Housing Insecurity and Uneven Political Responses: Civic–Political Competence and Housing Policy Engagement among Young Adults

Table A1. Survey information

Data	Description	Source	Website
Seoul Young Adult Panel Study (SYPS) 2022-2024	A longitudinal survey designed to track the socioeconomic conditions and life trajectories of young adults residing in Seoul. The survey targets Korean nationals aged 18–34 and collects information on education, employment, housing conditions, economic resources, social attitudes, and policy experiences.	The Seoul Institute	https://syps.si.re.kr/homepage

Table A2. Variables

	Variable	Description	Note
1	Civic political competence	Composite index measuring perceived ability to understand political issues (Civic understanding), tolerate different viewpoints (Civic tolerance), and influence political processes (Political influence)	Higher values indicate higher civic–political competence
2	Civic understanding	Self-reported ability to understand political issues	I feel capable of understanding and participating in political issues.
3	Civic tolerance	Self-reported willingness to understand or tolerate people with different political values	I can understand and respect people whose values or beliefs differ from mine.
4	Political influence	Perceived ability to influence political processes through participation	I believe I can influence political development through participation in elections or political campaigns.
5	Housing policy awareness	Awareness of youth housing policy programs Housing policy awareness is measured as the number of housing policy programs known by the	Station-area youth housing: Station-area youth housing is a program that provides rental housing to young adults who meet income and asset eligibility criteria. The housing is located near major

		respondent. The variable is constructed by summing two binary indicators that capture whether respondents are aware of (1) the station-area youth housing program and (2) the youth monthly rent support program (range: 0–2).	public transportation stations to facilitate commuting, and rents are set at approximately 30–95 percent of market rental prices.
6	Housing policy intention	Willingness to use housing policy programs if eligible Housing policy intention is measured as the number of housing policy programs that respondents report being willing to use if eligible. The variable is constructed as the sum of two binary indicators capturing respondents' intention to use (1) the station-area youth housing program and (2) the youth monthly rent support program (range: 0–2).	Youth monthly rent support: The youth monthly rent support program provides rental subsidies to single-person young adult households living in rental housing with a deposit of 50 million KRW or less and monthly rent of 600,000 KRW or less. Eligible recipients receive a monthly subsidy of 200,000 KRW for up to ten months.
7	Housing insecurity	Indicator of whether the respondent experienced housing insecurity in the past year	Binary variable 1 = Experienced housing insecurity 0 = No experience
8	Housing insecurity type	Type of housing insecurity experienced (financial stress, eviction risk, housing quality problems)	Financial housing insecurity: Rent arrears (≥3 months), insufficient rental deposit for moving or contract renewal, mortgage repayment arrears (≥3 months), overdue utility or maintenance payments, risk of deposit loss, or requests for additional deposits or rent. Eviction-related housing insecurity: Risk of eviction due to foreclosure, redevelopment, or early contract termination, or difficulty securing housing because landlords refuse to

			rent to certain tenants (e.g., socially vulnerable groups or households with young children). Housing quality insecurity: Safety or health risks arising from deteriorated housing conditions or inadequate living environments.
9	Female	Respondent gender	1 = Female 0 = Male
10	Age	Respondent age in years	Continuous variable from 18 to 34
11	Income group	Household income group	Low, middle, high, missing
12	Education	Educational attainment	High school or less (reference), two-year college, four-year college, graduate
13	Marital	Marital status	Married, single, others (separated/divorced/widowed)
14	Employment status	Employment status	Regular worker, nonstandard worker, self-employed, not employed
15	Total asset	Log of total assets	
16	Debt	Log of total debt	