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Abstract

Encouraging organizations to disclose financial information is a common goal of nonprofit accountability regimes. We examine voluntary disclosure decision making by nonprofit hospitals in Taiwan by developing and testing a model.

on the population of not-for-profit medical institutions in Taiwan during a period where the government encouraged—but did not require—disclosure on a centralized website. As a result, we are able to conduct a “natural experiment” of the voluntary disclosure behavior of an important population of non-donor-dependent organizations. We find voluntary disclosure is more likely in organizations that are smaller, have lower debt/asset ratios, and are run by larger boards with more inside members. Our data suggest that, from a policy perspective, voluntary disclosure regimes are not an especially effective means of promoting public accountability.



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