Polarising alone?

The relationship between social contact and affective polarisation in Belgium and the UK

Supplementary material

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1 Data collection

Based on the quotas provided by the marketing bureau, Kantar, the representativeness and generalizability of the samples are based on gender, age groups and regions as shown in the table below.

	Belgium		United Kingdom	
	Population[1] (%)	Sample (%)	Population (%)	Sample (%)
Gender				
Male	48,8	48,6	48,9	48,8
Female	51,2	50,8	51,1	50,9
Age				
18-24	10,2	10,2	11,0	11,0
25-34	16,2	16,2	17,2	17,2
35-44	16,2	16,0	16,0	16,0
45-54	17,3	17,4	17,6	17,6
55-64	16,4	16,4	15,1	15,1
65-74	13,0	12,7	13,0	12,7
75 and more	11,0	11,1	10,0	10,4
Region				
Flanders	58,7	59,0		
Wallonia	29,1	29,3		
Brussels Capital	12,2	11,7		
Northern England			24,0	24,0
Central England			25,0	25,2
London			13,0	13,0
South England			22,0	21,8
Ireland, Scotland, Wales			16,0	16,0

[1] Based on the population quotas provided by the marketing bureau.

2 Description variables

2.1 Independent: social connection variables

2.1.1 Descriptive tables

2.1.1.1 United Kingdom

Descriptive statistics UK

vars	*n*	*mean*	*sd*	*median*	*trimmed*	*mad*	*min*	*max*	*range*	*skew*	*kurtosis*	*se*
Loneliness	980	2.32	1.31	2	2.19	1.48	1	5	4	0.44	-1.04	0.04
Meet network	1000	3.39	0.94	4	3.46	1.48	1	5	4	-0.69	0.32	0.03
Meet similar background	1000	3.12	1.06	3	3.20	1.48	1	5	4	-0.50	-0.37	0.03
Meet different background	1000	2.74	1.14	3	2.73	1.48	1	5	4	-0.04	-0.82	0.04
Meet different views	1000	2.71	1.14	3	2.71	1.48	1	5	4	-0.05	-0.87	0.04

