* ReadMe file for the replication for “Lobbyists as Gatekeepers: Theory and Evidence”

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- manuscript.pdf: main manuscript (We will shorten the manuscript to meet the JOP standard of 35 pages for the final submission but that change will not affect the empirical analysis in the paper)
- online_appendix.pdf: online appendix
- REPLICATION DO FILES.do includes the code to replicate all the tables and figures in the manuscript and the online appendix.
- There are 9 different .dta files, and below is the information about each data file used to replicate the tables and figures in the manuscript. StataMP version 16 is used to produce the results.
- main_panel_summary.do includes the code to generate our main data file for analysis, main_panel_summary.dta, using the data files provided here.

List of datasets

- clientcountry_yearly.dta: information on foreign countries (e.g., polity score, GDP, etc.), sourced from various publicly available datasets
- contacts_110th.dta: contact data from FARA reports (cleaned by the authors), for lobbying contacts of 2007-2008
- contacts_111th.dta: contact data from FARA reports (cleaned by the authors), for lobbying contacts of 2009-2010
- contacts.dta: contact data, mainly derived from contacts_110th.dta and contacts_111th.dta, focusing on lobbying contacts to Congress
- contracts_list.dta: list of lobbying contracts during the period of study, from FARA reports
- lobbyist_attributes.dta: information on lobbyists (e.g., career history, CF score from Bonica (2016) etc.), sourced from various datasets
- main_panel_summary.dta: information for each lobbyist-politician pair, derived from contacts.dta, masterdata_congress.dta, registrant_info.dta and lobbyist_attributes.dta (see main_panel_summary.do file, which generates the same-name .dta file.)
- masterdata_congress.dta: information on politicians (e.g., committee assignments, CF score from Bonica (2016), etc.), sourced from various publicly available datasets
- registrant_info.dta: information on lobbying firms (e.g., FARA registration year, number of lobbyists, etc.), aggregated from FARA reports and LDA data