

Corruption in a Hierarchy

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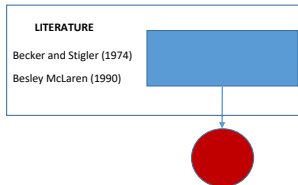
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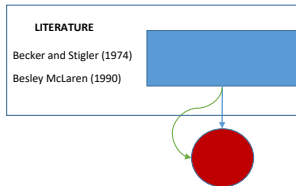
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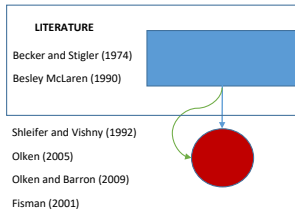
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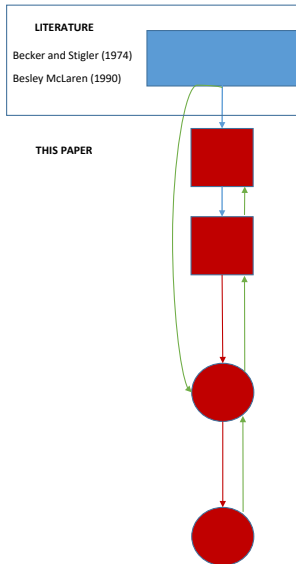
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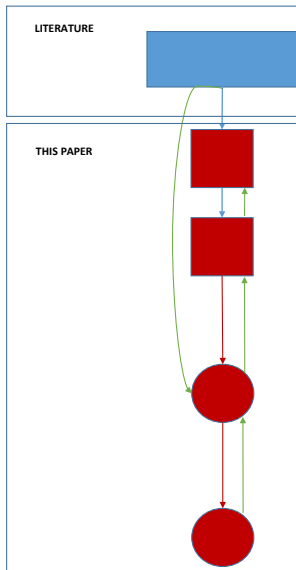
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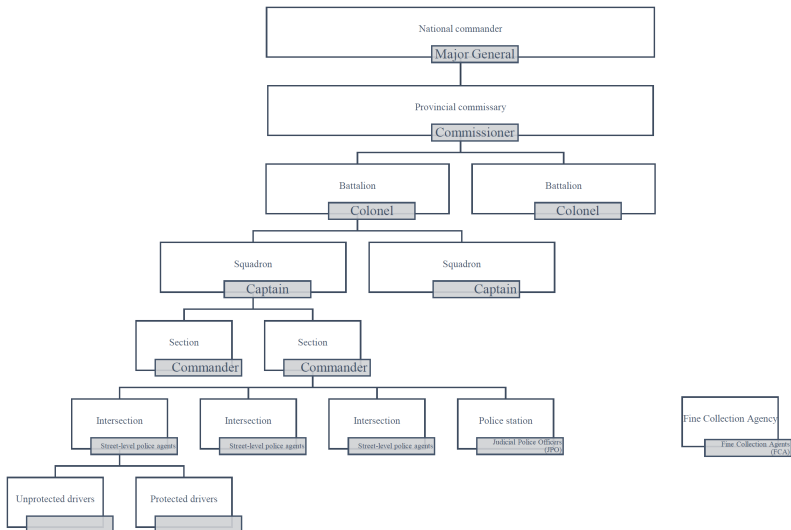
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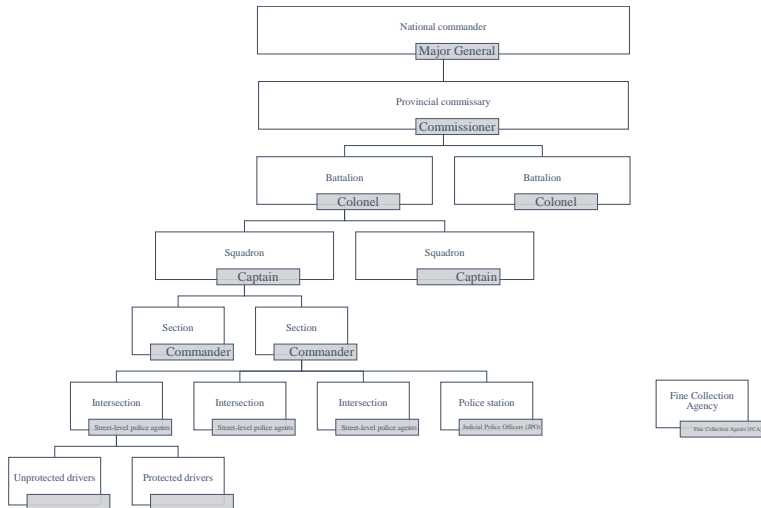