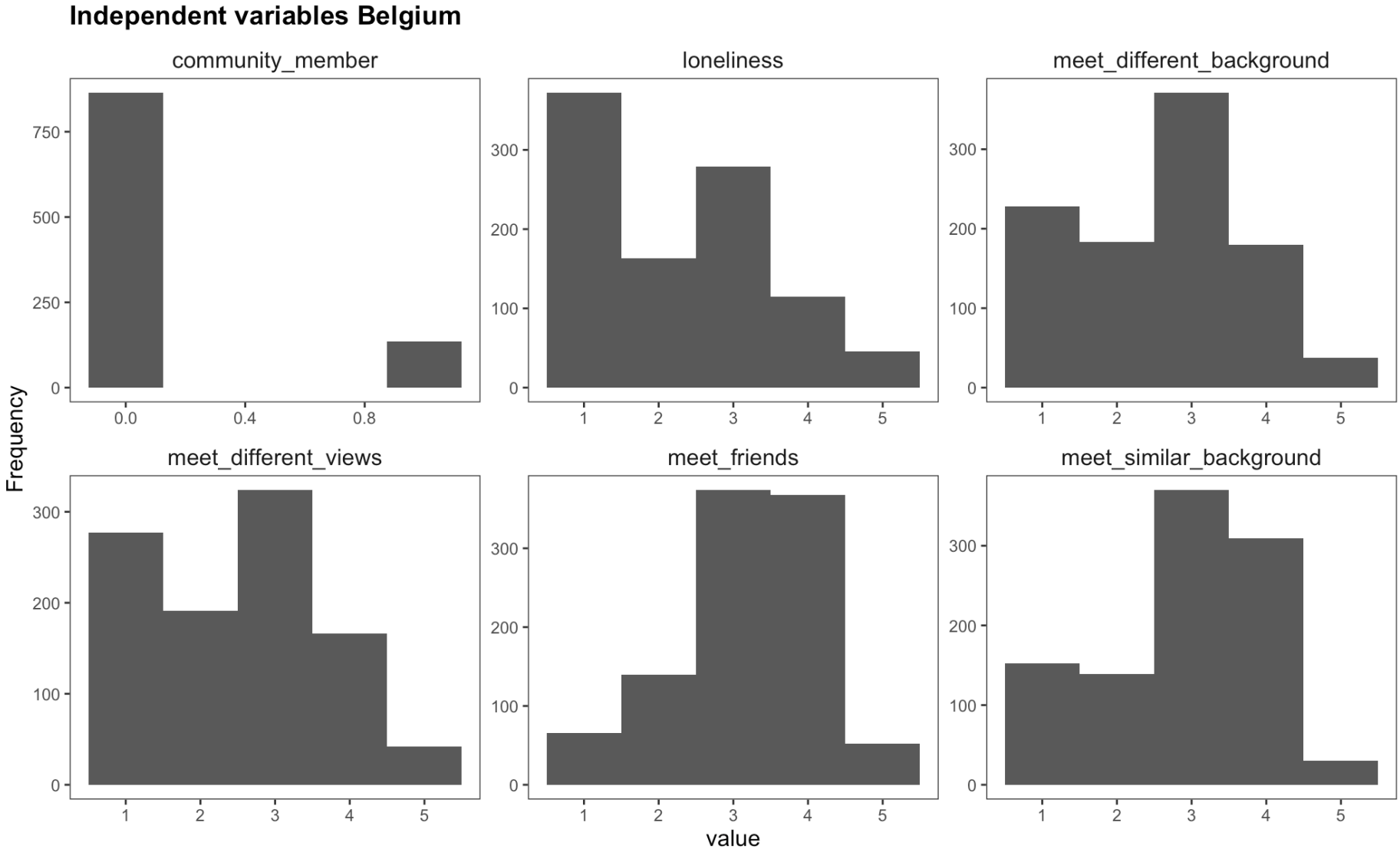
2.1.1.2 Belgium

Descriptive statistics BE

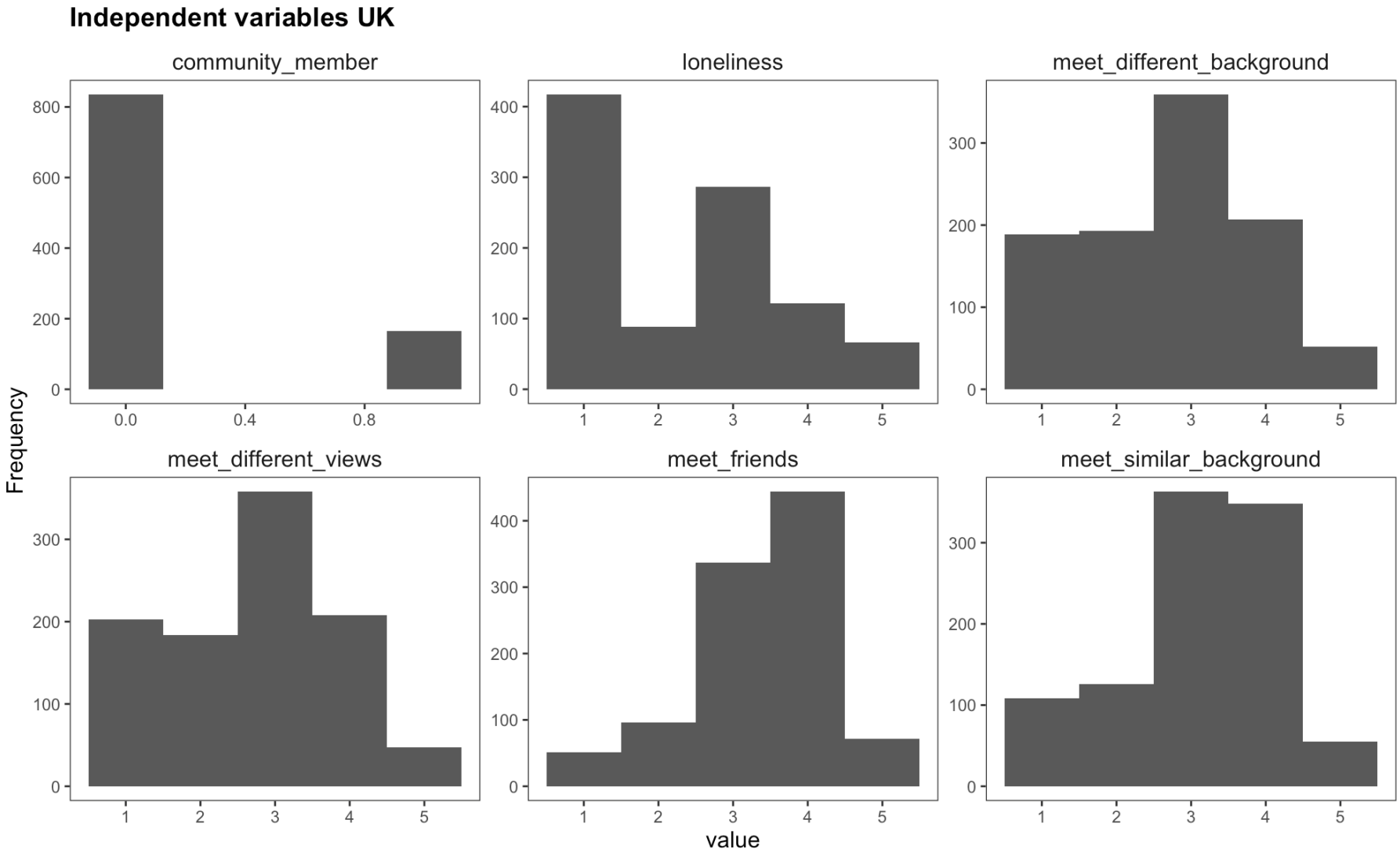
vars	*n*	*mean*	*sd*	*median*	*trimmed*	*mad*	*min*	*max*	*range*	*skew*	*kurtosis*	*se*
Loneliness	975	2.28	1.22	2	2.17	1.48	1	5	4	0.47	-0.87	0.04
Meet network	1000	3.20	0.97	3	3.27	1.48	1	5	4	-0.50	-0.14	0.03
Meet similar background	1000	2.93	1.08	3	2.99	1.48	1	5	4	-0.43	-0.70	0.03
Meet different background	1000	2.62	1.13	3	2.60	1.48	1	5	4	0.00	-0.88	0.04
Meet different views	1000	2.50	1.18	3	2.45	1.48	1	5	4	0.17	-0.97	0.04

2.1.2 Histograms

2.1.2.1 Belgium



2.1.2.2 United Kingdom



2.2 Dependent: affective polarisation

2.2.1 Descriptive tables

2.2.1.1 Belgium

Polarisation statistics BE

vars	*n*	*mean*	*sd*	*median*	*trimmed*	*mad*	*min*	*max*	*range*	*skew*	*kurtosis*	*se*
Affective polarisation (most liked vs other parties)	941	3.54	2.14	3.50	3.46	2.22	0	8.57	8.57	0.29	-0.41	0.07
Affective polarisation (spread between all parties)	941	1.79	0.98	1.89	1.80	1.05	0	4.83	4.83	-0.07	-0.59	0.03
Affective polarisation (vote choice party vs other parties)	699	4.01	2.03	3.86	3.94	1.94	0	8.57	8.57	0.29	-0.37	0.08

