Synthetic control ideas

1. Effect of legalized recreational cannabis use on Crime/Traffic Fatalities/Treatment for other drugs

* Crime: Uniform Crime Reports (IPCSR) from the FBI
  + ICPSR: <https://www.icpsr.umich.edu/web/pages/NACJD/index.html>
* Traffic: Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS)
* Treatment: Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS)

1. Effect of prison construction and reduced paroles on marriage and the family

* See Stephane Mechoulan’s Journal of Labor Economics article on marriage. Update it using synthetic control and Texas only (see the mixtape).
* Also consider births since you’re removing potential fathers from the community
* Crime as well

1. Effect of Stand Your Ground (2005 Florida castle doctrine reform) on homicides

* Crime using FBI data. But are there other things too that maybe we should be looking at?

1. Effect of Romneycare (Masssachuetts healthcare insurance) on outcomes

* Mortality: see it as a complement to the new QJE by Sarah Miller et al. on ACA and mortality, as well as the Oregon Medicaid Experiment.
* Labor market outcomes: job lock. Can you find evidence that it has impact on labor markets since it technically disconnects (if I understand it correctly) the healthcare choice from the labor market itself?

1. Hurricane Katrina. There’s a paper by Bruce Sacerdote, Adriana Kugler and Scott Imberman in American Economic Review from ten or so years ago where they looked at the impact that Katrina had on school outcomes in Houston. They

<https://www.aeaweb.org/articles?id=10.1257/aer.102.5.2048>

Could you look at the effect that Katrina had on Houston on outcomes you think are interesting? Maybe crime rates for instance?