

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910595064903321
Autore	Han Kyung Joon
Titolo	Rationality of irrationality : political determinants and effects of party position blurring / / Kyung Joon Han
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Ann Arbor, Michigan : , : University of Michigan Press, , 2022 ©2022
ISBN	9780472902910 0472902911
Edizione	[1st ed.]
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (232 pages)
Classificazione	POL000000POL015000POL058000
Disciplina	324.2
Soggetti	Political parties Political party rules Political psychology Right and left (Political science) Political parties - Europe, Western Political parties - United States
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Note generali	Title from eBook information screen..
Nota di bibliografia	Includes bibliographical references (pages 193-215) and index.
Sommario/riassunto	Citizens in democracies complain that political parties' positions on major issues are too ambiguous for them to confidently understand. Why is party position ambiguity so common? Are party positions ambiguous because political parties fail in forming a clear policy position or because they deliberately blur their position? Rationality of Irrationality argues that political parties are motivated to strategically blur their position on an issue when they struggle with a certain disadvantage in the issue. Specifically, political parties present an ambiguous position when their own supporters are divided in their stances on the issue. A political party also blurs a position stance when voters do not acknowledge that the party has ability and integrity to solve problems related to the issue. Political parties blur their position in these cases because ambiguous party positions divert voters' attention from the issue. Voters support a political party whose policy

positions on major issues are close to their own stances. However, voters cannot confidently and exactly estimate party positions on an issue when they are only ambiguous.
