

## CODEBOOK FOR “TRANSPARENCY, CLASS BIAS, AND REDISTRIBUTION: EVIDENCE FROM THE AMERICAN STATES”<sup>1</sup>

### Variables in Native *transparency.dta* File

- \* year: Year of observation (1972-2000)
- \*state\_id: State identification (1-48)
- \*state: State abbreviation (string variable)
- \* publicwelftotalexp: Total state public expenditures on welfare
- \*total\_income: Total state personal income
- \*gsp: Gross state product (in millions of 2017 dollars)
- \*gini: State’s Gini coefficient in a given year
- \* unem1: Unemployment rate percentage
- \*unemploy: Renaming of *unem1*, unemployment rate percentage
- \*pop: State population
- \* pop65: Proportion of the population over age 65.
- \* nonwhite: Proportion of the population that is nonwhite.
- \*pctscore: 9-item transparency index score scaled to range between 0-1 as ratio of items coded "yes" to the total items answered; Alt, Lassen, and Rose (2006)’s measure
- \*tran: Renaming of *pctscore*, 9-item transparency index score scaled to range between 0-1 as ratio of items coded "yes" to the total items answered; Alt, Lassen, and Rose (2006)’s measure
- \*media\_pen: Media market penetration index, newspaper and TV circulation rates combined; Alt and Lowry’s (2010) measure
- \*med: Renaming of *media\_pen*, media market penetration index, newspaper and TV circulation rates combined; Alt and Lowry’s (2010) measure
- \*cbias: Class bias measure which captures the difference in the probability that the richest individuals in a state will turn out to vote relative to the probability of the poorest individuals in a state voting; Franko, Kelly, and Witko’s (2016) measure
- \*bias: Renaming of *cbias*, class bias measure which captures the difference in the probability that the richest individuals in a state will turn out to vote relative to the probability of the poorest individuals in a state voting; Franko, Kelly, and Witko’s (2016) measure
- \*govparty\_c = Party of the governor. 1 = Democrat, 0 = Republican, .5 = non-major party governor.
- \*gparty = Renaming of *govparty\_c*, party of the governor. 1 = Democrat, 0 = Republican, .5 = non-major party governor.
- \*leg\_control = Additive scale of Democratic power in the legislature. (1= Democrats Control Both Chambers; 0= Democrats Control Neither Chamber; .5= Democrats Control One Chamber, .25= Democrats Split Control of One Chamber, .75= Democrats Control One Chamber and Split Control of the Other)
- \*control = Renaming of *leg\_control*, additive scale of Democratic power in the legislature. (1= Democrats Control Both Chambers; 0= Democrats Control Neither Chamber; .5= Democrats Control One Chamber, .25= Democrats Split Control of One Chamber, .75= Democrats Control One Chamber and Split Control of the Other)

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<sup>1</sup> Variables subscripted with “\_wi” in the .do and .dta files indicate the within transformations of these variables generated by the STATA *cluster* command. Variables subscripted with “\_bw” in the .do and .dta files indicate the between transformations of these variables generated by the STATA *cluster* command.

\*divided\_gov: Dummy: 1 = all three institutions of state government (i.e., the two chambers of the legislature and the governor's office) are not controlled by the same party, 0 = unified Democratic or Republican control of both the legislature and governor's office

\*div: Renaming of *divided\_gov*, Dummy: 1 = all three institutions of state government (i.e., the two chambers of the legislature and the governor's office) are not controlled by the same party, 0 = unified Democratic or Republican control of both the legislature and governor's office

\*citi: Citizen ideology, using updated Berry et al. (2010) measure

\*cideo: Renaming of *citi*, citizen ideology, using updated Berry et al. (2010) measure

\*nominate: Legislator ideology, using updated Berry et al. (2010) measure

\*lideo: Renaming of *nominate*, legislator ideology, using updated Berry et al. (2010) measure