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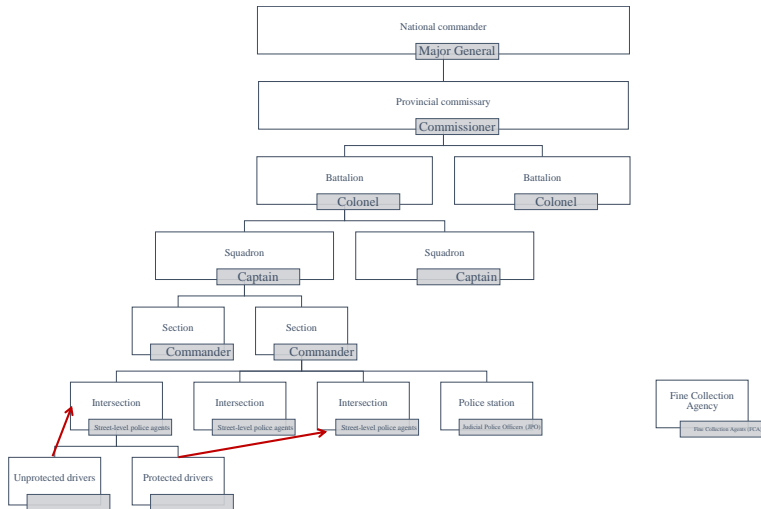
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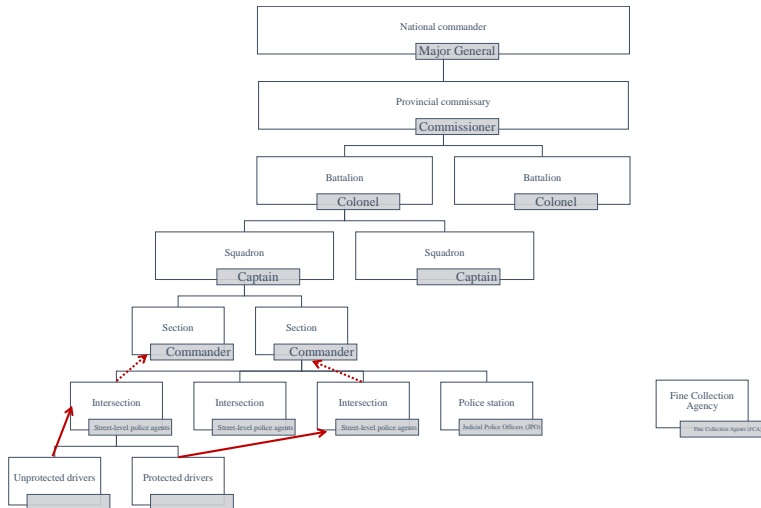
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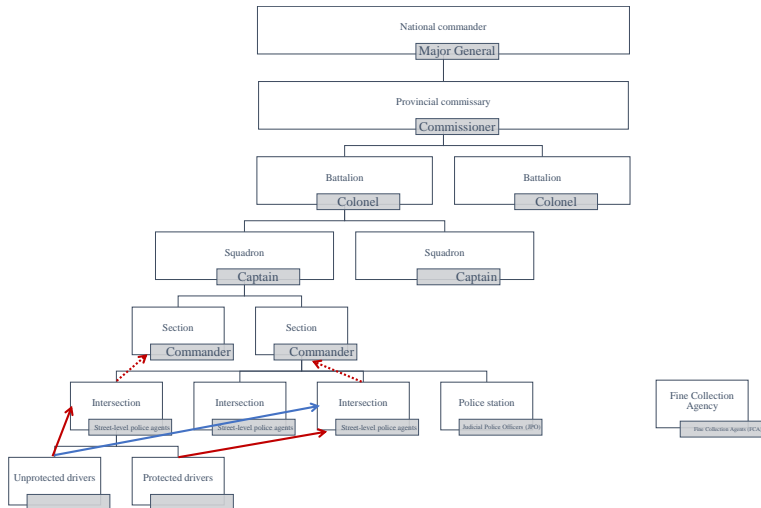
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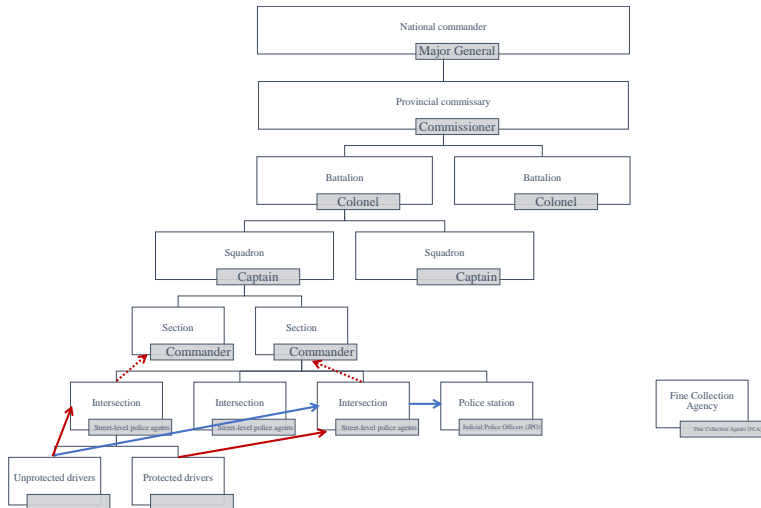
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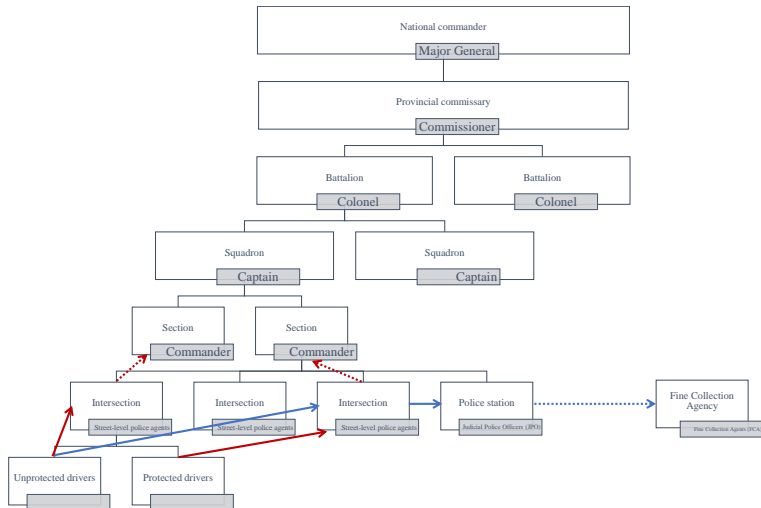
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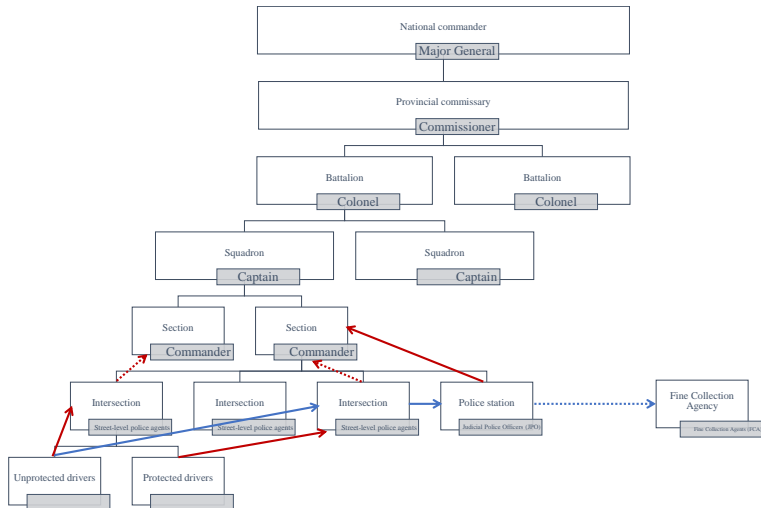
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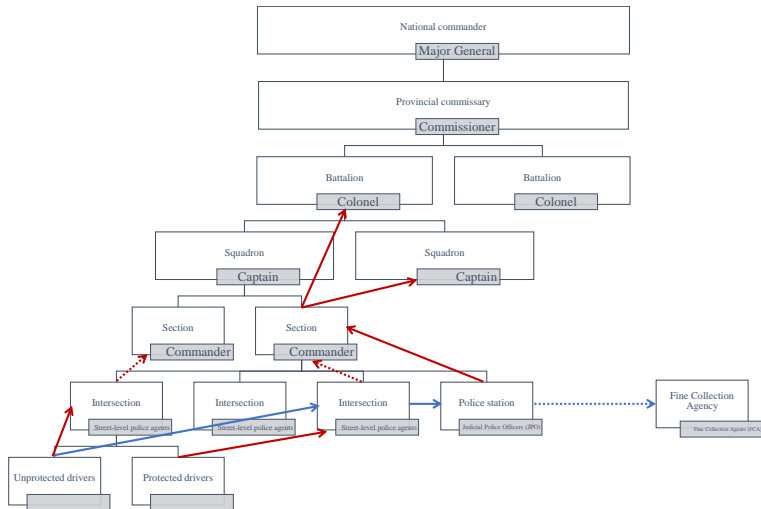
