Replication instructions for "How Newspapers Reveal Political Power"

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Replication files are available from the Political Science Research and Methods (PSRM) Dataverse. The replication is done in three steps, corresponding to the three code files. The steps should be run in the following order:

1. `make_main_items.do`

   This Stata do-file produces the files to replicate the main tables and the intermediate data files for the figures.

   - Produces the `.tex` files for the following tables:

     Table 1: News Coverage Before, During, and After Leadership Term

     Table 2: Impact of Switch from Mayor-Council to Council-Manager City Government (along with Table A.4 with linear, city-specific trends)

   - Produces the `.dta` files used subsequently in step 3 below to produce figures.

2. `make_appendix_items.do`

   Before running this do-file, you will need to have the spmap command in Stata installed. If you do not have spmap installed already, type the following into the Stata Command window to install the command before you run this do-file:

   ```
   ssc install spmap
   ```

   This do-file replicates the appendix tables and figures:

   Table A.1: Number of Pages, Newspapers, and Counties in Dataset by State

   Table A.2: The 50 Most Common Newspapers in Dataset

   Figure A.1: Geographical Distribution of Pages and Newspapers in Dataset

   Figure A.2: Yearly Number of Pages in Sample by Region

3. `make_final_graphs.R`

   This R script uses the `.dta` files produced by the do-file `make_main_items.do` and produces final graphs (Figures 1-6, A.3-A.4).