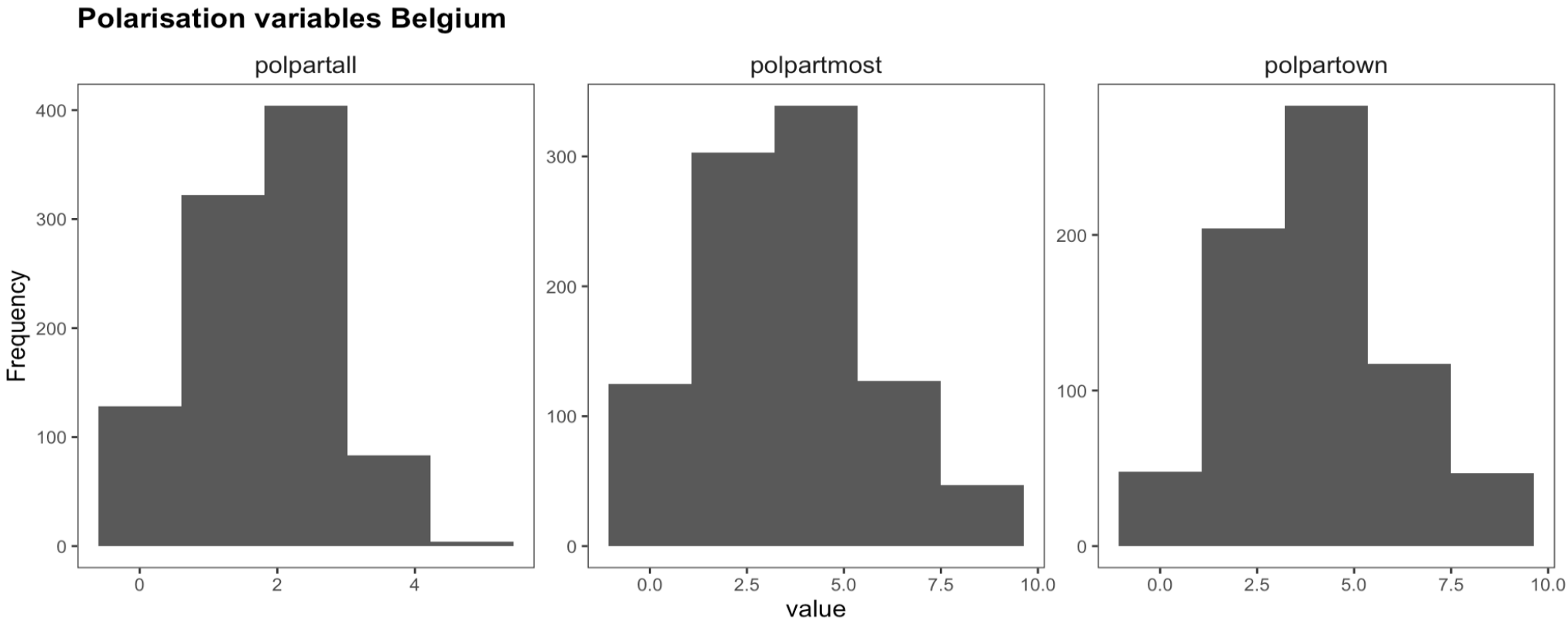
2.2.1.2 United Kingdom

Polarisation statistics UK

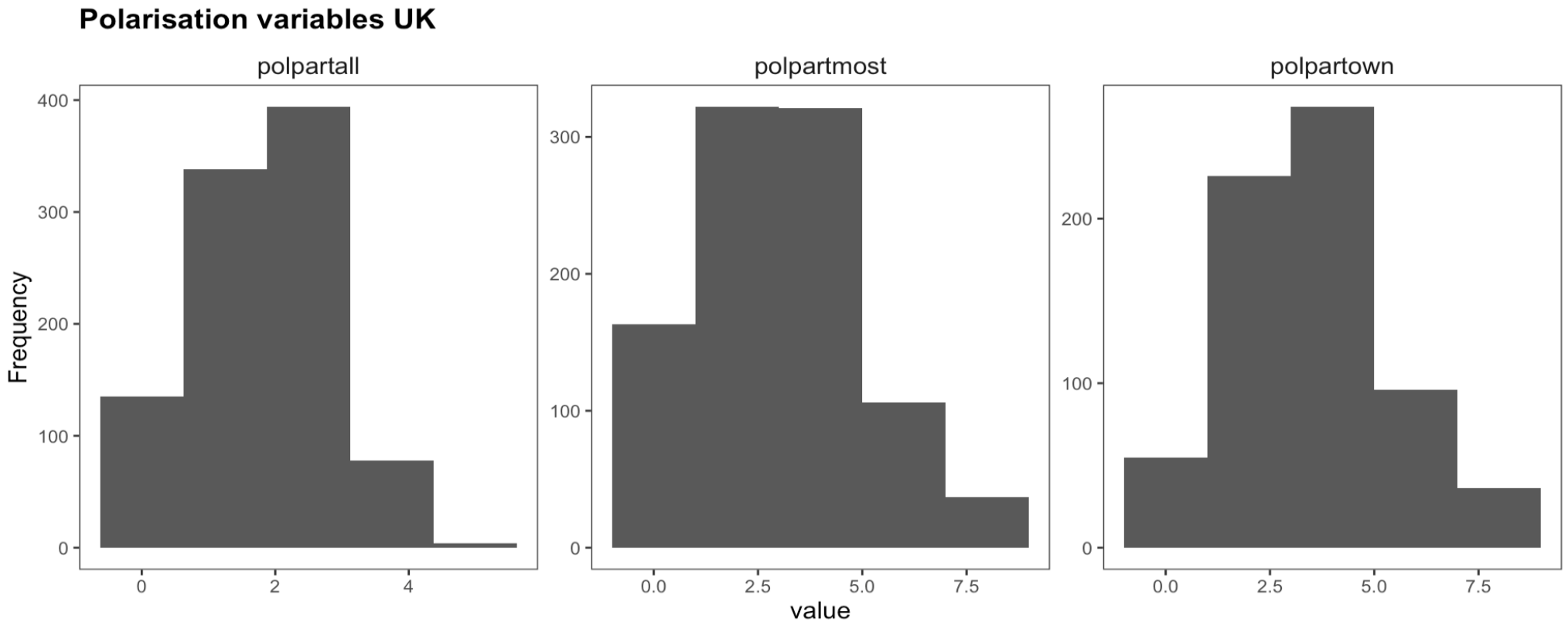
vars	*n*	*mean*	*sd*	*median*	*trimmed*	*mad*	*min*	*max*	*range*	*skew*	*kurtosis*	*se*
Affective polarisation (most liked vs other parties)	949	3.13	1.96	3.00	3.05	1.78	0	8	8	0.35	-0.36	0.06
Affective polarisation (spread between all parties)	949	1.81	1.00	1.92	1.82	1.07	0	5	5	-0.04	-0.45	0.03
Affective polarisation (vote choice party vs other parties)	681	3.60	1.85	3.40	3.52	1.78	0	8	8	0.32	-0.29	0.07

