README FILE

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This readme file provides instructions to replicate the results in the paper "*Origins of Early Democracy*" by Ali Ahmed and David Stasavage. The folder includes:

1. *tables.do*
    - The STATA .do file contains code to replicate the main tables in the paper (Tables 1 – 8).
2. *appendix.do*
    - The STATA .do file contains code to replicate the appendix tables and figures in the paper (Tables A1 – A14; Figure A1).
3. *analysis.dta*
    - The STATA data file provides the main variables used in the analysis for all 186 SCCS societies.
4. *ethatlas.dta*
    - The STATA data file provides the main variables for the full ethnographic sample used to generate Table A3 in the appendix.
5. *polity.dta*
    - The STATA data file provides the main variables used to generate Table A14 in the appendix.

Please make sure to:

1. Change the directory before running the .do file(s) and;
2. Install the appropriate STATA packages, including the user written *x_ols.ado* package by Conley (1999) and Dube (1999).

Finally, please cite the article and include the following references when using any of the replication data:

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