Presentation

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SUMMARY

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MOTIVATION

RECENT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

- Spanish political system: From a bi-party system (PP and the PSOE) to a multy party system (PP, PSOE, Podemos and Ciudadanos) in less than two years.
- ► **Critical social situation:** Especially for young people (youth unemployment rates reached 48.1% in 2015).
- ▶ Increased social mobilization: The M15 movement (indigandos) and demonstrations against austerity measures mobilized people traditionally not involved with politics especially young people.

RESEARCH QUESTIONS

- ▶ Literature: turnout rate related to age, race/ethnicity, gender, socio-economic status and political/economical factors.
- ▶ Our model focus on whether youth unemployment (16 to 24 years old) has an impact on turnout in the case of Spain.
- Do higher youth unemployment rates have impact on voter turnout?

MODEL

Regional Fixed effects model

$$\textit{Turnout}_{it} = eta_0 + eta_1 \textit{Youth Unemployment Rate}_{it} + \delta_i + \epsilon_{it}$$

Regional and Time Fixed effects model

$$Turnout_{it} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Youth Unemployment Rate_{it} + \delta_i + \lambda_t + \epsilon_{it}$$

SOURCES OF DATA

METHODS OF GATHERING

DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS

RESULTS

CONCLUSIONS