Codebooks for replication files: Understanding the Sensitivity of Party Identification Questions in Polarized African Contexts

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Enumerators_Data_SensitiveQs.csv

This table contains the names, descriptions, and labels for all variables appearing in the dataset "Enumerators_Data_SensitiveQs.csv"

Note: for all variables, NA indicates refusal to respond or "I don't know" responses, or missingness.

Variable	**Variable description**	**Value labels**
X	Unique identifier	Numeric
sensitive_pid	We would like to get your opinion on several questions that are often asked in academic research studies. You may have even encountered them yourself. Below is a survey question that is commonly asked on public opinion surveys: "Do you feel close to any particular political party?" **How comfortable would you be asking this question?**	Extremely comfortable (4) Somewhat comfortable (3) Neither comfortable nor uncomfortable (2) Somewhat uncomfortable (1) Extremely uncomfortable (0)
sensitive_pid_uncomf	If sensitive_pid<=2	0=no 1=yes
sensitive_pid_why_1	Why would you feel uncomfortable asking this question? Please select all that apply. Someone's political identity is personal and private (1)	0=no 1=yes
sensitive_pid_why_2	I am concerned that their reaction will affect the rest of their answers (2)	0=no 1=yes
sensitive_pid_why_3	In this country, it is not culturally appropriate to ask people about their political identity (3)	0=no 1=yes
sensitive_pid_why_4	People might think that I am a political agent if I ask this question (4)	0=no 1=yes
sensitive_pid_why_5	I am concerned I will have to reveal my political identity (5)	0=no 1=yes

sensitive_pid_why_6	This could create tensions between the respondent and myself if they think we have different party identification (6)	0=no 1=yes
sensitive_pid_why_7	Other (please explain) (7)	0=no 1=yes
sensitive_pid_percen_1	Thinking about your experience as an enumerator, what percent of respondents do you think will answer this question honestly?	0-100
sensitive_pid_who_1	How honest do you think the following groups would be if you asked them about feeling close to a particular party? Women (1)	Completely dishonest (0) Not very honest (1) Somewhat honest (2) Pretty honest (3) Completely honest (4)
sensitive_pid_who_2	Respondents who don't support the current president (2)	Completely dishonest (0) Not very honest (1) Somewhat honest (2) Pretty honest (3) Completely honest (4)
sensitive_pid_who_3	Educated respondents (3)	Completely dishonest (0) Not very honest (1) Somewhat honest (2) Pretty honest (3) Completely honest (4)
sensitive_pid_who_4	Rural respondents (4)	Completely dishonest (0) Not very honest (1) Somewhat honest (2) Pretty honest (3) Completely honest (4)

sensitive_pid_who_5	People who share my partisan identity (5) **Co-partisans**	Completely dishonest (0) Not very honest (1) Somewhat honest (2) Pretty honest (3) Completely honest (4)
sensitive_pid_who_6	Respondents in former rebel-held territories (6) **Supporters of president**	Completely dishonest (0) Not very honest (1) Somewhat honest (2) Pretty honest (3) Completely honest (4)
age	Age of respondent	Numeric
dept_abidjan	Whether respondent lives in Abidjan	0=no 1=yes
sex	Whether respondent is male	0=female 1=male
akan	Whether respondent is from Akan language group	0=no 1=yes
krou	Whether respondent is from Krou language group	0=no 1=yes
nmande	Whether respondent is from North Mandé languge group	0=no 1=yes
smande	Whether respondent is from South Mandé language group	0=no 1=yes
voltaique	Whether respondent is from Voltaïque language group	0=no 1=yes
christian	Whether respondent identifies as Christian	0=Not Christian 1=Christian
edu	Education level of respondent	No formal schooling (0) Informal schooling only (including Koranic schooling) (1) Some primary schooling (2) Primary school completed (3) Some secondary school / high school (4)

