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Abstract	<p>A growing body of literature examines the relationships between historical events and contemporary economic outcomes. Recent studies estimate the causal effects using detailed historical data and contemporary microdata of individuals and/or households. In this paper, we discuss conceptual and econometric issues inherent in the causal inference following the potential outcomes framework. We also discuss a simple alternative approach to avoid these issues that is coherent with the potential outcomes framework. An empirical example based on the approach is then presented.</p>
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