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Codebook and Replication File

Codebook

date	date (m/d/y)
missing	1 = no Diary available
presnum	39 = Carter, 40 = Reagan
presdum	0 = Carter, 1 = Reagan
moyr	Month and Year (e.g., Jan-77)
year	77 to 85
qtr	Jan-Mar (1); Apr-June (2); July-Sept (3); Oct-Dec (4)
yrq	year.quarter (e.g. 77.1 is 1977, quarter 1)
month	month of year numbered (1=Jan, 2=Feb, etc.)
day	day of week (M, T, W, etc.)
nowork	day was weekend or federal holiday (1) or not (0)
quarter	quarter of year (1=Jan-Mar, 2=April-June, etc.)
honey	honeymoon is defined as first six months in office (1) or not (0)
reelect	August 1 – election day of reelection year (1) or not (0)
lame	After Election Loss till Inauguration (1) or not (0)
start	start time of first work moment
end	end time of last work moment
duration	time (in minutes) between start of 1st work activity to end of last
durhours	time between start to end in hours
outsidedc	any time spent outside DC (1) or not (0)
publiceventsucsb	# public events by president on that day (per www.presidency.ucsb.edu)
top	total # contacts on that day with… • Vice President (veep) • Secretary of State (state) • Secretary of Defense (def) • Secretary of Treasury (treas) • Attorney General (ag) • CIA Director (cia) • National Security Advisor (nsc)
fatal	# military combat fatalities during that quarter
rgdpqr	% change in real gross domestic income (annual rate, seasonally adjusted)

Replication Code and Results

Contacts Model I

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nbreg top presdum honey reelect lame outsidedc if nowork==0 & missing==0, r cl(month)


Negative binomial regression                    Number of obs     =      1,868
                                                Wald chi2(5)      =     175.39
Dispersion           = mean                     Prob > chi2       =     0.0000
Log pseudolikelihood = -4239.7693               Pseudo R2         =     0.0210

                                (Std. Err. adjusted for 12 clusters in month)
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             |               Robust
 topcontacts |      Coef.   Std. Err.      z    P>|z|     [95% Conf. Interval]
-------------+----------------------------------------------------------------
     presdum |  -.2781524   .0645796    -4.31   0.000     -.404726   -.1515788
       honey |  -.0110846   .0500803    -0.22   0.825    -.1092401    .0870709
     reelect |   -.306674   .1486653    -2.06   0.039    -.5980526   -.0152954
        lame |  -.7657969   .0925124    -8.28   0.000    -.9471179   -.5844759
   outsidedc |  -.3888375   .0603952    -6.44   0.000    -.5072099   -.2704651
       _cons |   1.528713   .0453712    33.69   0.000     1.439787    1.617639
-------------+----------------------------------------------------------------
    /lnalpha |  -1.143165   .1580718                     -1.45298   -.8333497
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       alpha |   .3188085   .0503946                      .2338724    .4345911
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Contacts Model II

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nbreg top presdum honey reelect lame durhour outsidedc if nowork==0 & missing==0, r
cl(month)


Negative binomial regression                    Number of obs     =      1,868
                                                Wald chi2(6)      =     208.64
Dispersion           = mean                     Prob > chi2       =     0.0000
Log pseudolikelihood = -4232.4705               Pseudo R2         =     0.0227

                                (Std. Err. adjusted for 12 clusters in month)
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             |               Robust
 topcontacts |      Coef.   Std. Err.      z    P>|z|     [95% Conf. Interval]
-------------+----------------------------------------------------------------
     presdum |  -.1730277   .0730506    -2.37   0.018    -.3162043   -.0298511
       honey |  -.0099703   .0449224    -0.22   0.824    -.0980167    .0780761
     reelect |  -.2982833   .1496165    -1.99   0.046    -.5915264   -.0050403
        lame |  -.7610423   .0922541    -8.25   0.000    -.9418571   -.5802275
    durhours |   .0239162   .0099483     2.40   0.016      .004418    .0434145
   outsidedc |  -.3712378   .0545158    -6.81   0.000    -.4780868   -.2643888
       _cons |    1.16301   .1649064     7.05   0.000     .8397989     1.48622
-------------+----------------------------------------------------------------
    /lnalpha |  -1.156772   .1539597                     -1.458528   -.8550169
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       alpha |   .3144996   .0484203                      .2325784     .425276
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Contacts Model III

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nbreg top presdum honey reelect lame durhour pubeventsucsb outsidedc if nowork==0 &
missing==0, r cl(month)
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Negative binomial regression                    Number of obs     =      1,868
                                                Wald chi2(7)      =     215.22
Dispersion           = mean                     Prob > chi2       =     0.0000
Log pseudolikelihood = -4232.4705               Pseudo R2         =     0.0227