2.2.2 Histograms

2.2.2.1 Belgium



2.2.2.2 United Kingdom



2.3 Control variables

2.3.1 Operationalisation

2.3.1.1 Political interest

This was operationalized by asking “How interested are you in politics?”, ranging from 0 (“Not at all interested”) to 10 (“Very interested”).

2.3.1.2 Age

This was directly asked as “How old are you”.

2.3.1.3 Gender

This was asked as “What is your gender?”, with the options “male”, “female”, “non-binary”, “prefer not to say” and “other, please specify”. It was recoded to a binary variable of “Male” and “Female”, deleting the other categories as there were only 7 respondents in the other categories combined.

2.3.1.4 Education level

For education, I asked “What is your highest obtained level of education?” with the following options:

1 – Primary education
2 – Secondary/further education
3 – Higher education
4 – No education
5 – Other, please specify…
98 – Prefer not to say
99 – Don’t know

This was then recoded to a binary variable with “Higher” (3) versus all other categories.

2.3.2 Descriptives

2.3.2.1 Belgium

Descriptive statistics Belgium

vars	*n*	*mean*	*sd*	*median*	*trimmed*	*mad*	*min*	*max*	*range*	*skew*	*kurtosis*	*se*
Political interest	987	5.28	3.02	6	5.40	2.97	0	10	10	-0.39	-0.94	0.10
Age	1000	49.22	17.96	49	49.15	22.24	18	95	77	0.04	-1.07	0.57

vars	*n*	*%*
Gender	994	100%
Male	508	51%
Female	486	49%
Education	991	100%
No education	18	2%
Primary	36	4%
Secondary	426	43%
Higher	511	51%

2.3.2.2 United Kingdom

Descriptive statistics UK

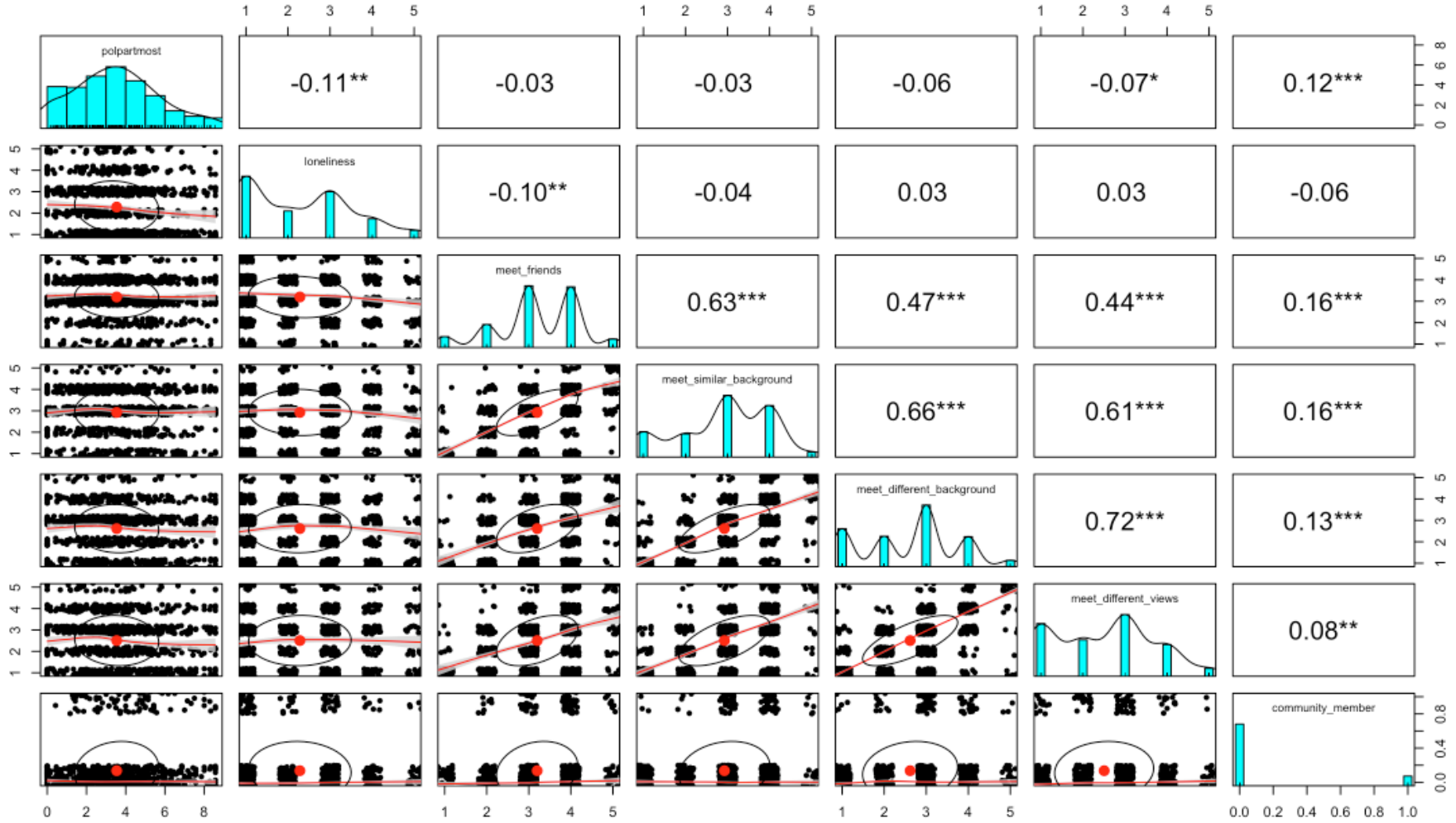
vars	*n*	*mean*	*sd*	*median*	*trimmed*	*mad*	*min*	*max*	*range*	*skew*	*kurtosis*	*se*
Political interest	996	5.49	3.14	6	5.62	2.97	0	10	10	-0.33	-1.04	0.10
Age	1000	48.53	18.07	48	48.26	22.24	18	90	72	0.12	-1.08	0.57