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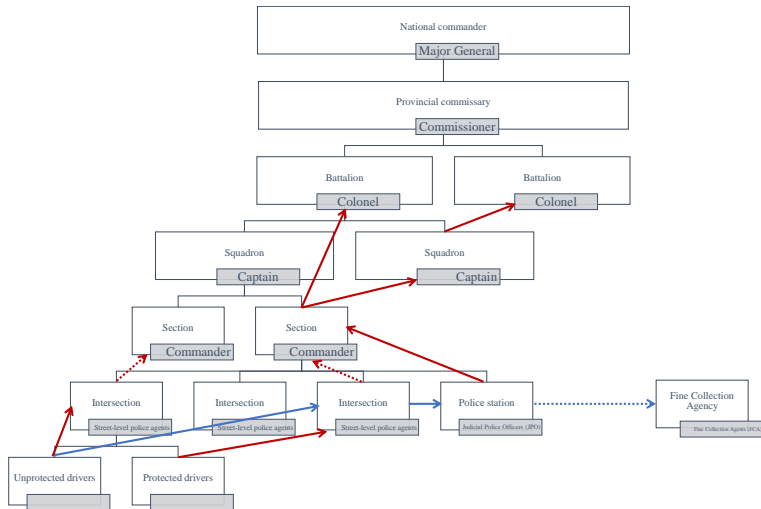
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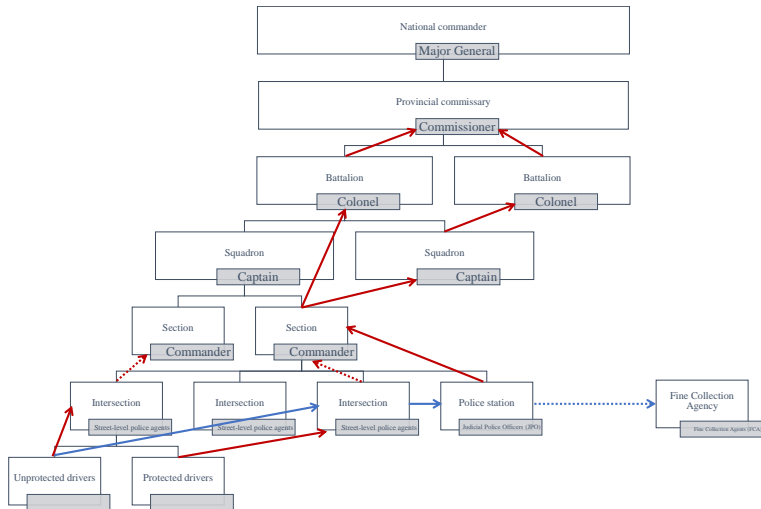
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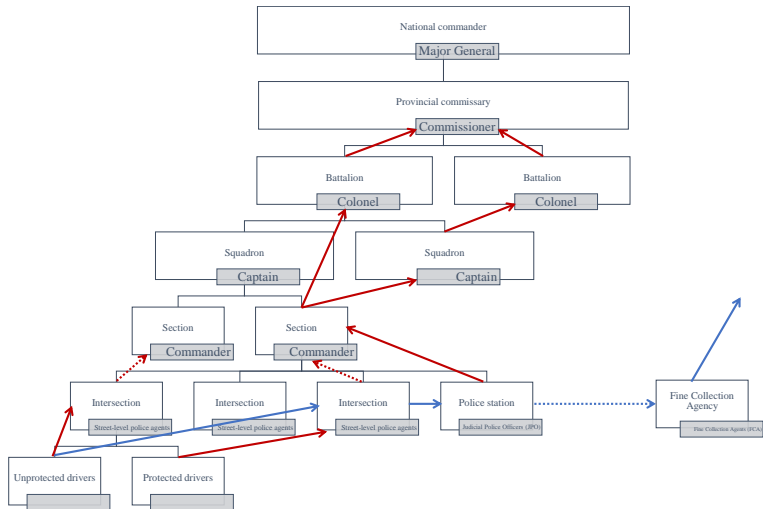
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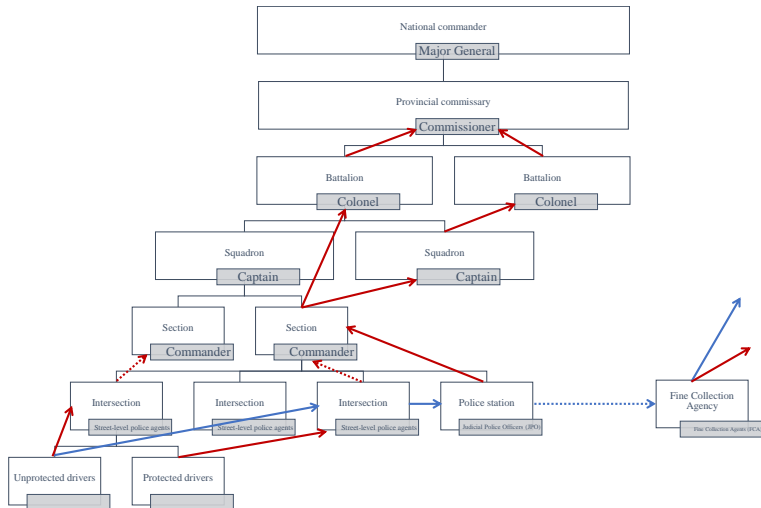
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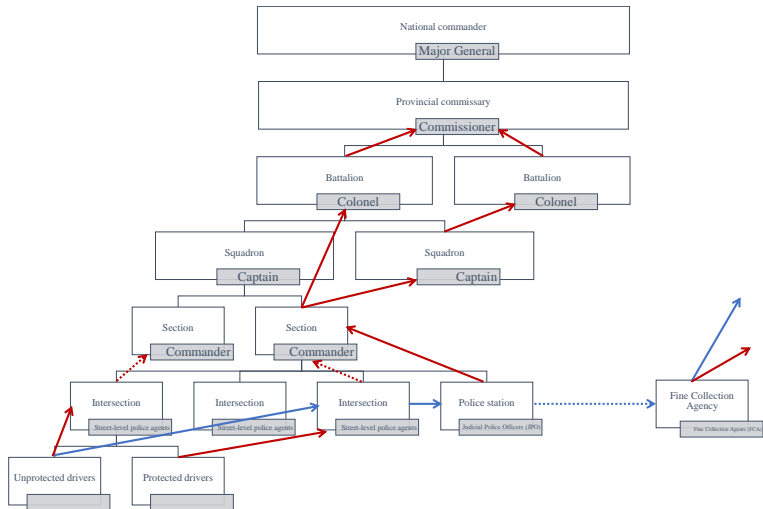
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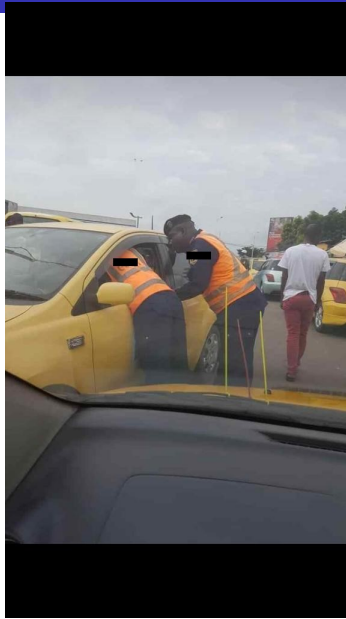
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→ Ransom drivers: **harassment bribes** (bargaining)

