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	1 point: 100 words or less AND Closely follows the outline in the instructions	0 points: Greater than 100 words OR Requires reorganization
Abstract		

	4 points: Motivated by big-picture importance AND Intuition behind hypotheses/mechanisms AND Gets progressively narrower until research question	2 points: Motivated mostly by gap in literature OR Motivation lacks big-picture importance OR Sparse intuition behind hypotheses OR Varies in breadth between broad and narrow until research question	0 points: [Motivated mostly by gap in literature OR Motivation lacks big-picture importance OR Sparse intuition behind hypotheses] AND Varies in breadth between broad and narrow
Motivation			

	2 points: Adequate level of detail on economic context AND Policy context based on facts, not conjecture AND Clear connection to research question/ empirical strategy	1 point: Too much or too little detail on economic context OR Some conjecture about policy context OR Economic context is only weakly connected to research question/ empirical strategy	0 points: [Too much or too little detail on economic context OR Mostly conjecture about policy context] AND Economic context is only weakly connected to research question/empirical strategy
Context			

	2 points: At least 3 papers cited from economics journals AND Citations distributed throughout intro AND Highlights own contribution relative to existing literature	1 point: Less than 3 papers cited from economics journals OR Citations lumped in a "literature review" portion OR Own contribution relative to existing literature is unclear	0 point: Less than 3 papers cited from economics journals AND [Citations lumped in a "literature review" portion OR Own contribution relative to existing literature is unclear]
Literature			

	2 points: Names the data source and sample years AND Clear estimation method (e.g., DD, RD, etc.) AND Outcome and main independent variables defined AND Intuition behind identification is clear	1 point: Does not fully name data source/sample years OR Estimation method is unclear (e.g., DD, RD, etc.) OR Outcome or main independent variables not clearly defined OR Intuition behind identification is unclear	0 points: [Does not fully name data source/sample years OR Estimation method is unclear (e.g., DD, RD, etc.) OR Outcome or main independent variables not clearly defined] AND Intuition behind identification is unclear
Data, Empirical Strategy, and Identification			

	4 points: Paragraph topics build upon each other AND Paragraph topics get narrower throughout AND No spelling or grammatical errors AND Very few "awkward sentence structure" comments	2 points: Some paragraph topics are out of order OR Paragraph topics vary in breadth OR Several spelling or grammatical errors OR Several "awkward sentence structure" comments	0 points: [Some paragraph topics are out of order OR Paragraph topics vary in breadth] AND [Several spelling or grammatical errors OR Several "awkward sentence structure" comments]
Writing			

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