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While we are familiar with lawmakers' grandstanding – advancing partisan agenda or policy preferences on a subjective ground, we still lack clear understanding of when and why they do so and what they gain from it. Many scholars argued or assumed that politicians' grandstanding statements are designed for public consumption and eventually for electoral gains, but no extant studies ever tested this claim systematically for the lack of proper data and measurement of lawmakers' grandstanding efforts. Using the U.S. House of Representatives committee hearings transcript data and the "grandstanding score" I constructed through a crowd-sourced supervised learning method, this book answers these questions. Specifically, it explains the conditions under which lawmakers grandstand; examines electoral rewards for grandstanding by looking at the reactions from voters; studies political contribution patterns of individual and group donors; and analyzes how legislators' grandstanding behavior is related to other extant style measures of legislators. The findings of this study advance our understanding of lawmakers strategically changing their representational style depending on institutional and electoral conditions and their career goals

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