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The soldier came today with a jeep of soldiers, heavily armed. They threw the street-level agent in the jeep in front of everyone! The other agents wanted to intervene. The soldiers said: ‘if you intervene, we will shoot;’ they were almost going to shoot! All other agents fled. The soldiers left with the street-level police agent, and they are going to beat him up.”

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“The driver will tell you that on this line, he has already ‘bought the land.’ It means that between him and the police on all the intersections it is difficult for him to be stopped because he is known to them. Here, in contrast, I am new. It’s easy to get arrested here.”

Toll fees



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“If we have to be honest, we have to acknowledge that our vehicles are generally in bad shape, and that we also lack transport documents. And even when we have these, it are fake documents. You therefore need a relationship of trust between us and the police agents. It is a question of understanding.”

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“If a street-level police agents is unable to bring his quota, I hunt him. That means I keep him at the office the next day as punishment.”

Role of monetary payments to commander

Quota + Monetary transfers

A street-level police agent recounts:

“the ‘retrocession’ is a form of quota: when a commander learns that a street-level police agent has received money, he imposes a ‘retrocession’ of that money”

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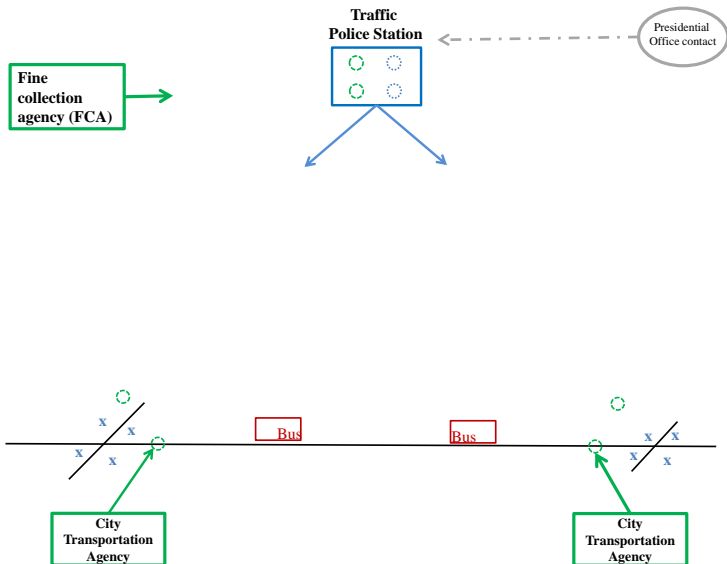
Summary statistics of the battalion staff

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	Traffic police		JPO's	Commander-Street agents
	Street agents	Commander		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
<i>Panel B: Job properties</i>				
Formal recruitment process	0.87 (0.33)	0.14 (0.38)	1.00 (0.00)	-0.73*** (0.13)
Appointed by protector	0.13 (0.33)	0.86 (0.38)	0.00 (0.00)	0.73*** (0.13)
Works in the traffic police since (number of years)	10.12 (5.18)	2.07 (1.46)	8.98 (5.46)	-8.05*** (1.98)
Formal wage in 2015	70.00 (0.00)	100.00 (0.00)	105.58 (5.89)	30.00 (0.00)
Delay since last wage (number of days)	98.06 (21.69)	110.00 (3.65)	98.84 (15.16)	11.94 (8.27)
Daily informal revenue (USD)	17.69 (4.13)	. (.)	15.09 (5.05)	0.00 (0.00)
Daily savings	2.69 (2.16)	. (.)	2.21 (1.89)	0.00 (0.00)
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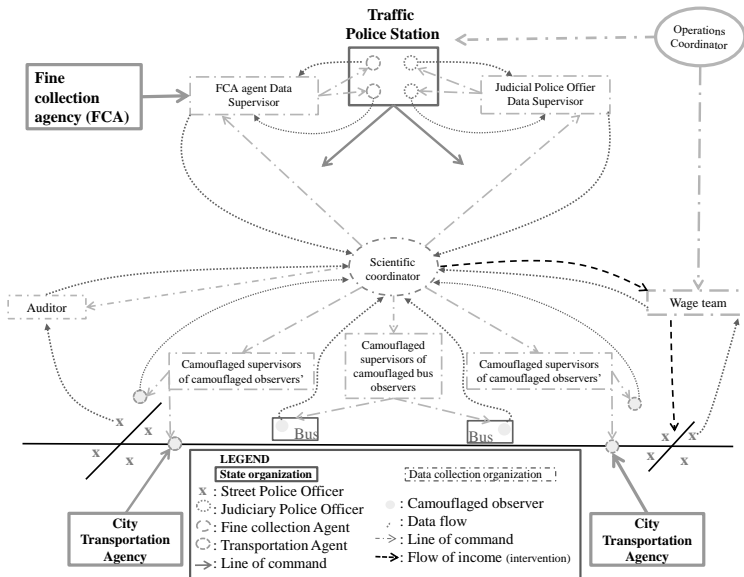
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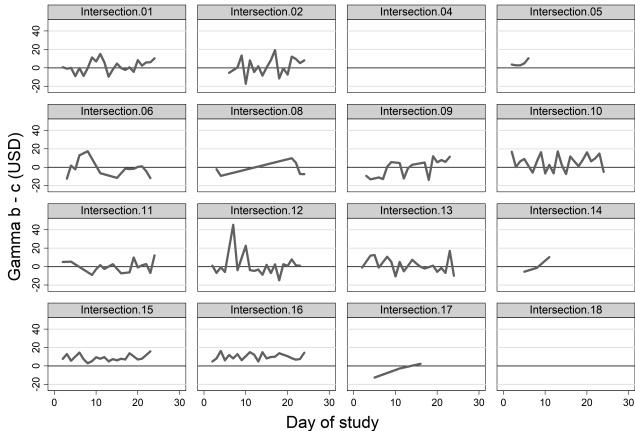
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Economic maximizing organizational structure:
empirical test

Econometric specification

$$s_{it}, T_{it} = \alpha + \beta_1 (\gamma \bar{b}_i - c_i) + \beta_2 p (b_H - b_L) + \eta_t + e_{it}$$

Estimated parameters by intersection: $\gamma\bar{b} - c$



Graphs by Intersection

Econometric specification

Panel A: Observed quota level s

VARIABLES	(1) s	(2) s	(3) s	(4) s	(5) s
$\gamma \bar{b}_i - c_i$	0.48*** (0.12)	0.49*** (0.13)	0.51*** (0.13)		
$p(b_H - b_L)$			0.30** (0.15)	0.49** (0.24)	-0.12 (0.27)
Formal fine revenue per car (i)		0.01 (0.16)			
Constant	6.08*** (0.62)	6.02*** (1.35)	4.09*** (1.01)	2.29* (1.26)	9.92*** (2.62)
Observations	321	321	321	171	150
R-squared	0.46	0.46	0.54	0.49	0.29
Sub-sample	full	full	full	$\gamma b - c \leq 0$	$\gamma b - c \geq 0$
Mean dep var	5.402	5.402	5.402	4.006	6.942

