When the state becomes complicit: mayors, criminal actors, and the deliberate weakening of the local state in Colombia

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Codebook

1 Files

1. **crimcollusion_colombia_main.rda**
   Data used for the regression discontinuity design.

2. **taxes_segovia_taraza.rda**
   Data to replicate property taxes in Segovia and Tarazá.

2 Outcome variables

tx_0811
Property taxes per 100,000 population between 2008 and 2011. Source: Departamento Nacional de Planeación.

cad0809
Cadaster lag, years since the last cadaster update between 2008-09. Source: Instituto Geográfico Agustín Codazzi.

inf0809
Proportion of plots without a formal land title 2008-09. Source: Instituto Geográfico Agustín Codazzi.

val0809
Land value per capita between 2008-09. Source: Instituto Geográfico Agustín Codazzi.

just0809
Ratio between complaints against judicial functionaries and other types of complaints at the municipal level. Source: Fergusson, Vargas, and Vela (2013).

comp2011
Political competition for the 2011 mayoral elections, measured as the margin of victory. Source: Registraduría Nacional & compiled by Pachón and Sánchez.

parties2011
Effective number of political parties in the 2011 mayoral elections. Source: Registraduría Nacional & compiled by Pachón and Sánchez.

cand2011
Number of candidates running in the 2011 mayoral elections. Source: Registraduría Nacional & compiled by Pachón and Sánchez.

reelected
Dichotomous measure indicating whether a mayor from the incumbent party was elected in the 2011 mayoral elections . Source: Registraduría Nacional & compiled by Pachón and Sánchez.

para_0811
Average number of actions attributed to paramilitary groups between 2008 and 2011 per 10,000 population. Source: Centro de Investigación y Educación Popular & compiled by Osorio et al. (2019).

guer_0811
Average number of actions attributed to guerrilla groups between 2008 and 2011 per 10,000 population. Source: Centro de Investigación y Educación Popular & compiled by Osorio et al. (2019).

royal_0811
Royalty income per 100,00 population. Source: Departamento Nacional de Planeación.

3 Electoral and ID variables

codmpio
DANE municipal code. Source: Departamento Administrativo Nacional de Estadística.

coddepto
DANE department code. Source: Departamento Administrativo Nacional de Estadística.

winner
Winning political party's code. Source: Registraduría Nacional & compiled by Pachón and Sánchez.

winner_share
Winning political party's vote share. Own calculation. Source: Registraduría Nacional & compiled by Pachón and Sánchez.

loser
Losing political party's code. Source: Registraduría Nacional & compiled by Pachón and Sánchez.

loser_share
Losing political party's vote share. Own calculation. Source: Registraduría Nacional & compiled by Pachón and Sánchez.

share1
Margin of victory between the winner and the runner-up. Own calculation. Source: Source: Registraduría Nacional & compiled by Pachón and Sánchez.

para_friendly
Dichotomous variable indicating whether a paramilitary-friendly party either won or lost the 2007 mayoral elections. Own calculation. Source: Source: Registraduría Nacional & compiled by Pachón and Sánchez.

4 Other variables

h_0407
Number of homicides per 100,000 population between 2004 and 2007. Source: Policía Nacional.

tx_0407
Property taxes per 100,000 population between 2004 and 2007. Source: Departamento Nacional de Planeación.

area
Municipality area in square kilometers. Source: Instituto Geográfico Agustín Codazzi.

altura
Altitude above sea level in meters. Source: Instituto Geográfico Agustín Codazzi.

disbogota
Distance to Bogotá in kilometers. Source: Instituto Geográfico Agustín Codazzi.

dismdo
Distance to closest market in kilometers. Source: Instituto Geográfico Agustín Codazzi.

pib_percapita
Distance to closest market in kilometers. Source: Departamento Nacional de Planeación.

desemp_fiscal
Fiscal performance index. Source: Departamento Nacional de Planeación.

aptitud
Soil quality. Source: Instituto Geográfico Agustín Codazzi.

popdens
Population density, number of inhabitants per kilometer. Source: Departamento Administrativo Nacional de Estadística.

Violencia_48_a_53
Dichotomous variable indicating the presence of partisan violence between 1948 and 1953.

conflicto
Dichotomous variable indicating the presence of land conflicts between 1901 and 1931.

coca
Dichotomous variable indicating the presence of coca crops.