

This file describes the data and programs to replicate the findings in *Telecracy: Testing for Channels of Persuasion*, by G. Barone, F. D'Acunto, and G. Narciso.

The data folder on the AEJ: Policy website contains the following files:

- Telecracy_Data_AEJPol.dta: this is the data file to be used for replication of all the tables in the paper.
- Telecracy_Tables_AEJPol.do: this is the Stata .do file that contains the code necessary to replicate each of the Tables in the paper.
- bordefeffects.do: this code creates border-segment fixed effects and allows flexibility in the number of segments the user wants to use for replication
- newlonlat.do: this code creates the polynomial terms to run spatial analyses a la Dell (2010), and it allows for a flexible grade of polynomials.
- Figure1.xlsx: this Excel file reports the viewing share series to replicate Figure 1, Panel A and Panel B.
- Telecracy_IntApp_Data_AEJPol.dta: this is the data file that includes additional variables needed to replicate the results in the Online Appendix, as well as the untabulated results mentioned in the paper.
- Telecracy_IntApp_Tables_AEJPol.do: this is the Stata .do file that contains the code necessary to replicate the results in the Online Appendix, as well as the untabulated results mentioned in the paper.

In all the code files, we have tried to make it very clear what each part of the program does at the expense of coding brevity and elegance.

Replications of the Tables in the paper

Researchers can replicate the Tables in the paper using the files Telecracy_Data_AEJPol.dta, Telecracy_Tables_AEJPol.do, bordefeffects.do, and newlonlat.do.

The .do file is split into sections, each referring to one of the Tables in the paper.

The macros and variables needed to replicate each Table are produced at the beginning of the associated section. This inelegant structure aims at making it crystal clear which controls and specifications enter each table.

The Sections reproduce the baseline inference results by clustering the standard error at the province level and correcting them as described in section IV.C. of the paper. For the Conley spatial HAC correction and the wild-bootstrap methodology, we report the code and the application to the baseline specification at the bottom of the .do file, that is, after all the tables of the paper, including the Appendix table, having been produced.

The file Telecracy_Data_AEJPol.dta includes all the variables used in the analysis. The intermediate steps to obtain this dataset – “variable construction” – consisted in hand-collecting a set of variables at the town level from several sources described in detail in Appendix B of the paper, after the Conclusions. Each variable was merged to the original Istat file at the town level using the Istat unique town-level identification code (*codice Istat*).

Replications of the Tables in Internet Appendix

Researchers can replicate the Tables in the paper using the files Telecracy_IntApp_Data_AEJPol.dta, Telecracy_IntApp_Tables_AEJPol.do.

The .do file is split into sections, each referring to one of the Tables in the paper.

As for the replication of the main tables in the paper, we have favored the clarity of the code at the expense of an elegant and parsimonious coding style.