

## Supplemental Information

Table 1: Descriptive Statistics, Independent variables,  
134 city elections.

Variable	Mean	SD	Min.	Max.
Democrat Wins	0.672	0.471	0.000	1.000
% Voting Democratic	0.573	0.175	0.185	0.946
Incumbent	0.455	0.500	0.000	1.000
Partisan Election	0.413	0.494	0.000	1.000
Change in Party	0.159	0.367	0.000	1.000
Party on Ballot	0.602	0.492	0.000	1.000
Black Winner	0.231	0.423	0.000	1.000
Black Loser	0.222	0.417	0.000	1.000
Dem. Share, Upper House	0.546	0.500	0.000	1.000
Dem. Share, Lower House	0.700	0.460	0.000	1.000
GOP Governor	0.511	0.502	0.000	1.000
Council % Black	0.196	0.157	0.000	0.632
Council Size	11.848	7.637	4.000	50.000
Home Rule	0.720	0.451	0.000	1.000
Mayor-Council	0.644	0.481	0.000	1.000
Council-Manager	0.326	0.470	0.000	1.000
% At Large	0.393	0.409	0.000	1.000
Crime Rate 91	10291.165	3047.362	4361.000	18953.000
Change, Crime Rate 91-99	-2581.943	1950.610	-7670.000	6906.000
Pop. Density 90	1.724	1.613	0.051	9.151
% with Bachelor's Degree 90	0.242	0.074	0.081	0.528
% Same House 85-90	0.490	0.077	0.334	0.672
% on Public Assistance 90	0.090	0.040	0.024	0.219
% on Social Security 90	0.236	0.052	0.093	0.345
% Homeowner 90	0.511	0.081	0.287	0.730
% Poor 90	0.176	0.056	0.064	0.312
Median Home Price 90	86048.507	60072.990	40400.000	350800.000
Average Commute 90	21.586	4.057	15.600	36.500
South	0.425	0.496	0.000	1.000
West	0.172	0.378	0.000	1.000
Northeast	0.104	0.307	0.000	1.000
Homogeneity 90	0.505	0.107	0.315	0.901
% Hispanic 90	0.108	0.148	0.004	0.689
Change, Log Median Income 90-00	0.329	0.069	0.171	0.519
% Immigrant 90	0.086	0.094	0.010	0.597
Change, Log Population 90-00	0.106	0.140	-0.130	0.617
Change, % Black 90-00	0.010	0.036	-0.059	0.148

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Variable	Mean	SD	Min.	Max.
Federal aid per capita	0.146	0.339	0.001	2.676
Independent Loses	0.194	0.397	0.000	1.000
December Fiscal Year	0.250	0.435	0.000	1.000
Log Population 90	13.019	0.839	11.611	15.806
% Black 90	0.268	0.172	0.006	0.668
Log Med Income 90	10.194	0.203	9.737	10.939
Intergov't Revenue per Cap.	0.501	0.611	0.036	2.991

	Mean	SD	Min	Max	Intergov't
Policing	0.110	0.040	0.000	0.231	
Fire	0.063	0.030	0.000	0.146	
Roads	0.064	0.039	0.000	0.223	0.328
Parks	0.055	0.035	0.000	0.193	
Housing	0.039	0.029	0.000	0.168	0.807
Sanitation	0.033	0.019	0.000	0.107	0.012
Health	0.021	0.024	0.000	0.150	0.267
Administration	0.014	0.012	0.000	0.095	
Libraries	0.007	0.009	0.000	0.038	
Inspection	0.007	0.007	0.000	0.038	
Natural Resources	0.003	0.007	0.000	0.043	
Taxes / Total Revenues	0.466	0.141	0.156	0.826	
Sales Tax Share	0.198	0.226	0.000	0.796	
Property Tax Share	0.464	0.247	0.050	0.906	
Log, Total Taxes	12.600	1.197	8.089	16.976	
Total Taxes Per Capita	750	717	18	5,318	
Police Employees	2,814	6,801	44	50,673	
Share, Police Employees	0.164	0.059	0.017	0.345	
Share, Police Pay	0.211	0.066	0.018	0.328	

Table 2: Descriptive Statistics, Dependent Variables, 134 Elections.