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Assignment to higher income

Assignment of the quota reduction treatment

Randomization balance

Table 3: Randomization balance

	Mean outcomes				Difference	
	Baseline		Treatments		Income-Pure control	Quota-Pure control
	Full sample	Pure control	Income	Quota		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
<i>Panel A: Balance table</i>						
Monday	0.20 (0.40)	0.19 (0.39)	0.19 (0.40)	0.22 (0.41)	0.00 (0.05)	0.03 (0.05)
Tuesday	0.12 (0.33)	0.14 (0.34)	0.12 (0.33)	0.11 (0.32)	-0.02 (0.04)	-0.03 (0.04)
Wednesday	0.16 (0.37)	0.13 (0.33)	0.17 (0.38)	0.18 (0.38)	0.05 (0.05)	0.05 (0.05)
Thursday	0.16 (0.36)	0.14 (0.34)	0.15 (0.36)	0.19 (0.49)	0.01 (0.05)	0.05 (0.05)
Friday	0.16 (0.37)	0.25 (0.43)	0.14 (0.35)	0.10 (0.30)	-0.11** (0.05)	-0.15*** (0.05)
Saturday	0.20 (0.40)	0.16 (0.37)	0.22 (0.42)	0.20 (0.40)	0.06 (0.05)	0.04 (0.05)
June	0.34 (0.47)	0.36 (0.48)	0.31 (0.46)	0.31 (0.47)	-0.05 (0.06)	-0.07 (0.06)
July	0.66 (0.47)	0.64 (0.48)	0.69 (0.46)	0.69 (0.47)	0.05 (0.06)	0.07 (0.06)
Date	13.51 (7.60)	13.93 (7.65)	12.81 (7.75)	13.09 (7.63)	-1.20 (0.99)	-1.14 (0.94)
Day of Market	0.36 (0.48)	0.41 (0.49)	0.36 (0.48)	0.30 (0.46)	-0.05 (0.06)	-0.10* (0.06)
Officers present early	4.14 (0.51)	4.09 (0.42)	4.19 (0.59)	4.14 (0.51)	-0.00 (0.00)	0.00 (0.00)
Rank of day	12.75 (7.31)	12.47 (7.23)	12.75 (7.10)	12.91 (7.55)	0.15 (0.90)	0.81 (0.89)
After FCA letter	0.04 (0.19)	0.05 (0.21)	0.03 (0.18)	0.03 (0.17)	-0.02 (0.02)	-0.01 (0.02)
Income	0.43 (0.50)	0.00 (0.00)	1.00 (0.00)	0.46 (0.50)	1.00 (0.00)	0.47*** (0.05)
Income(t-1)	0.43 (0.50)	0.39 (0.49)	0.44 (0.50)	0.46 (0.50)	0.02 (0.07)	0.07 (0.06)
Income(t-2)	0.44 (0.50)	0.52 (0.50)	0.40 (0.49)	0.41 (0.49)	-0.14** (0.07)	-0.10 (0.07)
Quota	0.49 (0.50)	0.00 (0.00)	0.52 (0.50)	1.00 (0.00)	0.53*** (0.05)	1.00 (0.00)
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Income delivered am	0.30 (0.46)	0.00 (0.00)	0.69 (0.46)	0.33 (0.47)	0.68*** (0.04)	0.33*** (0.05)
Evening delivery	0.09 (0.29)	0.00 (0.00)	0.22 (0.42)	0.09 (0.29)	0.24*** (0.04)	0.10*** (0.03)
Obs	359	110	155	175	.	.

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Econometric specification: effects by time of day

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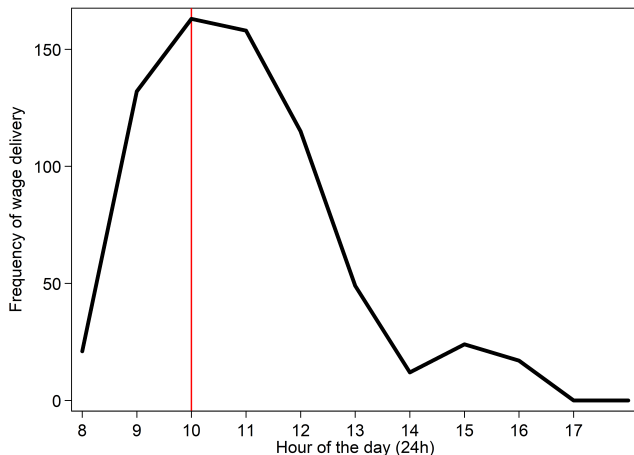
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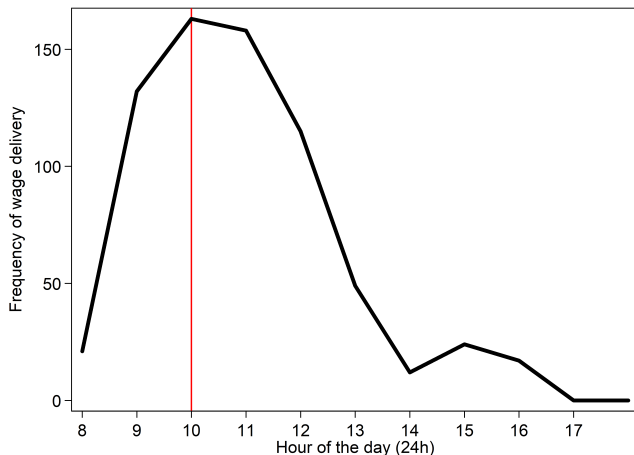
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Injecting transitory income: variation by hour



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Econometric specification: hour level event study

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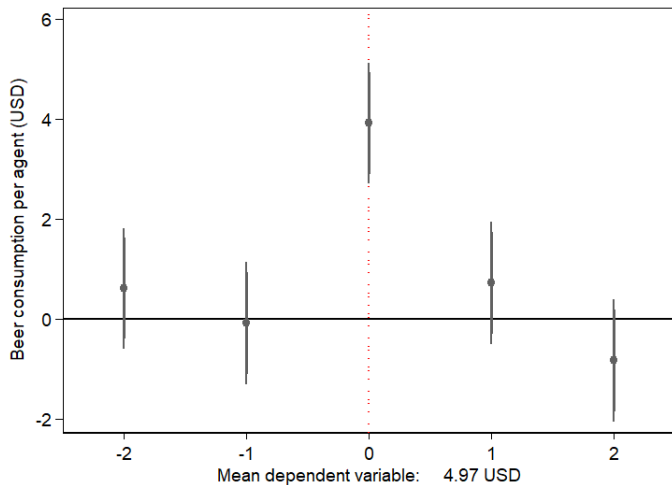
Demonstrating imperfect savings technology:
Consumption

Treatment effects, ethnographic evidence

Notes from observers and supervisors

“When they get a lot of money they go get a beer and eat. One of them took 7 beers after the cash withdrawal, then got drunk and could not work the day after. ”

