**Codebook: Countering capture in local politics: evidence from eight field experiments**

* **vf\_clean.RDS**
* Description: Anonymized voter file containing only randomly ordered IDs and covariates. Note that this a large file with 5,687,174 observations.
* *random\_id*: anonymous id assigned to individuals in the voter file.
* *gender*: gender of treated individual (1 = female, 0 = male).
* *english*: binary indicator of whether an individual speaks English (1 = speaks English)
* *age*: age of individual*.*
* *yearbuilt*: year individual’s home was built (note: merged onto voter file by address using LA city planning data).
* *units*: number of housing units in an individual’s building (note: merged onto voter file by address using LA city planning data).
* *lowrise*: whether individual lives in a low-rise building(note: merged onto voter file by address using LA city planning data).
* *mid\_highrise*: whether individual lives in a mid-rise building(note: merged onto voter file by address using LA city planning data).
* *dem*: whether an individual is a registered Democrat*.*
* *rep*: whether an individual is a registered Republican*.*
* *npp*: whether an individual is an independent.
* *vote\_2020\_general*: whether an individual voted in the 2020 general election*.*
* *vote\_2017\_municipal*: whether an individual voted in 2017 municipal elections *.*
* *vote\_2016\_general*: whether an individual voted in the 2016 general election*.*
* *years\_registered*: number of years an individual has been registered to vote at their current address.
* *likely\_renter*: whether an individual is a likely renter based on matching their address with LA city planning data.
* *email*: binary indicator of whether an individual has an email address listed in the voter file (1 = yes, 0 = no).
* ca\_*native*: whether an individual is a California native
* *phone*: binary indicator of whether an individual has a phone number listed in the voter file (1 = yes, 0 = no).
* **random\_assignment.Rdata**
* Description: Anonymized random assignment data containing only random IDs, city, and treatment assignment
* *random\_id*: anonymous id assigned to individuals in the voter file.
* *treatment*: individual’s treatment group*.*
* *city*: city in which an individual lives*.*
* *treated:* binary indicator of whether an individual is in one of the three treatment groups or the placebo group (1 = treatment, 0 = placebo).
* **comments.csv**
* Description: Main outcome data file including treatment group and comment status.
* *random\_id*: anonymous id assigned to individuals in the voter file.
* *treatment*: individual’s treatment group*.*
* *city*: city in which an individual lives*.*
* *address*: treated individual’s address(note: anonymized for privacy).
* *treated*: binary indicator of whether an individual is in one of the three treatment groups or the placebo group (1 = treatment, 0 = placebo).
* *opened*: binary indicator of compliance status (1 = complier).
* *clicked*: binary indicator of whether individual clicked a link within the email (1 = clicked)*.*
* *unsub*: binary indicator of whether an individual requested to unsubscribe*.*
* *filename*: indicator for email list filename*.*
* *gender*: gender of treated individual (1 = female, 0 = male).
* *english*: binary indicator of whether an individual speaks English (1 = speaks English)
* *age*: age of individual*.*
* *yearbuilt*: year individual’s home was built.
* *units*: number of housing units in an individual’s building.
* *lowrise*: whether individual lives in a low-rise building*.*
* *mid\_highrise*: whether individual lives in a mid-rise building*.*
* *dem*: whether an individual is a registered Democrat*.*
* *rep*: whether an individual is a registered Republican*.*
* *npp*: whether an individual is an independent.
* *vote\_2020\_general*: whether an individual voted in the 2020 general election*.*
* *vote\_2017\_municipal*: whether an individual voted in 2017 municipal elections *.*
* *vote\_2016\_general*: whether an individual voted in the 2016 general election*.*
* *spoken\_comment*: binary indicator of whether an individual submitted a spoken comment (1 = yes, 0 = no)*.*
* *written\_comment*: binary indicator of whether an individual submitted a written comment (1 = yes, 0 = no)*.*
* *custom\_comment*: binary indicator of whether an individual submitted a custom comment (1 = yes, 0 = no)*.*
* *pro\_comment*: binary indicator of whether an individual submitted a pro-housing comment (1 = yes, 0 = no)*.*
* *anti\_comment*: binary indicator of whether an individual submitted an anti-housing comment (1 = yes, 0 = no)*.*
* *comment*: binary indicator of whether an individual submit any comment (1 = yes, 0 = no)*.*
* **pilot\_outcomes.csv**
* Description: Outcomes from pilot studies displayed in meta-analysis. Note that variables after the three treatment indicators are identical to those in “comments.csv”.
* *treatment*: individual’s treatment status (including minor language adjustments included in the pilot studies)*.*
* *treatment2*: individual’s treatment status (not including minor language adjustments included in the pilot studies)*.*
* *treatment3*: binary indicator of treatment or placebo status.
* *city*: city in which an individual lives*.*
* *address*: treated individual’s address(note: anonymized for privacy).
* *opened*: binary indicator of compliance status (1 = complier).
* *clicked*: binary indicator of whether individual clicked a link within the email (1 = clicked)*.*
* *unsub*: binary indicator of whether an individual requested to unsubscribe*.*
* *filename*: indicator for email list filename*.*
* *gender*: gender of treated individual (1 = female, 0 = male).
* *english*: binary indicator of whether an individual speaks English (1 = speaks English)
* *age*: age of individual*.*
* *yearbuilt*: year individual’s home was built.
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* *written\_comment*: binary indicator of whether an individual submitted a written comment (1 = yes, 0 = no)*.*
* *custom\_comment*: binary indicator of whether an individual submitted a custom comment (1 = yes, 0 = no)*.*
* *pro\_comment*: binary indicator of whether an individual submitted a pro-housing comment (1 = yes, 0 = no)*.*
* *anti\_comment*: binary indicator of whether an individual submitted an anti-housing comment (1 = yes, 0 = no)*.*
* *comment*: binary indicator of whether an individual submit any comment (1 = yes, 0 = no)*.*
* **comments\_tally.csv**
* Description: Data used to create Table 1.
* *Meeting:* Name of city and date of council meeting
* *Total comments (incl. treatment induced):* Total number of public comments submitted in the council meeting, including those that were made by individuals assigned to a treatment group.
* *Treatment anti-housing comments:* Total number of public comments submitted in the council meeting that were anti-housing and were made by individuals assigned to a treatment group.
* *Pro-housing comments (not incl. treatment induced):* Total number of public comments submitted in the council meeting that were pro-housing, *not* including those that were made by individuals assigned to a treatment group.
* *Pro-housing comments (incl. treatment-induced):* Total number of public comments submitted in the council meeting that were pro-housing, including those that were made by individuals assigned to a treatment group.
* *Anti-housing comments (incl. treatment-induced):* Total number of public comments submitted in the council meeting that were anti-housing,including those that were made by individuals assigned to a treatment group.
* **housing\_net\_worth.xlsx**
* Description: Data used to create Figure A1. Data is at the income percentile-age level.
* Source: Glaeser, Edward and Joseph Gyourko. 2018. “The economic implications of housing supply.” *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 32(1):3–30.
* *percentile:* income percentile
* *age:* age group
* *net\_worth\_1983:* Housing net worth in 1983
* *net\_worth\_2013:* Housing net worth in 2013
* *percent\_change:* Percentage change in housing net worth between 1983 and 2013.