Introduction

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- 2 Some advocates argue that punitive school discipline prevents students from adequate education
- 3 and increases the risk of being ended up in prison. Down with Punitive Discipline (DPD) is a
- 4 program that offers training to school principals on conflict de-escalation and promoting
- 5 restorative justice. This study aimed to answer whether the DPD program had an impact on
- 6 students' suspensions.

Methods

- 8 This study is a longitudinal panel analysis (2009-2017) that examines within-district changes in
- 9 average student suspensions after implementing the DPD program. The sample includes 22
- 10 administrative districts of the NYC public school system. The data were sourced from the NYC
- 11 Board of Education, containing annual district-level totals of student suspensions from 2009 to
- 12 2017. The outcome measure is the probability of suspensions, while the treatment measure is
- whether the DPD program was in place in a given district and year between 2009-2017. This
- 14 study first presents descriptive statistics to show the overall and yearly differences between
- districts that have adopted a DPD and those that have not, using one-way ANOVA tests and
- exploring their time trends. Then, Model 1, a simple bivariate regression analysis is used to
- provide an overview. Furthermore, this study applies Model 2, a district fixed-effect regression
- analysis, and Model 3, a district and time fixed-effect regression analysis, to estimate the DPD
- 19 program's impact to reduce bias. All analyses were conducted in STATA version 17, using
- 20 robust adjustment, and statistical significance is reported at the $\alpha = 0.05$ level.

Result

- 22 Descriptive Summary Table 1 provides a descriptive summary of the overall and yearly average
- 23 number of suspensions from 2009 to 2017. For the 10 districts that have ever taken the DPD

project, the average number of suspensions is 1976.69, 261.14 less than the average suspensions for the 12 districts that have never taken the DPD project, but the difference is not statistically significant. The gap may be associated with the schools that attend this program these groups have different profiles. Schools that took the DPD program, may be more exposed to this project because of higher income levels. These schools often have fewer students suspended compared to lower-income schools in the less informed district with students of color. Table 1 and Figure 1 display decreasing mean suspension trends over time across two groups of districts, indicating the possibility of a trend that affected both groups, even without the DPD program. Model 1 in Table 2 showed that on average DPD program implantation was associated with a 46.8% decrease in the likelihood of suspensions, and it is statistically significant. However, this coefficient contains omitted variable bias. Model 2 in Table 2 showed that, DPD program implantation was associated with a 75.8% decrease in the likelihood of suspensions on average with statistical significance, representing the Model 1 estimate is biased downward. Thus, after absorbing some time-invariant omitted variables via the fixed effect, the coefficient approached its true value. The direction of the coefficient of omitted variables and attending the DPD program and the coefficient of omitted variables with the likelihood of suspension should be the same. Lower-income districts are more prone to instability and student suspensions, but they are also more likely to join the DPD program. Model 3 in Table 2 showed that, after controlling for the time-fixed effects, the coefficient of the DPD on suspension was reduced to only a 10.4% decrease in the likelihood on average, and the coefficient is no longer statistically significant. Thus, in Model 2, the coefficient of DPD is upward biased. Meanwhile, the years from 2013 to 2017's coefficients are all negative and statistically significant. The time-fixed effect is negatively associated with suspension but positively associated with DPD, capturing variables

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that are constant across districts but change over time. For example, the NYC government may have implemented a law, which prevented all districts from over-suspending students; or a city-wide wave may have aroused the consciousness of all districts to limit student suspension. This corresponds to Figure 1's time trend as well.

Conclusions

This study shows, there's not enough evidence to conclude that the DPD program itself had an impact on students' likelihood of getting suspended. Rather, there was likely some time-related event that happened to all NYC districts across the time that decreased the average student suspension rates, although such effects may vary in different districts.

Limitations

First, given NYC only contains 22 administrative districts, there is not sufficient variation in the value of districts that had the experience of not participating in DPD and participating in DPD between 2009 and 2017. Among all the 22 districts, only 10 districts had their program status "switched" to have strong statistical power, threatening the conclusion's validity. Second, omitted time-varying fixed effects within a district and district-varying time effects within a period might have biased the estimates of the analysis and threatened the internal validity. For instance, as principals in a district gain experience, they become more adept at managing misbehaving students, leading to lower suspension rates and a greater likelihood of joining the DPD program. Third, the impacts are estimated from districts that once joined the DPD program, but those are likely to be self-selected, so the estimate may not be typical of similar programs elsewhere or happened in a different time period. Fourth, the suspension rates may not be the best measure to capture the DPD program's effect, because suspension rates are affected by many pathways other than the principle's conflict de-escalation skills.