Treatment effect on consumption - imperfect savings



(Bribe-taking) effort

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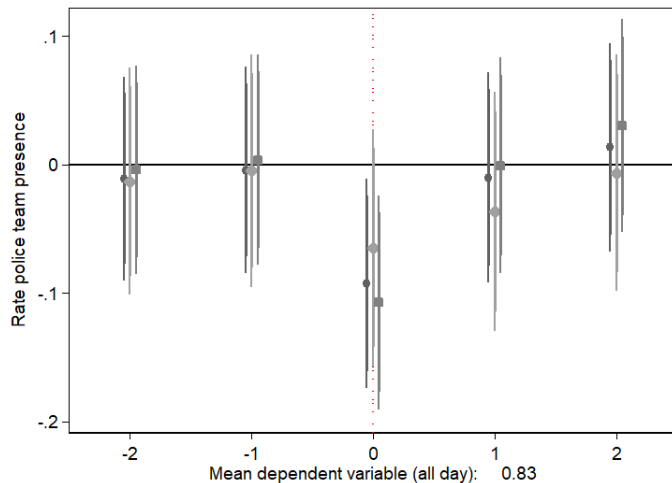
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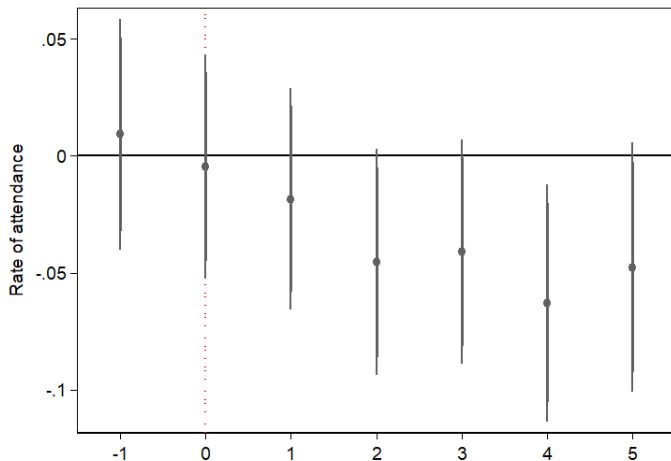
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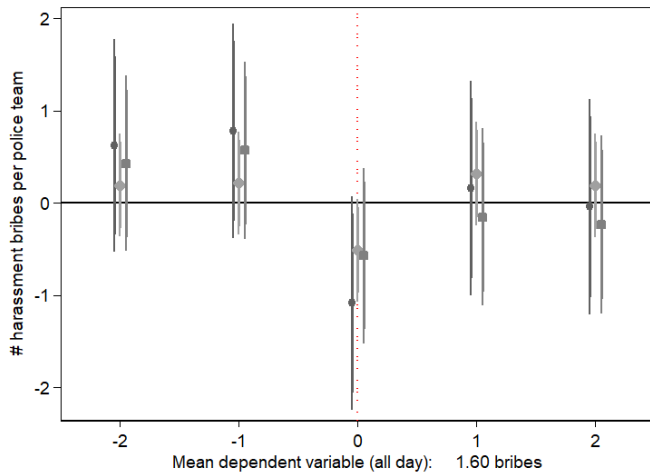
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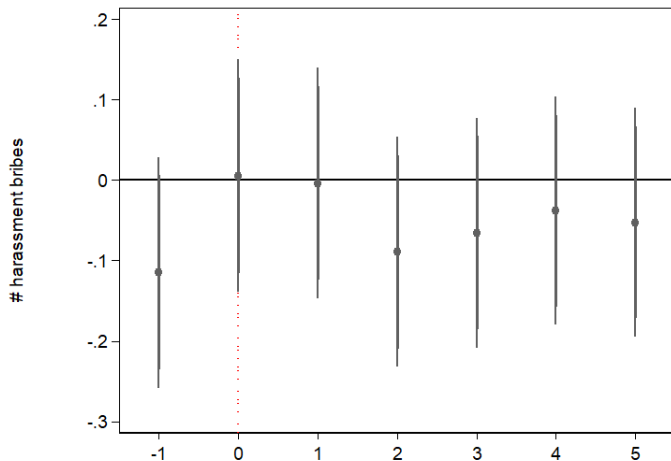
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ITT - Harassment bribes, hourly



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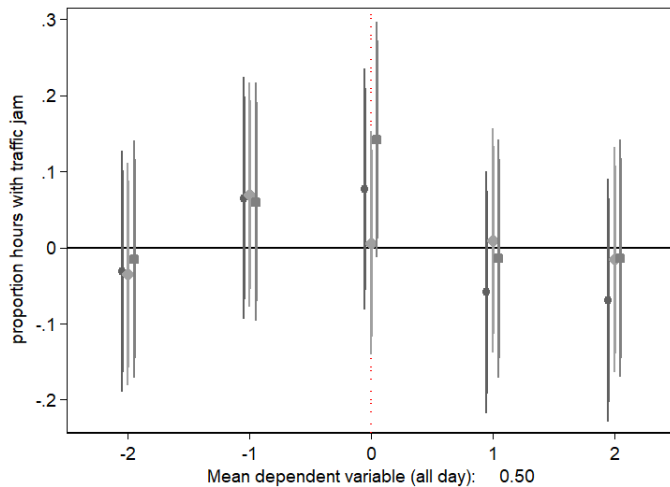
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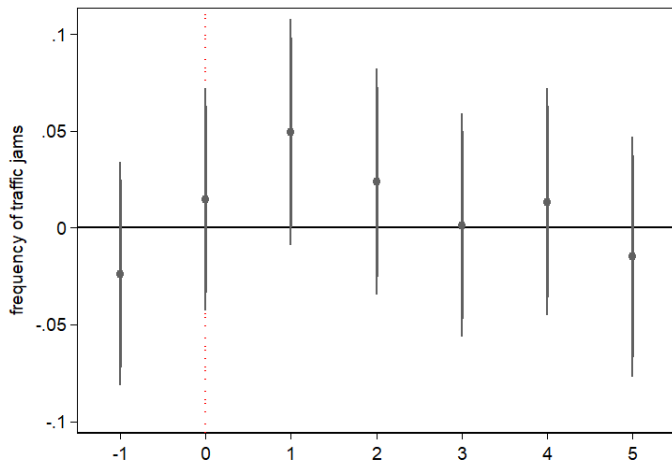
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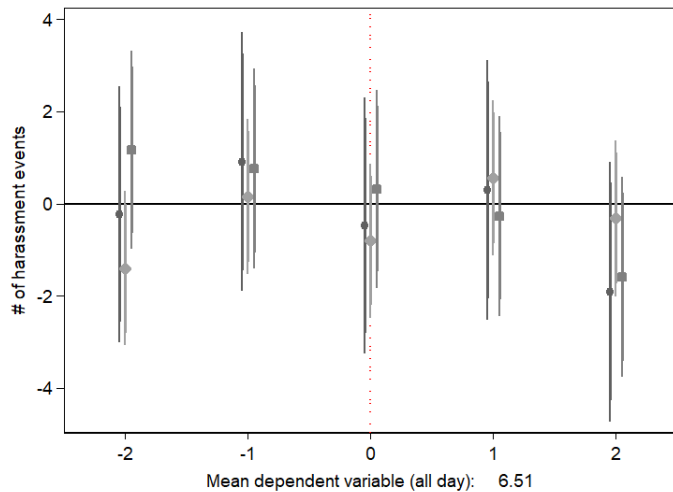
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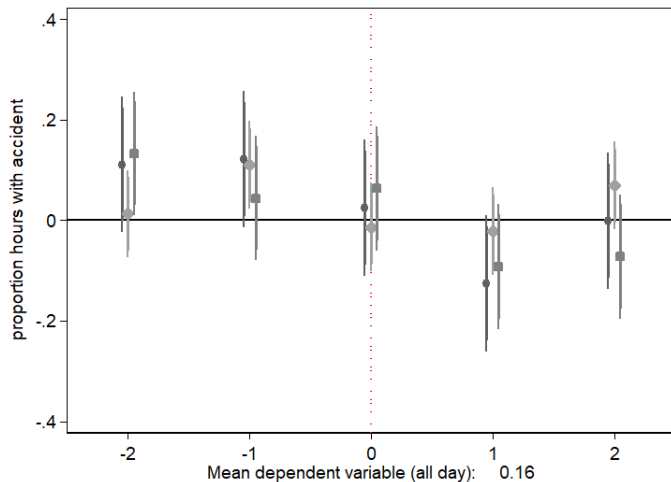
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ITT - Harassment occurrence