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Intercept	0.018	0.109
Democrat Wins	0.138	0.316
Pct Dem	-0.897	0.932
Pct Dem Squared	2.292	2.775
Pct Dem Cubed	-1.803	2.629
Independent Loses	-0.001	0.002
December FY	0.002	0.003
Logged 1990 Pop.	-0.002	0.001
Pct Black 90	-0.015	0.006
Logged Median Income 90	0.012	0.008
Intergovernmental Revenue per Capita	0.000	0.002
Democrat wins x Pct Democrat	-0.267	1.621
Democrat wins x Pct Democrat Squared	-0.509	3.406
Democrat wins x Pct Democrat Cubed	0.921	2.817

Table 3: OLS Estimates, DV=Changes in the Share of Spending on Fire, 134 City Elections.

Table 4: Full list of U.S. city elections.

Number	City	Year	% Dem.	$\Delta$ Police	Name
1	DC, Washington	1990	0.88	-0.01	Sharon Pratt Dixon
2	DC, Washington	1994	0.57	0	Marion Barry
3	DC, Washington	1998	0.69	0.01	Anthony Williams
4	MD, Baltimore	1991	0.72	0.01	Kurt Schmoke
5	MD, Baltimore	1995	0.79	0	Kurt Schmoke
6	MD, Baltimore	1999	0.9	0.01	Martin O'Malley
7	MD, Baltimore	2004	0.88		Martin O'Malley
8	NY, Buffalo	1993	0.79	-0.01	Anthony Masiello
9	NY, New York	1993	0.49	0.01	Rudolph Giuliani
10	NY, New York	1997	0.44	0	Rudolph Giuliani
11	NY, New York	2001	0.49	-0.01	Michael Bloomberg
12	NY, Rochester	1993	0.79	0	William Johnson, Jr.
13	NY, Yonkers	1991	0.52	0.02	Terence Zaleski
14	NY, Yonkers	1995	0.43		John Spencer
15	NY, Yonkers	2003	0.41	0	Phil Amicone
16	PA, Philadelphia	1991	0.68	-0.01	Ed Rendell
17	PA, Philadelphia	1995	0.79	0	Ed Rendell
18	PA, Philadelphia	1999	0.51	0	John Street
19	PA, Philadelphia	2003	0.59	-0.01	John Street
20	PA, Pittsburgh	1993	0.81	-0.02	Tom Murphy
21	PA, Pittsburgh	2001	0.76	0.01	Tom Murphy
22	VA, Chesapeake	1996	0.55	0	William Ward
23	IL, Chicago	2003	0.85	-0.01	Richard Daley
24	IN, Fort Wayne	1999	0.5	-0.04	Graham Richard
25	IN, Fort Wayne	2003	0.58	-0.02	Graham Richard
26	IN, Indianapolis city	1991	0.42	-0.02	Stephen Goldsmith
27	IN, Indianapolis city	1995	0.38	0	Stephen Goldsmith
28	IN, Indianapolis city	1999	0.55	-0.01	Bart Peterson
29	IN, Indianapolis city	2003	0.63	-0.01	Bart Peterson
30	KY, Louisville	2002	0.75	0.04	Jerry Abramson
31	MN, Minneapolis	1997	0.55	0.02	Sharon Sayles Belton
32	MO, Kansas City	2003	0.6	-0.03	Kay Barnes
33	MO, St. Louis	1993	0.79	0.02	Freeman Bosley, Jr.
34	MO, St. Louis	1997	0.76	-0.01	Clarence Harmon
35	MO, St. Louis	2001	0.88	0.01	Francis Slay
36	OH, Akron	2003	0.71	0.03	Donald Plusquellic
37	OH, Cincinnati	1991	0.51	-0.01	Dwight Tillery
38	OH, Cincinnati	1995	0.51	0.01	Roxanne Qualls
39	OH, Cleveland	1993	0.84	0	Michael White
40	OH, Columbus	1991	0.48	0.01	Greg Lashutka