## Variables Generated by the Execution of the *transparency\_welfare.do* File (In order of generation)

- \*id: State identification number used for *cluster* command.
- \*cpi: Consumer price index (normalized to US dollars, 2000)
- \*cpiu: Seasonally adjusted CPI, for all goods, for urban consumers, generated by *cpigen* package normalized to 2000 dollars in annual data
- \*welf\_ad: Total state government public welfare spending adjusted for inflation.
- \*welfpc: Inflation-adjusted total state government welfare spending per capita.
- \*gsp\_edit: GSP rescaled to actual dollar amount to use for CPI adjustment
- \*gsp\_ad: Gross state product adjusted for inflation
- \*new\_gsp: Scaled version of inflation-adjusted GSP to make coefficients more interpretable (gsp\_ad/1000000000000)
- \*lpop: Logarithm of state population
- \*lwelf: Logarithm of the *welfpc* variable
- \*inc\_ad = Total state personal income adjusted for inflation
- \*albritton: Total state government welfare spending adjusted for inflation divided by total state personal income adjusted for inflation, Albritton's (1990) recommended measure of welfare effort
- \*logal: Logarithm of the Albritton index
- \*res1: Model residuals from the non-logged dependent variable model
- \*res2: Model residuals from the logged dependent variable model
- \*\_est\_wbe1: Stored model results generated from the *estimates store* command in STATA for Paper Model 1
- \*\_est\_wbe2: Stored model results generated from the *estimates store* command in STATA for Paper Model 2
- \*\_est\_wbe3: Stored model results generated from the *estimates store* command in STATA for Paper Model 3
- \*\_est\_wbe4: Stored model results generated from the *estimates store* command in STATA for Paper Model 4
- \*\_est\_cctest: Stored model results generated from the *estimates store* command in STATA for check of cluster confounding, Paper Model Appendix C1
- \*\_est\_fe1: Stored model results generated from the *estimates store* command in STATA for Paper Model 5
  
- \*\_est\_fe2: Stored model results generated from the *estimates store* command in STATA for Paper Model 6
- \*\_est\_fe3: Stored model results generated from the *estimates store* command in STATA for Paper Model 7
- \*\_est\_fe4: Stored model results generated from the *estimates store* command in STATA for Paper Model 8
- \*\_est\_re1: Stored model results generated from the *estimates store* command in STATA for Paper Model 9
- \*\_est\_re2: Stored model results generated from the *estimates store* command in STATA for Paper Model 10
- \*\_est\_re3: Stored model results generated from the *estimates store* command in STATA for

## Paper Model 11

\*\_est\_re4: Stored model results generated from the *estimates store* command in STATA for Paper Model 12

\*\_est\_wbe9: Stored model results generated from the *estimates store* command in STATA for unreported sensitivity test replicating Model 1 using the Albritton index as the dependent variable

\*\_est\_wbe10: Stored model results generated from the *estimates store* command in STATA for unreported sensitivity test replicating Model 2 using the Albritton index as the dependent variable

\*\_est\_wbe11: Stored model results generated from the *estimates store* command in STATA for unreported sensitivity test replicating Model 3 using the Albritton index as the dependent variable

\*\_est\_wbe12: Stored model results generated from the *estimates store* command in STATA for unreported sensitivity test replicating Model 4 using the Albritton index as the dependent variable

\*\_est\_wbe13: Stored model results generated from the *estimates store* command in STATA for unreported sensitivity test replicating Model 1 using the logged version of the Albritton index as the dependent variable

\*\_est\_wbe14: Stored model results generated from the *estimates store* command in STATA for unreported sensitivity test replicating Model 2 using the logged version of the Albritton index as the dependent variable

\*\_est\_wbe15: Stored model results generated from the *estimates store* command in STATA for unreported sensitivity test replicating Model 3 using the logged version of the Albritton index as the dependent variable

\*\_est\_wbe16: Stored model results generated from the *estimates store* command in STATA for unreported sensitivity test replicating Model 4 using the logged version of the Albritton index as the dependent variable

\*\_est\_gini1: Stored model results generated from the *estimates store* command in STATA for unreported sensitivity test replicating Model 1 after removing the Gini index variable

\*\_est\_gini2: Stored model results generated from the *estimates store* command in STATA for unreported sensitivity test replicating Model 2 after removing the Gini index variable

\*\_est\_gini3: Stored model results generated from the *estimates store* command in STATA for unreported sensitivity test replicating Model 3 after removing the Gini index variable

\*\_est\_gini4: Stored model results generated from the *estimates store* command in STATA for unreported sensitivity test replicating Model 4 after removing the Gini index variable

\*\_est\_gini5: Stored model results generated from the *estimates store* command in STATA for unreported sensitivity test interacting the Gini index with the media market penetration variable

\*\_est\_gini6: Stored model results generated from the *estimates store* command in STATA for unreported sensitivity test interacting the Gini index with the transparency variable

**Variables Generated by the Execution of the *clustergen* command in the  
transparency\_welfare.do File (In order of generation)**