70 Table 1

TABLE 1 - Descriptive Statistics for Administrative District Panel Data:					
	New York City, 2009-2017				
Variable	Variable Districts that ever took Districts that never took DPD project took DPD project $(n=10)$ Mean(SD) $(n=12)$ Mean(SD)				
Numbers of Suspensions (2009 to 2017)	of Suspensions 1976.69(2176.47) 2237.83(905.27)		0.36		
Numbers of Suspensions (2009 to 2012)	2771.85(1485.6047)	3066.10(2933.43)	0.57		
Yearly Numbers of Suspensions					
2009	2975.2 (1210.83)	3234.33(2848.15)	0.79		
2010	2186.2 (963.05)	2383 (2354.30)	0.81		
2011	3474.1 (1966.95)	3809.08 (3572.11)	0.79		
2012	2451.9 (1487.47)	2838 (3025.45)	0.72		
2013	1694.5 (719.20)	1827.67 (1924.31)	0.84		
2014	1581.5 (762.66)	1798.83 (1781.26)	0.72		
2015	1442.3 (616.71)	1813.67 (1682.20)	0.52		
2016	1140.1 (690.78)	1414.17 (1429.89)	0.59		
2017	844.4 (496.277)	1021.75 (1168.45)	0.66		
* p < .05 fo	r an ANOVA test of no di	fference between mean suspe	nsion		

80 Figure 1

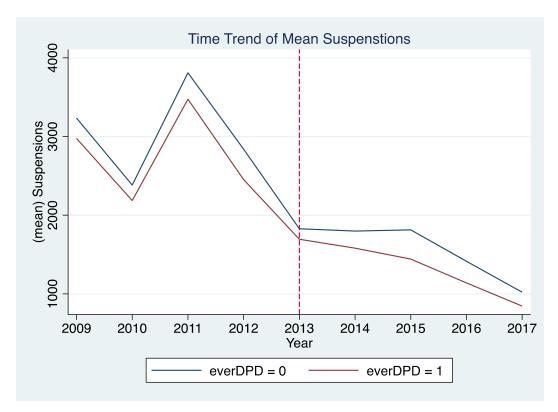


Table 2

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	DPD on Sus	DPD on Sus	DPD on Sus
VARIABLES	Simple Bivariable Regression	FE Regression Implict	Implict
DPD	-0.468***	-0.758***	-0.104
	(0.106)	(0.0506)	(0.0717)
2010.Year			-0.322***
			(0.0472)
2011.Year			0.136**
			(0.0571)
2012.Year			-0.219**
			(0.0847)
2013.Year			-0.589***
			(0.0949)
2014.Year			-0.592***
			(0.0894)
2015.Year			-0.622***
			(0.0772)
2016.Year			-0.889***
			(0.0832)
2017.Year	5		-1.228***
			(0.0955)
Constant	7.488***	7.552***	7.888***
	(0.0575)	(0.0113)	(0.0592)
Observations	198	198	198
R-squared	0.075	0.301	0.842
Number of District	1 10000000000	22	22
District FE		YES	YES
Year FE			YES
	Robust standard errors in pa	rentheses	
	*** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, *	p<0.1	

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2 . * Generate Treatment variable DPD

 $3 \cdot gen DPD = 0$

4 . replace DPD = 1 if (inlist(District, 1,5,6,7) & Year>=2013) | (inlist(District, 8,9,14,17,20,21) & Year>=2 > 014)

(44 real changes made)

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6 . gen everDPD=1 if (inlist(District,1,5,6,7,8,9,14,17,20,21))
 (108 missing values generated)

7 . replace everDPD=0 if (inlist(District,2,3,4,10,11,12,13,15,16,18,19,22))
 (108 real changes made)

8 . save "Suspensions 2009 to 2017_panel.dta",replace
file Suspensions 2009 to 2017_panel.dta saved

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10 . oneway Suspensions everDPD, tabulate

	Summary of	f Annual suspe	nsions
everDPD	Mean	Std. dev.	Freq.
0	2237.8333	2395.5053	108
1	1976.6889	1324.8823	90
Total	2119.1313	1981.6216	198

Analysis of variance

Source	SS	df	MS	F	Prob > F
Between groups Within groups	3347824.3 770236570	1 196	3347824.3 3929778.42	0.85	0.3571
Total	773584395	197	3926824.34		

Bartlett's equal-variances test: chi2(1) = 31.0573 Prob>chi2 = 0.000

11 . oneway Suspensions everDPD if (inlist(Year, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012)), tabulate

	everDPD	Summary of Mean	f Annual susper	nsions Freq.
-	0	3066.1042 2771.85	2933.4317 1485.6047	48 40
	Total	2932.3523	2379.0247	88

