**Questions We Can Answer**

1. What is the current balance of power with respect to princelings, *tuanpai*, and unaffiliated representatives on the Politburo Standing Committee?
   1. Are there any characteristics that can be associated with one faction over the other?
2. What percentage of CCP leadership in various committees has study abroad experience?
   1. What positions does study abroad experience lead to?
3. What are the educational levels of different bodies?
   1. Are there ceilings forming?
4. Based on age, who is, and is not, eligible for a high-level leadership position?
5. Based on pace of rise, can we identify who is on track for higher leadership?
6. What provincial governors or municipal leadership positions are stepping-stones to higher CCP positions?
   1. Are there locations that can be seen as “the end of the road” for a political career?
7. If an individual is pegged for high leadership, can we project the future positions he may assume along this path. (Ex. If an individual is from the city, he will likely be sent to a rural area to gain experience).
8. Ethnicity: Who are the most powerful CCP minority representatives?
   * 1. What forms do their careers take? Where does their power come from?
     2. Where do they hold positions (over their own ethnic group, or in different areas)?
9. Date of birth allows us to normalize career information and SOE patters.
10. What cities/provinces produce the most leaders?
11. Do the nine locations represented in the PSC benefit in economic terms?
12. Do women identify with one faction over another?
    * 1. If more women are born into princeling status, do their political ideologies line up with princeling or *tuanpai* factions?
      2. What patron-client relationships are common for women?
      3. Do women typically come to power together?
      4. Through what channels do women rise?
13. Time in a post: Do some leaders retain governor and mayoral positions for extended periods?
14. To what industries do princelings have connections?
15. What industries are the focus of most foreign political appearances?
16. What industries yield the most political heavyweights?
    * 1. Are there strong patron-client relationships formed between certain industries and party figures?

**Questions We Want to Answer**

1. We’d like to be able to show the relationships between government agencies and the private sector industries that they have authority over. Which private sector industries fall within the purview of government agencies? There are specific corrupt bargains that we’d like to examine here such as the PSC member who is in charge of the agency that grants telecomm permits whose daughter is the CEO of a major Chinese Telecom company. There is another example in Real Estate.
   1. Currently, we lack the labels on Government Agencies. We might be able to inform this by the names of the positions as well as the Appearance Data that we’ve collected.
2. We’d like to see if there are any differences in the economic growth rates of the cities/provinces that are represented in the PSC as the birthplace or leadership experience of the members.
3. We’d like to be able to map industries up with economic growth to see if there are any ties here..
   1. For both 2 & 3, we’ll need economic data on growth within different Chinese Provinces
4. We’d like to have a way to distinguish between the types of leadership positions that a leader might hold within the state or party. For example, a position in the Propaganda Department, is going to imbue an individual with both different experiences than he will have as a transportation secretary. We’d like to examine these differences to see how they relate to that individual’s career trajectory and ultimate level of power achieved. It would also be useful to see which types of leaders (*tuanpai*, princelings, men, women, minorities, old, young, costal, inland, etc.) tend to hold certain positions.
   1. This will involve developing a list of types of leadership experience as well as tagging each posting with a label.
5. We’d really like to be able to flag unique career data such as “JAIL TIME”. This, we believe, would help discover where different leaders may have had a formative career experience.
   1. We’ll need the ability to flag these experiences
   2. It will also be interesting to see what different leadership experiences, revolutionary experiences, etc. leaders are gaining their legitimacy from.
6. We’d like to know which families control which industries
   1. We can barely do this now, but with more princeling info this will be possible.
7. We’d really like to be able to see and identify connections that are adversarial and connections that connote a positive relationship. This will be especially helpful when we try to show the Bo Xilai example.
8. We’d like to be able to overlay events and Chinese contextual information on the data that we do have so as to highlight the different leaders who were in positions of power during important events. This will help us understand more about them as we can see if they handled the situation successfully and then rose in the CCP ranks, it could have been a formative experience whereas if they handled the situation poorly and were still able to survive the ordeal, it will connote a strong patron-client tie that we should be aware of.