

# 4.2 — Difference-in-Difference Models

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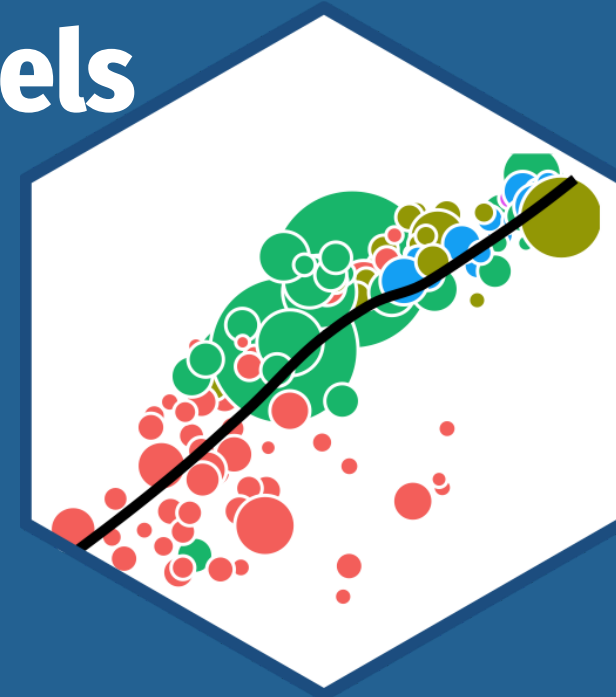
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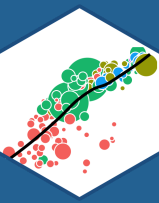
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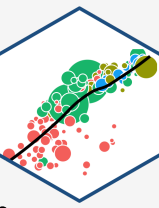
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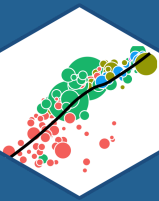
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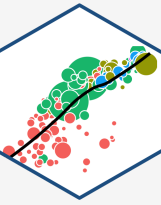


Again, **this toolkit** of research designs to **identify causal effects** is the economist's **comparative advantage** that firms and governments want!

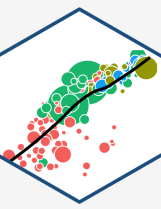


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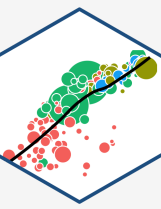


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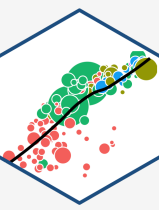
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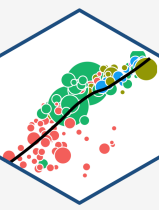


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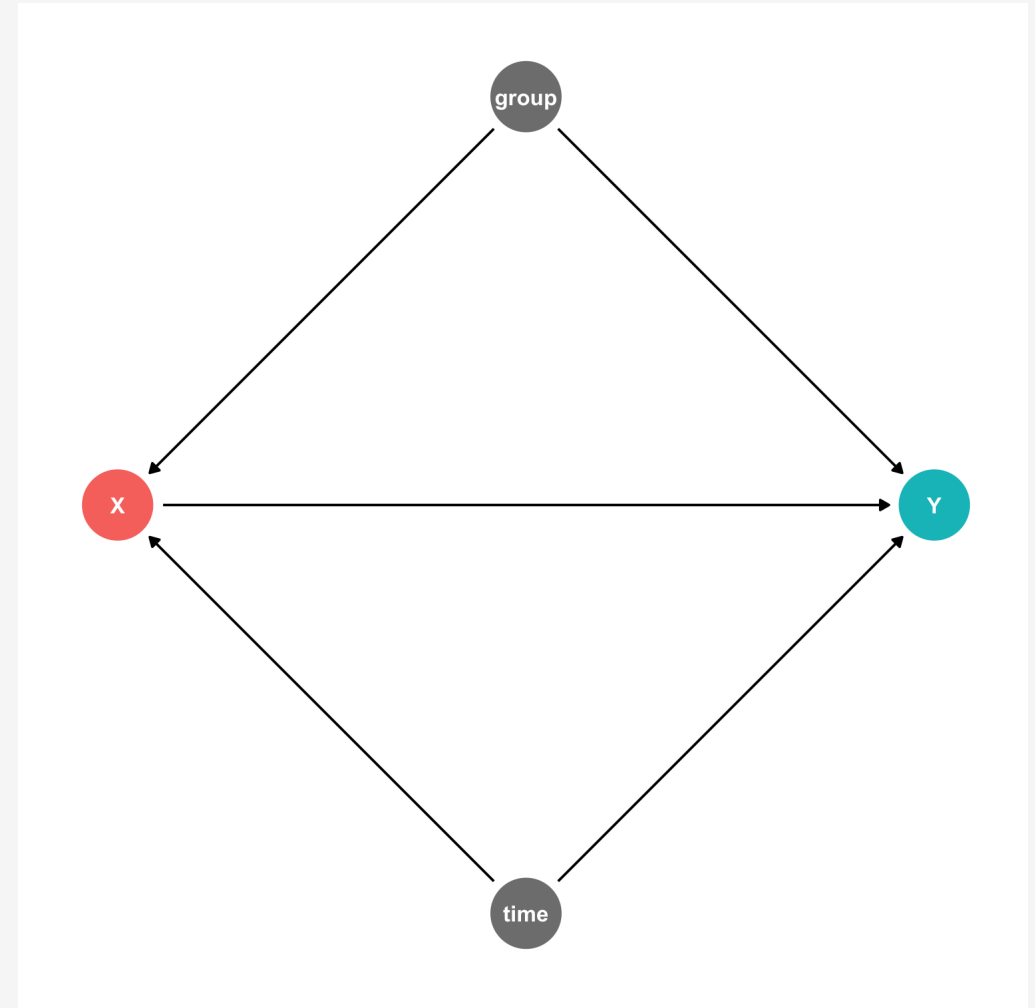




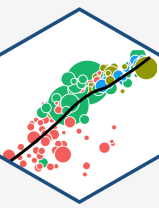
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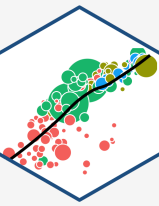
- The **difference-in-difference model** (aka “**diff-in-diff**” or “**DND**”) identifies treatment effect by differencing the difference pre- and post-treatment values of  $(Y)$  between treatment and control groups

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|                                 | Control             | Treatment                               | Group Diff $(\Delta Y_i)$                          |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---|--|
| Before                          | $\beta_0$           | $\beta_0 + \beta_1$                     | $\beta_1$  |
| After                           | $\beta_0 + \beta_2$ | $\beta_0 + \beta_1 + \beta_2 + \beta_3$ | $\beta_1 + \beta_3$                                |
| <b>Time Diff</b> $(\Delta Y_t)$ | $\beta_2$           | $\beta_2 + \beta_3$                     | <b>Diff-in-diff</b> $(\Delta_i \Delta_t: \beta_3)$ |

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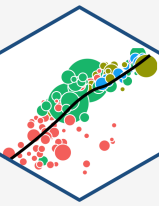
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|-------|--------|-------|
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| No Chili          | \$2.00    | \$2.35 | \$0.35                         |
| Chili             | \$2.35    | \$2.70 | \$0.35                         |
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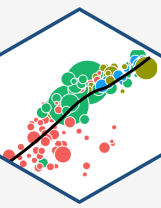
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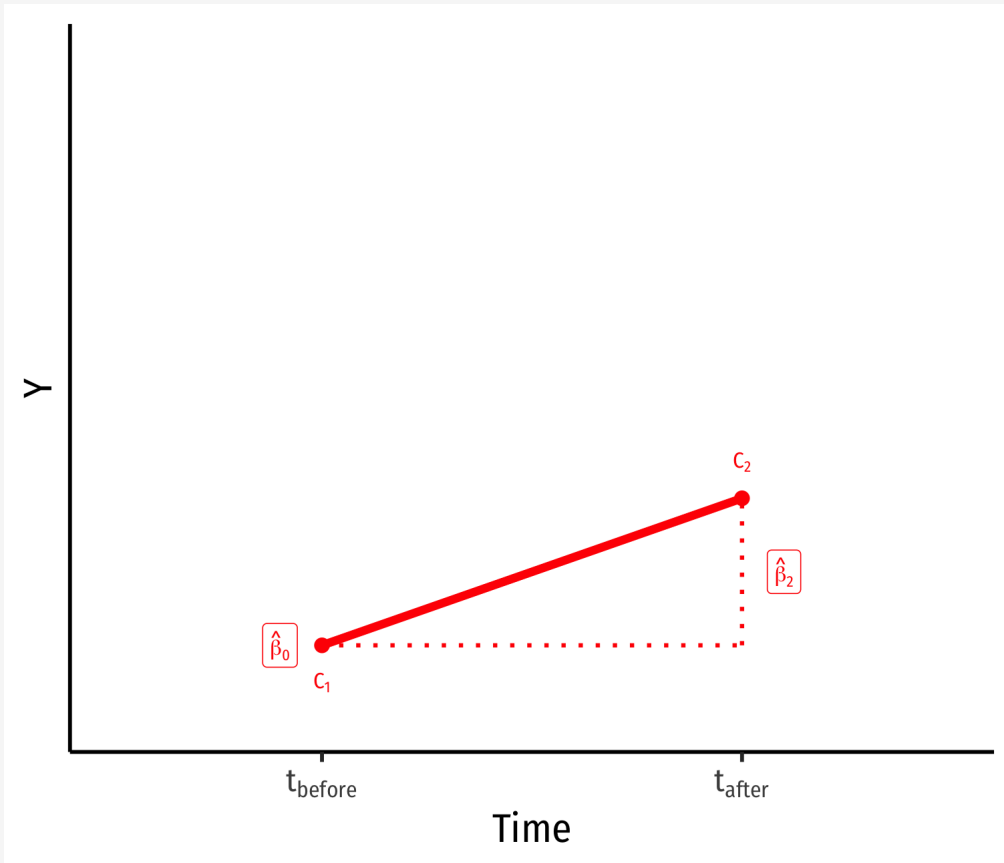
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- Diff-n-diff is just a model with an interaction term between two dummies!

