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"Minimum Wages and Teenage Childbearing in the United States"

Overview

There are two folders in this folder. To run the code, make sure to create a new folder called "Output" where all figures and rtf files for tables will be stored. Please contact Kyu Matsuzawa at kyutarom@uoregon.edu regarding about any questions about the replication package.

Data

The "Data" folder contains several (cleaned) datasets used for the analysis.
- "mw_new.dta:" State-by-quarter minimum wage dataset
- "fertilitymaster_2023_07_19_1995_2019.dta:" Our master dataset that includes fertility variables and the main control variables.
- "cdcabortion_updated2023.04.05.xlsx:" Our abortion dataset.
- "marriednatality.dta:" Our dataset that includes variables on pregnancies.

Note that the YRBS data used for Table 7 is not publicly available, so we have not included it here. However, researchers may contact the CDC and relevant state agencies to obtain State YRBS data. The authors are happy to assist users wishing to construct the final YRBS data set.

Code

The "code" directory contains all the Stata and R code to perform the analysis. These files are organized in the following way: "XXX_rYYY" where XXX refers to either the table or figure, and YYY refers to the number. For instance, figure_r1 will produce figure 1. If there are alphabets after the number, please run the code alphabetically (i.e., figure_5a should be run first)..