Data file memo for
"PhD Stipends and Program Placement Success in Political Science"

Thank you for your attention to our manuscript on graduate pay and placement success in US political science departments.

The data repository for this project contains five files:

- stipends.xlsx provides data collected from PhDStipends.com in January 2022
- programs.xlsx provides data collected about each PhD program in political science
- 1_prep.R provides the code used to combine the above spreadsheets into an analysis dataset
- 2_analysis.R provides the code used to create the figures and tables in the main text
- results.RData provides the output (as objects in an R environment) of models presented in the main text

Variable codebooks for each of the two spreadsheets are printed below.

Codebook for the stipends dataset

program	Name of the program's university.
stipend	Amount of the reporting student's graduate stipend
coiadj_pay	Ratio of stipend amount to county-level cost of living as estimated by the MIT Living Wage Lab
acyear	Academic year in which the stipend was reported
pryear	Reporting student's year in their PhD program
stipendnotes	Additional comments shared by the student on PhDStipends.com

Codebook for the analysis dataset

program	Name of the program's university. Only those with entries on PhDStipends.com (from students who appeared to start their program between 2013 and 2018) are included.
link	Link to the department's placement page (if any)
listed	Whether (1) or not (0) the page presented comprehensive placement information as defined in main text

Note: Many of the following were only collected for programs that listed comprehensive placement information

grads	PhD graduates listed in the 2019-2021 academic years (if avail.)
ustenure	Tenure-track placements at US institutions listed for the 2019-2021 job market cycles as of January 2022
alltenure	Tenure-track placements at all institutions listed for the 2019-2021 job market cycles as of January 2022

non_tt	Academic placements not on the tenure track listed for the 2019-2021 job market cycles as of November 2023
size	PhD students in the program's online directory
rank13	The program's spot in the 2013 US News and World Report rankings (100 if unranked)
top_subfield	Whether (1) or not (0) program was ranked in one of the five subfields in the 2013 US News and World Report
union	Whether (1) or not (0) graduate students at the university were unionized as of 2018
metro_rating	The size, by population, of the metro area in which a program is located (2 = top-20, 1 = top-100, 0 = other)
endowment_fte	University endowment per full-time enrolled student
type	Whether institution is public or private
region	US Census region of the program's location