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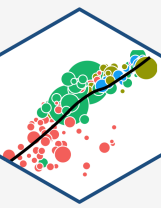


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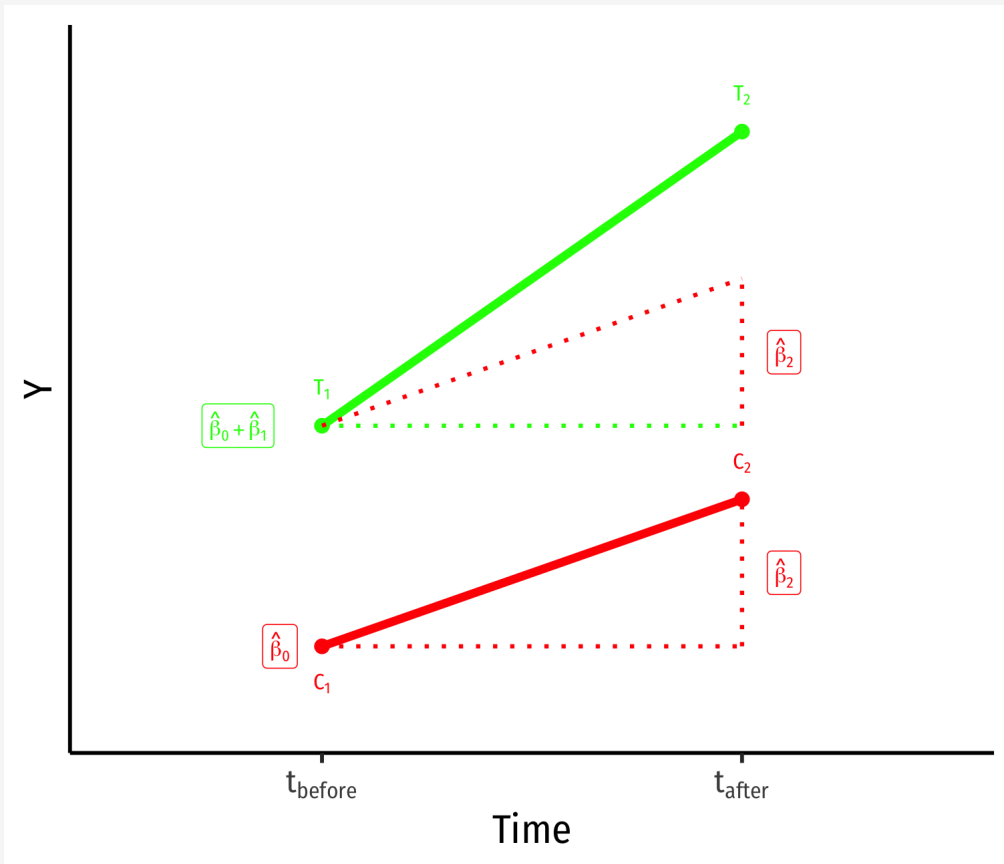


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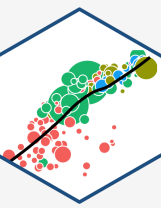


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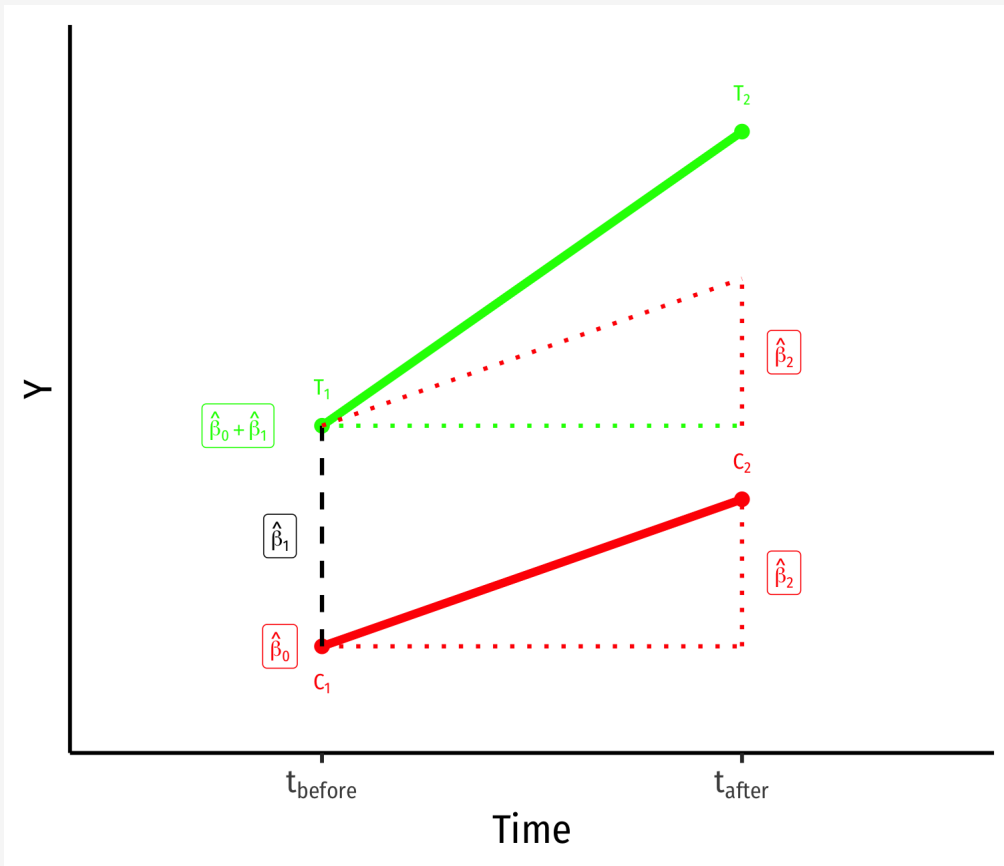


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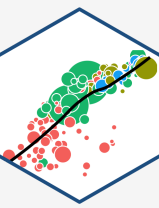


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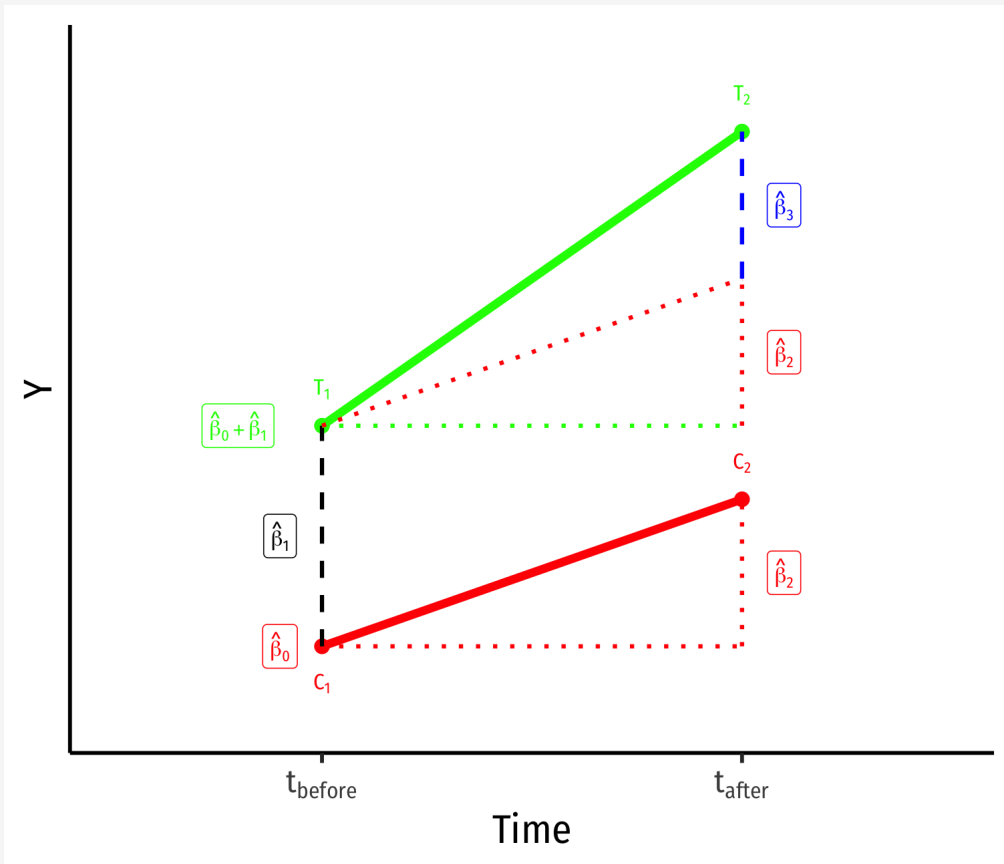


