Codebook for

How Migrating Overseas Shapes Political Preferences: Evidence from a Field Experiment

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General Notes:

There are three major datasets that include data from the four survey waves.

1. "BaselineMidline_Cleaned.csv" contains the data from the baseline (pre-treatment) survey of the program registrants in September 2018 and the midline (post-selection, pre-migration) survey in January-March 2019. It is a csv dataset with text responses. If you have any questions about the ordering of these responses, please let us know.
2. "Endline_Cleaned.sav" contains the data from the endline (post-treatment) survey of the program registrants in January-March 2021. It is an SPSS dataset with ordered factor responses, which allows you to see both the text of the responses and the order (if you use as.numeric() in R).
3. "Household_Cleaned.sav" contains the data from the endline (post-treatment) survey of one family member per program registrant in March-May 2021. It is an SPSS dataset similar to the endline dataset.

In addition, there are four auxiliary datasets that have information from qualitative interviews with the treatment and control group as well as from secondary datasets. These are:

1. kms_emigrant_rep.csv and kms_individual_non_migrant_rep.csv which are datasets from the Kerala Migration Survey of 2013. The datasets contain information on the sex, age, education, and religion of migrants and non-migrants from Kerala. In addition, the kms_emigrant_rep.csv file contains information on the destination countries of migrants from Kerala.

2. ihds_replication.csv which is a dataset from the Indian Human Development Survey II conducted in 2011-2012. The dataset provides information on the number of years migrants have spent overseas, individuals' sex, age, education, and religion.

3. wvs.rds which is a combination of the World Value Survey (Wave 7, 2017-2022) and Varieties of Democracy (V-dem, v13). This .rds file contains information about respondents' country of birth, country when was surveyed, immigration status, intergroup tolerance, intergroup trust, and the regime type of the host country.

Baseline Responses (Sept 2018)

id	Respondent ID
bQ1	Sex
bQ2	Year of Birth
bQ3	Religion
bQ4	Caste/Tribe
bQ10	Marriage status
bQ13	Education
bQ14	Employment status
bQ17	Current monthly wages (in INR): numeric
bQ21	Monthly family income (in INR): From Less than Rs. 5,000 to Rs 100,00 and above.
bQ22_1 to bQ22_6	Number of each item in home: (1) Car, (2) motorbike, (3) Refrigerator, (4) smart phone, (5) computer, (6) washing machine
bQ33a-c	Trust in (a) National government, (b) State government, (c) local government. From No trust at all (1) to great deal of trust (4).
bQ59	Agree or Disagree: Government should lower taxes, even if it means cutting services. Agree strongly (1) to Disagree strongly (5)
bQ63	Confidence in ability to advance professionally: from Strongly agree (1) to Strongly disagree (5)
bQ74	At what age do you plan to marry? (numeric)
bQ75	At what age do you plan to have children? (numeric)
bQ76	How many children do you have in total? (numeric)
english	English ability, rated by project manager at registration. From 1 (OK) to 4 (Very good)
treatment	Treatment (1) or Control (0)
block	Blocked pairs on which treatment and control were assigned (1-196)

Midline Responses (Jan-Mar 2019)

id	Respondent ID
mQ5a-e	In which location will you be most likely to (a) find a better paying job, (b) have your skills valued, (c) be promoted, (d) be treated better in work, (e) face less discrimination? Mainland India (1), Gulf Region (2), Don't Know / Can't say (3)
mQ7	Applied, or intend to apply, for passport? No (1), Yes intend (2), Yes applied (3)
mQ8	Think next job will pay better? Much better (1) to Much worse (5)
mQ9	Think family's economic situation will be better in next year? Much better (1) to Much worse (5)
mQ10	Think you will be better off than parents? Much better (1) to Much worse (5)
mQ12	At what age do you plan to marry? (numeric)
mQ13	How many children do you have in total? (numeric)
mQ14b	At what age do you plan to have children? (numeric)
mQ20	Possible for poor to become rich through work? Almost impossible (1) to Very possible (3)
mQ21	Agree or Disagree: Government should reduce income differences. Agree strongly (1) to Disagree strongly (5)
mQ22	Agree or Disagree: Government should lower taxes, even if it means cutting services. Agree strongly (1) to Disagree strongly (5)
mQ39	Effort to learn about labor laws abroad? No (1), Yes a little (2), Yes a lot (3)
mQ45	Collected information about employers? No (1), Yes (2)
mQ48	Agree or Disagree: Able to advance professionally in future? Strongly agree (1) to Strongly disagree (5)

