Readme.pdf: instructions for replicating Budziak and Lempert, "Aesthetic Preferences and Policy Preferences as Determinants of U.S. Supreme Court Writing Style."

Before running the .do file, aesthetic_replication.do: At the top of the .do file, replace "V:\docs\sc_ops\budziak_lempert_jlc_replication" with the location of the folder where you have downloaded the data file, aesthetic_data_compact.dta.

As this dataset is part of a larger project, additional variables may be available; contact the authors with questions.

These analyses were produced with Stata 17.

Correlating Results in Paper with Results in .do and .log files

(from top to bottom of .do file)

Table A1 is located at line 15 of do file and line 28 of page 1 in log (pdf) file.

Results in Table 1 are located at lines 30-37 of do file and lines 9-34 of page 3 in log file.

Table 2, Row 1 is located at lines 30-41 of do file and lines 36-53 of page 3 in log file.

Table 2, Row 2 is located at lines 66-77 of do file and lines 7-24 of page 6 in log file.

Figure 1 is produced at line 89 of do file and line 31 of page 8 in log file.

Table 3 is located at lines 127-147 of do file and starts at line 46 of page 10 in log file.

Various other analyses or robustness checks discussed in ms or R&R memo:

The justice-specific mean of difference magnitudes is located at lines 184-225 of do file and starts at line 18 of page 14 in log file.

Justice-by-justice comparisons of low- to high-cost scenarios are located at lines 244-308 of do file and are summarized starting at line 58 of page 70 in log file.

Check for time trend is located at lines 329-366 of do file and start at line 33, page 72 in log file.

Check for effect of ideology is located at lines 367-436 of do file and start at line 31 of page 76 in log file.

Check for "panel effects" (ie w/er a non-author majority member affects FKGL) is located at lines 442-520 of do file and start at line 1 of page 83 in log file.

To replicate *NYT* article analysis, run nyt_replication.do, taking care to modify path again. Results logged in nyt_log.txt.