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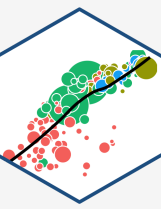
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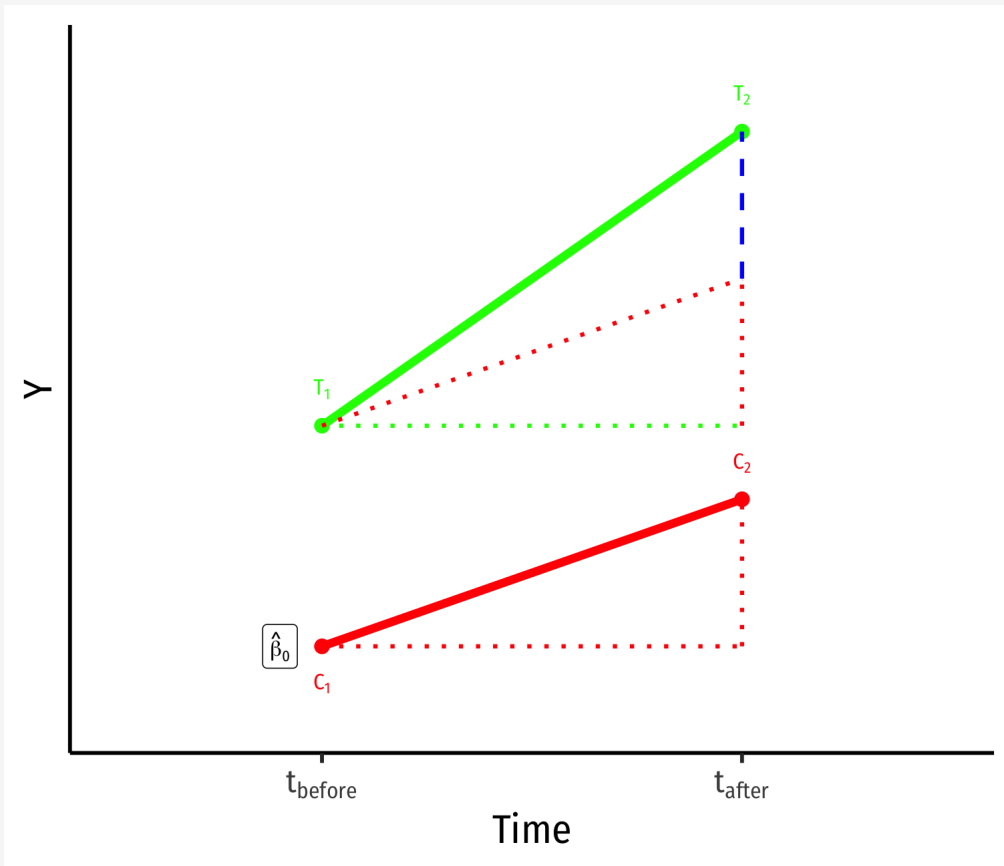


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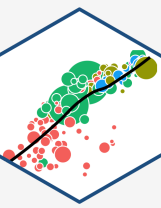


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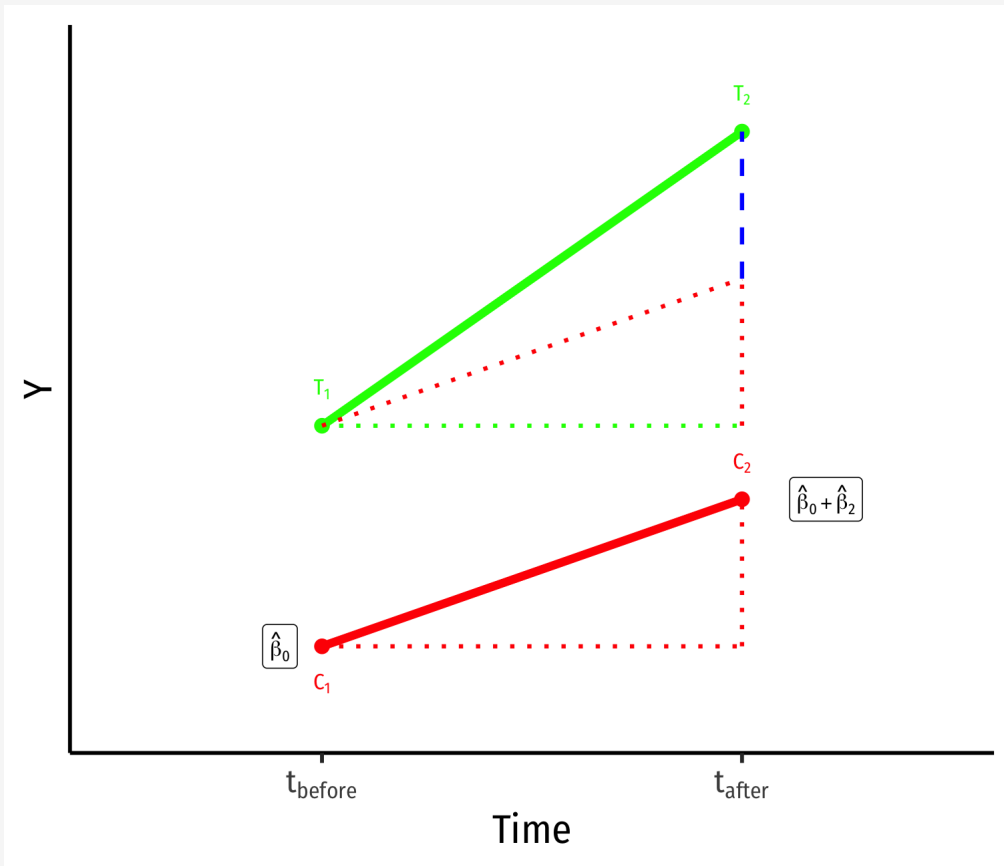
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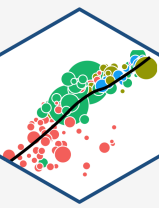


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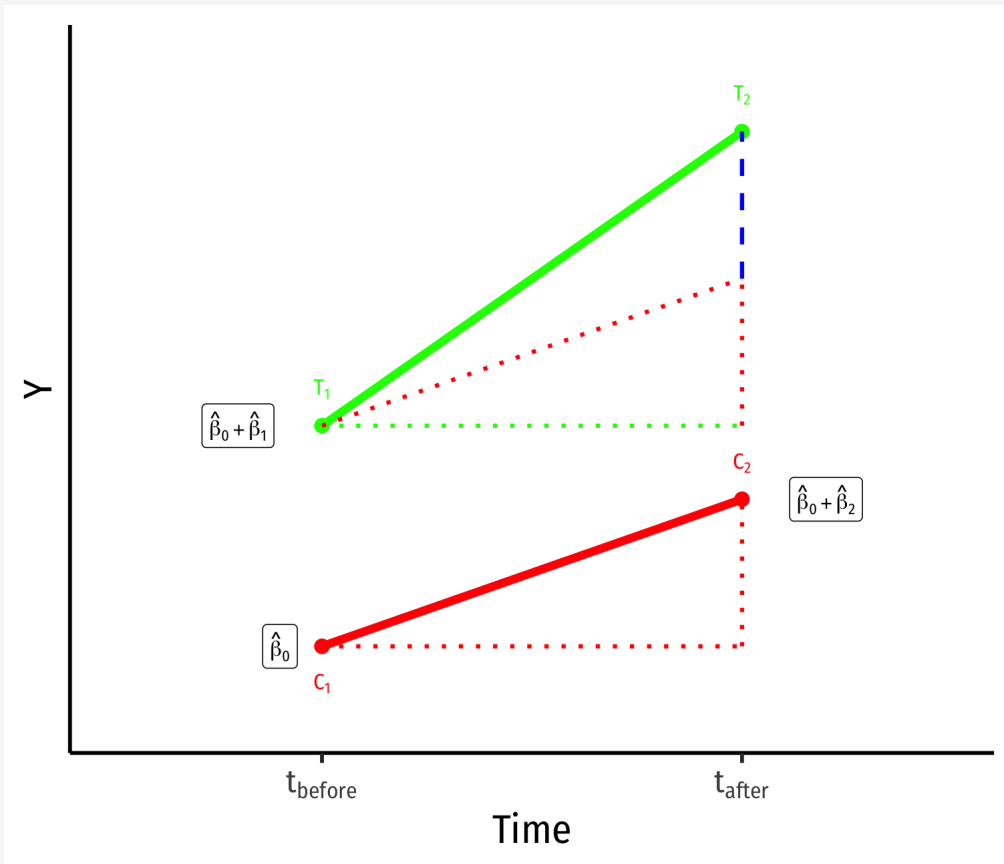


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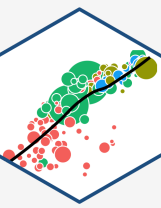


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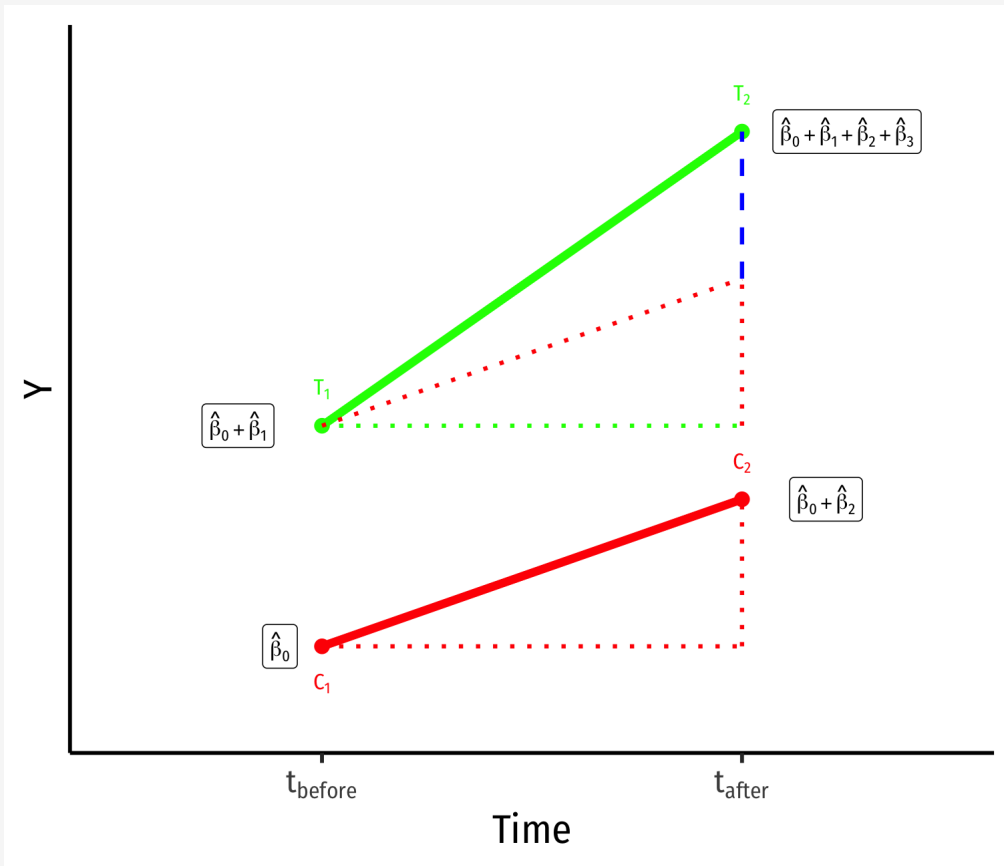


