

Honors Thesis Proposal: Layperson Summary

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The Effects of Employment on Healthcare Coverage in a pre and post Affordable Care Act Era

The research question that I am proposing is: has the Affordable Care Act changed the relationship between being employed and being able to obtain health insurance coverage?

I plan to conduct this research using 3 chapters designed to analyze this relationship before the Affordable Care Act was enacted using data from 2008, after the Affordable Care Act was passed using data from 2012, and wrapping up the research with a chapter on public opinion of the changes and how that correlates to the actual results. Chapter 1 will be an expanded version of previous research that I had conducted last fall where I found a positive relationship between having health insurance when one has a higher income and is employed.

In terms of data, I will be using the National Election Survey from the years 2008 and 2012 to run the models for chapters 1 and 2. For chapter 3, I will be using data from the Roper iPOLL that was conducted by the Kaiser Health Tracking Poll in 2010.

I will be working closely with Dr. Jacqueline Chattopadhyay from the Political Science Department to ensure my data and models are correctly done and to make sure I include all necessary information for each chapter.