

Deliverable 2: Proposals due by Fri, March 12th at 11:59pm

Submitted a knitted R Markdown file with 5 sections (including output, and where applicable):

1. State research question(s)

2. Motivation

- What do you hope to learn from the proposed analysis? What are the policy implications? What policy context should we know?
- Are the (potential) mechanisms linking your policy variable(s) of interest and outcomes clear to the reader?

3. Summary statistics

- Define key variables (outcomes, policy/treatment variables) and any control variables that may be important to account for (explain why)
- Show descriptive stats to summarize the distribution of these variables (using charts and/or tables), e.g. describe variation over time and/or between relevant groups
- Make sure to describe sample variation in your policy variables of interest and outcomes.

4. Describe your empirical strategy

- Carefully describe the analysis you plan to do. Think about research design and the policy variation you'll investigate in your regressions.
- Outline key steps to prepare the data for analysis (data cleaning, recoding, merging, appending, aggregation, etc.).
- Highlight key limitations you will need to address – be specific!

5. Appendix

- Include your coding work to-date for importing, cleaning, recoding, restructuring and joining input data sources.

NOTE: use code chunks to generate summary stats, otherwise don't clutter your write-up w/code (you can include more in an Appendix).