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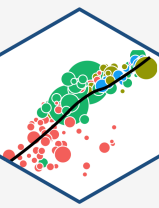


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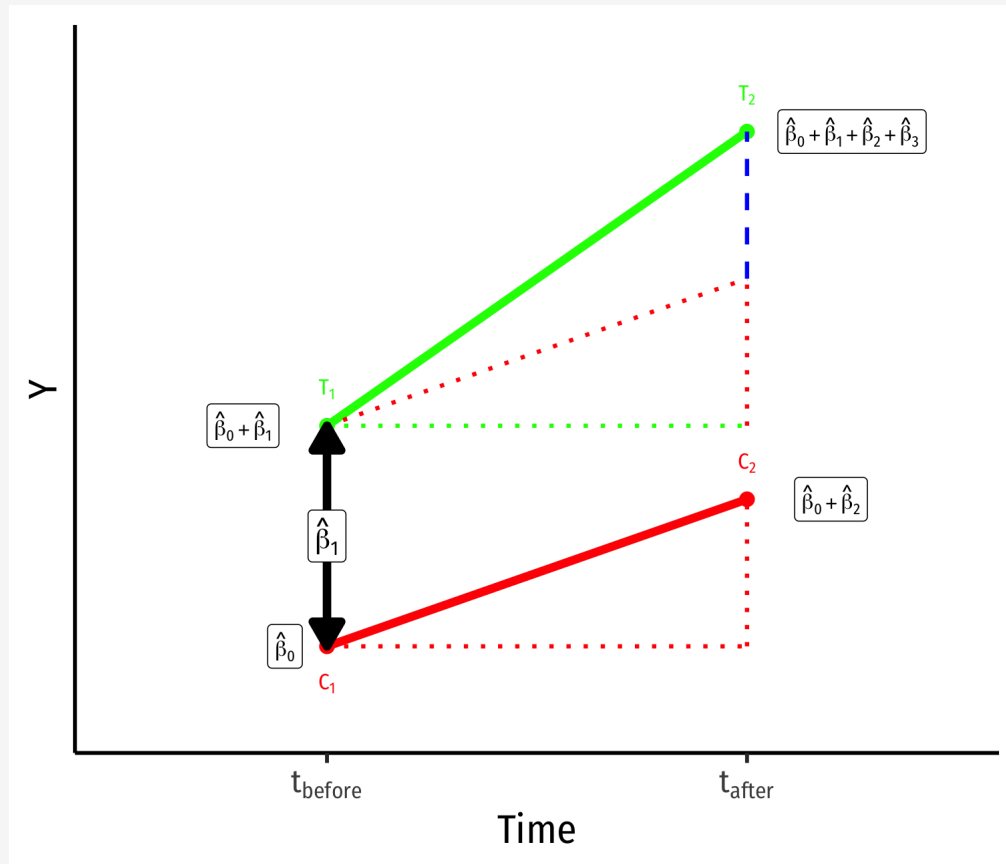


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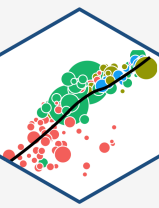


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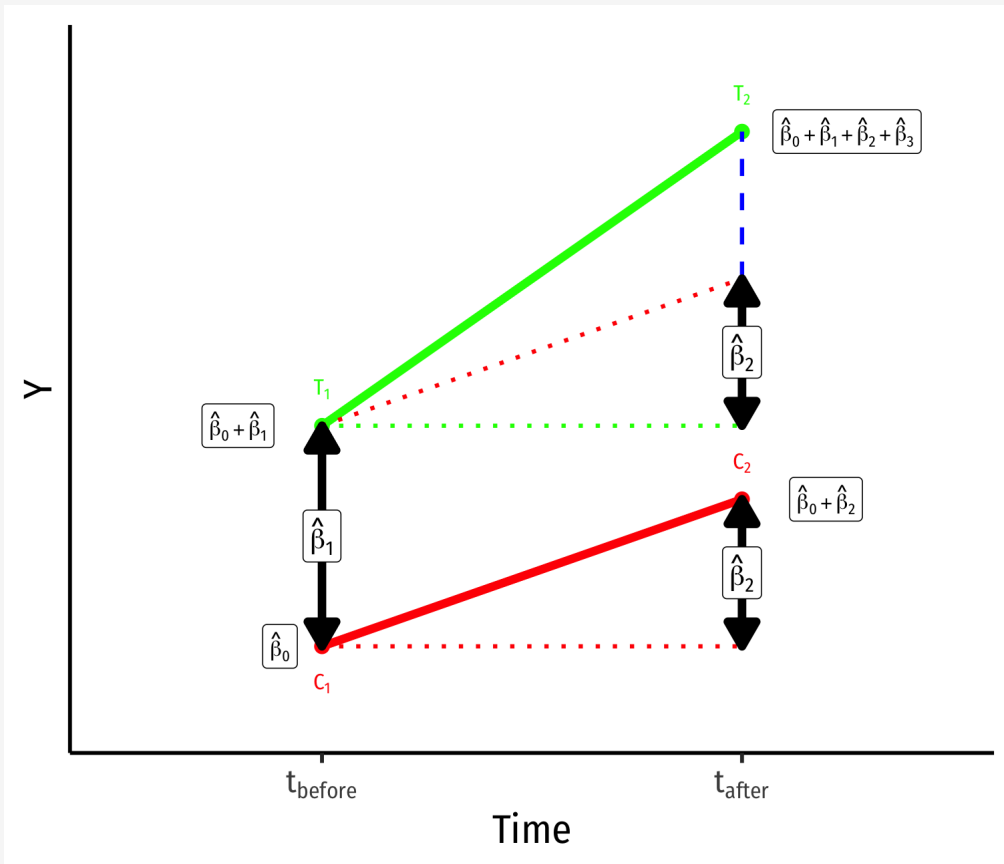


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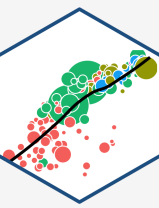


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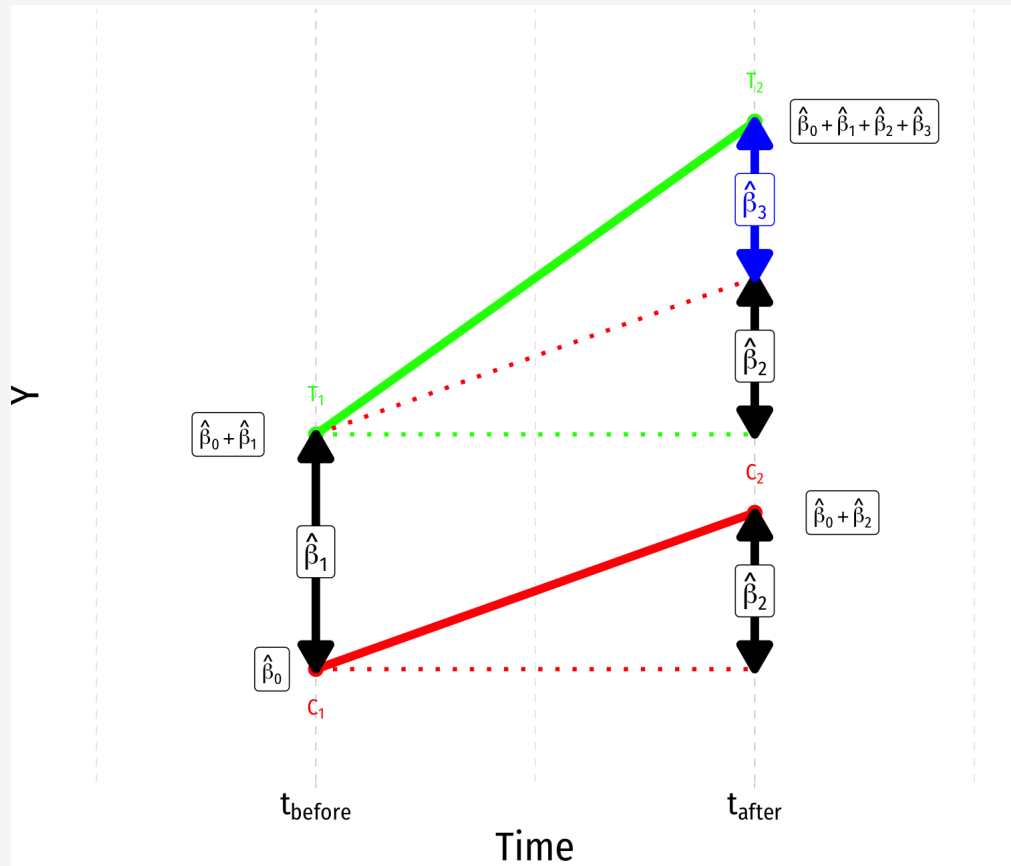


