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The present package contains the datasets and do. files used to generate the figures and tables of Abrams et al 2021

RAW DATA

The main data sets come from the North Carolina State Courts. Most of the data, including case, defendant and judicial information was purchased from the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts (NCAOC). The data currently available for purchase may be accessed here: https://www.nccourts.gov/services/remote-public-access-program/rpa-criminal-extracts

The current data appears to differ somewhat from the version used for this paper. The data used in the paper appears to be a combination of ACIS Calendar offense extract and ACIS historical demographic extract with additional information on offenses and sentences. The Court Clerk at NCAOC may be contacted at +1-919-890-1000 or rpa@nccourts.org.

The Master Calendar data was downloaded from the NC Courts website: https://www.nccourts.gov/documents/publications/superior-court-master-calendar

FINAL RESULTS

The main dataset with judicial decisions “data_clean.dta” used to generate our results is created by launching the do file “create_data_clean.do”.

In order to generate the figures and tables of the paper please launch the “Results JEEA Final.do” file. The data files used to generate the results are in the folder “Data for Results’.

The folder “data for results” also contains the datasets on elections and referenda that (as described in the paper) we collected from ‘ballotpedia.org’ and ‘https://www.ncleg.gov’.