

# Replication: Covert Assignments: Undercover Infiltration and the Repression of Protests

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# load libraries
library(here)
library(tidyverse)
library(fixest)
library(glmmTMB)
library(texreg)

utils:::print.sessionInfo(sessionInfo()[-8], locale = FALSE)

R version 4.4.1 (2024-06-14)
Platform: aarch64-apple-darwin20
Running under: macOS 15.6.1

Matrix products: default
BLAS:    /Library/Frameworks/R.framework/Versions/4.4-arm64/Resources/lib/libRblas.0.dylib
LAPACK:  /Library/Frameworks/R.framework/Versions/4.4-arm64/Resources/lib/libRlapack.dylib

attached base packages:
NULL

other attached packages:
[1] texreg_1.39.4   glmmTMB_1.1.9   fixest_0.12.1   lubridate_1.9.3
[5] forcats_1.0.0   stringr_1.5.2   dplyr_1.1.4     purrr_1.1.0
[9] readr_2.1.5     tidyr_1.3.1     tibble_3.3.0    ggplot2_4.0.0
[13] tidyverse_2.0.0 here_1.0.1

loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
[1] gtable_0.3.6      TMB_1.9.15       xfun_0.49
[4] lattice_0.22-6    tzdb_0.4.0       numDeriv_2016.8-1.1
[7] vctrs_0.6.5       tools_4.4.1      generics_0.1.4
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[10] sandwich_3.1-1      pkgconfig_2.0.3      Matrix_1.7-0
[13] RColorBrewer_1.1-3 S7_0.2.0          stringmagic_1.1.2
[16] lifecycle_1.0.4     compiler_4.4.1      farver_2.1.2
[19] codetools_0.2-20   htmltools_0.5.8.1   yaml_2.3.10
[22] Formula_1.2-5     nloptr_2.1.1      pillar_1.11.1
[25] MASS_7.3-60.2     boot_1.3-30       multcomp_1.4-26
[28] nlme_3.1-164       tidyselect_1.2.1   digest_0.6.37
[31] mtnorm_1.3-3      stringi_1.8.7     splines_4.4.1
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[52] coda_0.19-4.1     evaluate_1.0.1   knitr_1.49
[55] mgcv_1.9-1         rlang_1.1.6       Rcpp_1.1.0
[58] xtable_1.8-4       glue_1.8.0        minqa_1.2.8
[61] rstudioapi_0.16.0  jsonlite_1.8.9   R6_2.6.1
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## Load data

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load(here("data","panel_dat.rda"))
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**Table 1. Effects on Undercover Policing**

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# model 1
model_vio_feols <- feols(policeUC_arrest_bin
~ cl_quart_sw + cl_quarter + policeUC_count_bin
+ policeUni_car_count_bin + pArrest_count_sw
+ violence_escalation
| CACODE,
data=panel_dat, panel.id = ~ CACODE)

# model 2
model_vio_feols.t <- feols(policeUC_arrest_bin
~ cl_quart_sw + cl_quarter + policeUC_count_bin
+ policeUni_car_count_bin + pArrest_count_sw
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+ violence_escalation
+ time +time2 + time3
| CACODE,
data=panel_dat, panel.id = ~ CACODE)

# model 3
model_vio_feols_iv <- feols(policeUC_arrest_bin
~ policeUC_count_bin + policeUni_car_count_bin
+ pArrest_count_sw + violence_escalation
| CACODE | cl_quart_sw + cl_quarter ~ weekend + day,
data=panel_dat, panel.id = ~ CACODE)

# model 4
model_vio_feols_iv.t <- feols(policeUC_arrest_bin ~ policeUC_count_bin
+ policeUni_car_count_bin + pArrest_count_sw
+ violence_escalation
+ time +time2 + time3
| CACODE | cl_quart_sw + cl_quarter ~ weekend + day ,
data=panel_dat, panel.id = ~ CACODE)

