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PREFACE

We received a wealth of useful feedback from instructors and students about the first two editions of *The Fundamentals of Political Science Research*. In response to feedback on the first edition, we substantially increased the number of end-of-chapter exercises in the second edition. While the response to this increase was positive, we sensed a demand for even more exercises and, in particular, more hands-on material for how to put the techniques that we discuss in the book into action. This workbook is our attempt to meet these demands. It is one of three workbooks, each written to help students to work with the materials covered in the third edition of *The Fundamentals of Political Science Research* using a particular piece of statistical software.

This workbook focuses on using the program SPSS. Our expectation is that the modal user of this book will be using a relatively recent version of SPSS on a computer that is running some version of the Windows operating system. We also have made an effort to accommodate users who are using some version of macOS or OS X. A webpage available at www.cambridge.org/fpsr will help Mac users with any difficulties.

The chapter structure of this workbook mirrors the chapter structure of the third edition of *The Fundamentals of Political Science Research*. We have written with the expectation that students will read the chapters of this companion after they have read the chapters of the book.

We continue to update both the general and instructor-only sections of the webpage for our book (www.cambridge.org/fpsr). As before, the general section contains data sets available in formats compatible with SPSS, Stata, and R. The instructor-only section contains several additional resources, including PowerPoint and TeX/Beamer slides for each chapter, a test-bank, and answer keys for the exercises.

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