- \* tran\_wi: Within-state longitudinal deviations from the state mean on the 9-item transparency index score scaled to range between 0-1 as ratio of items coded "yes" to the total items answered; Alt, Lassen, and Rose (2006)'s measure
- \*tran\_bw: Between state cross-sectional deviations from the yearly mean on the 9-item transparency index score scaled to range between 0-1 as ratio of items coded "yes" to the total items answered; Alt, Lassen, and Rose (2006)'s measure
- \*med\_wi: Within-state longitudinal deviations from the state mean on the media market penetration index, newspaper and TV circulation rates combined; Alt and Lowry's (2010) measure
- \*med\_bw: Between state cross-sectional deviations from the yearly mean on the media market penetration index, newspaper and TV circulation rates combined; Alt and Lowry's (2010) measure
- \*bias\_wi: Within-state longitudinal deviations from the state mean on the class bias measure which captures the difference in the probability that the richest individuals in a state will turn out to vote relative to the probability of the poorest individuals in a state voting; Franko, Kelly, and Witko's (2016) measure
- \*bias\_bw: Between state cross-sectional deviations from the yearly mean on the class bias measure which captures the difference in the probability that the richest individuals in a state will turn out to vote relative to the probability of the poorest individuals in a state voting; Franko, Kelly, and Witko's (2016) measure
- \*gini\_wi: Within-state longitudinal deviations from the state mean on the state's Gini coefficient in a given year
- \*gini\_bw: Between state cross-sectional deviations from the yearly mean on the state's Gini coefficient in a given year
- \*gsp\_ad\_wi: Within-state longitudinal deviations from the state mean of gross state product (GSP) adjusted for inflation
- \*gsp\_ad\_bw: Between state cross-sectional deviations from the yearly mean of gross state product (GSP) adjusted for inflation
- \*new\_gsp\_wi: Within-state longitudinal deviations from the state mean on the scaled version of inflation-adjusted GSP to make coefficients more interpretable ( $\text{gsp\_ad}/1000000000000$ )
- \*new\_gsp\_bw: Between state cross-sectional deviations from the yearly mean on the scaled version of inflation-adjusted GSP to make coefficients more interpretable ( $\text{gsp\_ad}/1000000000000$ )
- \*unemploy\_wi: Within-state longitudinal deviations from the state mean on the unemployment rate percentage
- \*unemploy\_bw: Between state cross-sectional deviations from the yearly mean on the unemployment rate percentage
- \*lpop\_wi: Within-state longitudinal deviations from the state mean on the logarithm of state population
- \*lpop\_bw: Between state cross-sectional deviations from the yearly mean on the logarithm of state population
- \*pop65\_wi: Within-state longitudinal deviations from the state mean on the proportion of the population over age 65.
- \*pop65\_bw: Between state cross-sectional deviations from the yearly mean on the proportion of

the population over age 65.

\*nonwhite\_wi: Within-state longitudinal deviations from the state mean on the proportion of the population that is nonwhite.

\*nonwhite\_bw: Between state cross-sectional deviations from the yearly mean on the proportion of the population that is nonwhite.

\*cideo\_wi: Within-state longitudinal deviations from the state mean on the citizen ideology, using updated Berry et al. (2010) measure

\*cideo\_bw: Between state cross-sectional deviations from the yearly mean on the citizen ideology, using updated Berry et al. (2010) measure

\*lideo\_wi: Within-state longitudinal deviations from the state mean on the legislator ideology, using updated Berry et al. (2010) measure

\*lideo\_bw: Between state cross-sectional deviations from the yearly mean on the legislator ideology, using updated Berry et al. (2010) measure

\*gparty\_wi: Within-state longitudinal deviations from the state mean on the party of the governor. 1 = Democrat, 0 = Republican, .5 = non-major party governor.

\*gparty\_bw: Between state cross-sectional deviations from the yearly mean on the party of the governor. 1 = Democrat, 0 = Republican, .5 = non-major party governor.

\*control\_wi: Within-state longitudinal deviations from the state mean on the additive scale of Democratic power in the legislature. (1= Democrats Control Both Chambers; 0= Democrats Control Neither Chamber; .5= Democrats Control One Chamber, .25= Democrats Split Control of One Chamber, .75= Democrats Control One Chamber and Split Control of the Other)

\*control\_bw: Between state cross-sectional deviations from the yearly mean on the additive scale of Democratic power in the legislature. (1= Democrats Control Both Chambers; 0= Democrats Control Neither Chamber; .5= Democrats Control One Chamber, .25= Democrats Split Control of One Chamber, .75= Democrats Control One Chamber and Split Control of the Other)

\*div\_wi: Within-state longitudinal deviations from the state mean on the dummy: 1 = all three institutions of state government (i.e., the two chambers of the legislature and the governor's office) are not controlled by the same party, 0 = unified Democratic or Republican control of both the legislature and governor's office

\*div\_bw: Between state cross-sectional deviations from the yearly mean on the dummy: 1 = all three institutions of state government (i.e., the two chambers of the legislature and the governor's office) are not controlled by the same party, 0 = unified Democratic or Republican control of both the legislature and governor's office

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