Capitals and Good Governance

Table 1:

	Overall Rank	Mean of Subscores	Fiscal Stability
	Dependent variable:		
	(1)	(2)	(3)
capital_rank	−9.175	−2.856	−28.368*
	(14.416)	(7.423)	(14.177)
log(total_metro_pop)	−2.377	−2.863***	2.741
	(1.912)	(0.984)	(1.880)
Constant	68.946**	68.504***	12.469
	(26.307)	(13.545)	(25.871)
Observations	50	50	50
R^2	0.058	0.188	0.089
Adjusted R^2	0.018	0.153	0.051
Residual Std. Error (df = 47)	14.443	7.436	14.203
F Statistic (df = 2; 47)	1.459	5.436***	2.308

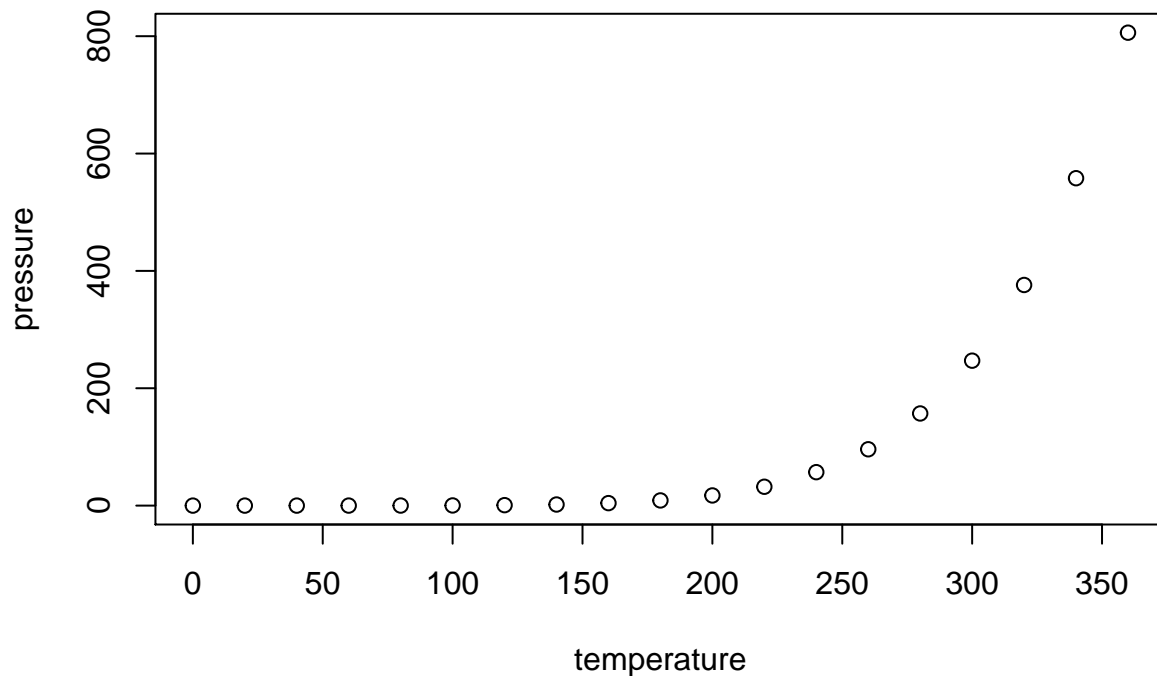*Note:* *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

Introduction

Something I've been wondering for a while is why states that are very close and very similar have such different qualities of state governmants. Namely, Minnesota and Iowa have state governments that are generally regarded as competent but Illinois's is, to put it mildly, garbage.

```
## # A tibble: 50 x 5
##    state_name  num_cities capital_rank capital_is_largest has_capital
##    <chr>            <int>        <dbl>              <int>       <int>
## 1 Alabama            461        0.998                  0           1
## 2 Alaska             148        0.986                  0           1
## 3 Arizona             91        1.000                  1           1
## 4 Arkansas           502        1.00                   1           1
## 5 California         482        0.990                  0           1
## 6 Colorado           271        1.000                  1           1
## 7 Connecticut         30        0.897                  0           1
## 8 Delaware            57        0.982                  0           1
## 9 Florida            411        0.985                  0           1
## 10 Georgia           538        1.00                   1           1
## # ... with 40 more rows
```

Including Plots

You can also embed plots, for example:

Note that the `echo = FALSE` parameter was added to the code chunk to prevent printing of the R code that generated the plot.

```
# # Tell RWordPress how to set the user name, password, and URL for your WordPress site.
# options(WordpressLogin = c(user = 'chimera24'),
#         WordpressURL = 'https://ticktocksaythehandsoftheclock.wordpress.com/xmlrpc.php')
#
# # Tell knitr to create the html code and upload it to your WordPress site
# knit2wp('writeup.Rmd', title = 'Blog Posting from R Markdown to WordPress',publish = FALSE)
```