Analysis of variance

Source	SS	df	MS	F	Prob > F
Between groups Within groups	1889138.5 490509838	1 86	1889138.5 5703602.76	0.33	0.5664
Total	492398976	87	5659758.35		

Bartlett's equal-variances test: chi2(1) = 17.4943 Prob>chi2 = 0.000

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13 . oneway Suspensions everDPD if Year==2013, tabulate

	Summary of Annual suspensions			
everDPD	Mean	Std. dev.	Freq.	
0 1	1827.6667 1694.5	1924.3062 719.20268	12 10	
Total	1767.1364	1471.7093	22	

Analysis	of	variance	
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Total	45484496.6	21	2165928.41		
Between groups Within groups	96727.4242 45387769.2	20	96727.4242 2269388.46	0.04	0.8385
Source	SS	df	MS	F	Prob > F

Bartlett's equal-variances test: chi2(1) = 7.5407 Prob>chi2 = 0.006

14 . oneway Suspensions everDPD if Year==2014, tabulate

	everDPD	Summary of Mean	Summary of Annual suspens Mean Std. dev.			
-	0	1798.8333 1581.5	1781.2555 762.66146	12 10		
	Total	1700.0455	1386.9132	22		

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Source	SS	df	MS	F	Prob > F
Between groups Within groups	257638.788 40136456.2	1 20	257638.788 2006822.81	0.13	0.7239
Total	40394095	21	1923528.33		

Bartlett's equal-variances test: chi2(1) = 5.8125 Prob>chi2 = 0.016

15 . oneway Suspensions everDPD if Year==2015, tabulate

	Summary of	f Annual susper	nsions
everDPD	Mean	Std. dev.	Freq.
0	1813.6667 1442.3	1682.1975 616.71406	12 10
Total	1644.8636	1296.5697	22

Analysis of variance

Source	SS	df	MS	F	Prob > F
Between groups Within groups	752253.824 34550698.8	1 20	752253.824 1727534.94	0.44	0.5169
Total	35302952.6	21	1681092.98		

Bartlett's equal-variances test: chi2(1) = 7.7969 Prob>chi2 = 0.005

16 . oneway Suspensions everDPD if Year==2016, tabulate

everDPD	Summary of	f Annual susp	ensions
	Mean	Std. dev.	Freq.
0	1414.1667	1429.8881	12
	1140.1	690.78465	10
Total	1289.5909	1137.9751	22

Analysis of variance

Source	SS	df	MS	F	Prob > F	
Between groups Within groups	409704.752 26785030.6	1 20	409704.752 1339251.53	0.31	0.5863	
Total	27194735.3	21	1294987.4			

Bartlett's equal-variances test: chi2(1) = 4.4103 Prob>chi2 = 0.036

17 . oneway Suspensions everDPD if Year==2017, tabulate

everDPD	Summary o	f Annual suspe	nsions
	Mean	Std. dev.	Freq.
0 1	1021.75	1168.4515	12
	844.4	496.27707	10
Total	941.13636	910.42242	22

Analysis of variance

Source	SS	df	MS	F	Prob > F
Between groups Within groups	171561.941 17234686.6	1 20	171561.941 861734.332	0.20	0.6603
Total	17406248.6	21	828868.981		

Bartlett's equal-variances test: chi2(1) = 5.9106 Prob>chi2 = 0.015

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- 21 . use "Suspensions 2009 to 2017.dta",clear
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- 23 . gen everDPD=1 if (inlist(District,1,5,6,7,8,9,14,17,20,21))
 (108 missing values generated)
- 24 . replace everDPD=0 if (inlist(District,2,3,4,10,11,12,13,15,16,18,19,22))
 (108 real changes made)
- 25 .
- 26 . collapse (mean)meanSuS=Suspensions, by(District everDPD)
- 27 . sort District everDPD
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- 29 . * Difference between evertreated==0 and evertreated==1
- 30 . ** Notes: Suspensions(Continuous), Treatment(Nominal)
- 31 . oneway meanSuS everDPD,tabulate

everDPD	Summary of	f (mean) Suspo	ensions
	Mean	Std. dev.	Freq.
0	2237.8333	2176.4671	12
	1976.6889	905.27396	10
Total	2119.1313	1688.2615	22

Analysis of variance

Total	59854767.2	21	2850227.01		
Between groups Within groups	371980.571 59482786.6	1 20	371980.571 2974139.33	0.13	0.7273
Source	SS	df	MS	F	Prob > F

