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Problem Set #3

Addressing Methodological Challenges

Due Date: April 19, 2018

Note: Your grade on this assignment depends on the task described and your discussion of the readings for this topic.

Please continue to build on the do file we created in class to analyze party identification based on Noam Lupu's chapter, his replication file and the dataset. Please make sure to submit a do file and written responses to the questions below.

- a) Can you identify at least one causal claim in Noam Lupu's chapter? Please describe it. Does he test this claim? Please explain and summarize his findings.
- b) How is PID defined by Lupu and how does he measure this concept? What are the strengths and limitations of the measure employed by Lupu?
- c) In the case of Brazil, what patterns do we observe regarding party identification across survey waves? Can you think of any hypotheses that might explain these trends?
- d) How is party polarization defined by Lupu and how does he measure this concept? What are the strengths and limitations of the measure employed by Lupu?
- e) In the case of Brazil, what patterns do we observe regarding party polarization across survey waves?