		Secondary school / high school completed (5) Post-secondary qualifications, other than university e.g. a diploma or degree from a polytechnic or college (6) Some university (7) University completed (8) Post-graduate (9)
govt	Whether the respondent identifies as a government supporter	0=not government supporter 1=government supporter
experience_years	Number of years working as an enumerator	Numeric
politics	Whether the respondent had worked on a project about politics (politics, war or peace)	0=no political projects 1=political projects
N_DeptWork	The count of number of departments worked	Numeric
projectN	A categorical variable of the number of projects worked on	1 (1) 2-5 (2) 6-10 (3) 10-15 (4) 16-20 (5) More than 20 (6)
sensitive_topics_0	Sometimes surveys ask questions on sensitive topics, but people reasonably disagree on what is sensitive and what is not. Which of the following do you consider to be sensitive? Please select all that apply None of these topics are sensitive (0)	0=no 1=yes
sensitive_topics_1	Abortion (1)	0=no 1=yes
sensitive_topics_2	Disease Status (e.g. HIV/AIDS, TB) (2)	0=no 1=yes

sensitive_topics_3	Trust in government (3)	0=no 1=yes
sensitive_topics_4	Corruption (4)	0=no 1=yes
sensitive_topics_5	Intimate partner violence (5)	0=no 1=yes
sensitive_topics_6	Attitudes towards immigrants (6)	0=no 1=yes
sensitive_topics_7	Protest or violence participation (7)	0=no 1=yes
sensitive_topics_8	Respondents' voting history (8)	0=no 1=yes
why_challenges_0	Nothing (0)	0=no 1=yes
why_challenges_1	When it takes place (e.g. around an election or major event) (1)	0=no 1=yes
why_challenges_2	What regions or locations the survey is fielded in (2)	0=no 1=yes
why_challenges_3	Who the participants are (3)	0=no 1=yes
why_challenges_4	Who is financing the survey (4)	0=no 1=yes
why_challenges_5	The topic or content covered by the survey (5)	0=no 1=yes
sensitive_viol_perce_1	Thinking about your experience as an enumerator, what percent of respondents do you think will answer this question honestly? "Did you witness violence in your community during the Ivorian crisis, 2002-2011?"	0-100

Codebook for Full_Qual_Demographic_Data.csv

This table contains the names, descriptions, and labels for all variables appearing in the dataset "Full_Qual_Demographic_Data.csv"

Note: for all variables, NA indicates missingness.

Variable	Variable description	Value labels
X	Unique identifier	Numeric
yop	Whether the respondent was in Yopougon or Abobo	1=Yopougon 0=Abobo
age	Respondent age	Numeric
femme	Female	0=male 1=female
edu2	If the respondent had at least completed secondary school	1=yes 0=no
news_index	Count of news sources got news at least a few times per month	0-5
pid_reveal	Whether willing to reveal closeness to a political party	1=yes 0=no
pid_refuse	Refused to reveal party identification	1=yes 0=no
govt	Revealed support for governing party	1=yes 0=no
focus_groups	Whether the participant was in the focus group or in the interviews	1=focus group 0=interviews

Codebook for Qualitative_Interview_Data.csv

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Note: for all variables, NA indicates 0.

Variable	Variable description	Value labels
X	Unique identifier	Numeric
yop	Whether the respondent was in Yopougon or Abobo	1=Yopougon 0=Abobo
age	Respondent age	Numeric
femme	Female	0=male 1=female
edu2	If the respondent had at least completed secondary school	1=yes 0=no
news_index	Count of news sources got news at least a few times per month	0-5
pid_reveal	Whether willing to reveal closeness to a political party	1=yes 0=no
pid_refuse	Refused to reveal party identification	1=yes 0=no
govt	Revealed support for governing party	1=yes 0=no
pid1_comf	How comfortable did you feel when I asked you if you felt close to a party?	Extremely uncomfortable (1) Somewhat uncomfortable (2) Neither comfortable nor uncomfortable (3) Somewhat comfortable (4) Extremely comfortable (5)
pid1_comf2	If pid1_comf>=4	1=yes 0=no
pid_anticip	When answering this question, did you anticipate that we would ask you which party?	1=yes 0=no
pid2_comf2	Respondent felt comfortable when asked which party they support	1=yes 0=no
others_comf_pres	the following types of people are comfortable when answering	1=yes 0=no

