

Online Appendix

Politicised Enforcement in China: Evidence from the Enforcement of Land Laws and Regulations

This online appendix includes the results of three sets of robustness checks for the main results presented in Table 2 of the main text. The first set of robustness checks (Table A1) retain only the key independent variables while excluding all control variables. The second set of robustness checks (Table A2) include additional control variables, including urbanisation rate and share of industrial GDP. The third robustness check (Table A3) uses the proportion of violations that occurred in previous years but sanctioned retrospectively in the currently (i.e. “past violations”) in all sanctioned violations in the current year as an alternative measure for the intensity of enforcement.

Table A1: Explaining Land Enforcement (With Fewer Control Variables)

	(1)	(2)	(3)
	Measure 1	Measure 2	Measure 3
GDP growth	10.09*** (3.48)	7.74*** (2.82)	6.97** (2.86)
Patron-client ties	-0.24* (0.14)	-0.26* (0.15)	-0.27** (0.12)
Average scale of violations	0.04 (0.06)	0.03 (0.11)	0.02 (0.11)
Media report on violations	0.00 (0.00)	0.01 (0.00)	0.01** (0.00)
Fiscal expenditure per capita	1.97** (0.88)	2.43*** (0.85)	2.69*** (0.89)
Constant	-15.10** (6.96)	-19.41*** (6.80)	-22.34*** (7.19)
R-squared	0.380	0.415	0.442
Observations	395	379	350

¹ * p<0.10, ** p<0.05, *** p<0.01;

² standard errors clustered at the provincial level are in parentheses;

³ fixed effects at provincial and year levels are controlled.

Table A2: Explaining Land Enforcement (With Additional Control Variables)

	(1)	(2)	(3)
	Measure 1	Measure 2	Measure 3
GDP growth	6.52*	5.43**	5.30*
	(3.41)	(2.60)	(2.72)
Patron-client ties	-0.28*	-0.31*	-0.28**
	(0.16)	(0.16)	(0.12)
Average scale of violations	0.06	0.01	0.01
	(0.05)	(0.11)	(0.10)
Media report on violations	0.01	0.01*	0.01**
	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
GDP per capita	-0.27	-0.36	-0.04
	(1.21)	(1.09)	(1.22)
Population	1.09	1.68	2.43
	(2.99)	(3.14)	(3.30)
Fiscal expenditure per capita	2.00**	3.02***	2.94***
	(0.95)	(1.01)	(0.89)
Urbanization Rate	0.03	-0.02	-0.01
	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.05)
Share of Industrial GDP	2.95	3.35	3.35
	(3.07)	(3.23)	(3.77)
Constant	-23.43	-31.70	-42.20
	(33.40)	(35.39)	(36.35)
R-squared	0.405	0.436	0.457
N. of cases	354	338	319

¹ * p<0.10, ** p<0.05, *** p<0.01;

² standard errors clustered at the provincial level are in parentheses;

³ fixed effects at provincial and year levels are controlled.

Table A3: Explaining the Intensity of Land Enforcement (Alternative Measure)

	Share of past violations in all violations
Scale of contemporaneous land violations	-0.06*** (0.02)
GDP growth	1.63** (0.59)
Patron-client ties	-0.07** (0.03)
Average scale of violations	-0.01 (0.01)
Media report on violations	0.00 (0.00)
GDP per capita	0.24 (0.22)
Population	0.58 (0.37)
Fiscal expenditure per capita	0.48** (0.20)
Constant	-9.80** (3.89)
R-squared	0.535
N. of cases	406

¹ * p<0.10, ** p<0.05, *** p<0.01;

² standard errors clustered at the provincial level are in parentheses;

³ fixed effects at provincial and year levels are controlled.