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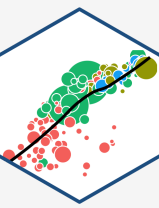


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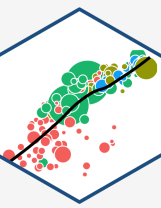


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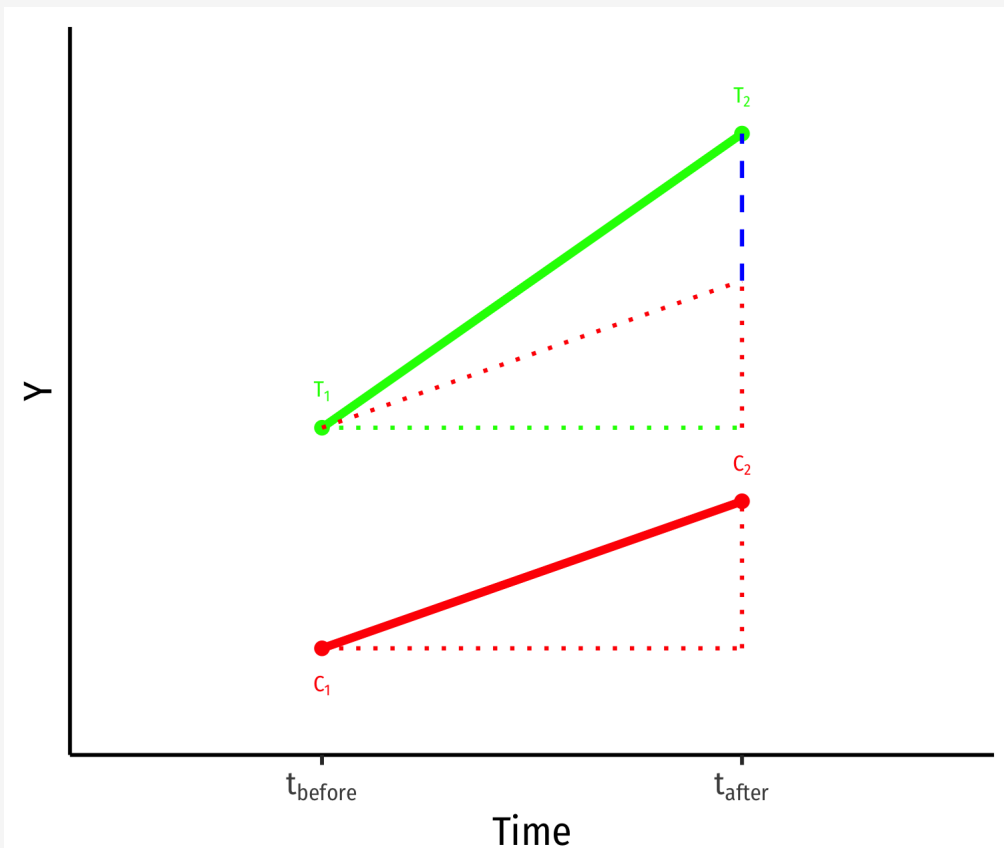
|  | Control             | Treatment                               | Group Diff $(\Delta Y_i)$                                     |
|--|---------------------|---|---|
| Before                                     | $\beta_0$           | $\beta_0 + \beta_1$                     | $\beta_1$   |
| After                                      | $\beta_0 + \beta_2$ | $\beta_0 + \beta_1 + \beta_2 + \beta_3$ | $\beta_1 + \beta_3$   |
| <b>Time Diff <math>(\Delta Y_t)</math></b> | $\beta_2$           | $\beta_2 + \beta_3$                     | <b>Diff-in-diff <math>(\Delta_i \Delta_t: \beta_3)</math></b> |



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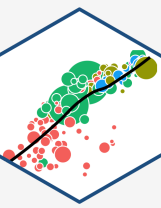


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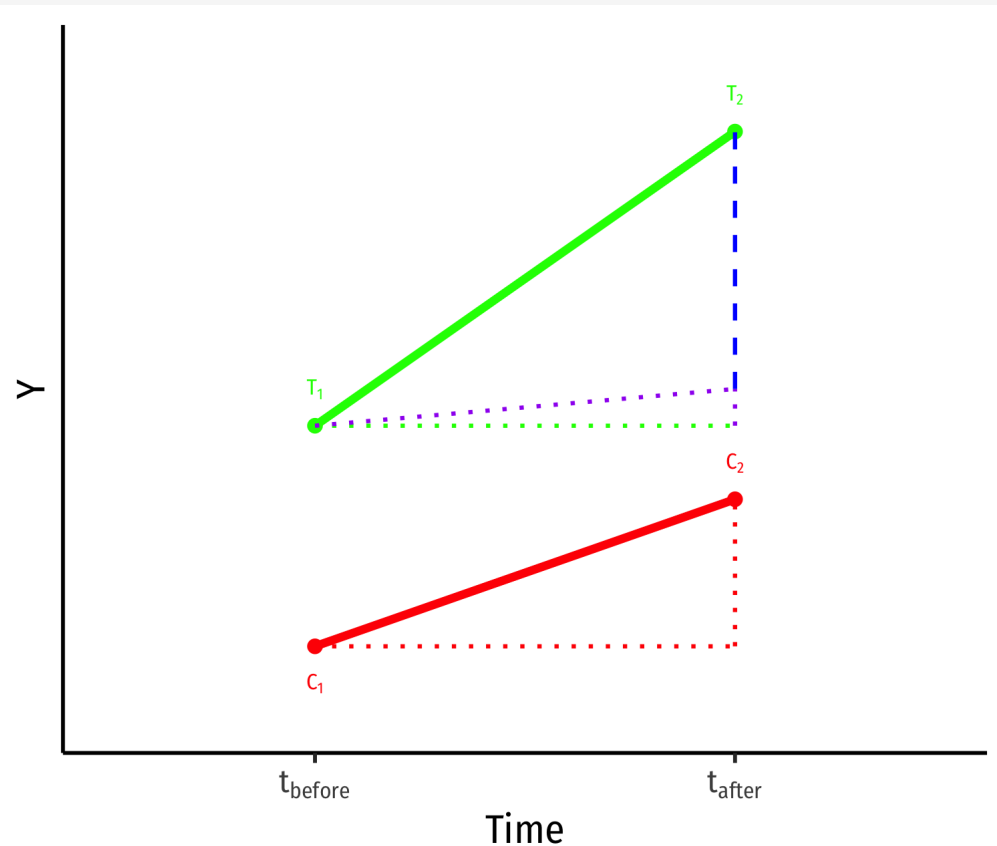


- Key assumption for DND: **time trends** (for treatment and control) are **parallel**
- Treatment and control groups assumed to be identical over time on average, **except for treatment**
- **Counterfactual**: if the treatment group had not received treatment, it would have changed identically over time as the control group  $((\hat{\beta}_2))$

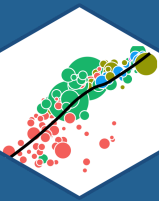
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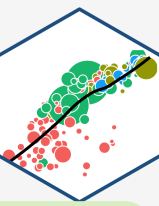


- If the time-trends would have been *different*, a **biased** measure of the treatment effect  $((\hat{\beta}_3))$ !



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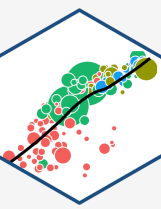
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**Example:** In 1993 Georgia initiated a HOPE scholarship program to let state residents with at least a B average in high school attend public college in Georgia for free. Did it increase college enrollment?

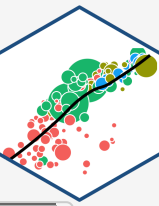
- Micro-level data on 4,291 young individuals
- $\text{InCollege}_{it} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i \text{ is in college during year } t \\ 0 & \text{if } i \text{ is not in college during year } t \end{cases}$
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- $\text{After}_t = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } t \text{ is after 1992} \\ 0 & \text{if } t \text{ is after 1992} \end{cases}$

# Diff-in-Diff Example II



- We can use a DND model to measure the effect of HOPE scholarship on enrollments
- Georgia and nearby States, if not for HOPE, changes should be the same over time
- Treatment period: after 1992
- Treatment: Georgia
- Differences-in-differences: 
$$\Delta_i \Delta_t \text{Enrolled} = (\text{GA}_{\text{after}} - \text{GA}_{\text{before}}) - (\text{neighbors}_{\text{after}} - \text{neighbors}_{\text{before}})$$
- Regression equation: 
$$\widehat{\text{Enrolled}}_{it} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{Georgia}_i + \beta_2 \text{After}_t + \beta_3 (\text{Georgia}_i \times \text{After}_t)$$

