*** CODEBOOK ***

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This file describes the data found in the mean data file, *zhilJOP.dta*, that accompany the replication material for this article.

Variable	Description
appcity	Binary indicator of whether or not city ever has an appointed mayor during the period of study. Collected by authors.
appointed	Binary indicator of whether or not city has an appointed mayor on Jan 1 of a given year. Collected by authors.
AvgSalary1	Average monthly household income in city, measured in thousands of rubles. Data taken from Rosstat, the Russian State Statistical Agency at www.gks.ru and adjusted by authors for inflation using national CPI.
badzhil	Bad housing stock, in 1000 m^2. This is housing stock classified as troubled (*vetkhiy*) housing (evaluated as having 30% to 65% wear and requires major repairs) or dilapidated (*averiyniy*) housing (evaluated as above 65% wear). Data taken from Rosstat, the Russian State Statistical Agency at www.gks.ru.
badzhilpc	This is the per capita transformation of the ***badzhil*** variable after dividing by the city population (***pop***).
birthrate	Number of live births per 1000 residents. Data taken from Rosstat, the Russian State Statistical Agency at www.gks.ru.
city	City name
city_id	Numerical city ID
civsoc91	Score for the strength of civil society in 1991; min = 1 and max = 4. Scores taken from N. Petrov and A. Titkov's Regional Democracy Ratings by the Carnegie Moscow Center.
diff_unemp	Year on year change in percent of working population applying for unemployment assistance. Calculated from annual data on from Rosstat, the Russian State Statistical Agency at www.gks.ru.
dumayear	Binary indicator for whether or not there is a Duma election in a given year. 1 = yes.

fam	Percent of families on the waiting list for new housing that were resettled into new housing in a given year. Data taken from Rosstat, the Russian State Statistical Agency at www.gks.ru.
FirstName	First name of city's mayor in a given year. Collected by authors.
grants	Transfers to the municipal budget from the federal government, in thousands of rubles. Data taken from Rosstat, the Russian State Statistical Agency at www.gks.ru and adjusted by authors for inflation using national CPI.
highUR2	Binary indicator for whether or not variable ***URduma2*** is at least 62% of the vote share (roughly 75th percentile) or above. Calculations based on election data from the Central Election Commission at http://www.cikrf.ru.
highUR2Xapp	Interaction term between the variables ***highUR2*** and ***appointed***.
incumvote	Vote share for the incumbent mayor in a given mayoral election. Election data from the Central Election Commission at http://www.cikrf.ru.
kavkaz	Binary indicator for cities located in the Caucasus region. 1 = yes.
LastName	Last name of city's mayor in a given year. Collected by authors.
lURdumaXapp	Interaction term between ***appointed*** and a one-year lag of ***URduma***.
lURhighXapp	Interaction term between ***appointed*** and a one-year lag of ***URhigh***.
margin	Mayor's margin of electoral victory over closest competitor in the most recent mayoral election. Calculations based on election data from the Central Election Commission at http://www.cikrf.ru
mayorid	Numerical ID for mayor
munelec	Binary indicator for year in which a municipal election for mayor takes place. 1 = yes.
nprotest	Number of protests in a given year, measured at the region level. Data from Armstrong et al (forthcoming at *Post-Soviet Affairs*).
pctRussian	Ethnic Russians as a percent of region population (in 2002 census). Data taken from Rosstat, the Russian State Statistical Agency at www.gks.ru
pop	City population, in 1000s. Data taken from Rosstat, the Russian State Statistical Agency at www.gks.ru
pressfreedom	Measure of press freedom at the region-level; 1 = min; 4 = max. Data taken from the Glasnost Defense Foundation at http://www.gdf.ru/.

regdem	Regional democracy score taken from N. Petrov and A. Titkov's Regional Democracy Ratings by the Carnegie Moscow Center.
region	Name of region.
regprom	City population as a percent of regional population. Data taken from Rosstat, the Russian State Statistical Agency at www.gks.ru
republic	Binary indicator for regions designated as a national republic. 1 = yes.
resetpc	Number of individuals resettled into new housing, in per capita terms. Calculations based on data taken from Rosstat, the Russian State Statistical Agency at www.gks.ru
revtot	Total revenues of municipal budget, in thousands of rubles. Data taken from Rosstat, the Russian State Statistical Agency at www.gks.ru
turnover	Binary indicator for whether city has a different individual as appointed mayor on Jan 1 than held that office at the beginning of the previous year. 1 = yes. Data collected by authors.
unemployrate	Number of applicants for unemployment assistance as a percent of total working age population. Calculations based on data taken from Rosstat, the Russian State Statistical Agency at www.gks.ru
URduma	United Russia's vote share of votes cast in city in the most recent Duma election for a given year. Calculations based on election data from the Central Election Commission at http://www.cikrf.ru.
URduma07	United Russia's vote share of votes cast in city in the 2007 Duma election. Calculations based on election data from the Central Election Commission at http://www.cikrf.ru.
URduma11	United Russia's vote share of votes cast in city in the 2011 Duma election. Calculations based on election data from the Central Election Commission at http://www.cikrf.ru.
URduma2	United Russia's vote share of votes cast in city in the most recent Duma election for a given year. *Only takes a value for elections that have taken place since the sitting mayor has taken office.* Calculations based on election data from the Central Election Commission at http://www.cikrf.ru.
URduma2Xapp	Interaction term between ***appointed*** and ***URduma2***.
URhigh	Binary indicator for whether or not variable ***URduma*** is at least 62% of the vote share (roughly 75th percentile) or above. Calculations based on election data from the Central Election Commission at http://www.cikrf.ru.

URlow	Binary indicator for whether or not variable ***URduma*** is at least 34% of the vote share (roughly 25th percentile) or below. Calculations based on election data from the Central Election Commission at http://www.cikrf.ru.
workpop	Percent of population considered to be of working age. Calculations based on data taken from Rosstat, the Russian State Statistical Agency at www.gks.ru
year	Year
zhilrat	Percent of total housing stock classified as troubled (*vetkhiy*) or dilapidated (*averiyniy*). Transformation of ***badzhil*** divided by ***zhiltot***.
zhiltot	Total housing stock in city, in 1000 m^2. Data taken from Rosstat, the Russian State Statistical Agency at www.gks.ru.