

Code book

Name	Description	Unit	Type
Main Outcomes			
mocion_5	Dummy variable equals to 1 when the mayor changes at least once and the party is different for regular cases. Equals to 0 otherwise		Numeric
Main explanatory variable			
nparties_seats	Number of parties in each municipality council	Number of parties	Numeric
Instruments/Running variable			
rv	Vote share distance to 5%, for the party closest to 5% in absolute value	Absolute values	Numeric
d	Dummy variable equals to 1 if the indicator $rv > 0$. Equals to 0 if the indicator $rv = 0$		Numeric
rv_d	Interaction between rv and d	Absolute values	Numeric
Controls			
log_pop	Log of population (term average)	Logarithm	Numeric

log_surface	Log of surface	Logarithm	Numeric
election_year	Year in which municipals' elections took place	Years	Numeric
seats_total	Number of seats in each municipality council	Number of seats	Numeric
Descriptive variables			
id_towns	Municipality ID: unique identifier variable		Numeric
population_average	Avarage municipal population over the 1979-2014 period	Number of inhabitants	Numeric
surface	Surface of the municipality in km ²	Kilometers square	Numeric
number_elections	Number of elections per municipality in the sample (out of a maximum of 9)	Number of elections	Numeric
nparties	Number of parties running in each municipal election	Number of parties	Numeric
nocion_5_100	Percentage of successful no-confidence votes in the municipalities	Percentage	Numeric

abs_majority	Percentage of councils with a single-party majority	Percentage	Numeric
PP_mayor	Percentage of 1st Mayor from the PP party	Percentage	Numeric
PSOE_mayor	Percentage of 1st Mayor from the PSOE party	Percentage	Numeric
IU_mayor	Percentage of 1st Mayor from the IU party	Percentage	Numeric
CIU_mayor	Percentage of 1st Mayor from the CIU party	Percentage	Numeric
Other variables			
Descrip_sample	Dummy variable equals to 1 if observation corresponds to sample data to replicate the descriptive statistic		Numeric
Mainresults_sample	Dummy variable equals to 1 if observation corresponds to sample data to replicate the main results and robustness tests		Numeric