Statistics II

Replication Paper

General Notes

Assignment Basics

- Graded on quality of replication, code, and extension.
- The extension should be somewhat significant: For example, using a theory-driven subset of the data, exploring a different relationship in the data, or a different modeling strategy. Be ready to justify why you chose the extension you did.
- Since this is a coding assignment, it is important that graphs and tables look nice. There are lots of resources for this.

Stargazer: https://www.jakeruss.com/cheatsheets/stargazer/

Kable: https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/kableExtra/vignettes/awesome_table_in_html.html

Hints

- There is a good chance a paper could look like the "easiest" at first glance, and actually be kind of tricky. Ideally, pick the one where the topic keeps your interest.
- The original analyses were done with Stata. So, while the direction and general magnitude of your estimates should be the same, your **exact estimates will probably be slightly different.**
- Make sure to look at the .do file and other replication resources (i.e. Appendix) the authors make available. Even if you don't know Stata, you might learn something useful.

Lab Support

- This week we will briefly go over each of the papers and the general tasks.
- Next week there will be one meeting for each paper to go over how to approach the tasks in detail.
- For the remainder of the semester, we are available to support you via email if you get really stuck. But of course, make sure to check <u>stackoverflow</u> and other resources to try to solve it on your own first!