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Number	City	Year	% Dem.	$\Delta$ Police	Name
41	OH, Columbus	1995	0.32	0.01	Greg Lashutka
42	OH, Columbus	1999	0.6	0	Michael Coleman
43	OH, Toledo	1993	0.5	0.01	Carty Finkbeiner
44	OH, Toledo	1997	0.51	0.02	Carty Finkbeiner
45	AL, Montgomery	1999	0.54	-0.01	Bobby Bright
46	AR, Little Rock	1994	0.82	0.02	Jim Dailey
47	AR, Little Rock	1998	0.9	0	Jim Dailey
48	AR, Little Rock	2002	0.85	0.01	Jim Dailey
49	FL, Jacksonville	1995	0.49	0.01	John Delaney
50	FL, Jacksonville	2003	0.42	0.01	John Peyton
51	FL, Miami	1993	0.59	-0.04	Stephen Clark
52	FL, Orlando	2004	0.63		Buddy Dyer
53	GA, Atlanta	1993	0.73	-0.02	Bill Campbell
54	GA, Atlanta	1997	0.53	-0.01	Bill Campbell
55	GA, Atlanta	2001	0.6	-0.01	Shirley Franklin
56	LA, Baton Rouge	1992	0.2	0	Ed McHugh
57	LA, Baton Rouge	1996	0.34	0	Ed McHugh
58	LA, Baton Rouge	2000	0.43	0.01	Bobby Simpson
59	LA, Baton Rouge	2004	0.54		Melvin Kip Holden
60	LA, Shreveport	1990	0.41	0.01	Hazel Beard
61	LA, Shreveport	1994	0.41	0.01	Robert Bo Williams
62	LA, Shreveport	1998	0.6	-0.03	Keith Hightower
63	LA, Shreveport	2002	0.75	0	Keith Hightower
64	MS, Jackson	1997	0.18	-0.01	Harvey Johnson, Jr.
65	MS, Jackson	2001	0.61	0.01	Harvey Johnson, Jr.
66	NC, Charlotte	1991	0.47	0.03	Richard Vinroot
67	NC, Charlotte	1993	0.33	0.09	Richard Vinroot
68	NC, Charlotte	1995	0.38	0.04	Patrick McCrory
69	NC, Charlotte	1997	0.22	0	Patrick McCrory
70	NC, Charlotte	1999	0.39	0.01	Patrick McCrory
71	NC, Charlotte	2001	0.33	-0.01	Patrick McCrory
72	NC, Charlotte	2003	0.41	-0.03	Patrick McCrory
73	NC, Raleigh	1995	0.4	-0.01	Thomas Fetzer
74	NC, Raleigh	1997	0.42	0.01	Thomas Fetzer
75	NC, Raleigh	1999	0.5	0.04	Paul Coble
76	NC, Raleigh	2001	0.51	0	Charles Meeker
77	NC, Raleigh	2003	0.59	-0.02	Charles Meeker
78	NC, Winston-Salem	1997	0.43	0.01	Jack Cavanagh, Jr.
79	NC, Winston-Salem	2001	0.78	0	Allen Joines
80	OK, Oklahoma City	2002	0.26	0	Kirk Humphreys
81	OK, Tulsa	1990	0.67	0.02	Rodger Randle

