)	0.00853 (0.0193)	0.0350*** (0.00956)	0.0336*** (0.00953)	-0.00366 (0.00530)	-0.00406 (0.00518)
Surprise (Info clean) x Dummy MPC	-0.236** (0.102)		-0.124*** (0.0403)		-0.00589 (0.0251)	
Surprise (News clean) x Dummy MPC		-0.217** (0.0942)		-0.106*** (0.0367)		-0.0207 (0.0206)
Dummy ONS Infl.	0.0299 (0.0235)	0.0276 (0.0227)	-0.0104 (0.0128)	-0.0119 (0.0126)	-0.00124 (0.00917)	-0.000698 (0.00927)
CPI surprise x Dummy ONS	0.905*** (0.104)	0.826*** (0.0900)	0.442*** (0.0609)	0.400*** (0.0564)	0.0106 (0.0385)	0.00879 (0.0371)
Dummy ONS Empl.	-0.134*** (0.0212)	-0.130*** (0.0214)	-0.0826*** (0.0121)	-0.0801*** (0.0119)	-0.0116 (0.0106)	-0.0123 (0.0105)
Unemp. surprise x Dummy ONS Empl.	0.568*** (0.110)	0.605*** (0.113)	0.0108 (0.0484)	0.0293 (0.0499)	-0.122*** (0.0370)	-0.119*** (0.0366)
Wage surprise x Dummy ONS Empl.	0.471*** (0.120)	0.440*** (0.114)	-0.00355 (0.0385)	-0.0206 (0.0416)	-0.0641 (0.0395)	-0.0641 (0.0395)
Constant	4.086*** (0.0106)	4.086*** (0.0106)	3.856*** (0.00507)	3.856*** (0.00510)	3.728*** (0.00287)	3.728*** (0.00287)
Observations	512	512	512	512	512	512
Wave FE	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Number of meetings	57	57	57	57	57	57

Alternative monetary policy shocks

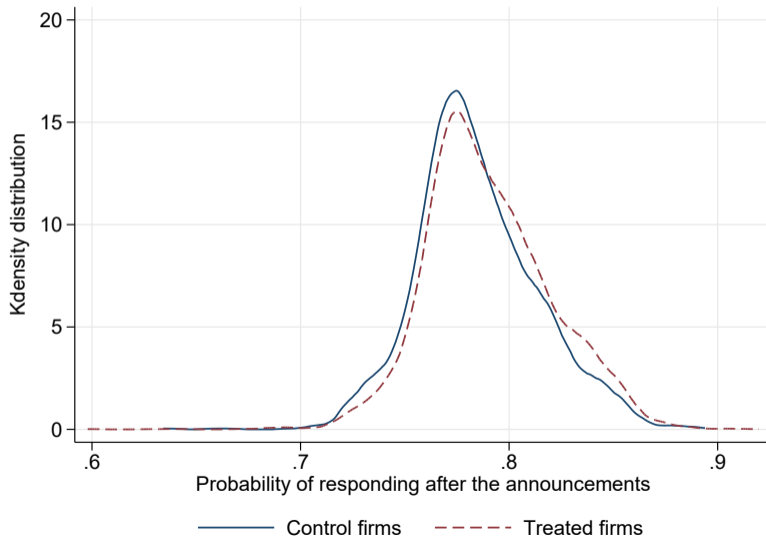
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	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
	Median price	Median price	Median price	Median price	Median price	Median price	Median price
Dummy MPC	-0.645*	-0.725**	-0.663*	-0.668*	-0.771**	-0.675*	-0.665*
	(0.358)	(0.350)	(0.346)	(0.347)	(0.372)	(0.346)	(0.345)
Surprise (Info clean) x Dummy MPC	0.706						
	(1.345)						
Surprise (News clean) x Dummy MPC		1.722					
		(1.271)					
Surprise (JK clean) x Dummy MPC			1.266				
			(1.277)				
Target x Dummy MPC				0.593			
				(1.601)			
Target (Info clean) x Dummy MPC					-0.893		
					(1.746)		
Target (News clean) x Dummy MPC						0.742	
						(1.630)	
Target (JK clean) x Dummy MPC							0.777
							(1.640)
Observations	6287	6287	6287	6287	6287	6287	6287
R ²	0.163	0.164	0.163	0.163	0.163	0.163	0.163
Wave FE	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Sector FE	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
ONS controls	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Number of meetings	47	47	47	47	47	47	47

