

**“ISOLATED CAPITAL CITIES, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND CORRUPTION:  
EVIDENCE FROM US STATES”**

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**README FILE**

This file describes all the steps required for the replication of the empirical results contained in the paper, using Stata 12. All variables and data sources are extensively described in the Online Appendix.

**1- Data Files**

**a. CampanteDo\_MainData.dta**

This is the main file, which contains all the variables that are needed to run the main corruption regressions. The single exceptions have to do with the variables regarding corruption convictions of state and local officials – which are labeled “corruptrate2\_stateoff8611”, “stdev\_corruptrate2stateoff8611”, and “corruptrate2\_localoff8611” in the regression do-file – which constitute proprietary data. The procedure for obtaining these variables is described below (Section 3.a).

**b. CampanteDo\_Newspapers.dta**

This file contains the information from the newspaper content searches. The circulation data – labeled “circ\_daily” – is withheld, because it constitutes proprietary data. The procedure for obtaining this variable is described below (Section 3.b).

**c. CampanteDo\_ANESNespil98.dta**

This file contains the information from the 1998 ANES pilot study.

**d. CampanteDo\_Elections.dta**

This file contains the information for running the electoral turnout regressions. However, it excludes the county electoral data – variable labeled “TurnoutState” – because it constitutes proprietary data. The procedure for obtaining this variable is described below (Section 3.c).

**e. CampanteDo\_ContribCounty.dta**

This file contains the information for running the campaign contribution regressions at the county level.

**f. CampanteDo\_ContribZip.dta**

This file contains the information for running the campaign contribution regressions at the zipcode level.

**2- Do-files**

**a. CampanteDo\_Regressions.do**

This do-file generates all the tables and figures in the main text of the paper.

**b. CampanteDo\_RegressionsOA.do**

This do-file generates all the tables in the Online Appendix of the paper.

**3- Instructions for Obtaining Proprietary Data**

**a. TRACfed**

For access to the TRACfed data, it is necessary to obtain an appointment as TRAC Fellow (see <http://trac.syr.edu/fellows/>), which in turn requires that the institution to which one is affiliated is a subscriber to the TRACfed data.

**b. Alliance for Audited Media**

This is the source formerly known as the Audit of Bureau Circulations. The relevant data are in the CD-ROM “County Penetration Reports” (Spring 2010 edition), which can be purchased from AAM via affiliated organizations. For membership information, see <http://www.auditedmedia.com/join/associates/academic-associate-membership.aspx>, and for current prices see [http://www.auditedmedia.com/media/142755/2013\\_price\\_list.pdf](http://www.auditedmedia.com/media/142755/2013_price_list.pdf).

**c. Dave Leip’s Election Atlas**

Information on county-level results for gubernatorial elections can be readily purchased by any interested party at: [http://uselectionatlas.org/BOTTOM/store\\_data.php](http://uselectionatlas.org/BOTTOM/store_data.php).

**4- Instructions for Replication**

All of the files should be saved in the same folder, whose name can be written into the do-files in place of the “Folder” markers. Once this is done, it is enough to run the “**CampanteDo\_Regressions.do**” file to produce all of the tables and figures in the main text. Similarly, running the “**CampanteDo\_RegressionsOA.do**” will generate all of the additional results contained in the Online Appendix. Both do-files are meant to be self-explanatory.