vars	*n*	*%*
Gender	997	100%
Male	488	49%
Female	509	51%
Education	994	100%
No education	27	3%
Primary	23	2%
Secondary	397	40%
Higher	547	55%

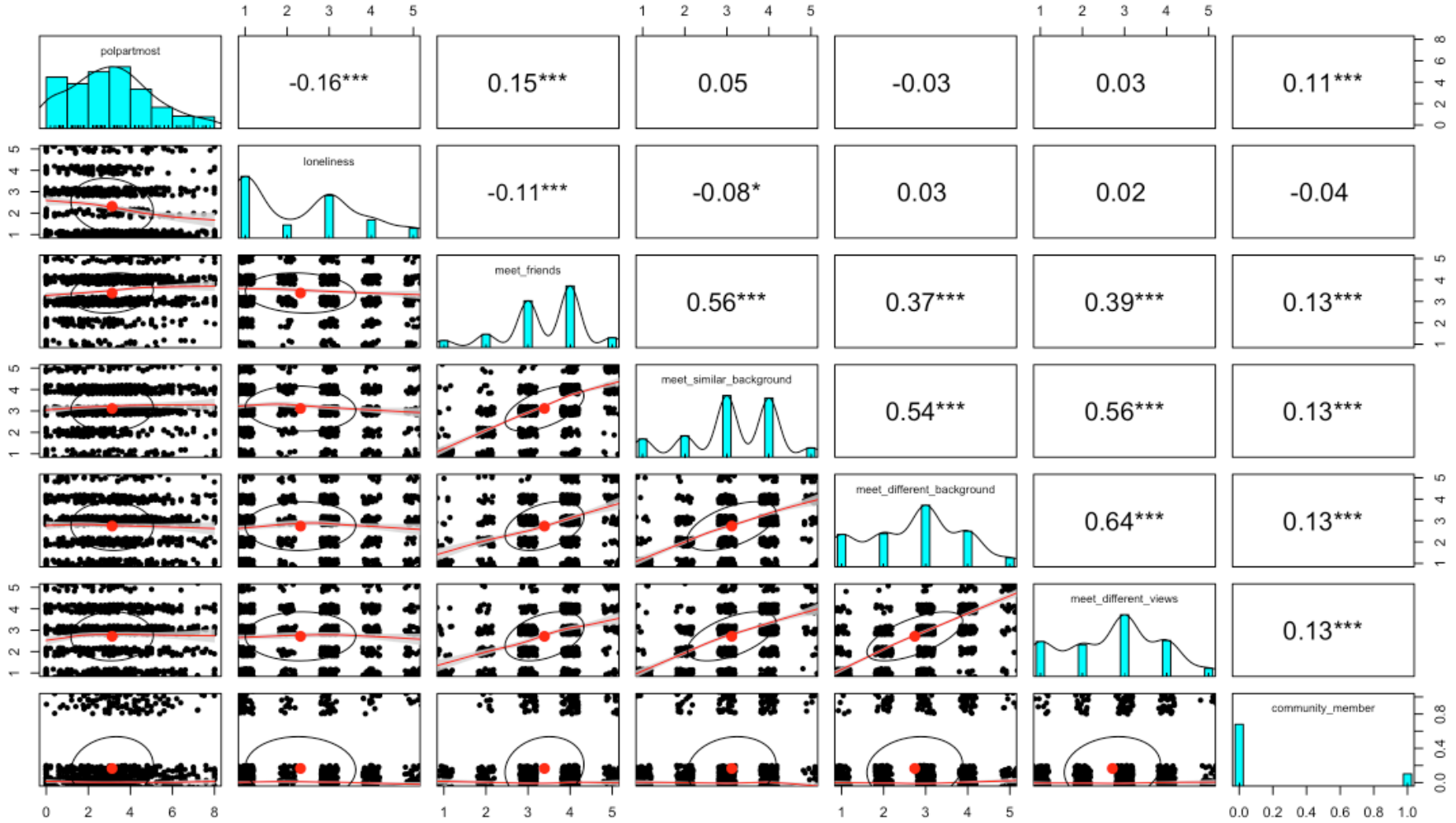
3 Multivariate description

3.1 Correlation plots

3.1.1 Belgium



3.1.2 United Kingdom



4 Model information

4.1 Model 1 (degree of relations)

4.1.1 Model table (main)

Affective polarisation between most liked party and all others

	Belgium	Belgium	UK	UK	Belgium	Belgium	UK	UK
Predictors	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*
(Intercept)	-0.00 (0.03)	-0.15 ** (0.05)	0.00 (0.03)	-0.05 (0.05)	0.00 (0.03)	-0.14 ** (0.05)	-0.00 (0.03)	-0.04 (0.05)
Meet network	-0.03 (0.03)	-0.01 (0.03)	0.15 *** (0.03)	0.11 *** (0.03)				
Loneliness					-0.11 ** (0.03)	-0.05 (0.03)	-0.16 *** (0.03)	-0.08 * (0.03)
Political interest		0.08 * (0.03)		0.13 *** (0.03)		0.08 * (0.03)		0.14 *** (0.03)
Age		0.22 *** (0.03)		0.24 *** (0.03)		0.22 *** (0.03)		0.22 *** (0.03)
Gender: male		0.18 ** (0.07)		0.15 * (0.06)		0.15 * (0.07)		0.14 * (0.06)
Education: no education		0.14 * (0.06)		-0.05 (0.06)		0.14 * (0.06)		-0.07 (0.06)
Observations	941	922	949	939	921	903	934	924
R^2 / R^2 adjusted	0.001 / -0.000	0.087 / 0.082	0.021 / 0.020	0.117 / 0.113	0.011 / 0.010	0.091 / 0.086	0.027 / 0.026	0.112 / 0.107