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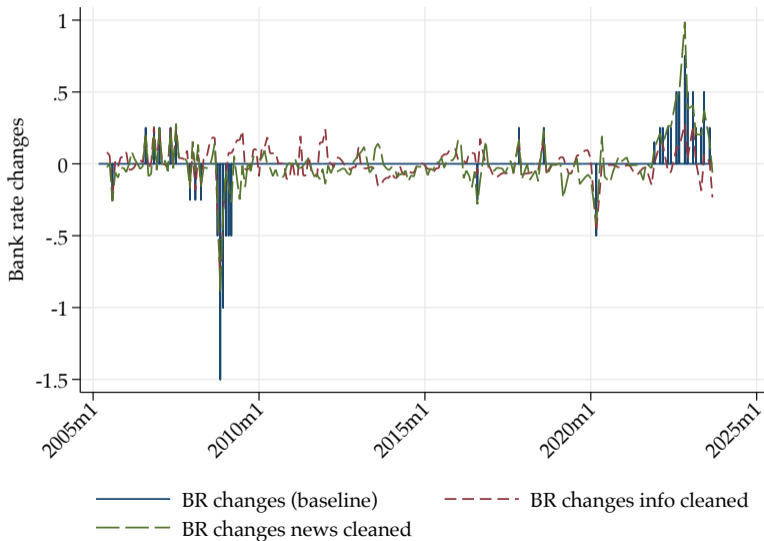


	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	Mean price	Median price	Left tail price	Right tail price
Dummy MPC	-0.394 (0.287)	-0.236 (0.293)	-0.190 (0.273)	-0.531 (0.333)
Past price growth	0.185*** (0.0210)	0.166*** (0.0214)	0.146*** (0.0216)	0.215*** (0.0231)
Medium (50-250)	-0.566*** (0.147)	-0.333** (0.150)	-0.250* (0.145)	-0.824*** (0.165)
Large (above 250)	-0.966*** (0.155)	-0.633*** (0.159)	-0.414*** (0.158)	-1.435*** (0.173)
Exporter	-0.134 (0.126)	-0.166 (0.128)	-0.279** (0.125)	-0.000211 (0.140)
Constant	3.870*** (0.255)	3.439*** (0.267)	2.352*** (0.248)	5.318*** (0.300)
Observations	6664	6664	6664	6664
R^2	0.183	0.160	0.139	0.191
Wave FE	YES	YES	YES	YES
Sector FE	YES	YES	YES	YES
ONS controls	YES	YES	YES	YES
Number of meetings	47	47	47	47

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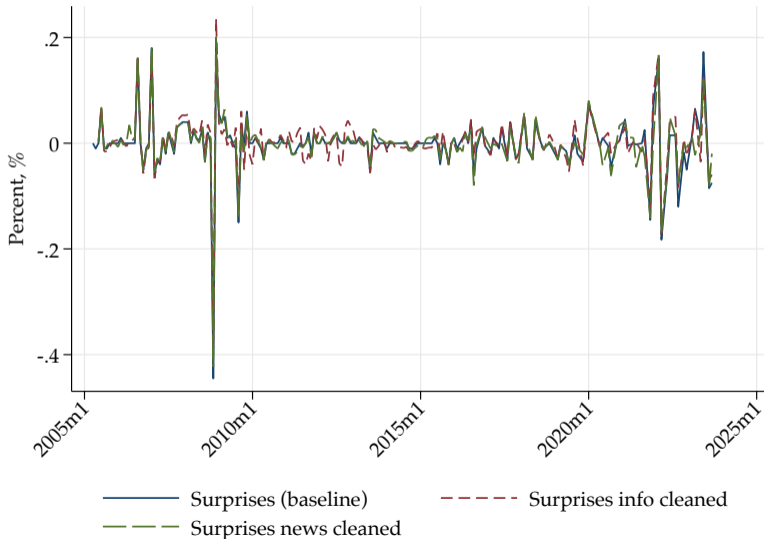
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Monetary Policy Surprises

