Owen Castellano

Political Analyst

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Summary

Political Analyst with 6 years of policy analysis on Central Europe, first at a Washington think tank and now at a political risk advisory firm. Pairs country knowledge and Polish with quantitative analysis in R and Stata, and writes short, clear notes that clients can act on.

Experience

Political Analyst

Harborview Geopolitical Advisory — New York, NY — 07/2023 - Present

Political risk consultancy advising banks, insurers and manufacturers on 60 markets.

- Lead political risk analysis for Central Europe for **35** corporate and investment clients, publishing 6 notes a month.
- Build election forecast models in R from polling data and district results; 11 of 12 national calls were correct.
- Present to client risk committees by video, answering 40+ ad hoc questions a quarter within 24 hours.
- Track legislation, sanctions and regulatory changes across 8 countries in a database used by 3 sector teams.

Research Associate

Center for Transatlantic Policy Studies — Washington, DC — 08/2020 - 06/2023

Nonpartisan think tank focused on European security and economic policy.

- Researched and co-wrote **9** policy papers on NATO, energy security and EU enlargement.
- Compiled a dataset of 2,000+ parliamentary votes in Stata to study coalition behavior across 5 countries.
- Organized 15 expert roundtables with diplomats and congressional staff, writing a summary memo for each.
- Edited op-eds and testimony drafts for 4 senior fellows, often on same-day deadlines.

Education

Master of Arts

University of Michigan

Political Science

Ann Arbor, MI

05/2020

Skills

Political Risk Analysis	Policy Analysis	Quantitative Analysis	R
Stata	Polling Data	Election Forecast Models	Sanctions Monitoring
Polish	Written Communication		