Closed Borders, closed minds?

Replication Data and Scripts

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1. SOEP Dataset & Replication Scripts

We use the SOEP-Core v37 dataset for our analysis. Due to the use of fine-grained regional data and GDPR compliance regulations, this dataset can only be accessed onsite at the Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) facilities in Berlin. Therefore, the replication scripts provided here can largely only be executed onsite.

Data Citation:
Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) (2022). *SOEP-Core v37, EU Edition, data for years 1984–2020.*

2. Dataset on Border Closures

Alongside the replication scripts, we provide our own datasets on German border closures:

- `final_border_closure_data.csv`: Daily-level data for each border dyad.
- `Kreise_distance-to-border.csv`: Information on the distance of each German Kreis to the nearest border.

3. Google Trends and Media Attention Data

We also include our collected datasets on public attention to border closures in Germany:

- `multiTimeline-2.csv`: Google Trends data related to border closures.
- `german_newspapers.csv`: Dataset capturing attention to border closures in the German media.

4. Analysis and Data Preparation Scripts

The provided scripts include:

- Scripts necessary for dataset preparation onsite at SOEP in Berlin.
- Analysis scripts, clearly labeled by the figures they generate (e.g., `Figure1.R`).

5. Contact Information

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