Endline Responses

id	Respondent ID
Q1a	Current country of residence
Q1b	Current state of residence
Q3	Employed? Yes (1) or No (2)
Q5	Current monthly wages, in INR
Q7	Monthly family income (in INR): From Less than Rs. 5,000 to Rs 100,00 and above.
Q8.1 to Q8.6	Number of each item in home: (1) Car, (2) motorbike, (3) Refrigerator, (4) smart phone, (5) computer, (6) washing machine
Q10	Agree or Disagree: Able to advance professionally in future? Strongly agree (1) to Strongly disagree (5)
Q11	Think next job will pay better? Much better (1) to Much worse (5)
Q12	Think family's economic situation will be better in next year? Much better (1) to Much worse (5)
Q13	Think you will be better off than parents? Much better (1) to Much worse (5)
Q15	Attended hospitality skills training program in last year (Yes or No)
Q16	Progress in getting job in another country. From "I have not applied to a job in another country" to "I have moved to another country for work, and I have returned to India."
Q17	Country where job was offered
Q18a-d	Where respondent lived at different times: (18a) Jan-Feb 2021, (18b) Feb 2020, (18c) Nov 2019, (18d) Jul 2019 1= in Mizoram, 2= somewhere else in India, 3=another country
Q28a-c	Trust in (a) national government, (b) state government, (c) local government. From Not at all (1) to Completely (4)
Q29a-c	View as capable of solving problems: (a) national government, (b) state government, (c) local government. From Not at all (1) to Completely (4)
Q44	Possible for poor to become rich through work? Almost impossible (1) to Very possible (3)
Q45	Agree or Disagree: Government should reduce income differences. Agree strongly (1) to Disagree strongly (5)
Q46	Agree or Disagree: Government should lower taxes, even if it means cutting services. Agree strongly (1) to Disagree strongly (5)
Q47	Intend to marry? Yes (1), No (2), Already married (3)
Q48	At what age do you intend to marry?
Q49	At what age do you intend to have children?
Q50	How many children do you intend to have?
Q65	Remittances sent home per month? (in INR)

Household Responses

id	ID of corresponding program registrant (i.e. the family member who answered the other three surveys).
hQ1	Question that everyone answered, used as response marker
hQ15.G_PERSON_1	Remittances received (monetary) in INR
hQ15.H_PERSON_1	Remittances received (in kind) in INR
hQ44	Possible for poor to become rich through work? Almost impossible (1) to Very possible (3)
hQ45	Agree or Disagree: Government should reduce income differences. Agree strongly (1) to Disagree strongly (5)
hQ46	Agree or Disagree: Government should lower taxes, even if it means cutting services. Agree strongly (1) to Disagree strongly (5)

KMS Datasets: Emigrants

Zachariah, Kunniparambil Curien, and S. Irudaya Rajan. "Kerala migration study 2014." *Economic and Political Weekly* (2016): 66-71.

