Journal Write-Up Assignment Due Monday, December 15, 2014

Write up the results of either your OLS analysis (assignment 1) or your logit-based analysis (assignment 2) like you would for a journal publication (that is, using concise, professional presentation style that is used at a journal of your choice – please name a journal that you are using as your model).

- 1. First, include an Introduction that will provide a short substantive description of your theoretical argument, your research questions and hypotheses (1-2 pages).
- 2. Second, include a brief Data and Methods section (2-3 pages) describing the variables and the analysis methodology. Include any discussion of diagnostics and modifications in this section. Also, include a table with summary statistics for the variables you use (means, standard deviations, number of observations).
- 3. Third, provide a 2-3 page description of the results including a table (in journal format) and any graphs assisting in the interpretation of results (graphs can be useful for logit models as well as for all cases when your model includes nonlinear relationships or interactions involving at least one continuous variable; do not include any diagnostic graphs!). If it is absolutely necessary that you discuss some diagnostics or model modifications here rather than in the methods section, do so using footnotes.
- 4. Finally, include a brief conclusion summarizing your findings and discussing contributions and limitations of your research (1 page max.).

The page limit for this write-up is 7 pages double-spaced.

Journal-style Write-up Grading Sheet:

- 1. Selecting a journal to use as a model (2 points)
- 2. Introduction (13 points)
- 3. Data and methods (30 points)
- 4. Tables and graphs (15 points)
- 5. Description of results (30 points)
- 6. Conclusion (10 points)