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Number	City	Year	% Dem.	$\Delta$ Police	Name
82	OK, Tulsa	1994	0.59	-0.01	Susan Savage
83	OK, Tulsa	1998	0.54	0	Susan Savage
84	OK, Tulsa	2002	0.36	-0.03	Bill LaFortune
85	TN, Knoxville	1999	0.35	0.03	Victor Ashe
86	TN, Memphis	1995	0.75	0.02	Willie Herenton
87	TN, Memphis	2003	0.74	0	Willie Herenton
88	TX, Austin	1997	0.55	0	Kirk Watson
89	TX, Austin	2000	0.92	0.02	Kirk Watson
90	TX, Austin	2001	0.78	0.02	Gus Garcia
91	TX, Dallas	1991	0.33	-0.05	Steve Bartlett
92	TX, Dallas	1995	0.73	0.01	Ron Kirk
93	TX, Dallas	2002	0.55	-0.01	Laura Miller
94	TX, Dallas	2003	0.59	0.01	Laura Miller
95	TX, El Paso	1995	0.27	0.03	Larry Francis
96	TX, El Paso	2001	0.63	-0.01	Raymond Caballero
97	TX, Houston	1991	0.53	0	Bob Lanier
98	TX, Houston	1993	0.95	-0.01	Bob Lanier
99	TX, Houston	1995	0.9	-0.01	Bob Lanier
100	TX, Houston	1997	0.53	0	Lee Brown
101	TX, Houston	1999	0.74	0	Lee Brown
102	TX, Houston	2001	0.52	-0.01	Lee Brown
103	TX, Houston	2003	0.63	-0.02	Bill White
104	TX, San Antonio	1995	0.47	0.01	William Thornton
105	TX, San Antonio	1997	0.43	-0.01	Howard Peak
106	AK, Anchorage	2000	0.66	0.01	Mark Begich
107	AK, Anchorage	2003	0.55	0	Mark Begich
108	AZ, Tucson	1991	0.56	0.01	George Miller
109	AZ, Tucson	1995	0.61	0.01	George Miller
110	AZ, Tucson	1999	0.42	0.02	Robert Walkup
111	AZ, Tucson	2003	0.49	0.04	Robert Walkup
112	CA, Fresno	2000	0.39	0.02	Alan Autry
113	CA, Irvine	2002	0.53	0.04	Larry Agran
114	CA, Irvine	2004	0.52		Beth Krom
115	CA, Los Angeles	1993	0.46	0.01	Richard Riordan
116	CA, Los Angeles	1997	0.36	0	Richard Riordan
117	CA, Sacramento	2004	0.74		Heather Fargo
118	CA, San Francisco	2003	0.53	-0.01	Gavin Newsom
119	CA, San Jose	1998	0.51	-0.01	Ron Gonzales
120	CA, San Jose	2002	0.81	0	Ron Gonzales
121	CO, Denver	1999	0.92	-0.01	Wellington Webb
122	HI, Honolulu	1992	0.49	-0.01	Frank Fasi

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Number	City	Year	% Dem.	$\Delta$ Police	Name
123	ID, Boise City	2003	0.67	0.04	David Bieter
124	KS, Wichita	2003	0.23	-0.01	Carlos Mayans
125	NE, Lincoln	2003	0.51	-0.01	Coleen Seng
126	NE, Omaha	1994	0.43	0.01	Hal Daub
127	NE, Omaha	1997	0.5	0.01	Hal Daub
128	NE, Omaha	2001	0.51	-0.04	Mike Fahey
129	NM, Albuquerque	1993	0.5	0	Martin Chavez
130	NM, Albuquerque	1997	0.54	0.03	Jim Baca
131	NM, Albuquerque	2001	0.52	0	Martin Chavez
132	NV, Las Vegas	1999	0.64	0.01	Oscar Goodman
133	NV, Las Vegas	2003	0.94	0	Oscar Goodman
134	WA, Seattle	1993	0.57	-0.01	Norman Rice