resp_id	ID of the respondent
CurrentResidenceCode	Numerical code for where the migrant currently resides. It is coded 2 if the migrant resides outside of India.
CountryStateCode	The numerical code for the country where the migrant currently resides. It is coded the following way: 1 - United Arab Emirates, 2 - Saudi Arabia, 3 - Oman, 4 - Qatar, 5 - Kuwait, 6 - Bahrain, 7 - Australia, 8- Bangladesh, 9 - Canada, 10 - China, 11 - France, 12 - Germany, 13 - Hong Kong, 14 - Hungary, 15 - Indonesia, 16 - Iran, 17 - Iraq, 18 - Ireland, 19 - Italy, 20 - Japan, 21 - Kenya, 22 - Libya, 23 - Malaysia, 24 - Maldives, 25 - Myanmar, 26 - Nepal, 27 - Netherlands, 28 - New Zealand, 29 – Nigeria, 30 - Pakistan, 31 - Philippines, 32 - Singapore, 33 - South Africa, 34 - Sri Lanka, 35 - Switzerland, 36 - Taiwan, 37 - Thailand, 38 - United Kingdom, 39 - United States of America, 40 - West India, 41 - Yemen, 42 - Other
AgeAtFirstLeft	Age of the individual at the first time when the respondent migrated.
Sex	Respondent's sex, coded 1 if respondent is male and 2 if respondent is female.
EducationAtMig	Respondent's education attainment at the time of first migration. It is coded the following way: 0 - Pre primary; 1 - Class 1; 2 - Class 2; 3 - Class 3; 4 - Class 4; 5 - Class 5; 6 - Class 6; 7 - Class 7; 8 - Class 8; 9 - Class 9; 10 - Class 10; 11 - Class 11; 12 - Class 12; 13 - ITI, Certificate course; 14 - Diploma; 15 - Degree (BA, BSc, Bcom, BLISc etc); 16 - PG Diploma (PGDCA etc.); 17 - Professional Degree (BTech, LLB, MBBS, BDS, BSC (N), BPHARM, BHMS, BAMS; 18 - PG (MA, MSc, MCom etc); 19 - Professional PG (MTech, MBA, MCA, MLISc, MSW, MCJ, BEd, MEd, LLM, MD, MS, Medical PG Diploma, MDS, MLT, MSC (N)); 20 - M.Phil, Ph.D etc.; 21 - Others (write); 22 – Illiterate; 23- Literate without school education
Hindu	The variable codes whether the respondent's household's religion is Hindu or not. The variable is coded 1 if the household is Hindu and 0 otherwise.
Muslim	The variable codes whether the respondent's household's religion is Muslim or not. The variable is coded 1 if the household is Muslim and 0 otherwise.

Christian	The variable codes whether the respondent's household's religion is Christian or not. The variable is coded 1 if the household is Christian and 0 otherwise.

KMS Dataset: Non-Migrants

resp_id	ID of the respondent
CurrentResidenceCode	Place of residence: India (2) – all respondents reside in India
CountryStateCode	Last Migrant destination (see following codes)
AgeAtFirstLeft	Age when migrant first left India.
Sex	Respondent's sex, coded 1 if respondent is male and 2 if respondent is female.
Age	Age of the respondent at the time of the survey (2013).
EduCodeCompl	Respondent's (completed) educational attainment at the time of the survey. It is coded the following way: 0 - Pre primary; 1 - Class 1; 2 - Class 2; 3 - Class 3; 4 - Class 4; 5 - Class 5; 6 - Class 6; 7 - Class 7; 8 - Class 8; 9 - Class 9; 10 - Class 10; 11 - Class 11; 12 - Class 12; 13 - ITI, Certificate course; 14 - Diploma; 15 - Degree (BA, BSc, Bcom, BLISc etc); 16 - PG Diploma (PGDCA etc.); 17 - Professional Degree (BTech, LLB, MBBS, BDS, BSC (N), BPHARM, BHMS, BAMS; 18 - PG (MA, MSc, MCom etc); 19 - Professional PG (MTech, MBA, MCA, MLISc, MSW, MCJ, BEd, MEd, LLM, MD, MS, Medical PG Diploma, MDS, MLT, MSC (N)); 20 - M.Phil, Ph.D etc.; 21 - Others (write); 22 – Illiterate; 23- Literate without school education
EmpStatus	Employment status of the respondent: 1 – Employer; 2 – Employee; 3 - Independent worker
No_migrants	Number of migrants in the household,
No_retmigrants	Number of return migrants in the household.
Hindu	The variable codes whether the respondent's household's religion is Hindu or not. The variable is coded 1 if the household is Hindu and 0 otherwise.
Muslim	The variable codes whether the respondent's household's religion is Muslim or not. The variable is coded 1 if the household is Muslim and 0 otherwise.
Christian	The variable codes whether the respondent's household's religion is Christian or not. The variable is coded 1 if the household is Christian and 0 otherwise.

