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"Ballots or Bullets? The effect of the Voting Rights Act on Political Violence."

1 Files Description

This replication package contains the following files :

1. Ballots instead of Bullets -FiguresTables.do.do – Code for replicating Figures and Tables in the order they appear in the article and in Appendix.
2. Master.dta – The main panel dataset
3. EventLevel.dta – List of instances of political violence considered in the dataset
4. EventLevelCountyMonthcells.dta – Dataset at the county-month level containing information on instances of violence
5. Yearleveldataset.dta – Master dataset merged at the county-year level
6. WRDD1.spmat – Spatial matrices of counties included in the main analysis

2 Data Sources

The sources used to build the dataset are described in Appendix D of the main text and in the following table:

Variables	Mean	s.d	Min	Max	Definitions and Sources
VRA	0.26	0.44	0	1	=1 if covered by special provisions of the VRA (Section 4 of the VRA)
All violence (Incidence)	0.004	0.079	0	5	Number of violent political events per county per month (Dynamics of collective action dataset - Geocoded from McAdam et al., 2003
All violence (Onset)	0.002	0.047	0	1	Dummy variable equal to 1 if a new wave of violent political events starts (Dynamics of Collective Action dataset - Geocoded from McAdam et al., 2003
Segregation-Incidence	0.003	0.074	0	5	Number of violent political events per county per month when the claim or the title of the *New York Times* article indicated concerns regarding segregation (Dynamics of Collective Action dataset - Geocoded from McAdam et al., 2003
Segregation-Onset	0.002	0.044	0	1	Dummy variable equal to 1 if a new wave of violent political events related to political violence starts (Dynamics of Collective Action dataset - Geocoded from McAdam et al., 2003
Peaceful protests	0.013	0.23	0	16	Number of peaceful protests per county per month (Dynamics of collective action dataset - Geocoded for baseline sample from McAdam et al., 2003
Δ(Dem-Rep)$_{66}$	35.68	52.45	-94.84	100	Difference in Democrat vote share and Republican vote share in the 1966 Congress elections (ICPSR. General Election Data for the United States, 1950-1990. Ann Arbor, MI: Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research [distributor], 2013-11-22. https://doi.org/10.3886/ICPSR00013.v2)
Δ(Dem-Rep)$_{68}$	26.67	50.81	-99.79	99.79	Difference in Democrat vote share and Republican vote share in the 1968 Congress elections (ICPSR. General Election Data for the United States, 1950-1990. Ann Arbor, MI: Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research [distributor], 2013-11-22. https://doi.org/10.3886/ICPSR00013.v2)
Δ(Dem-Rep)$_{70}$	36.12	49.55	-75.8	100	Difference in Democrat vote share and Republican vote share in the 1970 Congress elections (ICPSR. General Election Data for the United States, 1950-1990. Ann Arbor, MI: Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research [distributor], 2013-11-22. https://doi.org/10.3886/ICPSR00013.v2)

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% Nixon	31.99	17.76	0.39	99.9	% Votes for Nixon in the 1968 Presidential elections (ICPSR. General Election Data for the United States, 1950-1990. Ann Arbor, MI: Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research [distributor], 2013-11-22. https://doi.org/10.3886/ICPSR00013.v2)
% Humphrey	28.10	12.89	0.49	99.99	% Votes for Humphrey in the 1968 Presidential elections (ICPSR. General Election Data for the United States, 1950-1990. Ann Arbor, MI: Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research [distributor], 2013-11-22. https://doi.org/10.3886/ICPSR00013.v2)
% Wallace	38.08	20.49	0	91.6	% Votes for Wallace in the 1968 Presidential elections (ICPSR. General Election Data for the United States, 1950-1990. Ann Arbor, MI: Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research [distributor], 2013-11-22. https://doi.org/10.3886/ICPSR00013.v2)
$\frac{Wallace_{1968}}{Wallace_{1968}+Nixon_{1968}}$	0.53	0.25	0	0.99	Computed as % Wallace/(% Nixon+% Wallace)
$\frac{TurnoutPres1968}{TurnoutPres1964}$	1.17	0.272	0.56	2.75	Ratio of the Turnout in the 1968 presidential elections / Turnout in the 1964 presidential elections (ICPSR. General Election Data for the United States, 1950-1990. Ann Arbor, MI: Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research [distributor], 2013-11-22. https://doi.org/10.3886/ICPSR00013.v2)
ΔTurnout Pres_{68-64}	6.00	9.127	-43.9	44.6	Difference in turnout rates between the 1968 presidential elections and the 1964 presidential elections (ICPSR. General Election Data for the United States, 1950-1990. Ann Arbor, MI: Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research [distributor], 2013-11-22. https://doi.org/10.3886/ICPSR00013.v2)
Turnout in 1966	35.20	12.50	0	85.8	Turnout in the 1966 congressional elections (ICPSR. General Election Data for the United States, 1950-1990. Ann Arbor, MI: Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research [distributor], 2013-11-22. https://doi.org/10.3886/ICPSR00013.v2)
Turnout in 1968	47.22	13.23	3.8	84.1	Turnout in the 1968 congressional elections (ICPSR. General Election Data for the United States, 1950-1990. Ann Arbor, MI: Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research [distributor], 2013-11-22. https://doi.org/10.3886/ICPSR00013.v2)
Turnout in 1970	34.91	12.18	3.5	84.2	Turnout in the 1970 congressional elections (ICPSR. General Election Data for the United States, 1950-1990. Ann Arbor, MI: Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research [distributor], 2013-11-22. https://doi.org/10.3886/ICPSR00013.v2)
Percent Black Population	22.97	19.53	0	79.1	% Black Population in 1960 (US Census Bureau - 1967)