## Omitted Variables?

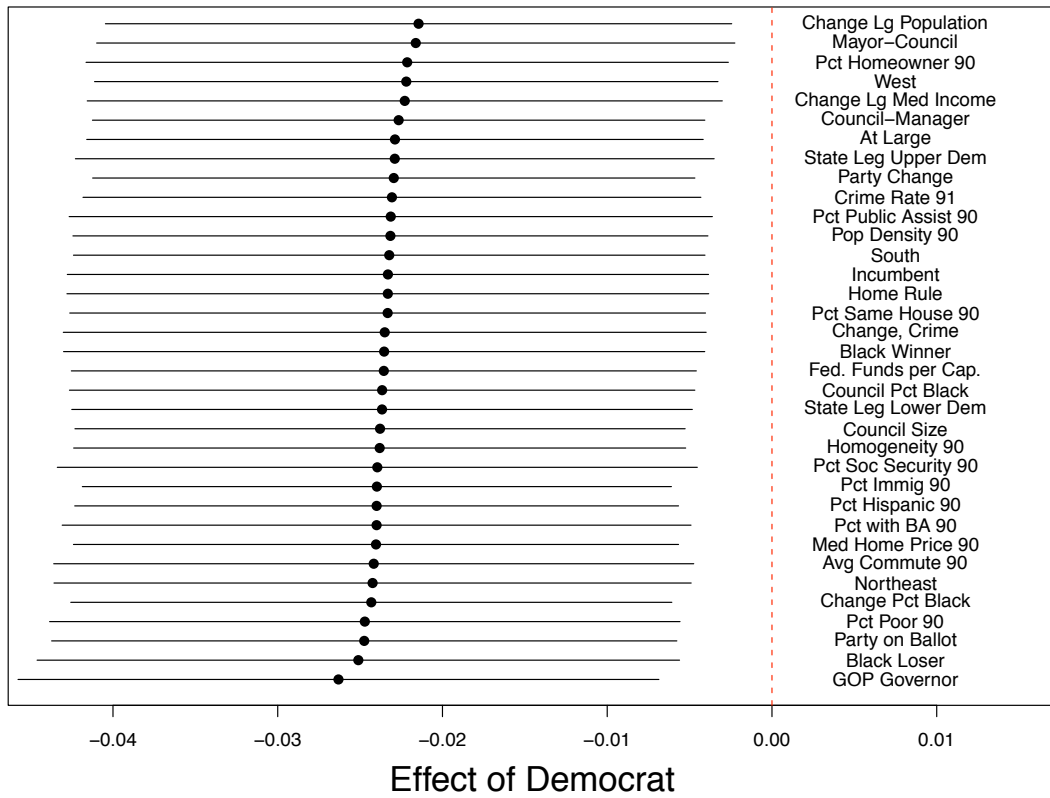


Figure 1: OLS Estimates, Effect of a Democratic Victory on Police Spending. *Conditional on the inclusion of potential confounding variables.*

