

Codebook -- Xu and Yao (2015)

Variable name	Definition	Class
vill_id	village ID	Numeric
prov_id	province ID	Numeric
year	year	Continuous
elecyr	election year	Binary
vcfirst	village chief (VC) from the largest clan	Binary
vcsecond	VC from the 2nd largest clan	Binary
vcfirst2	VC from the two largest clans	Binary
vc_in_office_m5	VC of large clans in office (-5 year)	Binary
vc_in_office_m4	VC of large clans in office (-4 year)	Binary
vc_in_office_m3	VC of large clans in office (-3 year)	Binary
vc_in_office_m2	VC of large clans in office (-2 year)	Binary
vc_in_office_m1	VC of large clans in office (-1 year)	Binary
vc_in_office_y0	VC of large clans in office (election year)	Binary
vc_in_office_y1	VC of large clans in office (1 year since election)	Binary
vc_in_office_y2	VC of large clans in office (2 years since election)	Binary
vc_in_office_y3	VC of large clans in office (3 years since election)	Binary
vc_in_office_y4	VC of large clans in office (4 years since election)	Binary
vc_in_office_y5	VC of large clans in office (>4 years since election)	Binary
psfirst2	village party secretary (VPS) from the two largest clans	Binary
vcps_clan	VC and VPS in the same clan	Binary
vcps_person	VC and VPS the same person ("one shoulders")	Binary
vc_pb	VC in the party branch	Binary
inv	Public investment projects during the year	Binary
loginv	Log amount of public investment (1000 <i> yuan</i>)	Continuous
loginv_cat_scho	Log amount of public investment: schooling	Continuous
loginv_cat_road	Log amount of public investment: roads	Continuous
loginv_cat_elec	Log amount of public investment: electricity	Continuous
loginv_cat_irri	Log amount of public investment: irrigation	Continuous
loginv_cat_tree	Log amount of public investment: forestation	Continuous
loginv_cat_else	Log amount of public investment: others	Continuous
log_levies	Log amount of levies handed over to the village committee (village mean)	Continuous
log_levies_p10	Log amount of levies of households at 10 income percentile	Continuous
log_levies_p20	Log amount of levies of households at 20 income percentile	Continuous
log_levies_p30	Log amount of levies of households at 30 income percentile	Continuous
log_levies_p40	Log amount of levies of households at 40 income percentile	Continuous
log_levies_p50	Log amount of levies of households at 50 income percentile	Continuous
log_levies_p60	Log amount of levies of households at 60 income percentile	Continuous
log_levies_p70	Log amount of levies of households at 70 income percentile	Continuous
log_levies_p80	Log amount of levies of households at 80 income percentile	Continuous
log_levies_p90	Log amount of levies of households at 90 income percentile	Continuous
vote	Relative vote of VCs of large clans	Continuous
share_admin	Share of administrative expenditure in total village expenditure	Continuous
log_admin	Log amount of village administrative expenditure (1,000 <i> yuan</i>)	Continuous
vc_char_age	VC characteristics: age when running election	Continuous

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vc_char_bkpoor	VC characteristics: family background - poor peasants	Binary
vc_char_ccp	VC characteristics: Communist party member	Binary
vc_char_educ	VC characteristics: years of formal education	Continuous
vc_char_cadre	VC characteristics: former village cadre	Binary
vc_char_manager	VC characteristics: managerial jobs before election	Binary
vc_char_exper	VC characteristics: experience of running elections	Binary
vc_char_pidou	VC characteristics: denounced in the Culture Revolution	Binary
postcont	post first contested election	Binary
postopen	post first election with open nomination	Binary
secret_ballot	secret ballot	Binary
proxy_voting	proxy voting	Binary
moving_ballot	moving ballot boxes	Binary
clan_num	No. of clans (surnames)	Continuous
clansz1	population share of the largest clan	Continuous
clansz2	population share of the second largest clan	Continuous
clansz3	population share of the third largest clan	Continuous
clansz4	population share of the fourth largest clan	Continuous
largeclan	sum of the population shares of the two largest clan above median	Binary
family_tree	the two largest families has maintained at least a family tree	Binary
ances_hall	the two largest families has maintained at least a lineage hall	Binary
hhsize	village average household size (person)	Continuous
landpc	arable land per capita (<i>mu</i>)	Continuous
logpopl	log village population (persons)	Continuous
logincome	log net income per capita (<i>yuan</i>)	Continuous
logasset	log assets controlled by the village committee (<i>yuan</i>)	Continuous
logmigration	log number of people migrating out of the village (persons)	Continuous
logtax	log taxes to the upper-level government (1,000 <i>yuan</i>)	Continuous
logtransfer	Log transfers from the upper-level government (1,000 <i>yuan</i>)	Continuous