	questions about the parties they support Supporters of the president	
others_comf_opp	the following types of people are comfortable when answering questions about the parties they support Supporters of the opposition	1=yes 0=no
others_comf_unaff	the following types of people are comfortable when answering questions about the parties they support Those who are unaffiliated with any parties	1=yes 0=no
others_honest_pres	the following types of people would be honest in answering questions about the parties they support supporters of the president	1=yes 0=no
others_honest_opp	the following types of people would be honest in answering questions about the parties they support supporters of the opposition	1=yes 0=no
others_honest_unaff	the following types of people would be honest in answering questions about the parties they support those who are unaffiliated with any party	1=yes 0=no
pol_polarized	Now I would like to ask you about your perceptions of politics in Côte d'Ivoire. Would you say society is polarized into antagonistic, political camps?	1=yes 0=no
soc_polarized	How would you characterize the differences of opinions on major political issues in this society?	1=yes 0=no

	here are serious differences in opinions in society on almost all key political issues, which result in major clashes of views OR There are differences in opinions in society on many key political issues, which result in moderate clashes of views OR Differences in opinions are noticeable on about half of the key political issues, resulting in some clashes of views	
trust	Respondent trusts a little OR a lot that the answers you give today will be protected and kept anonymous	1=yes 0=no
others_trust	Others distrust this type of experience -- being asked questions by an outsider or stranger	1=yes 0=no
pid_comf_1	Why did you feel uncomfortable answering these questions? Please select all that apply. Someone's political identity is personal and private	1=yes 0=no
pid_comf_2	Why did you feel uncomfortable answering these questions? Please select all that apply I am concerned about how this information will be	1=yes 0=no
pid_comf_3	Why did you feel uncomfortable answering these questions? Please select all that apply In this country, it is not culturally appropriate to ask people about their political identity	1=yes 0=no
pid_comf_7	Why did you feel uncomfortable answering these questions? Please select all that apply Other (please explain)	1=yes 0=no
pid_comf_7_TEXT	Explanation of other response	Character string
context_1	Under which of the following contexts would this question make others uncomfortable?	1=yes 0=no

	Around elections	
context_2	Under which of the following contexts would this question make others uncomfortable? After episodes of violence	1=yes 0=no
context_3	Under which of the following contexts would this question make others uncomfortable? When there are others listening/no privacy	1=yes 0=no
context_4	Under which of the following contexts would this question make others uncomfortable? When the person asking the question is from a different ethnic group than the person answering the question	1=yes 0=no
context_5	Under which of the following contexts would this question make others uncomfortable? When the person answering the question doesn't trust the person asking the question	1=yes 0=no
context_6	Under which of the following contexts would this question make others uncomfortable? Never	1=yes 0=no

Codebook for Afrobarometer_Election_Data.csv

This table contains the names, descriptions, and labels for all variables appearing in the dataset "Afrobarometer_Election_Data.csv"

The election date data which is merged with the Afrobarometer rounds was provided by: Choi, Donghyun Danny, Benjamin Laughlin and Anna E Schultz. 2021. "Mobile communication technology and national identity in Sub-Saharan Africa." *OSF Preprints*. June 17.

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Variable	**Variable description**	**Value labels**
X	Unique identifier	Numeric
prior_elect_date	Date of election prior to the round of Afrobarometer in that country	Character string
next_elect_date	Date of election that follows the round of Afrobarometer in that country	Character string
country	Country	Character string
wave	Round of Afrobarometer	3-7