## Placebo Tests: Correlation with Democratic Win

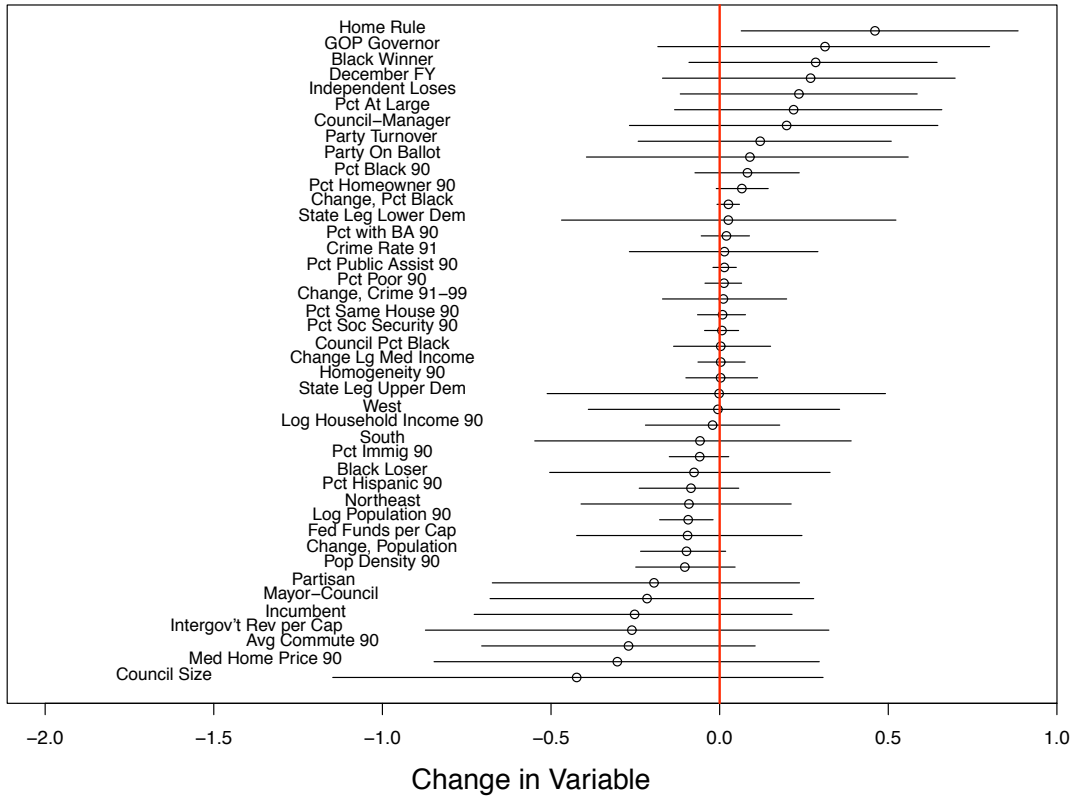


Figure 2: OLS Estimates, Placebo Tests, DV=Covariates, IV=Democratic Victory.

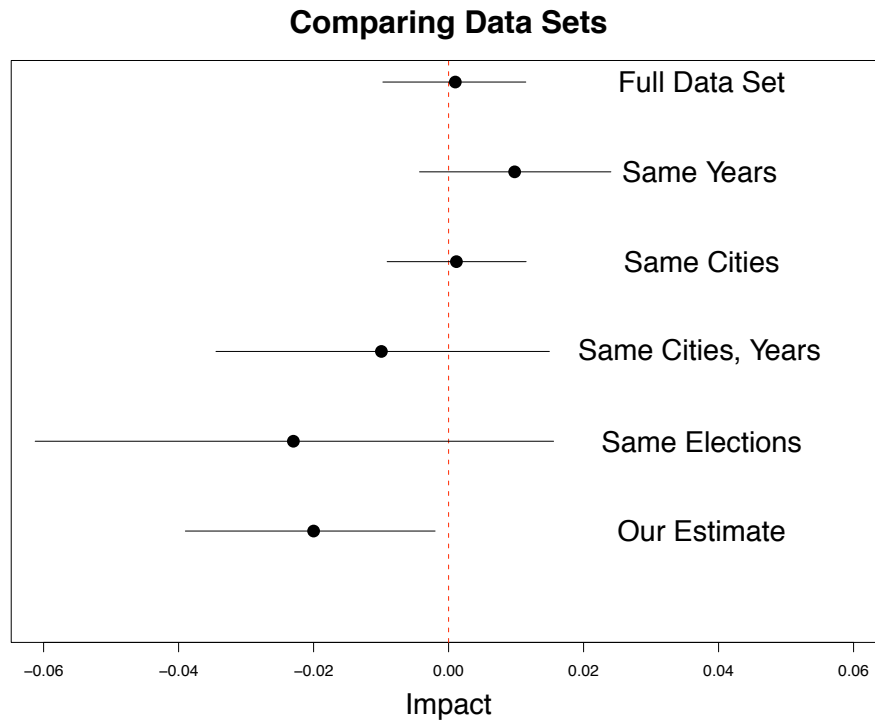


Figure 3: OLS Estimates, IV=Democratic Victory, Comparisons with Ferriera and Gyourko (2009)'s data set. *The dependent variable is the change in the three-year share of expenditures on the police. The models include only the percent Democratic, an indicator for a Democratic victory, and various functions of those variables.*