CODEBOOOKS for replication files;

ARTICLE: “Congressional Oversight Revisited: Politics and Procedure in Agency Rulemaking”

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DESCRIPTION: variable codebooks for dataframes.

VARIABLES:

data file: “rules-comments-#.Rda”

- name - name of commenter
- yr - year of rule
- rule - rule docket
- id - text id for commmenter
- congression - congress of rule
- icpsr - corrected icpsr legislator code
- cfscore - Bonica cfscore
- comm - 1 indicates on relevant oversight committee
- chair - 1 indicates chair of relevant oversight committee
- ranking - 1 indicates ranking member of relevant oversight committee
- senate - 1 indicates senator
- firm - 1 indicates firm
- rule.name - common name for rule
- substantive - 1 indicates a substantive comment on the rule
- procedural - 1 indicates a procedural comment on the rule
- perc.prop.w - % correctly predicted by first-stage weighted ordered probit
- proposal.w - location of proposal according to weighted ordered probit
- N - number of observations for first stage ordered probit
- perc.prop - % correctly predicted by first-stage ordered probit
- proposal - location of proposal according to ordered probit
- perc.sq.w - % correctly predicted by first-stage weighted ordered probit, sq
- statusuo.w - location of status quo according to weighted ordered probit
- perc.sq - % correctly predicted by first-stage ordered probit, sq
- statusquo - location status quo according to ordered probit
- num.givers - number of givers, on which cfscores are based
- ENVlobbying - proportion of lobbying spend on environmental issues for firms
- proposal.ord - binned version of proposal score

- cfscore.ord - binned version of cfscore
- distance.ord - absolute difference of ordinal proposal and cfscore
- dist.cont - absolute difference of proposal and cfscore
- dist.cont.w - absolute difference of weigthed proposal and cfscore
- dividedg - text version of divided government
- dg - 1 indicates divided government

data file: “sim-results.Rda”

- Proposal - location of true proposal
- Window - size of window for ordinal response of "about right"
- Commenters - number of commenters
- Beta - true effect of ideology on response to proposal
- Beta_NR - true effect of ideology on non-response
- Estimated_Proposal - estimated proposal location based on first-stage procedure and complete information
- Estimated_Proposal_Observed - estimated proposal location based on first-stage procedure, omitting non-response
- Bias - Difference between true and estimated proposal
- SE_Bias - bootstrapped standard error of bias estimate

data file: “firms.Rda”

- corpname - name of fortune 500 firms
- cfscore - Bonica (2016) cfscore, weighted average of corporate leadership
- num.givers - the number of givers on which the cfscore is based

data file: “firm-comments.Rda”

- name - name of fortune 500 firms who comment
- cfscore - Bonica (2016) cfscore, weighted average of corporate leadership

data file: “mcs.Rda”

- ICPSR2 - corrected icpsr code
- cfscore - Bonica cfscore

data file: “mc-comments.Rda”

- icpsr - corrected icpsr code
- cfscore - Bonica cfscore
- name - name of legislator

data file: “all-comments.Rda”

- response.sq - ordinal response (1="too liberal", 2="about right", 3="to conservative") to status quo
- proposal.sq - ordinal response (1="too liberal", 2="about right", 3="to conservative") to proposal
- cfscore - Bonica cfscore
- proposal.documentId - docket number for rule

data file: “rules-commennts-7.dta” (vars that are different from

the other rules-comments files)

- id2 - unique id for each observation
- id - unique id for each commenter
- rule - unique id for each rule
- type3 - 3 category - substantive procedural none
- type4 - 4 category - substantive procedural both none