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Notes

1. Studies of Europe with similar results include Peters and Ensink ([2015](#)) and Giger, Rosset, and Bernauer ([2012](#)). But see Bartels ([2016](#)) for a case of responsiveness to the less well-off.
2. The communist regime did have elites, but space for the accumulation of capital was very limited. On the privileges of the elite and the so-called “new class” under communism, see Szelenyi ([1978](#)).
3. Several of the surveys also included Slovak millionaires, though there were fewer (50–70 versus 150–200 Czech millionaires), and sometimes the parallel survey of the Slovak public is lacking. For these reasons, we did not consider them here. Overall, opinion differences between Slovak millionaires and the public were of a similar magnitude to the Czech Republic.
4. Data are available at Roberts ([2018](#)).
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