* Question
  + Are Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC’s) allocated according to partisan calculus? In particular, is a given project chosen because of the political power of its proposed location?
  + Alternatively, (particularly if politicians or their appointees are constrained by number of LIHTC grant applications) do LIHTC-funded projects have a systematic relationship with gerrymandering?
* Why is this interesting/important/worth pursuing?
  + The U.S. in general has a shortage of affordable housing, and the LIHTC program is the primary federal response to that issue. If low-income housing is geographically distributed according to political calculus, low-income voters – an already vulnerable group – may be politically disenfranchised. Further, if low-income housing is placed according to partisan motivations, it is not placed according to need or best fit.
* Proposal: what data could you use? What sources of identification would be feasible?
* Remaining issues
* Existing literature/closest existing study
* Summary statistics/excerpts of data to be used