# Example: Data

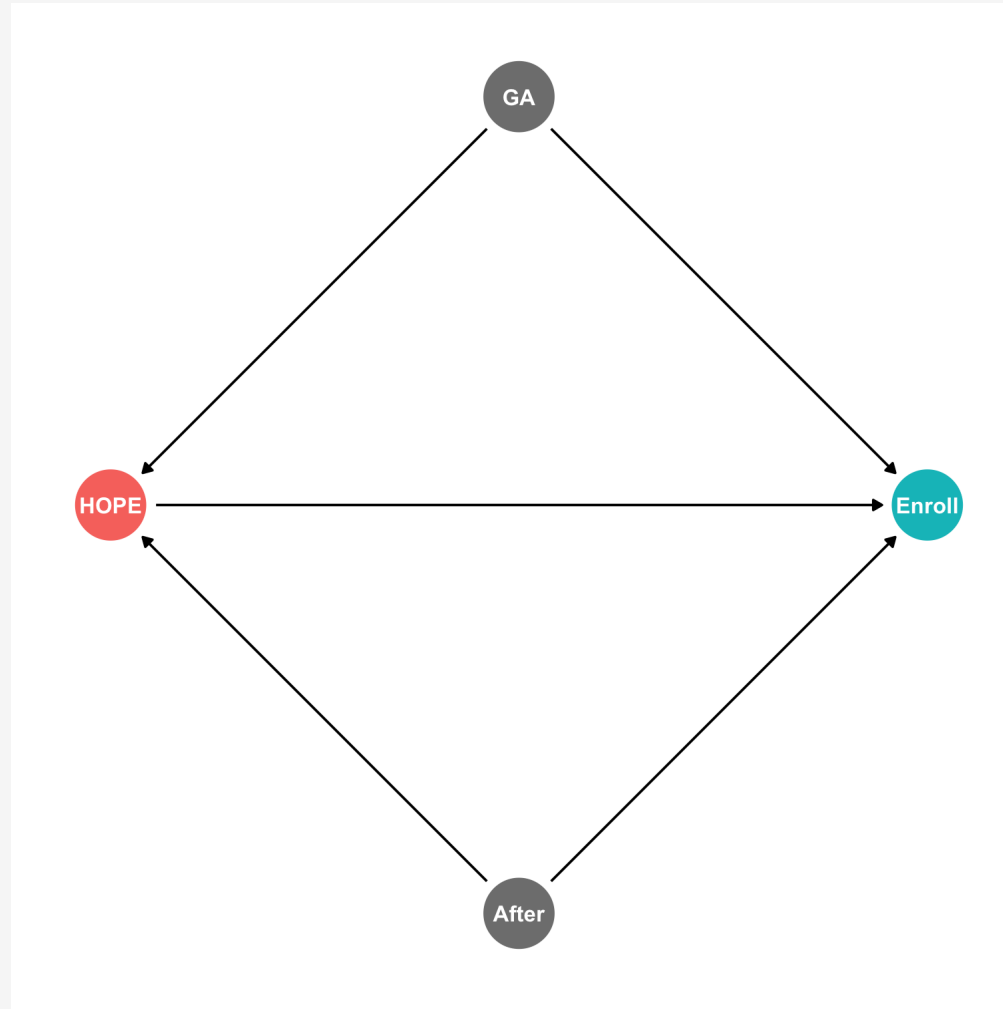
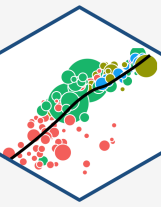


| StateCode | Age   | Year   | Weight | Age18 | LowIncome | InCollege | After | Georgia | AfterGeorgia |
|-----------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-----------|-----------|-------|---------|--------------|
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| 56        | 19    | 89     | 1396   | 0     | 1         | 1         | 0     | 0       | 0            |
| 56        | 19    | 89     | 1080   | 0     | NA        | 1         | 0     | 0       | 0            |
| 56        | 18    | 89     | 924    | 1     | 1         | 1         | 0     | 0       | 0            |
| 56        | 19    | 89     | 891    | 0     | 0         | 1         | 0     | 0       | 0            |
| 56        | 19    | 89     | 1395   | 0     | NA        | 0         | 0     | 0       | 0            |
| 56        | 18    | 89     | 1106   | 1     | 1         | 1         | 0     | 0       | 0            |
| 56        | 19    | 89     | 965    | 0     | NA        | 0         | 0     | 0       | 0            |
| 56        | 18    | 89     | 958    | 1     | NA        | 0         | 0     | 0       | 0            |
| 56        | 19    | 89     | 1006   | 0     | NA        | 0         | 0     | 0       | 0            |
| 56        | 19    | 89     | 1183   | 0     | 1         | 1         | 0     | 0       | 0            |

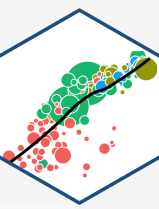
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# Example: Data



# Example: Regression



```
DND_reg<-lm(InCollege ~ Georgia + After + Georgia*After, data = hope)
DND_reg %>% tidy()
```

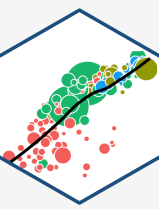
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|---------------|--------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| <chr>         | <dbl>        | <dbl>      | <dbl>      | <dbl>         |
| (Intercept)   | 0.405782652  | 0.01092390 | 37.1463182 | 4.221545e-262 |
| Georgia       | -0.105236204 | 0.03778114 | -2.7854165 | 5.369384e-03  |
| After         | -0.004459609 | 0.01585224 | -0.2813235 | 7.784758e-01  |
| Georgia:After | 0.089329828  | 0.04889329 | 1.8270364  | 6.776378e-02  |

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$\widehat{\text{Enrolled}}_{it} = 0.406 - 0.105 \cdot \text{Georgia}_i - 0.004 \cdot \text{After}_t + 0.089 \cdot (\text{Georgia}_i \cdot \text{After}_t)$



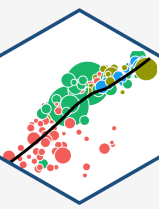
# Example: Interpreting the Regression



$$\widehat{\text{Enrolled}}_{it} = 0.406 - 0.105 \text{ , Georgia}_{i} - 0.004 \text{ , After}_{t} + 0.089 \text{ , (Georgia}_{i} \times \text{After}_{t})$$

- $(\beta_0)$ : A **non-Georgian before** 1992 was 40.6% likely to be a college student
- $(\beta_1)$ : **Georgians before** 1992 were 10.5% less likely to be college students than neighboring states
- $(\beta_2)$ : **After** 1992, **non-Georgians** are 0.4% less likely to be college students
- $(\beta_3)$ : **After** 1992, **Georgians** are 8.9% more likely to enroll in colleges than neighboring states
- **Treatment effect: HOPE increased enrollment likelihood by 8.9%**

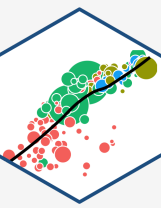
# Example: Comparing Group Means



$$\widehat{\text{Enrolled}}_{it} = 0.406 - 0.105 \cdot \text{Georgia}_i - 0.004 \cdot \text{After}_t + 0.089 \cdot (\text{Georgia}_i \times \text{After}_t)$$

- A group mean for a dummy  $(Y)$  is  $(E[Y=1])$ , i.e. the probability a student is enrolled:
- **Non-Georgian enrollment probability pre-1992:**  $(\beta_0 = 0.406)$
- **Georgian enrollment probability pre-1992:**  $(\beta_0 + \beta_1 = 0.406 - 0.105 = 0.301)$
- **Non-Georgian enrollment probability post-1992:**  $(\beta_0 + \beta_2 = 0.406 - 0.004 = 0.402)$
- **Georgian enrollment probability post-1992:**  $(\beta_0 + \beta_1 + \beta_2 + \beta_3 = 0.406 - 0.105 - 0.004 + 0.089 = 0.386)$

# Example: Comparing Group Means in R



```
# group mean for non-Georgian before 1992
hope %>%
  filter(Georgia==0,
         After==0) %>%
  summarize(prob = mean(InCollege))
```

**prob**

<dbl>

0.4057827

1 row

```
# group mean for non-Georgian AFTER 1992
hope %>%
  filter(Georgia==0,
         After==1) %>%
  summarize(prob = mean(InCollege))
```

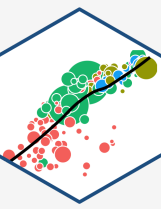
**prob**

<dbl>

0.401323

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# Example: Comparing Group Means in R II



```
# group mean for Georgian before 1992
hope %>%
  filter(Georgia==1,
         After==0) %>%
  summarize(prob = mean(InCollege))
```

| <b>prob</b> |
|-------------|
| <dbl>       |

|           |
|-----------|
| 0.3005464 |
|-----------|

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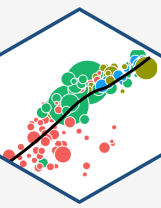
```
# group mean for Georgian AFTER 1992
hope %>%
  filter(Georgia==1,
         After==1) %>%
  summarize(prob = mean(InCollege))
```

| <b>prob</b> |
|-------------|
| <dbl>       |

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| 0.3854167 |
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# Example: Diff-in-Diff Summary