                                 (Std. Err. adjusted for 12 clusters in month)
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             |               Robust
  topcontacts |      Coef.   Std. Err.      z    P>|z|     [95% Conf. Interval]
--------------+---------------------------------------------------------------
      presdum |  -.1730332   .0744673    -2.32   0.020    -.3189864     -.02708
        honey |  -.0099697   .0451899    -0.22   0.825    -.0985404    .0786009
      reelect |  -.2982994   .1483689    -2.01   0.044     -.589097   -.0075017
         lame |  -.7610326   .0976561    -7.79   0.000     -.952435   -.5696302
     durhours |   .0239151   .0097911     2.44   0.015     .0047249    .0431054
pubeventsucsb |   .0000166   .0252624     0.00   0.999    -.0494968      .04953
    outsidedc |   -.371244   .0572534    -6.48   0.000    -.4834587   -.2590294
        _cons |   1.163008   .1653602     7.03   0.000      .838908    1.487108
--------------+---------------------------------------------------------------
     /lnalpha |  -1.156773   .1539652                    -1.458539   -.8550065
--------------+---------------------------------------------------------------
        alpha |   .3144995    .048422                     .2325758    .4252804
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Public Model I

```
nbreg pubeventsucsb presdum honey reelect lame outsidedc if nowork==0 & missing==0, r
cl(month)


Negative binomial regression                    Number of obs     =      1,868
                                                Wald chi2(5)      =      43.34
Dispersion           = mean                     Prob > chi2       =     0.0000
Log pseudolikelihood = -2699.7893               Pseudo R2         =     0.0226

                                (Std. Err. adjusted for 12 clusters in month)
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             |               Robust
pubeventsucsb |      Coef.   Std. Err.      z    P>|z|     [95% Conf. Interval]
-------------+----------------------------------------------------------------
      presdum |  -.0028945   .0418157    -0.07   0.945    -.0848519    .0790628
        honey |  -.0364277   .1176198    -0.31   0.757    -.2669583    .1941029
      reelect |   .5864583   .2272734     2.58   0.010     .1410106    1.031906
         lame |  -.6430588   .1504165    -4.28   0.000    -.9378697   -.3482478
    outsidedc |   .2606025   .0677684     3.85   0.000     .1277789    .3934261
        _cons |   .0988947   .0563795     1.75   0.079    -.0116072    .2093965
-------------+----------------------------------------------------------------
     /lnalpha |    -2.4095   .4797717                     -3.349836   -1.469165
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        alpha |   .0898602   .0431124                      .0350901    .2301175
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Public Model II

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nbreg pubeventsucsb presdum honey reelect lame durho outsidedc if nowork==0 &
missing==0, r cl(month)


Negative binomial regression                    Number of obs     =      1,868
                                                Wald chi2(6)      =     160.03
Dispersion           = mean                     Prob > chi2       =     0.0000
Log pseudolikelihood = -2657.8208               Pseudo R2         =     0.0378

                                (Std. Err. adjusted for 12 clusters in month)
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             |               Robust
pubeventsucsb |      Coef.   Std. Err.      z    P>|z|     [95% Conf. Interval]
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      presdum |   .3130729   .0739506     4.23   0.000     .1681325    .4580134
        honey |    -.04949   .1025869    -0.48   0.630    -.2505567    .1515766
      reelect |    .602766   .2027504     2.97   0.003     .2053826    1.000149
         lame |  -.5993763   .1558584    -3.85   0.000    -.9048532   -.2938994
     durhours |    .070536   .0107891     6.54   0.000     .0493898    .0916822
    outsidedc |   .3189919   .0590107     5.41   0.000      .203333    .4346507
        _cons |  -.9955025   .2132418    -4.67   0.000    -1.413449   -.5775564
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     /lnalpha |  -3.145409   .7608032                     -4.636556   -1.654262
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        alpha |   .0430493   .0327521                      .009691    .1912331
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Public Model III

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nbreg pubeventsucsb presdum honey reelect lame durho top outsidedc if nowork==0 &
missing==0, r cl(month)
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Negative binomial regression                    Number of obs     =      1,868
                                                Wald chi2(7)      =     198.50
Dispersion           = mean                     Prob > chi2       =     0.0000
Log pseudolikelihood = -2657.8185               Pseudo R2         =     0.0378

                                 (Std. Err. adjusted for 12 clusters in month)
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             |               Robust
pubeventsucsb |      Coef.   Std. Err.      z    P>|z|     [95% Conf. Interval]
--------------+---------------------------------------------------------------
      presdum |   .3134323   .0761617     4.12   0.000     .1641582    .4627065
        honey |  -.0494607   .1025917    -0.48   0.630    -.2505367    .1516154
      reelect |   .6032247   .1963657     3.07   0.002     .2183549    .9880945
         lame |  -.5982986   .1667096    -3.59   0.000    -.9250433   -.2715538
     durhours |   .0705018   .0106606     6.61   0.000     .0496074    .0913962
  topcontacts |   .0005094    .009695     0.05   0.958    -.0184924    .0195113
    outsidedc |   .3195856   .0561482     5.69   0.000     .2095372     .429634
        _cons |  -.9972906   .2251724    -4.43   0.000     -1.43862   -.5559608
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     /lnalpha |  -3.143901   .7704431                     -4.653942   -1.633861
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        alpha |   .0431143   .0332171                      .009524    .1951746
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