I. Electronic files

There are two folders containing electronic files. They are labeled “Data” and “Do_files.” Within the “Data” folder, there are two sub-folders labeled “importable” and “raw.” The “raw” folder contains 33 .xls files:

1977$.xls
1978$.xls
1979$.xls
...
2009$.xls

These files are identical to the files obtained from the Gubernatorial Campaign Expenditures Database [D1].

The “importable” folder contains 33 .csv files, which are the original raw files that have been converted to .csv form. They are labeled in a similar fashion as the raw data files.

The “Do_files” folder contains a subfolder named “working.” Within this subfolder, there are four do-files:

cleaning.do
importing.do
merging.do
report.do

This subfolder contains another folder named “regression_output,” which itself contains a folder called “presentation.” This folder will contain the some results of my analysis once the do-files are run.

II. Using these files

My analysis can be run on any computer by following the following steps:

- Create a folder on your computer and call it “working.” Within this folder create a folder called “regression_output.” Finally, create a folder within that called “presentation.”
- Copy the four do-files listed above into “working.”
- Copy the 33 .csv files listed above into “working.”
• Open Stata and denote “working” as the working directory.
• Run the do-files in the following order:
  o importing.do
  o merging.do
  o cleaning.do
  o report.do