Bartlett's equal-variances test: chi2(1) = 6.1684 Prob>chi2 = 0.013

32 . save "descriptive_everDPD_general.dta", replace
 file descriptive_everDPD_general.dta saved

- 34 . use "Suspensions 2009 to 2017.dta",clear
- 35 . gen everDPD=1 if (inlist(District,1,5,6,7,8,9,14,17,20,21))
 (108 missing values generated)
- 36 . replace everDPD=0 if (inlist(District,2,3,4,10,11,12,13,15,16,18,19,22))
 (108 real changes made)
- 37 . collapse (mean)meanSuS=Suspensions, by(Year everDPD)
- 38 . sort Year everDPD
- 39 .
- 40 . xtset everDPD Year

Panel variable: everDPD (strongly balanced)

Time variable: Year, 2009 to 2017

Delta: 1 unit

42 . graph export group.png,replace

- 41 . xtline meanSuS, overlay title("Time Trend of Mean Suspenstions", size(meansmall)) xlabel(#9) xline(2013,lp > attern(-))
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- 43 . save "meanSuS_time_trend.dta",replace file meanSuS_time_trend.dta saved

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- 46 . use "Suspensions 2009 to 2017_panel.dta"
- 47 . * 2: Simple Bivariate Regression
- 48 . gen lnsus=ln(Suspensions)
- 49 . reg lnsus DPD, robust

Linear regression	Number of obs	=	198
	F(1, 196)	=	19.37
	Prob > F	=	0.0000
	R-squared	=	0.0746
	Root MSE	=	.6891

lnsus	Coefficient	Robust std. err.	t	P> t	[95% conf.	interval]
DPD _cons	4680992 7.487745		-4.40 130.12	0.000	6778467 7.374258	2583517 7.601232

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- 52 . * 3: District Fixed Effects
- 53 . xtset District

Panel variable: District (balanced)

54 . xtreg lnsus DPD, fe robust

Fixed-effects (within) regression	Number of obs	=	198
Group variable: District	Number of groups	=	22
R-squared:	Obs per group:		
Within = 0.3008	min	n =	9
Between = 0.0010	avo	g =	9.0
Overall = 0.0746	max	ĸ =	9
	F(1,21)	=	223.99
$corr(u_i, Xb) = -0.2081$	Prob > F	=	0.0000

(Std. err. adjusted for 22 clusters in District)

lnsus	Coefficient	Robust std. err.	t	P> t	[95% conf.	interval]
DPD _cons	7577571 7.552113	.0506311	-14.97 671.22	0.000 0.000	8630503 7.528715	6524639 7.575512
sigma_u sigma_e rho	.59217916 .4117293 .67412161	3				

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Root MSE

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57 . reg lnsus DPD i.District, robust

Linear regression Number of obs = 198 F(22, 175) = 30.93 Prob > F = 0.0000 R-squared = 0.7050

lnsus	Coefficient	Robust std. err.	t	P> t	[95% conf.	interval]
DPD	7577571	.0674117	-11.24	0.000	8908018	6247125
District						
2	5566188	.2015494	-2.76	0.006	9543992	1588384
3	7420757	.1516761	-4.89	0.000	-1.041425	4427259
4	9043118	.2242851	-4.03	0.000	-1.346964	4616599
5	.0226251	.162013	0.14	0.889	2971259	.342376
6	.5547063	.1259204	4.41	0.000	.3061882	.8032245
7	.7501247	.1284637	5.84	0.000	.4965872	1.003662
8	1315095	.1593781	-0.83	0.410	4460601	.1830412
9	.2809297	.1542225	1.82	0.070	0234457	.5853052
10	1.282264	.1642808	7.81	0.000	.9580372	1.60649
11	4934533	.2413805	-2.04	0.042	9698449	0170617
12	3979248	.1567453	-2.54	0.012	7072793	0885703
13	-1.196147	.2041537	-5.86	0.000	-1.599067	7932263
14	9468674	.1118741	-8.46	0.000	-1.167663	7260713
15	5986276	.1786447	-3.35	0.001	951203	2460523
16	.072778	.2098975	0.35	0.729	3414784	.4870344
17	5296157	.1326298	-3.99	0.000	7913755	2678558
18	4058699	.1782205	-2.28	0.024	757608	0541317
19	2697697	.207447	-1.30	0.195	6791896	.1396502
20	4353226	.1265453	-3.44	0.001	6850741	1855712
21	.3736307	.1279651	2.92	0.004	.1210771	.6261843
22	1441826	.1522799	-0.95	0.345	4447242	.156359
_cons	7.752806	.103753	74.72	0.000	7.548038	7.957574

