Read-me file for "Leveling the Playing Field: Understanding Gender Disparity in Gubernatorial Elections and Policies to Combat It" by Giff Brooks, 2012.

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:
  - *importing.do*
  - *merging.do*
  - *cleaning.do*
  - *report.do*