# Appendix A: Baseline Covariates (from Kam and Palmer 2008)

Student Baseline Covariates

### Cognitive Ability:

Number of public affairs courses taken
Frequency of reading the newspaper about politics
Frequency of listening to the radio about politics
Frequency of reading magazines about politics
Amount of political conversation with family
Amount of political conversation with friends
Amount of political conversation with adults

#### External Efficacy:

Does government listen to your opinion
Is government crooked
Is government wasteful
Trust government to do what is right
Are representatives in government smart
Is government for everyone

#### Personality Characteristics:

Does the respondent's life go as they wish Does the respondent have good luck Does the respondent finish their plans Does the respondent typically win arguments Does the respondent have strong opinions Is the respondent's mind easily changed Does the respondent trust others Does the respondent see others as helpful Can others be trusted to be fair

### Civic Participation:

Officer in a school organization
Participation in school publications
Participation in hobby clubs
Participation in school subject clubs
Participation in occupational clubs
Participation in neighborhood clubs
Participation in religious clubs
Participation in youth service organizations
Participation in miscellaneous clubs

### Other

Strength of partisanship Youth knowledge index Respondent's plans for school next year Does the respondent have a phone at home Gender Race Student GPA

## Parent Baseline Covariates

### Cognitive Ability:

Frequency of reading the newspaper about politics Frequency of listening to the radio about politics Frequency of watching TV about politics Frequency of reading magazines about politics

### External Efficacy:

Does government listen to your opinion

Is government crooked
Is government wasteful
Trust government to do what is right
Are representatives in government smart
Is government for everyone

#### Personality Characteristics:

Does the respondent's life go as they wish Does the respondent have good luck Does the respondent finish their plans Does the respondent typically win arguments Does the respondent have strong opinions Is the respondent's mind easily changed Does the respondent trust others Does the respondent see others as helpful Can others be trusted to be fair

### Civic Participation:

Participation in church or religious organizations
Participation in fraternal organizations
Participation in professional organizations
Participation in civic organizations
Participation in civil liberties organizations
Participation in neighborhood clubs
Participation in sports clubs
Participation in informal clubs
Participation in farm groups
Participation in women's clubs
Participation in women's clubs
Participation in miscellaneous clubs

### Political Participation:

Vote in 1964 Presidential election
Attempt to persuade anyone in 1964 Presidential election
Attend any political rallies
Other political acts on behalf of candidates or parties
Member of any political clubs
Wear a button or post any campaign signs
Donate money to parties or candidates

### Other (Parent):

Strength of partisanship Parental knowledge index Employment status Level of education Household income Homeownership

### Additional Covariates Added to Our Model

Kam and Palmer did not include the additional covariates that we include in genmatch. They included the education of only one parent, while we chose to include the education level of both parents.

Did student vote in school elections Rural/Non-rural area Father's education level Mother's education level