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60 . * 4: District Fixed Effects with Time Effects

61 . xtset District Year

Panel variable: **District** (strongly balanced)

Time variable: Year, 2009 to 2017

Delta: 1 unit

62 . xtreg lnsus DPD i.Year, fe robust

Fixed-effects (within) regression	Number of obs	=	198
Group variable: District	Number of groups	=	22
_ ,	0.1		
R-squared:	Obs per group:		
Within = 0.8416	mi	n =	9
Between = 0.0010	av	g =	9.0
Overall = 0.3520	ma	x =	9
	F(9,21)	=	76.23
$corr(u_i, Xb) = -0.0047$	Prob > F	=	0.0000

(Std. err. adjusted for 22 clusters in District)

lnsus	Coefficient	Robust std. err.	t	P> t	[95% conf.	interval]
DPD	1043419	.0716725	-1.46	0.160	2533929	.0447092
Year						
2010	3216898	.0472347	-6.81	0.000	4199198	2234599
2011	.1355344	.0570698	2.37	0.027	.0168514	.2542174
2012	2193401	.0846747	-2.59	0.017	3954307	0432494
2013	588756	.0948503	-6.21	0.000	786008	391504
2014	5920856	.0894045	-6.62	0.000	7780124	4061588
2015	6215099	.0771704	-8.05	0.000	7819945	4610253
2016	8892434	.0831913	-10.69	0.000	-1.062249	7162376
2017	-1.228354	.0955371	-12.86	0.000	-1.427035	-1.029674
_cons	7.887515	.0592131	133.21	0.000	7.764375	8.010655
sigma u	.5560963					
sigma e	.20061645					
rho	.8848409	(fraction of variance due to u_i)				

63 . outreg2 using Assignment4Table2,excel ctitle(DPD on Sus,Implict) addtext(District FE,YES,Year FE,YES) appe > nd

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65 . reg lnsus DPD i.District i.Year,robust

Linear regression

Number of obs = 198 F(30, 167) = 187.58 Prob > F = 0.0000 R-squared = 0.9332 Root MSE = .20062

		Robust				
lnsus	Coefficient	std. err.	t	P> t	[95% conf.	interval]
DPD	1043419	.056548	-1.85	0.067	2159831	.0072993
District						
2	1936103	.0936307	-2.07	0.040	3784626	0087581
3	3790672	.0941848	-4.02	0.000	5650136	1931208
4	5413033	.1024285	-5.28	0.000	7435249	3390817
5	.0226251	.1154935	0.20	0.845	2053903	.2506405
6	.5547063	.1203764	4.61	0.000	.3170507	.7923619
7	.7501247	.0957492	7.83	0.000	.5610899	.9391596
8	0589078	.1039464	-0.57	0.572	2641261	.1463106
9	.3535314	.0934255	3.78	0.000	.1690842	.5379786
10	1.645272	.0834754	19.71	0.000	1.480469	1.810075
11	1304448	.1449289	-0.90	0.369	4165738	.1556841
12	0349163	.1150599	-0.30	0.762	2620759	.1922432
13	8331382	.0952604	-8.75	0.000	-1.021208	6450683
14	8742657	.0981174	-8.91	0.000	-1.067976	6805553
15	2356192	.0972449	-2.42	0.016	4276069	0436314
16	.4357865	.102916	4.23	0.000	.2326024	.6389705
17	457014	.0765211	-5.97	0.000	6080874	3059405
18	0428614	.0841256	-0.51	0.611	2089481	.1232252
19	.0932387	.1072557	0.87	0.386	118513	.3049904
20	362721	.0762491	-4.76	0.000	5132573	2121846
21	.4462324	.0818236	5.45	0.000	.2846905	.6077743
22	.2188259	.0970979	2.25	0.026	.0271283	.4105234
Year						
2010	3216898	.068298	-4.71	0.000	4565285	1868512
2011	.1355344	.069492	1.95	0.053	0016616	.2727304
2012	2193401	.0709195	-3.09	0.002	3593544	0793257
2013	588756	.0824548	-7.14	0.000	7515441	425968
2014	5920856	.0749409	-7.90	0.000	7400392	444132
2015	6215099	.0751917	-8.27	0.000	7699586	4730612
2016	8892434	.0710904	-12.51	0.000	-1.029595	7488916
2017	-1.228354	.0832816	-14.75	0.000	-1.392775	-1.063934
_cons	7.870403	.0983925	79.99	0.000	7.676149	8.064656

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