Country/State Code				
Country	**Code**		**State / Union territory**	**Code**
United Arab Emirates	1		Andaman Nicobar	43
Saudi Arabia (Riyadh, Jidda)	2		Andhra Pradesh	44
Oman (Muscat)	3		Arunanchal Pradesh	45
Qatar (Doha)	4		Assam	46
Kuwait	5		Bihar	47
Bahrain	6		Chandigarh	48
Australia	7		Chattisgarh	49
Bangladesh	8		Dadar & Nagar Haveli	50
Canada	9		Daman & Diu	51
China	10		Goa	52
France	11		Gujarat	53
Germany	12		Haryana	54
Hong Kong	13		Himachal Pradesh	55
Hungary	14		Jammu & Kashmir	56
Indonesia	15		Jharkhand	57
Iran	16		Karnataka	58
Iraq	17		Kerala	59
Ireland	18		Lakshadweep	60
Italy	19		Madhya Pradesh	61
Japan	20		Maharashtra	62
Kenya	21		Manipur	63
Libya	22		Meghalaya	64
Malaysia	23		Mizoram	65
Maldives	24		Nagaland	66
Myanmar (Burma)	25		New Delhi	67
Nepal	26		Orissa	68
Netherlands	27		Pondicherry	69
New Zealand	28		Punjab	70
Nigeria	29		Rajasthan	71
Pakistan	30		Sikkim	72
Philippines	31		Tamil Nadu	73
Singapore	32		Tripura	74
South Africa	33		Uttar Pradesh	75
Sri Lanka	34		Uttaranchal	76
Switzerland	35		West Bengal	77
Taiwan	36			
Thailand	37			
United Kingdom	38			
United States of America	39			
West Indies	40			
Yemen	41			
Other	42			

Wvs.rds (World Value Survey W7 + Varieties of Democracy v13)

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HomeCountry	Respondents country of birth (ISO3 country code)
HostCountry	Where the survey was conducted (ISO3 country code)
Q263	Respondent immigration status: 1 – Born in this country; 2 – An immigrant in this country
Q19, Q21, Q23, Q26	On this list are various groups of people. Could you please mention any that you would not like to have as neighbors? Q19: People of a different race; Q21: Immigrants/foreign workers; Q23: People of a different religion; Q26: People who speak a different language 1 – Mentioned; 2 – Not Mentioned
Q61-3	Could you tell me for each whether you trust people from this group completely, somewhat, not very much or not at all? Q61: People you meet for the first time; Q62: People of another religion; Q63: People of another nationality 1 – Trust completely; 2 – Trust somewhat; 3 – Do not trust very much; 4 – Do not trust at all
v2x_regime_des	Regime type of the host country when the survey was conducted 0 – Closed Autocracy; 1 – Electoral Autocracy; 2 – Electoral Democracy; 3 – Liberal Democracy

Wvs.dta (World Value Survey W7)

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B_COUNTRY	Where the survey was conducted
Q106	Scale of 1-10 of agree with statements 1 or 2: 1. Incomes should be made more equal. 2. Incomes should be made less equal 1-4 represent non answers, 5-14 represent answers 1-10
Q108	Scale of 1-10 of agree with statements 1 or 2: 1. Government should take more responsibility to make sure everyone is provided for. 2. People should take more responsibility to provide for themselves. 1-4 represent non answers, 5-14 represent answers 1-10
Q110	Scale of 1-10 of agree with statements 1 or 2: 1. Hard work usually brings a better life. 2. More a matter of luck and connections 1-4 represent non answers, 5-14 represent answers 1-10
Q97	Member of union? 1-4 represent non-answers, 5=no, 6=inactive member, 7=active member
Q260	Sex? 1-4 represent non-answers. 5=male, 6=female
Q275	Education level? 1-4 represent non-answers. 5.- Early childhood education (ISCED 0) / no education 6.- Primary education (ISCED 1) 7.- Lower secondary education (ISCED 2) 8.- Upper secondary education (ISCED 3) 9.- Post-secondary non-tertiary education (ISCED 4) 10.- Short-cycle tertiary education (ISCED 5) 11.- Bachelor or equivalent (ISCED 6) 12.- Master or equivalent (ISCED 7) 13.- Doctoral or equivalent (ISCED 8)