

Disclosure Statement for Melvin Stephens
“Employment, Wages and Voter Turnout”

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IRB approval was not obtained for this project. The University of Michigan has an explicit “Policy for Use of Publicly Available Data Sets” by which secondary data obtained from the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) does not require IRB approval. ICPSR is the source of the data for much of our study, in particular for the individual level data. This policy is posted at <http://hrpp.umich.edu/initiative/datasets.html>.

The remaining data in our study consists of publicly available information on county-level vote totals and economic activity that are not considered human subjects and therefore do not require IRB approval as noted on the University policy on this matter posted at <http://hrpp.umich.edu/om/Part4.html>.