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Treatment effects, ethnographic evidence

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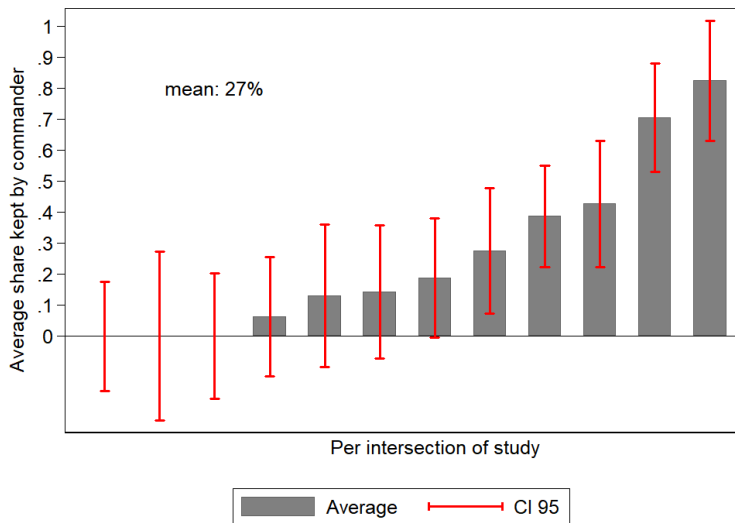
Intervening effect of supervisor taxation on agent's incentives

→ Positive income shock

Street-level police agents of the battalion recounted:

“the ‘retrocession’ is a form of quota: when a commander learns that a street-level police agent has received money, he imposes a ‘retrocession’ of that money”

Short term adjustment of taxation by commanders



Dampening effect of commander taxation

Table V: Treatment effects, ITT estimates

Panel A: all day								
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T income	3.79*** (0.58)	-1.23** (0.57)	6.47 (6.94)	-0.60 (4.05)	-0.07* (0.04)	0.21 (1.54)	0.07 (0.08)	0.03 (0.07)
T quota	0.04 (0.10)	-0.05 (0.10)	-0.23 (1.18)	0.10 (0.69)	0.00 (0.01)	-0.37 (0.26)	-0.02* (0.01)	-0.03** (0.01)
Observations	300	300	300	300	264	300	295	295
R-squared	0.57	0.28	0.51	0.21	0.53	0.43	0.41	0.22
Mean d. var	4.969	1.601	37.54	11.35	0.830	0.830	0.830	0.830
Quota removal	0.271	-0.283	-1.424	0.589	0.00751	-2.234	-0.149	-0.157

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Extra 100 USD	7.94*** (1.43)	-2.60** (1.27)	14.21 (14.82)	-1.41 (8.69)	-0.15* (0.09)	0.79 (3.29)	0.16 (0.17)	0.07 (0.15)
Quota level	-0.06 (0.17)	0.07 (0.15)	0.40 (1.78)	-0.25 (1.05)	-0.00 (0.01)	0.58 (0.39)	0.03* (0.02)	0.04** (0.02)
Observations	296	296	296	296	263	296	291	291
R-squared	0.43	0.24	0.51	0.21	0.50	0.43	0.40	0.17

Taxation by commander dampens incentive effect

Panel C: pm

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Observations	300	300	300	300	264	300	294	295
R-squared	0.57	0.23	0.49	0.22	0.52	0.38	0.43	0.16

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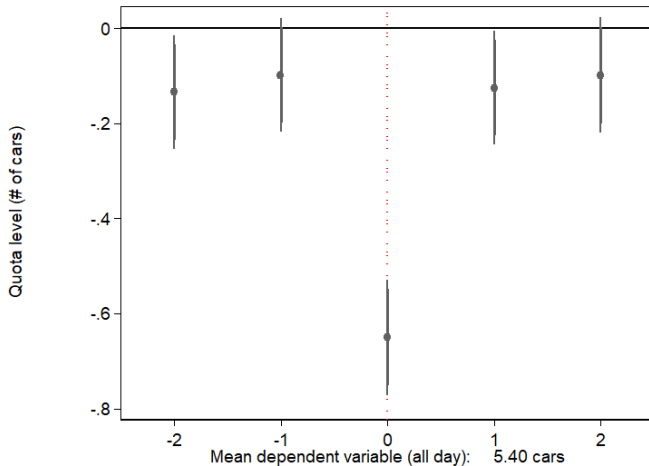
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Quota level	-0.06 (0.17)	0.05 (0.12)	-0.48 (1.34)	0.06 (0.75)	0.00 (0.01)	0.48* (0.29)	0.05** (0.02)	0.03* (0.02)
Observations	296	296	296	296	263	296	290	291
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Externality of supervisor-agent corruption on society