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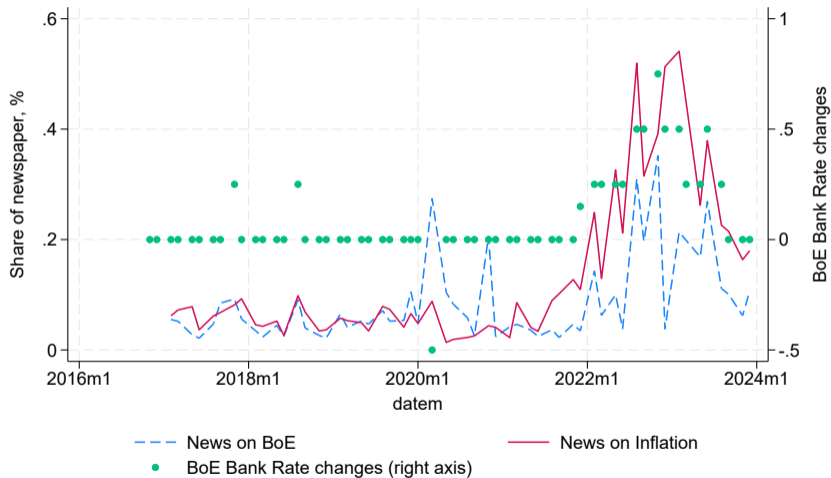


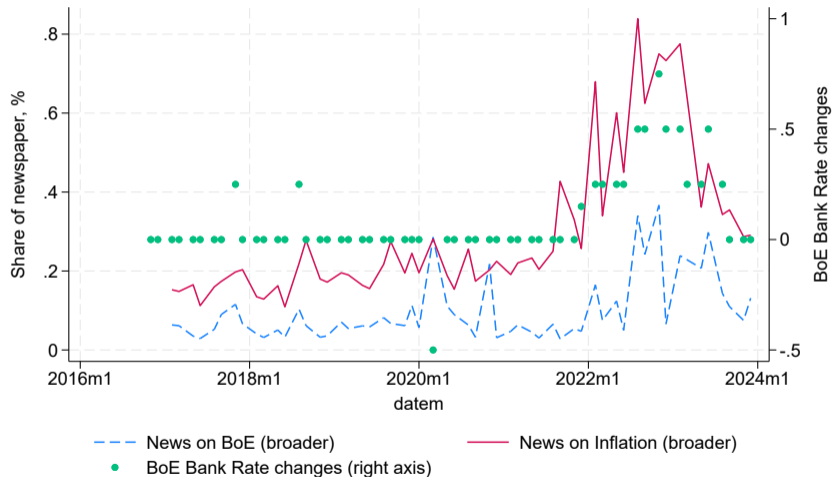


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	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	News on BoE	News on Infl.	News on BoE (broader)	News on Infl. (broader)
Dummy MPC	0.0107*** (0.00393)	-0.00402 (0.00510)	0.00722* (0.00430)	0.00113 (0.00766)
Abs. BR change x Dummy MPC	0.0241*** (0.00852)	0.0289*** (0.0100)	0.0248*** (0.00891)	0.0295** (0.0128)
Abs. Surprise x Dummy MPC	0.0344 (0.0245)	0.0348 (0.0327)	0.0477* (0.0266)	0.0592 (0.0497)
Constant	0.0235*** (0.00156)	0.0783*** (0.00288)	0.0351*** (0.00176)	0.229*** (0.00416)
Observations	554	554	554	554
R^2	0.491	0.816	0.503	0.835
Wave FE	YES	YES	YES	YES
ONS controls	YES	YES	YES	YES
Number of meetings	56	56	56	56

