

Table 2: Tariff Cuts and CEO Forced Turnover

| Variable | (2) | (3) | (5) | (7) | (8) |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | | | Placebo | Placebo |
| CUT_POST3 | 0.038*** | 0.020*** | 0.018*** | 0.005 | 0.004 |
| CUT_POST3 * IND_ADJ_ROA | | | -0.028*** | | -0.021 |
| CUT_POST3 * IND_ADJ_RET | | | -0.014** | | -0.018 |
| IND_ADJ_ROA | | -0.082*** | -0.104*** | -0.081*** | -0.104*** |
| IND_ADJ_RET | | -0.054*** | -0.051*** | -0.054*** | -0.052*** |
| Year fixed effects | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Firm fixed effects | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| R ² | 0.02 | 0.11 | 0.15 | 0.11 | 0.11 |
| Observations | 20,548 | 20,548 | 20,548 | 20,548 | 20,548 |

Table 4: Governance proxies, productivity and default likelihood

Panel A: Row Percentage

| TFP | G-Index | |
|---------------|---------|-------|
| | High | Low |
| Low | 56.8% | 41.1% |
| High | 43.2% | 58.9% |
| E-Index | | |
| | High | low |
| Low | 53.2% | 42.3% |
| High | 46.8% | 57.7% |
| Independence | | |
| | Low | High |
| Low | 55.1% | 41.4% |
| High | 44.9% | 58.6% |
| Institutional | | |
| | Low | High |
| Low | 58.2% | 44.9% |
| High | 41.8% | 55.1% |

| Z-Score | G-Index | |
|---------------|---------|-------|
| | High | Low |
| Low | 55.2% | 44.7% |
| High | 44.8% | 55.3% |
| E-Index | | |
| | High | Low |
| Low | 57.7% | 44.9% |
| High | 42.3% | 55.1% |
| Independence | | |
| | Low | High |
| Low | 55.8% | 43.9% |
| High | 44.2% | 56.1% |
| Institutional | | |
| | Low | High |
| Low | 56.5% | 42.6% |
| High | 43.5% | 57.4% |

Panel B: Column Percentage

| TFP | G-Index | |
|---------------|---------|-------|
| | High | low |
| Low | 53.6% | 46.4% |
| High | 38.0% | 62.0% |
| E-Index | | |
| | High | Low |
| Low | 57.0% | 43.0% |
| High | 46.1% | 53.9% |
| Independence | | |
| | Low | High |
| Low | 55.9% | 44.1% |
| High | 42.2% | 57.8% |
| Institutional | | |
| | Low | High |
| Low | 58.0% | 42.0% |
| High | 44.7% | 55.3% |

| Z-Score | G-Index | |
|---------------|---------|-------|
| | High | Low |
| Low | 55.3% | 44.7% |
| High | 44.8% | 55.2% |
| E-Index | | |
| | High | Low |
| Low | 56.6% | 43.4% |
| High | 43.8% | 56.2% |
| Independence | | |
| | Low | High |
| Low | 55.8% | 44.2% |
| High | 43.9% | 56.1% |
| Institutional | | |
| | Low | High |
| Low | 56.3% | 43.7% |
| High | 42.4% | 57.6% |

Table 5: Tariff Cuts, Corporate Governance, and CEO Forced Turnover**Panel A: Turnover**

| Variable | G-Index | | E-Index | | Independence | | Institutional | |
|-------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| | High (1) | Low (2) | High (3) | Low (4) | Low (5) | High (6) | Low (7) | High (8) |
| CUT_POST3 | 0.032*** | 0.007 | 0.024*** | 0.008 | 0.037** | 0.013** | 0.032*** | 0.009 |
| Other control variables | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Year fixed effect | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Firm fixed effect | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| R ² | 0.10 | 0.11 | 0.12 | 0.15 | 0.17 | 0.12 | 0.15 | 0.14 |
| Observations | 11,940 | 8,608 | 14,019 | 6,529 | 4,820 | 9,273 | 10,866 | 9,682 |