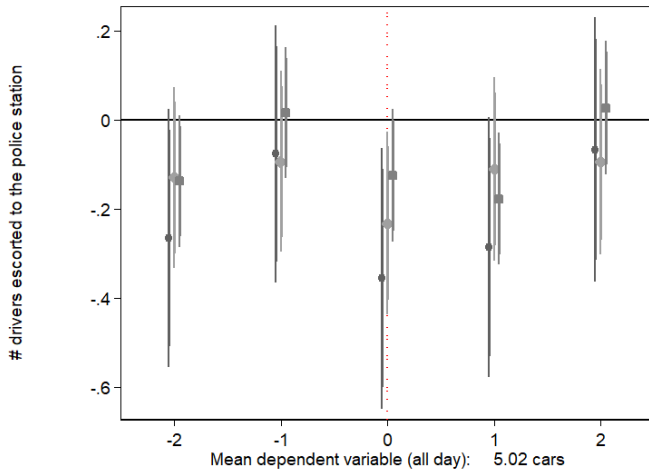
→ Reduction of quota level

First stage

Quota treatment first stage: observed quotas



Quota treatment first stage: escorted cars



Quota treatment first stage: ethnographic evidence

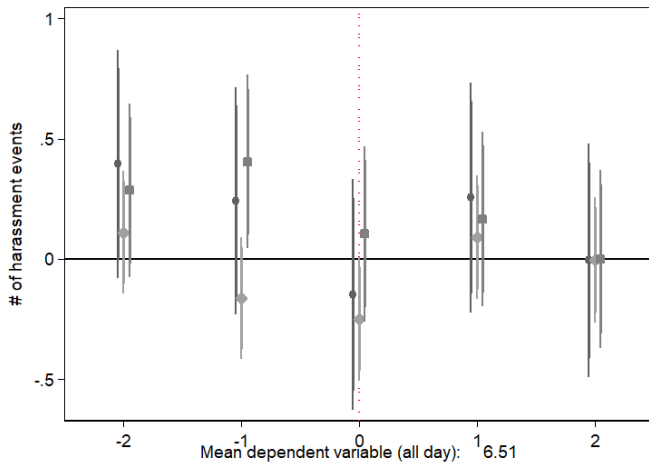
Notes from study supervisor:

“In police station [...], the JPO say that our intervention is having a huge effect. The JPO says that commanders now say to only detain cars when they really committed a bad violation.”

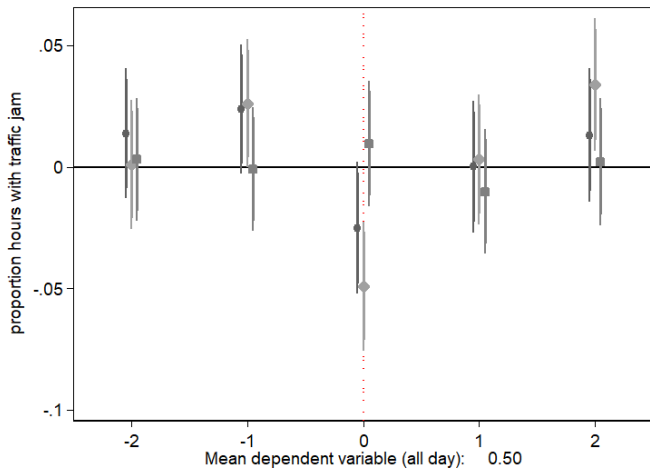
Externality on drivers welfare:

harassment, traffic congestion, accidents

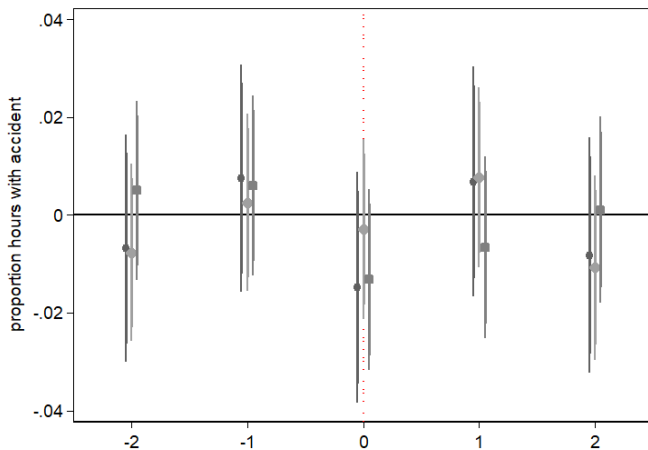
Treatment effect of quota, ITT: harassment of drivers



Treatment effect of quota, ITT: traffic jams



Treatment effect of quota, ITT: accidents



Treatment effect of quota, IV: effect of the quota - am

Panel A: all day								
VARIABLES	(1) Consumption Beers (USD)	(2) # Bribes harassment	(3) # Bribes toll fee	(4) # Bribes tip	(5) Effort Attendance	(6) Harassment # events	(7) Congestion dummy	(8) Accidents dummy
Extra 100 USD	7.94*** (1.43)	-2.60** (1.27)	14.21 (14.82)	-1.41 (8.69)	-0.15* (0.09)	0.79 (3.29)	0.16 (0.17)	0.07 (0.15)
Quota level	-0.06 (0.17)	0.07 (0.15)	0.40 (1.78)	-0.25 (1.05)	-0.00 (0.01)	0.58 (0.39)	0.03* (0.02)	0.04** (0.02)
Observations	296	296	296	296	263	296	291	291
R-squared	0.43	0.24	0.51	0.21	0.50	0.43	0.40	0.17

Treatment effect of quota, IV: effect of the quota - morning

Panel B: am								
VARIABLES	(1) Consumption Beers (USD)	(2) # Bribes harassment	(3) # Bribes toll fee	(4) # Bribes tip	(5) Effort Attendance	(6) Harassment # events	(7) Congestion dummy	(8) Accidents dummy
Extra 100 USD	7.94*** (1.43)	-1.30** (0.61)	8.31 (5.89)	-0.80 (2.91)	-0.13 (0.10)	1.33 (1.64)	0.29* (0.17)	0.10 (0.11)
Quota level	-0.06 (0.17)	0.02 (0.07)	0.88 (0.71)	-0.31 (0.35)	-0.00 (0.01)	0.48** (0.20)	0.07*** (0.02)	0.01 (0.01)
Observations	296	296	296	296	240	296	290	291
R-squared	0.43	0.16	0.40	0.25	0.48	0.29	0.34	0.16

Treatment effect of quota, IV: effect of the quota - pm

Panel C: pm								
VARIABLES	(1) Consumption Beers (USD)	(2) # Bribes harassment	(3) # Bribes toll fee	(4) # Bribes tip	(5) Effort Attendance	(6) Harassment # events	(7) Congestion dummy	(8) Accidents dummy
Extra 100 USD	7.94*** (1.43)	-1.30 (1.02)	5.90 (11.13)	-0.61 (6.27)	-0.17* (0.09)	-0.54 (2.45)	0.01 (0.15)	-0.02 (0.12)
Quota level	-0.06 (0.17)	0.05 (0.12)	-0.48 (1.34)	0.06 (0.75)	0.00 (0.01)	0.10 (0.29)	-0.02 (0.02)	0.03** (0.01)
Observations	296	296	296	296	263	296	291	291
R-squared	0.43	0.21	0.49	0.22	0.48	0.39	0.41	0.16

Conclusion

- 1 **Vertical organization of corruption:** Consistent with economic maximization
 - Hinges on drivers and agents limited liability
 - Mobile money?

- 2 **Impact of vertical organization of corruption**
 - Revenue from bribes finances public service by low level officers
 - Supervisor's corruption dampens effect of external interventions
 - Supervisor's corruption negative externality

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Interviews with police commander:

“The Colonel gave me a particular intersection, for which he asked me to pay his brother in law, who is a colonel, 550 USD per week, as this would guarantee me an easy life. The problem was that I was based on a sterile intersection: no cars were passing by! So I could no longer pay this amount, and I lost my position.”

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Anticipation?

Commander supervisor:

“If they know there’s the next day intervention quota: they wouldn’t change their behavior that day! But he will not tracass more or less the day before. ”

◀ ITT accidents