Standard errors in parentheses

* $p < 0.10$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$

High-frequency surprises and firms' expectations, with different levels of saturation

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	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	Median price	Left tail price	Median price	Left tail price	Median price	Left tail price
Surprise x Dummy MPC	1.804 (1.286)	1.207 (1.236)	1.694 (1.281)	1.087 (1.232)	0.858 (1.412)	0.253 (1.430)
Dummy MPC	-0.671* (0.350)	-0.651** (0.319)	-0.672* (0.347)	-0.642** (0.317)	-0.627* (0.332)	-0.537* (0.310)
Past price growth	0.167*** (0.0214)	0.147*** (0.0217)	0.164*** (0.0214)	0.143*** (0.0216)	0.160*** (0.0218)	0.142*** (0.0221)
Medium (50-250)	-0.423*** (0.151)	-0.321** (0.146)	-0.406*** (0.151)	-0.320** (0.146)	-0.444*** (0.153)	-0.334** (0.150)
Large (above 250)	-0.649*** (0.157)	-0.390** (0.156)	-0.710*** (0.159)	-0.477*** (0.158)	-0.725*** (0.163)	-0.476*** (0.161)
Exporter	-0.256** (0.116)	-0.361*** (0.114)	-0.193 (0.131)	-0.306** (0.128)	-0.165 (0.133)	-0.268** (0.130)
Constant	3.950*** (0.297)	2.839*** (0.270)	3.936*** (0.298)	2.840*** (0.270)	3.913*** (0.286)	2.743*** (0.267)
Observations	6287	6287	6287	6287	6244	6244
R ²	0.157	0.132	0.164	0.141	0.228	0.201
Wave FE	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO
Sector FE	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO
Wave x Sector FE	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
ONS controls	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Number of meetings	47	47	47	47	47	47

Standard errors in parentheses

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Bank rate changes and firms' expectations, with different levels of saturation

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	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	Median price	Left tail price	Median price	Left tail price	Median price	Left tail price
BR change x Dummy MPC	-0.397* (0.236)	-0.448** (0.221)	-0.402* (0.236)	-0.447** (0.222)	-0.382 (0.242)	-0.390* (0.230)
Dummy MPC	-0.387 (0.306)	-0.365 (0.281)	-0.385 (0.305)	-0.355 (0.280)	-0.327 (0.296)	-0.245 (0.279)
Past price growth	0.168*** (0.0213)	0.149*** (0.0216)	0.166*** (0.0214)	0.146*** (0.0216)	0.161*** (0.0217)	0.145*** (0.0219)
Medium (50-250)	-0.356** (0.149)	-0.257* (0.144)	-0.332** (0.150)	-0.249* (0.145)	-0.383** (0.150)	-0.278* (0.146)
Large (above 250)	-0.597*** (0.155)	-0.354** (0.153)	-0.633*** (0.159)	-0.415*** (0.158)	-0.660*** (0.160)	-0.430*** (0.158)
Exporter	-0.241** (0.113)	-0.345*** (0.111)	-0.163 (0.128)	-0.276** (0.125)	-0.137 (0.128)	-0.239* (0.125)
Constant	3.709*** (0.299)	2.636*** (0.272)	3.678*** (0.304)	2.619*** (0.276)	3.671*** (0.294)	2.533*** (0.274)
Observations	6664	6664	6664	6664	6621	6621
R ²	0.156	0.133	0.161	0.140	0.226	0.201
Wave FE	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO
Sector FE	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO
Wave x Sector FE	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
ONS controls	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Number of meetings	48	48	48	48	48	48

Standard errors in parentheses

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Info cleaned bank rate changes and firms' expectations, with different levels of saturation

