

Checkpoint 11

Reading Assignment

Read “When Natural Experiments Are Neither Natural nor Experiments” by Sekhon and Titiunik. The reading is available online and is also on bCourses in the Readings folder.

All the questions in this checkpoint can be answered based on the article.

Questions

1. Describe the four natural experiments in your own words that the article analyzes.
2. In the redistricting experiment, what is the ambiguity in the way comparison groups are analyzed?
3. Building on (2), why does this ambiguity matter for understanding the treatment effect?