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Greetings,

This file contains the data to replicate “Counteractive Lobbying in the U.S. Supreme Court,” by Lisa A. Solowiej and Paul M. Collins, Jr. If you use this data, please cite the following:

Solowiej, Lisa A. and Paul M. Collins, Jr. 2009. “Counteractive Lobbying in the U.S. Supreme Court.” *American Politics Research* 37(4): 670-699.

The accompanying data are in two formats: Stata 10.0 and Gauss. Note the variables are labeled in the Stata file. In order to replicate the seemingly unrelated Poisson regression model reported in the article, you will need to use Gary King’s COUNT program, which can be accessed here: <http://gking.harvard.edu/stats.shtml>. Once you have installed COUNT on your computer, you can load the Gauss data into COUNT and estimate the seemingly unrelated Poisson regression model by setting the dispersion parameter to a starting value of 1.2 and plugging in the independent and dependent variables into the model. The model should converge after about 165 iterations, which takes roughly 15 minutes. If the model “blows up”—that is, if the model fails to converge—you might try deleting variables not essential to the model in the Gauss dataset (i.e., those variables that will not be included in the model). We have been able to remedy failure to converge using this strategy.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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