** p<0.05 ** p<0.01 *** p<0.001*

4.1.2 Model tables (robustness checks)

Affective polarisation between all parties

	Belgium	Belgium	UK	UK	Belgium	Belgium	UK	UK
Predictors	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*
(Intercept)	-0.00 (0.03)	-0.16 ** (0.05)	0.00 (0.03)	0.02 (0.05)	-0.00 (0.03)	-0.15 ** (0.05)	0.00 (0.03)	0.03 (0.05)
Meet network	0.01 (0.03)	0.02 (0.03)	0.15 *** (0.03)	0.10 ** (0.03)				
Loneliness					-0.10 ** (0.03)	-0.04 (0.03)	-0.15 *** (0.03)	-0.09 * (0.03)
Political interest		0.12 *** (0.03)		0.16 *** (0.03)		0.12 *** (0.03)		0.18 *** (0.03)
Age		0.17 *** (0.03)		0.18 *** (0.03)		0.16 *** (0.03)		0.16 *** (0.03)
Gender: male		0.23 *** (0.07)		0.09 (0.06)		0.21 ** (0.07)		0.08 (0.06)
Education: no education		0.10 (0.06)		-0.14 * (0.06)		0.10 (0.06)		-0.15 * (0.06)
Observations	941	922	949	939	921	903	934	924
R^2 / R^2 adjusted	0.000 / -0.001	0.085 / 0.080	0.021 / 0.020	0.096 / 0.091	0.009 / 0.008	0.084 / 0.079	0.022 / 0.021	0.098 / 0.093

** p<0.05 ** p<0.01 *** p<0.001*

Affective polarisation between vote choice party and all other parties

	Belgium	**Belgium**	**UK**	**UK**	**Belgium**	**Belgium**	**UK**	**UK**
Predictors	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*
(Intercept)	-0.00 (0.04)	-0.19 ** (0.06)	-0.00 (0.04)	-0.07 (0.06)	-0.00 (0.04)	-0.17 ** (0.06)	0.00 (0.04)	-0.06 (0.06)
Meet network	-0.03 (0.04)	0.01 (0.04)	0.12 ** (0.04)	0.11 ** (0.04)				
Loneliness					-0.15 *** (0.04)	-0.10 ** (0.04)	-0.20 *** (0.04)	-0.08 * (0.04)
Political interest		-0.02 (0.04)		0.02 (0.04)		-0.02 (0.04)		0.03 (0.04)
Age		0.25 *** (0.04)		0.35 *** (0.04)		0.23 *** (0.04)		0.32 *** (0.04)
Gender: male		0.20 ** (0.08)		0.12 (0.07)		0.17 * (0.08)		0.12 (0.07)
Education: no education		0.17 * (0.07)		0.00 (0.07)		0.17 * (0.07)		-0.01 (0.07)
Observations	699	684	681	674	688	674	672	665
R^2 / R^2 adjusted	0.001 / -0.000	0.089 / 0.082	0.014 / 0.013	0.149 / 0.143	0.023 / 0.022	0.098 / 0.091	0.042 / 0.040	0.142 / 0.136

** p<0.05 ** p<0.01 *** p<0.001*

4.2 Model 2 (kind of relations)

4.2.1 Model table (main)

Affective polarisation between most liked party and all others

	Belgium	Belgium	UK	UK	Belgium	Belgium	UK	UK	Belgium	Belgium	UK	UK
Predictors	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*
(Intercept)	-0.00 (0.03)	-0.15 ** (0.05)	0.00 (0.03)	-0.05 (0.05)	-0.00 (0.03)	-0.15 ** (0.05)	0.00 (0.03)	-0.05 (0.05)	0.00 (0.03)	-0.16 ** (0.05)	0.00 (0.03)	-0.05 (0.05)
Community	0.13 *** (0.03)	0.09 ** (0.03)	0.09 ** (0.03)	0.03 (0.03)								
Bonding relations					-0.02 (0.04)	-0.02 (0.04)	-0.04 (0.04)	-0.04 (0.04)				
Bridging relations									-0.06 (0.04)	-0.07 (0.04)	-0.10 ** (0.03)	-0.09 ** (0.03)
Meet network	-0.05 (0.03)	-0.02 (0.03)	0.13 *** (0.03)	0.10 *** (0.03)	-0.02 (0.04)	0.01 (0.04)	0.17 *** (0.04)	0.13 *** (0.04)	-0.00 (0.04)	0.02 (0.04)	0.18 *** (0.03)	0.14 *** (0.03)
Political interest		0.07 * (0.03)		0.13 *** (0.03)		0.09 * (0.03)		0.13 *** (0.03)		0.09 ** (0.03)		0.14 *** (0.03)
Age		0.22 *** (0.03)		0.24 *** (0.03)		0.22 *** (0.03)		0.24 *** (0.03)		0.22 *** (0.03)		0.23 *** (0.03)
Gender: male		0.17 * (0.07)		0.14 * (0.06)		0.18 ** (0.07)		0.15 * (0.06)		0.18 ** (0.07)		0.16 * (0.06)
Education: no education		0.15 * (0.06)		-0.05 (0.06)		0.14 * (0.06)		-0.05 (0.06)		0.14 * (0.06)		-0.06 (0.06)
Observations	941	922	949	939	941	922	949	939	941	922	949	939
R^2 / R^2 adjusted	0.016 / 0.014	0.095 / 0.089	0.029 / 0.027	0.118 / 0.112	0.001 / - 0.001	0.087 / 0.081	0.022 / 0.020	0.118 / 0.113	0.003 / 0.001	0.090 / 0.084	0.030 / 0.028	0.125 / 0.119

