

ReadMe file for “China's Anti-Corruption Campaign and Civil Servant Fever”

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We provide datasets and programs that are necessary to replicate results in the main text and the appendix. We conduct our analysis using STATA 17.

1. Data

The following 10 datasets are necessary to replicate results in the main text and the appendix. They can be found under the folder “data”.

- data_budget: branch-level budgetary data
- data_cgss: China General Social Survey (CGSS) data
- data_for_analysis: department-level NCSE data
- data_placebo_time: permutation test results for DID
- eventstudy_sumabraham_balance: permutation test for event study
- data_prov: provincial characteristics and timing of inspections on provincial governments
- data_psm: PSM sample
- hazard: career outcomes of prefectural leaders
- individual_new: Global Preference Survey
- text_announcement: textual analysis of NCSE announcements

2. Programs

19 STATA programs can be found under the folder “code”. Before running a program, please change the working directory to yours. Outputs will be saved in folders “figure” or “table”.

- 0_data_psm: generates PSM sample “data_psm”
- 1a_table_summary_stats: Table 1, Figure 7
- 1b_fig_inspection_time_series: Figure 4
- 1c_fig_comp_tseries: Figures 1, 8, and 9
- 1d_fig_text_announcement: Figure OA11
- 2a_analysis_balance_test_agency: Table OA2
- 2a_analysis_balance_test_agency: Table OA3

- 2c_analysis_cgss: Table OA10
- 3a_analysis_ncse: Tables OA4 and 2, Figure 10
- 3b_analysis_TWFE_agg_tests: Figures OA2 & OA3
- 3c_analysis_functional_form: Figure OA4
- 4a_analysis_robustness: Tables 3, OA1, 4, and OA6, Figure OA6
- 4b_analysis_permutation_test_timing: Figures 11 & OA5
- 4c_analysis_additional_es: Figure OA7
- 5a_analysis_mechanism_q: Table 5
- 5b_analysis_mechanism_mw: Table 6
- 5c_analysis_distributional_corr_unif: Figures 13 & OA8
- 5d_analysis_distributional_corr_lognormal: Figure OA9
- 5e_analysis_GPS_results: Table OA7

The following figures and tables do not require statistical analysis, so no programs are needed: Figures 2, 3, 5, 6, and OA1; Tables OA8 and OA9.

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