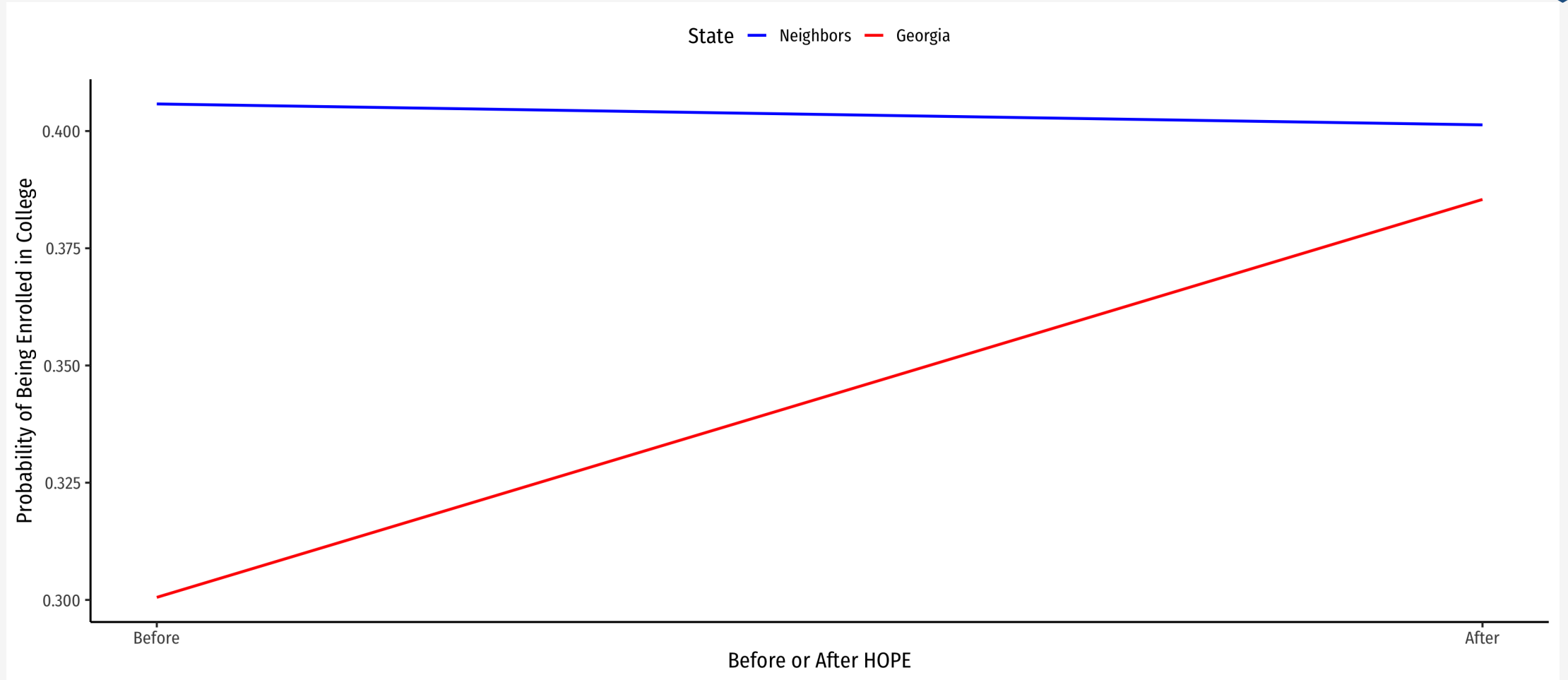
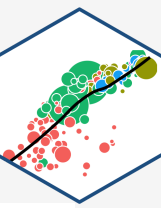


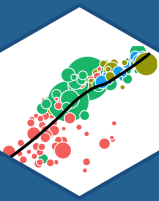
$$\widehat{\text{Enrolled}}_{it} = 0.406 - 0.105 \text{ Georgia}_i - 0.004 \text{ After}_t + 0.089 (\text{Georgia}_i \times \text{After}_t)$$

|  | Neighbors | Georgia | Group Diff $(\Delta Y_i)$  |
|--|-----------|---------|----------------------------|
| Before                                     | 0.406     | 0.301   | -0.105                     |
| After                                      | 0.402     | 0.386   | 0.016                      |
| <b>Time Diff <math>(\Delta Y_t)</math></b> | -0.004    | 0.085   | <b>Diff-in-diff: 0.089</b> |

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_i \Delta_t \text{Enrolled} &= (\text{GA}_{\text{after}} - \text{GA}_{\text{before}}) - \\ &(\text{neighbors}_{\text{after}} - \text{neighbors}_{\text{before}}) \\ &= (0.386 - 0.301) - (0.402 - 0.406) \\ &= (0.085) - (-0.004) \\ &= 0.089 \end{aligned}$$

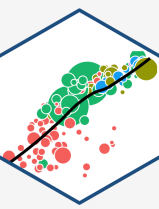
# Example: Diff-in-Diff Graph





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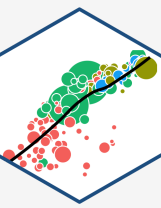
- DND can be **generalized** with a **two-way fixed effects** model:

$$\widehat{Y}_{it} = \alpha_i + \theta_t + \beta_3 (\text{Treated}_i * \text{After}_t) + \nu_{it}$$

- $\alpha_i$ : **group fixed effects** (treatments/control groups)
  - $\theta_t$ : **time fixed effects** (pre/post treatment)
- Allows *many* periods, and treatment(s) can occur at different times to different units (so long as some do not get treated)
  - Can also add control variables that vary within units and over time
- $$\widehat{Y}_{it} = \alpha_i + \theta_t + \beta_3 (\text{Treated}_i * \text{After}_t) + \beta_4 X_{it} + \nu_{it}$$



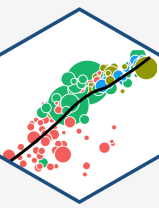
# Our Example, Generalized I



$$\widehat{\text{Enrolled}}_{it} = \alpha_i + \theta_t + \beta_3 \text{ , } (\text{Georgia}_{it} \times \text{After}_{it})$$

- `StateCode` is a variable for the State  $\implies$  create State fixed effect
- `Year` is a variable for the year  $\implies$  create year fixed effect

# Our Example, Generalized II



- Using LSDV method...

```
DND_fe <- lm(InCollege ~ Georgia*After + factor(StateCode) + factor(Year),
             data = hope)
DND_fe %>% tidy()
```

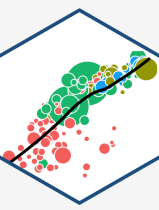
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|---------------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|
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| (Intercept)         | 0.418057478  | 0.02261133 | 18.4888517 | 1.734550e-73 |
| Georgia             | -0.141501255 | 0.03936119 | -3.5949436 | 3.281224e-04 |
| After               | 0.075340594  | 0.03128021 | 2.4085706  | 1.605717e-02 |
| factor(StateCode)57 | -0.014181112 | 0.02739708 | -0.5176140 | 6.047544e-01 |
| factor(StateCode)58 | NA           | NA         | NA         | NA           |
| factor(StateCode)59 | -0.062378540 | 0.01954266 | -3.1919172 | 1.423556e-03 |
| factor(StateCode)62 | -0.132650271 | 0.02806143 | -4.7271383 | 2.350298e-06 |
| factor(StateCode)63 | -0.005103868 | 0.02627780 | -0.1942274 | 8.460071e-01 |
| factor(Year)90      | 0.046608845  | 0.02833625 | 1.6448486  | 1.000745e-01 |
| factor(Year)91      | 0.032275789  | 0.02856877 | 1.1297577  | 2.586417e-01 |

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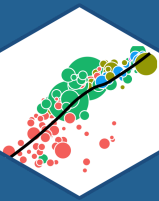
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$\widehat{\text{InCollege}}_i = \alpha_i + \theta_t + 0.091 \cdot (\text{Georgia}_i \times \text{After}_i)$

# Intuition behind DND

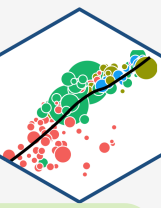


- Diff-in-diff models are the quintessential example of exploiting **natural experiments**
- A major change at a point in time (change in law, a natural disaster, political crisis) separates groups where one is affected and another is not---identifies the effect of the change (treatment)
- One of the cleanest and clearest causal **identification strategies**



# Example II: "The" Card-Kreuger Minimum Wage Study

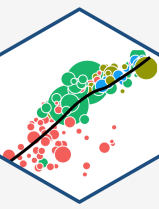
# Example: "The" Card-Kreuger Minimum Wage Study I



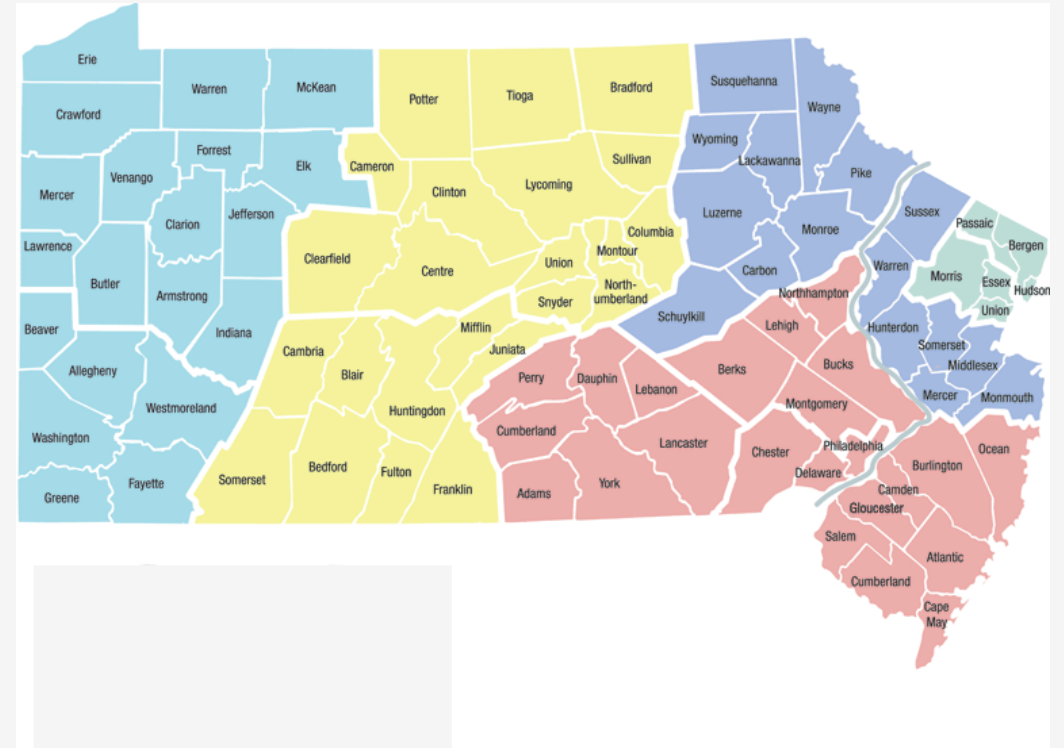
**Example:** *The* controversial minimum wage study, Card & Kreuger (1994) is a quintessential (and clever) diff-in-diff.