# model 5
re_vio.mod <- glmmTMB(policeUC_arrest_bin ~ cl_quart_sw + cl_quarter
+ policeUC_count_bin + policeUni_car_count_bin
+ pArrest_count_sw
+ violence_escalation
+ indoorSp_protests + legCo + (1 | CACODE), data = panel_dat, family="gauss

# model 6
re_vio.mod.t <- glmmTMB(policeUC_arrest_bin ~ cl_quart_sw + cl_quarter
+ policeUC_count_bin + policeUni_car_count_bin
+ pArrest_count_sw
+ violence_escalation
+ indoorSp_protests + legCo
+ time +time2 + time3 + (1 | CACODE), data = panel_dat, family="gauss

# main result (Table 1)-----
idvs = c("Closeness to protest zone", "Protest zone",
"Undercover Police", "Uniformed Police",
"Arrests nearby", "Protest violence",
"time", "time2", "time3",
"Predicted closeness to protest zone",

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    "Predicted protest zone",
    "Intercept",
    "Indoor spaces", "LegCo"
)

screenreg(list(model_vio_feols, model_vio_feols.t,
               model_vio_feols_iv, model_vio_feols_iv.t,
               re_vio.mod, re_vio.mod.t),
          include.variance=F, include.intercept = F,
          include.rsquared = F, include.loglik = F,
          include.aic = F, include.adjr = F,
          digits = 4,
          stars = c(0.01, 0.05, 0.10),
          custom.model.names = c(
            "OLS", "OLS",
            "2SLS", "2SLS",
            "OLS", "OLS"),
          custom.coef.names = idvs,
          custom.gof.rows =
            list(Model = c("FE", "FE", "FE", "FE", "RE", "RE"),
                 TimePoly = c("N", "Y", "N", "Y", "N", "Y")),
          omit.coef = "(time|time2|time3|(Intercept))"
)

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	OLS	OLS	2SLS	2SLS	OLS	OLS
Closeness to protest zone	-0.0640 *** (0.0130)	-0.0649 *** (0.0131)			-0.0649 *** (0.0029)	-0.0658 *** (0.0029)
Protest zone	0.0571 *** (0.0068)	0.0571 *** (0.0068)			0.0576 *** (0.0007)	0.0576 *** (0.0007)
Undercover Police	0.1818 *** (0.0115)	0.1818 *** (0.0115)	0.1378 *** (0.0183)	0.1376 *** (0.0183)	0.1824 *** (0.0007)	0.1824 *** (0.0007)
Uniformed Police	-0.0029 *** (0.0005)	-0.0029 *** (0.0005)	-0.0100 *** (0.0025)	-0.0100 *** (0.0025)	-0.0027 *** (0.0002)	-0.0027 *** (0.0002)
Arrests nearby	0.0523 *** (0.0113)	0.0525 *** (0.0113)	0.0439 *** (0.0121)	0.0441 *** (0.0120)	0.0520 *** (0.0015)	0.0522 *** (0.0015)
Protest violence	0.0128 (0.0123)	0.0129 (0.0123)	0.0038 (0.0073)	0.0038 (0.0073)	0.0124 *** (0.0012)	0.0125 *** (0.0012)
Predicted closeness to protest zone			-0.2456 *** (0.0612)	-0.2473 *** (0.0613)		
Predicted protest zone			0.3407 *** (0.0902)	0.3424 *** (0.0907)		
Indoor spaces					0.0004 ** (0.0002)	0.0004 ** (0.0002)
LegCo					0.0039 ** (0.0016)	0.0038 ** (0.0016)
Model	FE	FE	FE	FE	RE	RE
TimePoly	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y
Num. obs.	327248	327248	327248	327248	327248	327248
Num. groups: CACODE	452	452	452	452	452	452

\*\*\* p < 0.01; \*\* p < 0.05; \* p < 0.1

Compiling this file will take roughly 1 minute due to the convergence time needed for the glmmTMB package.