

Codebook: “Corporate Lobbying and Immigration Policies in Canada”

Description

The file LobbyingMig.dat is a GAUSS data set used in

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Variables are measured over the period from 1996-Q1 to 2011-Q4. The VAR analysis in the original paper was performed using the open source program J-MulTi version 4.24 (www.jmulti.com). Cross-correlations and the seasonal adjustment of the series were done using EViews version 7.2 and the U.S. Census Bureau’s X12 seasonal adjustment program (using a multiplicative decomposition and default options).

See the paper for details about the data.

Variable List

Variable	Description
c24	Shift dummy for Bill C-24
c50la	Shift dummy for Bill C-50/2008 Lobbying Act
economic	Number of permanent residents from the economic class admitted per quarter (natural logarithms, seasonally adjusted)
irpa	Shift dummy for the 2002 IRPA
liberal	Shift dummy for Liberal/Conservative governments (Liberal = 1)
lobbying	Total number of active lobbying records from corporate actors on the issue of immigration (natural logarithms, seasonally adjusted)
lobbying_n	Number of new lobbying records per quarter (natural logarithms, seasonally adjusted)
lobbying_w	Weighted number of active lobbying records, using the total number of records registered by a corporate actor over the whole 1996-2011 period as a weight (natural logarithms, seasonally adjusted)
loblaw	Shift dummy for 2005 amendments to the lobbying act
opinion	Preference of the average voter on the issue of immigration (natural logarithms)
unemployment	Unemployment rate (natural logarithms, seasonally adjusted)
workers	Number of temporary work permits issued per quarter (natural logarithms, seasonally adjusted)

Notes: The `lobbying_n` and `lobbying_w` series are alternative measures of corporate lobbying activities described in footnote 4 of the paper. They were not used in the final version. `lobbying_n` measures only the new records registered per quarter, and therefore does not capture the full length of registration records. `lobbying_w` is a weighted measure of all active records, where the weights are based on the total number of records on the issue of immigration during the 1996-Q1 and 2011-Q4 period. Note that a single corporate actor may file more than one registration record at the same time.