Race, Representation and Local Governments in the U.S. South: The Effect of the Voting Rights Act

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Description of Code and Data Files

The following items (*.do*, *.ado* and *.dta*) are based on *Stata 17*.

The two master *do-files* are titled:

- *bernini_facchini_testa_2022_do_file_main_JPE.do*;
- *bernini_facchini_testa_2022_do_file_appendix_JPE.do*,

and run each analysis presented in the paper:

- *Race, Representation and Local Governments in the U.S. South: The Effect of the Voting Rights Act*,

by Bernini, Facchini, Testa (2022).

In order to run the code of each do-file, adjust the path in the line of code "*global USER*". For example:

- *global USER "C:\Users\main_folder"*.

Then, in the following three lines of code, adjust the path to reflect three sub-folders within the "*main_folder*". If all the datasets are placed in "*main_folder\input*", then create two additional sub-folders: "*main_folder\build*" and "*main_folder\output*". For example:

- *global dataset "$USER\input"*;
- *global build "$USER\build"*;
- *global save_figures_tables "$USER\output"*.

Each *do-file* first runs two *.ado* files that the authors have written in order to run the regressions on the border sample. These files are:

- *bernini_facchini_testa_2022_twowaycluster_1.ado*;
- *bernini_facchini_testa_2022_twowaycluster_2.ado*.

In order to plot the figures of the paper, the graphics scheme Tufte is imported at the beginning of each *do-file*.

The datasets that are subsequently imported in the do-file are of three types (a wide sample, a panel sample and a border sample), and are titled:

- *dataset_wide_1.dta*;
- *dataset_wide_2.dta*;
- *dataset_wide_3.dta*;
- *dataset_wide_4.dta*;

- *dataset_wide_5.dta*;
- *dataset_panel_1.dta*;
- *dataset_panel_2.dta*;
- *dataset_panel_3.dta*;
- *dataset_border_1.dta*;
- *dataset_border_2.dta*.

A final dataset with the counties' coordinates is also needed in order to plot maps:

- *countiescoord.dta*.

The *do-file* includes the code used to generate the figures and the tables in the order in which they appear in the published paper:

- *Figures 1 to 10*;
- *Tables 1 to 7*;
- *Figures A.1 to A.5*;
- *Tables A.1 to A.7*.