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	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	Median price	Left tail price	Median price	Left tail price	Median price	Left tail price
BR change (Info clean) x Dummy MPC	-0.868** (0.349)	-0.831** (0.330)	-0.871** (0.351)	-0.824** (0.333)	-0.800** (0.349)	-0.692** (0.342)
Dummy MPC	-0.930** (0.415)	-0.861** (0.376)	-0.929** (0.413)	-0.845** (0.375)	-0.839** (0.395)	-0.663* (0.377)
Past price growth	0.168*** (0.0213)	0.149*** (0.0216)	0.166*** (0.0214)	0.146*** (0.0216)	0.161*** (0.0216)	0.144*** (0.0219)
Medium (50-250)	-0.354** (0.149)	-0.255* (0.144)	-0.328** (0.150)	-0.246* (0.145)	-0.379** (0.150)	-0.274* (0.146)
Large (above 250)	-0.596*** (0.155)	-0.353** (0.153)	-0.632*** (0.159)	-0.413*** (0.158)	-0.658*** (0.160)	-0.429*** (0.158)
Exporter	-0.238** (0.113)	-0.342*** (0.111)	-0.158 (0.128)	-0.272** (0.125)	-0.133 (0.128)	-0.236* (0.125)
Constant	3.973*** (0.338)	2.848*** (0.307)	3.939*** (0.339)	2.826*** (0.308)	3.915*** (0.326)	2.707*** (0.307)
Observations	6664	6664	6664	6664	6621	6621
R ²	0.156	0.133	0.161	0.140	0.226	0.201
Wave FE	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO
Sector FE	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO
Wave x Sector FE	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
ONS controls	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Number of meetings	48	48	48	48	48	48

Standard errors in parentheses

* $p < 0.10$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$

Surprises categorized by size and firms' expectations [▶ Back](#)

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	Mean price	Median price	Left tail price	Right tail price
Surprise bottom 1/3 x Dummy MPC	1.249 (1.607)	1.137 (1.580)	0.837 (1.587)	1.365 (1.728)
Surprise middle 1/3 x Dummy MPC	-14.50 (21.25)	-15.83 (21.21)	-31.59 (20.88)	2.032 (24.16)
Surprise top 1/3 x Dummy MPC	3.378 (2.587)	3.009 (2.646)	1.967 (2.394)	4.674 (2.985)
Dummy MPC	-0.938** (0.388)	-0.821** (0.390)	-0.767** (0.362)	-1.105** (0.447)
Past price growth	0.184*** (0.0212)	0.164*** (0.0215)	0.143*** (0.0217)	0.215*** (0.0233)
Medium (50-250)	-0.635*** (0.149)	-0.407*** (0.151)	-0.321** (0.146)	-0.900*** (0.168)
Large (above 250)	-1.032*** (0.157)	-0.711*** (0.160)	-0.477*** (0.159)	-1.514*** (0.176)
Exporter	-0.165 (0.129)	-0.193 (0.131)	-0.307** (0.128)	-0.0332 (0.144)
Constant	4.305*** (0.295)	3.914*** (0.300)	2.814*** (0.272)	5.760*** (0.349)
Observations	6287	6287	6287	6287
R ²	0.186	0.164	0.141	0.198
Wave FE	YES	YES	YES	YES
Sector FE	YES	YES	YES	YES
ONS controls	YES	YES	YES	YES
Number of meetings	47	47	47	47

Surprises categorized by sign and firms' expectations ▶ Back

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	Mean price	Median price	Left tail price	Right tail price
Positive Surprises	3.119 (2.590)	2.718 (2.652)	1.431 (2.389)	4.695 (2.996)
Negative Surprises	1.274 (1.618)	1.173 (1.592)	0.912 (1.596)	1.335 (1.741)
Dummy MPC	-0.896** (0.389)	-0.773** (0.391)	-0.676* (0.359)	-1.112** (0.453)
Past price growth	0.184*** (0.0212)	0.164*** (0.0215)	0.143*** (0.0217)	0.215*** (0.0232)
Medium (50-250)	-0.635*** (0.149)	-0.407*** (0.151)	-0.321** (0.146)	-0.900*** (0.168)
Large (above 250)	-1.033*** (0.157)	-0.711*** (0.160)	-0.477*** (0.159)	-1.514*** (0.176)
Exporter	-0.165 (0.129)	-0.192 (0.131)	-0.306** (0.128)	-0.0331 (0.144)
Constant	4.317*** (0.294)	3.927*** (0.300)	2.837*** (0.272)	5.760*** (0.347)
Observations	6287	6287	6287	6287
R^2	0.186	0.164	0.141	0.198
Wave FE	YES	YES	YES	YES
Sector FE	YES	YES	YES	YES
ONS controls	YES	YES	YES	YES

