

Disclosure Statement for Kerwin Kofi Charles
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IRB approval was not obtained for this project. The University of Chicago has an explicit set of policies, “Guidance on IRB Review of Research Involving Existing Data Sets” Policy for Use of Publicly Available Data Sets,” which states that secondary data obtained from the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), the U.S Bureau of the Census and the National Election Studies do not require IRB approval. These are the main data sources for both the individual and aggregate data used in our study. This policy is posted online at

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The guideline also notes that data from other sources that are “de-identified, publicly available data” also do not require IRB approval. The publicly available information on county-level vote totals and economic activity used in the paper meet this condition.