** p<0.05 ** p<0.01 *** p<0.001*

4.2.2 Model tables (robustness checks)

Affective polarisation between all parties

	Belgium	**Belgium**	**UK**	**UK**	**Belgium**	**Belgium**	**UK**	**UK**	**Belgium**	**Belgium**	**UK**	**UK**
Predictors	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*
(Intercept)	-0.00 (0.03)	-0.16 ** (0.05)	0.00 (0.03)	0.02 (0.05)	-0.00 (0.03)	-0.16 ** (0.05)	0.00 (0.03)	0.02 (0.05)	-0.00 (0.03)	-0.16 ** (0.05)	-0.00 (0.03)	0.02 (0.05)
Community	0.12 *** (0.03)	0.08 * (0.03)	0.11 *** (0.03)	0.04 (0.03)								
Bonding relations					0.04 (0.04)	0.01 (0.04)	-0.04 (0.04)	-0.05 (0.04)				
Bridging relations									-0.01 (0.04)	-0.04 (0.04)	-0.09 ** (0.03)	-0.10 ** (0.03)
Meet network	-0.01 (0.03)	0.01 (0.03)	0.13 *** (0.03)	0.10 ** (0.03)	-0.01 (0.04)	0.02 (0.04)	0.17 *** (0.04)	0.13 *** (0.04)	0.02 (0.04)	0.04 (0.04)	0.18 *** (0.03)	0.14 *** (0.03)
Political interest		0.11 *** (0.03)		0.15 *** (0.03)		0.12 *** (0.03)		0.17 *** (0.03)		0.13 *** (0.03)		0.17 *** (0.03)
Age		0.17 *** (0.03)		0.17 *** (0.03)		0.17 *** (0.03)		0.17 *** (0.03)		0.17 *** (0.03)		0.16 *** (0.03)
Gender: male		0.22 *** (0.07)		0.08 (0.06)		0.23 *** (0.07)		0.09 (0.06)		0.24 *** (0.07)		0.10 (0.06)
Education: no education		0.11 (0.06)		-0.13 * (0.06)		0.10 (0.06)		-0.14 * (0.06)		0.10 (0.06)		-0.15 * (0.06)
Observations	941	922	949	939	941	922	949	939	941	922	949	939
R^2 / R^2 adjusted	0.014 / 0.012	0.091 / 0.085	0.033 / 0.031	0.098 / 0.092	0.001 / - 0.001	0.085 / 0.079	0.022 / 0.020	0.098 / 0.092	0.000 / - 0.002	0.086 / 0.080	0.028 / 0.026	0.105 / 0.099

** p<0.05 ** p<0.01 *** p<0.001*

Affective polarisation between vote choice party and all others

	Belgium	Belgium	UK	UK	Belgium	Belgium	UK	UK	Belgium	Belgium	UK	UK
Predictors	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*
(Intercept)	-0.00 (0.04)	-0.19 ** (0.06)	-0.00 (0.04)	-0.06 (0.06)	-0.00 (0.04)	-0.19 ** (0.06)	-0.00 (0.04)	-0.07 (0.06)	-0.00 (0.04)	-0.19 ** (0.06)	-0.00 (0.04)	-0.08 (0.06)
Community	0.11 ** (0.04)	0.08 * (0.04)	0.03 (0.04)	-0.02 (0.04)								
Bonding relations					-0.09 (0.05)	-0.06 (0.05)	-0.07 (0.05)	-0.05 (0.04)				
Bridging relations									-0.11 ** (0.04)	-0.09 * (0.04)	-0.19 *** (0.04)	-0.14 *** (0.04)
Meet network	-0.05 (0.04)	-0.00 (0.04)	0.12 ** (0.04)	0.11 ** (0.04)	0.02 (0.05)	0.05 (0.05)	0.16 *** (0.05)	0.14 ** (0.04)	0.02 (0.04)	0.05 (0.04)	0.19 *** (0.04)	0.16 *** (0.04)
Political interest		-0.04 (0.04)		0.02 (0.04)		-0.02 (0.04)		0.03 (0.04)		-0.01 (0.04)		0.04 (0.04)
Age		0.24 *** (0.04)		0.35 *** (0.04)		0.25 *** (0.04)		0.35 *** (0.04)		0.24 *** (0.04)		0.33 *** (0.04)
Gender: male		0.19 * (0.08)		0.13 (0.07)		0.21 ** (0.08)		0.12 (0.07)		0.21 ** (0.08)		0.14 * (0.07)
Education: no education		0.18 * (0.07)		-0.00 (0.07)		0.17 * (0.07)		0.00 (0.07)		0.16 * (0.07)		0.00 (0.07)
Observations	699	684	681	674	699	684	681	674	699	684	681	674
R^2 / R^2 adjusted	0.013 / 0.010	0.095 / 0.087	0.015 / 0.012	0.149 / 0.142	0.006 / 0.003	0.091 / 0.083	0.018 / 0.015	0.151 / 0.143	0.011 / 0.008	0.095 / 0.087	0.047 / 0.044	0.166 / 0.159