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	Mean price	Median price	Left tail price	Right tail price
BR change (< 50bps) x Dummy mpc	0.549 (0.659)	0.570 (0.685)	0.679 (0.647)	0.501 (0.751)
BR change (>= 50bps) x Dummy mpc	-0.603** (0.305)	-0.669** (0.308)	-0.757*** (0.289)	-0.523 (0.351)
Dummy MPC	-0.921** (0.416)	-0.811** (0.409)	-0.849** (0.379)	-0.995** (0.485)
Past price growth	0.185*** (0.0210)	0.166*** (0.0214)	0.146*** (0.0216)	0.215*** (0.0230)
Constant	4.297*** (0.339)	3.910*** (0.340)	2.888*** (0.310)	5.690*** (0.400)
Observations	6664	6664	6664	6664
R^2	0.183	0.161	0.140	0.192
Wave FE	YES	YES	YES	YES
Sector FE	YES	YES	YES	YES
ONS controls	YES	YES	YES	YES
Number of meetings	48	48	48	48
BR change meetings	13	13	13	13

Standard errors in parentheses

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Surprises by demographic characteristics and firms' expectations

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	(1)	(2)	(3)
	Median price	Median price	Median price
Surprise × Dummy MPC	1.901 (1.491)	1.706 (1.267)	1.892 (1.290)
Dummy MPC	-0.673* (0.347)	-0.672* (0.347)	-0.674* (0.350)
Medium (50-250) × Surprise × Dummy MPC	-0.260 (0.823)		
Large (above 250) × Surprise × Dummy MPC	-0.349 (0.949)		
Exporter × Surprise × Dummy MPC		-0.0284 (0.662)	
Finance × Surprise × Dummy MPC			-1.774 (1.141)
Constant	3.944*** (0.301)	3.937*** (0.298)	4.002*** (0.298)
Observations	6287	6287	6287
R^2	0.164	0.164	0.158
Wave FE	YES	YES	YES
Sector FE	YES	YES	NO
ONS controls	YES	YES	YES
Number of meetings	47	47	47

Bank rate changes by demographic characteristics and firms' expectations

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	(1)	(2)	(3)
	Median price	Median price	Median price
BR change x Dummy MPC	-0.423 (0.267)	-0.439* (0.248)	-0.395* (0.237)
Dummy MPC	-0.381 (0.305)	-0.384 (0.305)	-0.386 (0.306)
Medium (50-250) × BR change x Dummy MPC	-0.0136 (0.188)		
Large (above 250) × BR change x Dummy MPC	0.104 (0.179)		
Exporter × BR change x Dummy MPC		0.0842 (0.151)	
Finance × BR change x Dummy MPC			-0.0971 (0.377)
Constant	3.687*** (0.308)	3.695*** (0.303)	3.751*** (0.300)
Observations	6664	6664	6664
R ²	0.161	0.161	0.156
Wave FE	YES	YES	YES
Sector FE	YES	YES	NO
ONS controls	YES	YES	YES
Number of meetings	48	48	48
BR change meetings	13	13	13

Info-cleaned bank rate changes by demographic characteristics and firms' expectations

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	(1)	(2)	(3)
	Median price	Median price	Median price
BR change (Info clean) × Dummy MPC	-0.907** (0.406)	-0.979** (0.390)	-0.873** (0.352)
Dummy MPC	-0.934** (0.413)	-0.925** (0.413)	-0.923** (0.415)
Medium (50-250) × BR change (Info clean) × Dummy MPC	-0.185 (0.316)		
Large (above 250) × BR change (Info clean) × Dummy MPC	0.407 (0.302)		
Exporter × BR change (Info clean) × Dummy MPC		0.244 (0.250)	
Finance × BR change (Info clean) × Dummy MPC			0.235 (0.566)
Constant	3.946*** (0.339)	3.943*** (0.339)	4.010*** (0.339)
Observations	6664	6664	6664
R ²	0.162	0.161	0.157
Wave FE	YES	YES	YES
Sector FE	YES	YES	NO
ONS controls	YES	YES	YES
Number of meetings	48	48	48
BR change meetings	45	45	45

