Replication file for

An Outbreak of Selective Attribution: Partisanship and Blame in the COVID-19 Pandemic

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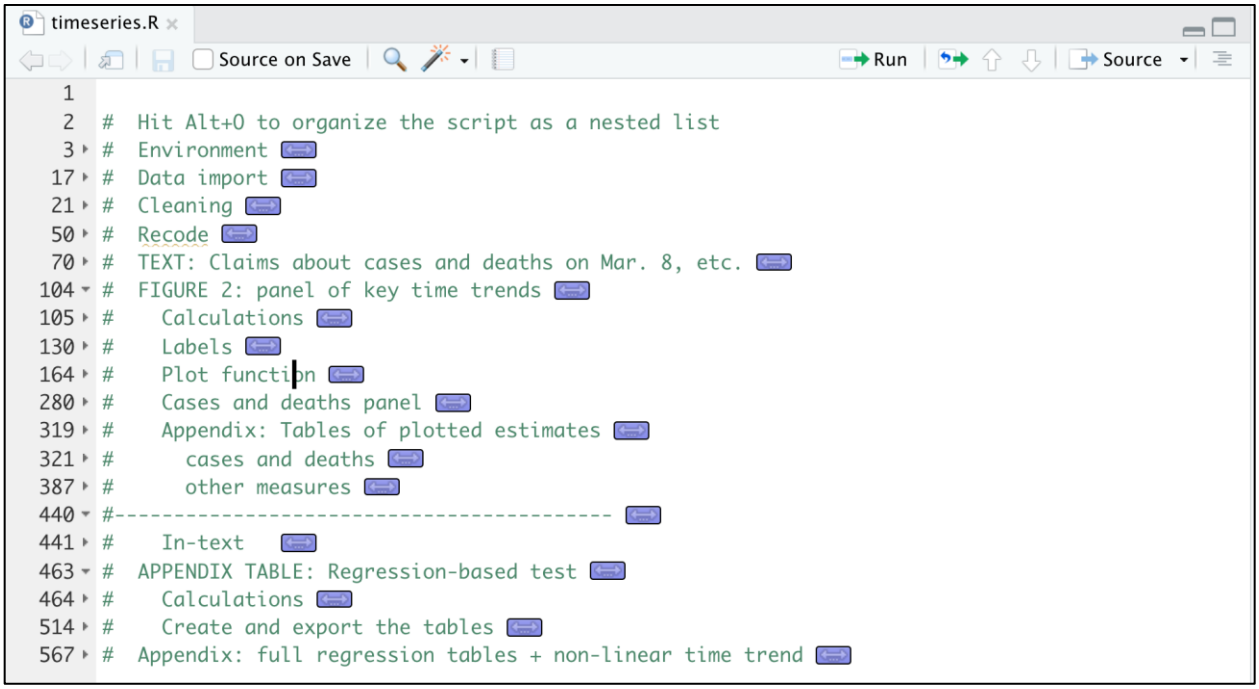
This document is a guide to the replication folder uploaded on Dataverse.

To begin using the replication file, download the `.zip` file from Dataverse and extract all the files into the same folder.

Scripts

The coding and analysis are conducted in `R version 4.2.1 (2022-06-23)` operated through `R Studio 2022.07.01`. R Studio treats any line of code that ends in special characters as a header. When all the sections are collapsed in a script, they function as a table of contents. For example, the table of contents for `timeseries.R` can be obtained by clicking Edit >> Folding >> Collapse All:



Startup

Before running any script, set the working directory to the folder that contains all replication files. You can do this using the `setwd("file path")` command. At the start of each script, we provide all the R packages that must be installed for the code to run. If you have already installed a package, proceed to `library(package name)` it. If you have not installed a package, first `install.package("package name")`, then `library(package name)`.

List of Scripts

style.R	Contains styles and functions used in other scripts.
timeseries.R	Analysis of the time series data and corresponding appendix items.
experiments.R	Analysis of the survey experiments and corresponding appendix items.
allcott_replication.R	Replicates Figure 3A from Allcott et al. (2020) which is reported in the Appendix.
clinton_replication.R	Replicates Figure 1A from Clinton et al. (2020) which is reported in the Appendix.

List of Data Files

codebook_experiments.pdf	Describes all the variables that appear in exper1_clean.csv through exper4_clean.csv.
codebook_timeseries.pdf	Describes all the variables that appear in timeseries_clean.csv
timeseries_clean.csv	Timeseries data
exper1_clean.csv	Data from Survey Experiment 1
exper2_clean.csv	Data from Survey Experiment 1B
exper3_clean.csv	Data from Survey Experiment 2
exper4_clean.csv	Data from Survey Experiment 3

NYT_cases_death_2022_01_15.csv	New York Times COVID-19 Database used for Figure 1
allcott_figure3a_data.csv	Data file for allcott_replication.R.
SM_Data_for_Science_Final.Rdata	Data file for clinton_replication.R.