Replication Package for 'Sore Losers on Election Night? Examining the Temporal Emergence of the Winner–Loser Gap'

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Abstract

The paper employs data from the European Social Survey (ESS), rounds 2–10. This README document provides step-by-step instructions on how to (i) access and download the raw data, (ii) clean and prepare the datasets, and (iii) replicate the empirical analyses and results presented in the study.

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Steps to Replicate the Results

1. **Download the do-file**
   Obtain the file titled `Replication File.do`.

2. **Download the Data from the European Social Survey**
   Visit ESS Data Portal and download the following country-round combinations **separately** (do not use the integrated data file, as it in some cases omits individual interview dates):

   - Cyprus (Round 5)
   - Serbia (Round 10SC)
   - Croatia (Rounds 5 and 9)
   - Slovenia (Round 6)
   - Spain (Round 9)
   - Portugal (Rounds 2, 7, and 10)
   - Estonia (Round 3)
   - Sweden (Rounds 7 and 9)
   - Italy (Round 2 — not available via the Data File Builder; go to *Browse by round*)
   - Greece (Round 4)
   - Poland (Round 7)
   - Austria (Round 8)
   - Iceland (Round 10)
   - Norway (Round 10)
   - Ireland (Round 3)
   - Netherlands (Rounds 3 and 6)

3. **Rename the downloaded files**
   Because multiple subsamples share default names, rename each file using the format: 'ESSX, Country', where 'X' is the ESS round number and 'Country' is the country name. For example: 'ESS5, Cyprus', 'ESS10SC, Serbia'.

4. **Download the corresponding metadata**
   Download the metadata for each round ('data from Contact forms').

5. **Set your working directory**
   Adjust the directory paths in the do-file to match the location of the raw data files.

6. **Run the do-file**
   Execute the entire do-file in Stata. The script will automatically create the folders `Data`, `Tables`, and `Figures` (if they do not already exist), and export all output to the appropriate folder.