Using the Catalist Database to Study Political Participation

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This workshop will give an overview of the data available from Catalist, LLC, a data vendor that aggregates, cleans, and repackages individual-level information on voter registration and voter turnout. Indiana University affiliates may now access the online database through the support of the College of Arts and Sciences and the Social Science Research Commons. Total, Catalist has records for over 250 million voting-age U.S. residents, and thus serves as the leading data vendor to high profile, “big data”-driven political campaigns. We will discuss the various geographic, demographic, and political information that can be extracted from the database, and how you can obtain tabular data of interest from the browser-based interface. A series of examples will demonstrate how the Catalist data can enhance our understanding of participation in American politics.

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