Card, David, Krueger, Alan B, (1994), "Minimum Wages and Employment: A Case Study of the Fast-Food Industry in New Jersey and Pennsylvania," *American Economic Review* 84 (4): 772-793

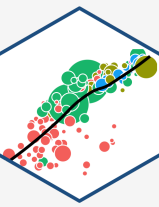
# Card & Kreuger (1994): Background I



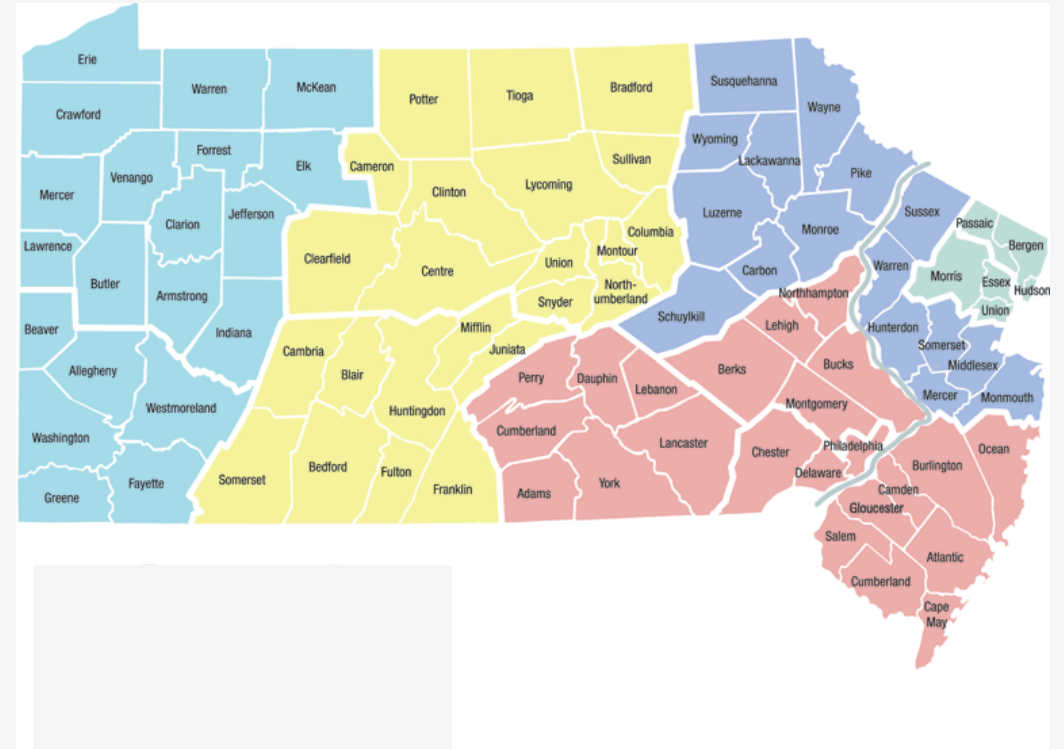
- Card & Kreuger (1994) compare employment in fast food restaurants on New Jersey and Pennsylvania sides of border between February and November 1992.
- Pennsylvania & New Jersey both had a minimum wage of \$4.25 before February 1992
- In February 1992, New Jersey raised minimum wage from \$4.25 to \$5.05



# Card & Kreuger (1994): Background II



- If we look only at New Jersey before & after change:
  - **Omitted variable bias:**  
macroeconomic variables (there's a recession!), weather, etc.
  - Including PA as a control will control for these time-varying effects if they are national trends
- Surveyed 400 fast food restaurants on each side of the border, before & after min wage increase



# Card & Kreuger (1994): Comparisons

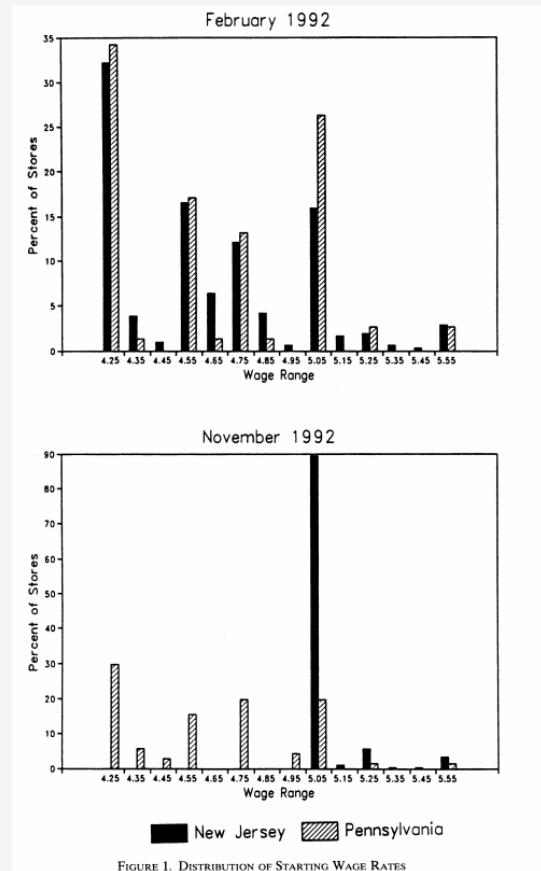
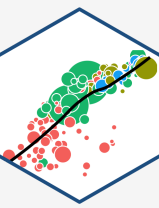


FIGURE 1. DISTRIBUTION OF STARTING WAGE RATES



# Card & Kreuger (1994): Summary I

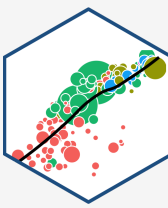


TABLE 1—SAMPLE DESIGN AND RESPONSE RATES

|  | All  | Stores in: |      |
|--|------|------------|------|
|  |      | NJ         | PA   |
| <i>Wave 1, February 15 – March 4, 1992:</i>    |      |            |      |
| Number of stores in sample frame: <sup>a</sup> | 473  | 364        | 109  |
| Number of refusals:                            | 63   | 33         | 30   |
| Number interviewed:                            | 410  | 331        | 79   |
| Response rate (percentage):                    | 86.7 | 90.9       | 72.5 |
| <i>Wave 2, November 5 – December 31, 1992:</i> |      |            |      |
| Number of stores in sample frame:              | 410  | 331        | 79   |
| Number closed:                                 | 6    | 5          | 1    |
| Number under renovation:                       | 2    | 2          | 0    |
| Number temporarily closed: <sup>b</sup>        | 2    | 2          | 0    |
| Number of refusals:                            | 1    | 1          | 0    |
| Number interviewed: <sup>c</sup>               | 399  | 321        | 78   |

# Card & Kreuger (1994): Summary II

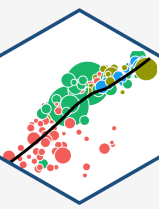
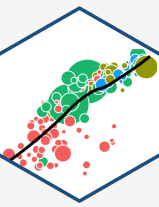


TABLE 2—MEANS OF KEY VARIABLES

| Variable   | Stores in: |      |
|--|------------|------|
|  | NJ         | PA   |
| 1. <i>Distribution of Store Types (percentages):</i> |            |      |
| a. Burger King                                       | 41.1       | 44.3 |
| b. KFC   | 20.5       | 15.2 |
| c. Roy Rogers  | 24.8       | 21.5 |
| d. Wendy's   | 13.6       | 19.0 |
| e. Company-owned                                     | 34.1       | 35.4 |

# Card & Kreuger (1994): Model

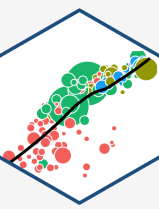


$$\widehat{\text{Employment}}_{i,t} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{NJ}_i + \beta_2 \text{After}_t + \beta_3 (\text{NJ}_i \times \text{After}_t)$$

- PA Before:  $\beta_0$
- PA After:  $\beta_0 + \beta_2$
- NJ Before:  $\beta_0 + \beta_1$
- NJ After:  $\beta_0 + \beta_1 + \beta_2 + \beta_3$
- **Diff-in-diff:**  $((\text{NJ}_{\text{after}} - \text{NJ}_{\text{before}}) - (\text{PA}_{\text{after}} - \text{PA}_{\text{before}}))$

|        | PA                  | NJ                                      | Group Diff $(\Delta Y_i)$ |
|--------|---------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Before | $\beta_0$           | $\beta_0 + \beta_1$                     | $\beta_1$                 |
| After  | $\beta_0 + \beta_2$ | $\beta_0 + \beta_1 + \beta_2 + \beta_3$ | $\beta_1 + \beta_3$       |

# Card & Kreuger (1994): Results



| Variable  | Stores by state  |                 |                                 |
|---|------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
|   | PA<br>(i)        | NJ<br>(ii)      | Difference,<br>NJ – PA<br>(iii) |
| 1. FTE employment before,<br>all available observations | 23.33<br>(1.35)  | 20.44<br>(0.51) | – 2.89<br>(1.44)                |
| 2. FTE employment after,<br>all available observations  | 21.17<br>(0.94)  | 21.03<br>(0.52) | – 0.14<br>(1.07)                |
| 3. Change in mean FTE<br>employment                     | – 2.16<br>(1.25) | 0.59<br>(0.54)  | 2.76<br>(1.36)                  |