Readme.pdf: replication information for Caldeira and Lempert, “Selection of Cases for Discussion: the U.S. Supreme Court, OT 1939, 1968, and 1982.”

Before running the replication file .do file, rep_do.do, place sdcasepick.ado and sdcasepick.sthlp in the folder where user-written .ado files starting with “s” are stored (usually something like C://ado//plus//s). Also, if not already installed, place firthlogit.ado in the folder where user-written .ado files starting with “f” are stored. These files are included with the replication materials. Finally, open the data file, rep_data.dta, and then run the entirety of rep_do.do.

Next, we explain how to correlate the information in Table 2 with sdcasepick’s output:

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EFFECT SIZES BY GROUP AND SECOND DIFFERENCE (__usp1)

             |   effect        se    zvalue    pvalue        ll        ul       lvl
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Effect       |
     Group 0 |    0.498     0.105     4.733     0.000     0.292     0.704    95.000
     Group 1 |    0.487     0.058     8.455     0.000     0.374     0.600    95.000
    2nd Diff |   -0.011     0.120    -0.091     0.928    -0.246     0.224    95.000

CLOSEST PAIR OF OBSERVATIONS

Group==0: 725
Group==1: 1203
Group Variable: __gr3968
Distance (Prediction) Variable: pr3968
Rhs Vars: __gr3968 __ir __alc __acc __diss __iss __ci __ab
Distance Between Obss: .0004402995109558
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Above is the output from the first call to sdcasepick. The parts of the output used in Table 2 are highlighted in red (in this file only). Reading from top: __usp1 indicates the variable whose effect is being calculated (in this case, U.S. Petitioner). 0.498 is the effect of that variable (i.e., the first difference) for Group 0, i.e., OT 39 (see below). 0.487 is the effect of the variable for Group 1, i.e., OT 68. 0.928 is the p-value for the difference between these effects (i.e., the second difference). __gr3968 indicates that the two groups being compared are OT 39 and OT 68, with Group 0 constituting OT 39 cases and Group 1 constituting OT 68 cases (see the definition of that variable in the .do file).

Notes: Type help(sdcasepick) for additional details about that command.

The dataset rep_data.dta is essentially three datasets, covering OT 39, OT 68, and OT 82 respectively, appended to each other. As each of these datasets is part of a larger data collection effort, other variables, not used in the analysis here, may be available; please contact either author regarding availability.

Our analysis was conducted in Stata 15.

Any updates to sdcasepick will be posted to sites.google.com/site/dalempert/research.