** p<0.05 ** p<0.01 *** p<0.001*

4.3 Model 3 (interaction effects)

4.3.1 Model table (main)

Affective polarisation between most liked party and all others

	Belgium	Belgium	UK	UK	Belgium	Belgium	UK	UK
Predictors	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*
(Intercept)	-0.01 (0.04)	-0.16 ** (0.06)	0.01 (0.04)	-0.04 (0.05)	-0.01 (0.04)	-0.16 ** (0.05)	0.01 (0.03)	-0.05 (0.05)
Meet network	-0.02 (0.04)	0.01 (0.04)	0.16 *** (0.04)	0.12 ** (0.04)	0.01 (0.04)	0.03 (0.04)	0.18 *** (0.04)	0.14 *** (0.03)
Bonding relations	-0.02 (0.04)	-0.02 (0.04)	-0.04 (0.04)	-0.04 (0.04)				
Meet network x bonding relations	0.01 (0.03)	0.01 (0.03)	-0.02 (0.03)	-0.02 (0.03)				
Bridging relations					-0.06 (0.04)	-0.07 (0.04)	-0.10 ** (0.03)	-0.09 ** (0.03)
Meet network x bridging relations					0.03 (0.03)	0.01 (0.03)	-0.02 (0.03)	-0.01 (0.03)
Political interest		0.09 * (0.03)		0.13 *** (0.03)		0.09 ** (0.03)		0.14 *** (0.03)
Age		0.22 *** (0.03)		0.24 *** (0.03)		0.22 *** (0.03)		0.23 *** (0.03)
Gender: male		0.18 ** (0.07)		0.15 * (0.06)		0.18 ** (0.07)		0.16 * (0.06)
Education: no education		0.14 * (0.06)		-0.05 (0.06)		0.14 * (0.06)		-0.06 (0.06)
Observations	941	922	949	939	941	922	949	939
R^2 / R^2 adjusted	0.001 / -0.002	0.087 / 0.080	0.023 / 0.020	0.119 / 0.112	0.004 / 0.001	0.091 / 0.084	0.031 / 0.028	0.125 / 0.118

** p<0.05 ** p<0.01 *** p<0.001*

4.3.2 Model tables (robustness checks)

Affective polarisation between all parties

	Belgium	Belgium	UK	UK	Belgium	Belgium	UK	UK
Predictors	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*
(Intercept)	-0.00 (0.04)	-0.16 ** (0.06)	0.02 (0.04)	0.04 (0.05)	0.00 (0.04)	-0.15 ** (0.06)	0.01 (0.03)	0.02 (0.05)
Meet network	-0.01 (0.04)	0.02 (0.04)	0.15 *** (0.04)	0.11 ** (0.04)	0.01 (0.04)	0.03 (0.04)	0.17 *** (0.04)	0.14 *** (0.03)
Bonding relations	0.04 (0.04)	0.01 (0.04)	-0.04 (0.04)	-0.05 (0.04)				
Meet network x bonding relations	0.00 (0.03)	0.00 (0.03)	-0.04 (0.03)	-0.04 (0.03)				
Bridging relations					-0.01 (0.04)	-0.03 (0.04)	-0.09 ** (0.03)	-0.10 ** (0.03)
Meet network x bridging relations					-0.01 (0.03)	-0.02 (0.03)	-0.02 (0.03)	-0.00 (0.03)
Political interest		0.12 *** (0.03)		0.17 *** (0.03)		0.13 *** (0.03)		0.17 *** (0.03)
Age		0.17 *** (0.03)		0.17 *** (0.03)		0.17 *** (0.03)		0.16 *** (0.03)
Gender: male		0.23 *** (0.07)		0.09 (0.06)		0.24 *** (0.07)		0.10 (0.06)
Education: no education		0.10 (0.06)		-0.13 * (0.06)		0.10 (0.06)		-0.15 * (0.06)
Observations	941	922	949	939	941	922	949	939
R^2 / R^2 adjusted	0.001 / -0.002	0.085 / 0.078	0.024 / 0.021	0.100 / 0.093	0.000 / -0.003	0.086 / 0.079	0.029 / 0.026	0.105 / 0.098

** p<0.05 ** p<0.01 *** p<0.001*

Affective polarisation between voted for party and all others

	Belgium	Belgium	UK	UK	Belgium	Belgium	UK	UK
Predictors	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*	*std. Beta*
(Intercept)	-0.04 (0.04)	-0.22 ** (0.07)	-0.01 (0.04)	-0.08 (0.06)	-0.04 (0.04)	-0.21 ** (0.07)	-0.01 (0.04)	-0.08 (0.06)
Meet network	0.04 (0.05)	0.06 (0.05)	0.17 *** (0.05)	0.14 ** (0.04)	0.05 (0.04)	0.06 (0.04)	0.20 *** (0.04)	0.16 *** (0.04)
Bonding relations	-0.09 (0.05)	-0.06 (0.05)	-0.07 (0.05)	-0.05 (0.04)				
Meet network x bonding relations	0.07 * (0.03)	0.05 (0.03)	0.02 (0.03)	0.02 (0.03)				
Bridging relations					-0.13 ** (0.04)	-0.10 * (0.04)	-0.20 *** (0.04)	-0.15 *** (0.04)
Meet network x bridging relations					0.09 * (0.04)	0.05 (0.03)	0.04 (0.03)	0.04 (0.03)
Political interest		-0.01 (0.04)		0.03 (0.04)		-0.01 (0.04)		0.04 (0.04)
Age		0.24 *** (0.04)		0.35 *** (0.04)		0.23 *** (0.04)		0.33 *** (0.04)
Gender: male		0.21 ** (0.08)		0.12 (0.07)		0.21 ** (0.08)		0.14 (0.07)
Education: no education		0.16 * (0.07)		-0.00 (0.07)		0.16 * (0.07)		-0.00 (0.07)
Observations	699	684	681	674	699	684	681	674
R^2 / R^2 adjusted	0.013 / 0.008	0.094 / 0.085	0.019 / 0.014	0.151 / 0.143	0.019 / 0.015	0.098 / 0.088	0.048 / 0.044	0.168 / 0.159

** p<0.05 ** p<0.01 *** p<0.001*