Panel B: Turnover-performance sensitivity

| Variable | G-Index | | E-Index | | Independence | | Institutional | |
|-------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| | High (1) | Low (2) | High (3) | Low (4) | Low (5) | High (6) | Low (7) | High (8) |
| CUT_POST3 | 0.030*** | 0.006 | 0.020*** | 0.007 | 0.034** | 0.009* | 0.029** | 0.010 |
| CUT_POST3 * ROA | -0.025** | -0.012* | -0.053** | -0.023* | -0.039** | -0.015 | -.03*** | 0.007 |
| CUT_POST3 * RET | -0.021** | 0.002 | -0.024* | -0.002 | -0.023** | -0.012 | -.03*** | -0.023* |
| Other control variables | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Firm fixed effect | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Year fixed effect | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| R ² | 0.10 | 0.13 | 0.12 | 0.16 | 0.17 | 0.12 | 0.16 | 0.14 |
| Observations | 11,940 | 8,608 | 14,019 | 6,529 | 4,820 | 9,273 | 10,866 | 9,682 |

Table 6, Panel B: Tariff Cut and Board Classification Interactions

| Dependent Variable: CEO Turnover | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------|-------------|------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|--|
| Variable | G-Index | | E-Index | | Independence | | Institutional | | |
| | High (1) | Low (2) | High (3) | Low (4) | Low (5) | High (6) | Low (7) | High (8) | |
| CUT_POST3 | 0.010* | 0.007 | 0.014 | 0.010 | 0.018 | 0.015* | 0.014 | 0.012 | |
| Unclassified | -0.11** 0.041 | -0.044 | -0.061 | 0.045 | 0.023 | -0.124*** | 0.014 | | |
| CUT_POST3 * Unclassified | 0.027** | 0.004 | 0.028*** | 0.008 | 0.033** | -0.001 | 0.026** | 0.005 | |
| Other control variables | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | |
| Year fixed effect | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | |
| Firm fixed effect | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | |
| R ² | 0.11 | 0.21 | 0.12 | 0.15 | 0.17 | 0.13 | 0.17 | 0.14 | |
| Observations | 6,872 | 4,663 | 7,844 | 3,690 | 3,944 | 7,590 | 6,103 | 5,432 | |

Table 7, Panel B: CEO Pay Alignment, Tariff Cut and Corporate Governance

| | Dependent Vbl: CEO Pay Alignment | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------------|---------|---------------|----------|--|
| | G-Index | | E-Index | | Independence | | Institutional | | |
| | High | Low | High | Low | Low | High | Low | High | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | |
| CUT_POST3 | 0.058 | 0.221** | 0.124 | 0.469** | 0.114* | 0.318** | 0.096 | 0.411*** | |
| Other control variables | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | |
| Year fixed effects | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | |
| Firm fixed effects | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | |
| R ² | 0.10 | 0.18 | 0.08 | 0.09 | 0.17 | 0.07 | 0.16 | 0.14 | |
| Observations | 9,793 | 6,645 | 11,179 | 5,259 | 3,856 | 7,418 | 8,698 | 7,740 | |

Table 8: Tariff Cuts and New CEO Characteristics

| Variable | COGS_PPENT (1) | XSGA_PPENT (2) | SPPE_PPENT (3) | Prob(Asset_Sale) (4) | Total_Comp (5) | Alignment (6) |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| CUT | -0.644* | -0.419 | 0.008** | 0.418* | 0.641* | 0.452* |
| Controls | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Prior Total_Comp | -0.158 | 0.308** | -0.007*** | -0.095 | 0.324** | -0.489 |
| External | | | | | 0.490** | 1.312** |
| R^2 | 0.13 | 0.19 | 0.43 | 0.26 | 0.48 | 0.36 |
| Observations | 96 | 96 | 96 | 96 | 260 | 260 |

Table 10: The Effect of CEO Turnover on Corporate Performance after Tariff Reduction

| | | One Year Average Difference | Difference-in- differences | Two-year Average Difference | Difference-in- differences | Three-year Average Difference | Difference-in- differences |
|---------------|---------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Profit Margin | Treated | 0.009 | 0.088** | 0.019 | 0.085** | 0.022 | 0.077** |
| | Matched | -0.079 | | -0.066 | | -0.055 | |
| ROE | Treated | 0.006 | 0.022 | 0.150 | 0.245** | 0.117 | 0.220** |
| | Matched | -0.016 | | -0.095 | | -0.103 | |
| Sales Growth | Treated | -0.023 | 0.218 | 0.013 | 0.238* | 0.014 | 0.297** |
| | Matched | -0.241 | | -0.225 | | -0.283 | |
| Q | Treated | -0.296 | 0.418 | -0.219 | 0.382 | -0.128 | 0.341 |
| | Matched | -0.714 | | -0.601 | | -0.469 | |
| TFP | Treated | 0.007 | 0.108** | 0.018 | 0.113** | 0.027 | 0.114** |
| | Matched | -0.101 | | -0.095 | | -0.087 | |

