Political Science 406: Lab 8: Differences in Differences

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Problem 1

Democracy and Education

In this analysis, I will ask you to use data from the Alvarez et al. data set on regimes and economic performance worldwide. The data are available on the Canvas site as aclppanel.csv, and a codebook can be found at `http://www.u.arizona.edu/~mishler/PrzeworskiCodebook.PDF`.

Using these data, try to determine whether dictatorship/democracy (REG) has a positive or negative causal effect on average education levels (EDT). Structure the analysis as a difference-in-differences setup, and deal with any problems that arise. Describe your findings.