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	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	Median price	Median price	Median price	Median price	Median price	Median price
Dummy MPC	-0.396 (0.353)	-0.672* (0.372)	-0.385 (0.305)	-0.672* (0.347)	-0.0430 (0.215)	-0.162 (0.238)
BR change x Dummy MPC	-0.426 (0.312)		-0.402* (0.236)		-0.435* (0.230)	
Surprise x Dummy MPC		1.860 (1.349)		1.694 (1.281)		1.301 (1.013)
Past price growth	0.157*** (0.0256)	0.157*** (0.0254)	0.166*** (0.0214)	0.164*** (0.0214)	0.162*** (0.0165)	0.161*** (0.0165)
Medium (50-250)	-0.499** (0.195)	-0.626*** (0.194)	-0.332** (0.150)	-0.406*** (0.151)	-0.271** (0.109)	-0.313*** (0.109)
Large (above 250)	-0.795*** (0.203)	-0.875*** (0.200)	-0.633*** (0.159)	-0.710*** (0.159)	-0.601*** (0.116)	-0.647*** (0.116)
Exporter	-0.100 (0.158)	-0.111 (0.161)	-0.163 (0.128)	-0.193 (0.131)	-0.104 (0.0943)	-0.119 (0.0958)
Constant	3.768*** (0.319)	3.960*** (0.301)	3.680*** (0.291)	3.915*** (0.283)	3.369*** (0.183)	3.430*** (0.169)
Observations	4652	4454	6664	6287	12198	11808
R ²	0.152	0.158	0.161	0.164	0.158	0.159
Wave FE	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Sector FE	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
ONS controls	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Window	3 days	3 days	5 days	5 days	7 days	7 days
Number of meetings	47	46	48	47	50	49
BR change meetings	13		13		13	

Standard errors in parentheses

* $p < 0.10$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	Median price	Median price	Median price	Median price	Median price	Median price
Dummy MPC	-0.997** (0.445)	-0.656* (0.383)	-0.929** (0.413)	-0.645* (0.358)	-0.358 (0.256)	-0.169 (0.242)
BR change (Info clean) x Dummy MPC	-1.060** (0.478)		-0.871** (0.351)		-0.697** (0.283)	
Surprise (Info clean) x Dummy MPC		0.923 (1.434)		0.706 (1.345)		0.708 (0.948)
Past price growth	0.157*** (0.0255)	0.157*** (0.0254)	0.166*** (0.0214)	0.164*** (0.0214)	0.162*** (0.0165)	0.160*** (0.0165)
Medium (50-250)	-0.494** (0.195)	-0.627*** (0.194)	-0.328** (0.150)	-0.406*** (0.151)	-0.270** (0.109)	-0.314*** (0.109)
Large (above 250)	-0.791*** (0.203)	-0.875*** (0.200)	-0.632*** (0.159)	-0.710*** (0.159)	-0.600*** (0.116)	-0.646*** (0.116)
Exporter	-0.0924 (0.158)	-0.115 (0.161)	-0.158 (0.128)	-0.196 (0.131)	-0.103 (0.0943)	-0.121 (0.0957)
Constant	4.006*** (0.340)	3.924*** (0.302)	3.920*** (0.323)	3.867*** (0.287)	3.433*** (0.184)	3.412*** (0.172)
Observations	4652	4454	6664	6287	12198	11808
R ²	0.152	0.158	0.161	0.163	0.158	0.159
Wave FE	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Sector FE	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
ONS controls	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Window	3 days	3 days	5 days	5 days	7 days	7 days
Number of meetings	47	46	48	47	50	49
BR change meetings	13		13		13	

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