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Variable 1 – DV_Reply

Variable description: Dummy variable. Denotes whether the information request received any reply.

0 – No reply received

1 – Reply received.

Variable 2 – Comply

Variable description: Dummy variable. Denotes whether the information request was complied with.

0 – Request not complied with.

1 – Request complied with.

Variable 3 – Pay

Variable description: Dummy variable. Denotes whether a payment was requested to fulfill informational request.

0 – No payment requested.

1 – Payment requested.

Variable 4 – DaysToReply

Variable description: Continuous variable. Denotes number of days before an initial reply was received. Capped at 30 days. Observation assigned "30" days if no reply received to address post-treatment bias (Coppock, 2018). See manuscript for details.

Variable 5 – Race

Variable description: Dummy variable. Denotes fictional constituent's purported race.

0 – White constituent.

1 – Hispanic constituent.

Variable 6 – Race

Variable description: Dummy variable. Denotes fictional constituent's purported race.

0 – White constituent.

1 – Hispanic constituent.

Variable 7 – FOIA

Variable description: Dummy variable. Denotes fictional constituent explicitly made a FOIA request.

0 – No formal FOIA request made.

1 – Formal FOIA request made.

Variable 8 – Donor

Variable description: Dummy variable. Denotes whether fictional constituent self-identified as a voter or donor.

0 – Voter

1 – Donor

Variable 9 – totalpop

Variable description: Continuous variable. Denotes the total population of a municipality. Measured in units of 10,000s residents. Source: American Community Survey, 2017.

Variable 10 – totalpop percent_nonhispanicwhite

Variable description: Continuous variable, 0 to 100. Denotes the percent of a municipality that is non-Hispanic white. Source: American Community Survey, 2017.

Variable 11 – medianincome_household2017

Variable description: Continuous variable. Denotes median household income of a municipality. Measured in units of $10,000 USD (2017 nominal). Source: American Community Survey, 2017.

Variable 12 – Donor_MedianIncome

Variable description: Continuous variable. Interaction term between Variable 8 and Variable 11. Donor_MedianIncome = Donor * medianincome_household2017.

Variable 13 – FOIA_5Day

Variable description: Dummy variable. Denotes whether a municipality's state FOIA law requires an initial reply within 5 days.

0 – State FOIA law does not require reply within 5 days.

1 – State FOIA law requires reply within 5 days.

Variable 14 – FOIA_10Day

Variable description: Dummy variable. Denotes whether a municipality's state FOIA law requires an initial reply within 10 days.

0 – State FOIA law does not require reply within 10 days.

1 – State FOIA law requires reply within 10 days.