Codebook for "Early-Adulthood Economic Experiences and the Formation of Democratic Support"

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Two main datasets are used to reproduce the tables and figures in the article and its associated appendix:

- "data_fig1_2.dta" (dataset containing aggregate support for democracy across countries and cohorts, used for Figure 1 and 2 in the article)
- "data_main.dta" (main dataset used to produce all other tables and figures. Contains information on individual support for democracy)

The dataverse also contain the additional files "for_imputation.csv", "outdata1.csv", "outdata2.csv", "outdata3.csv", "outdata4.csv", and "outdata5.csv", which are simply the datasets produced by the imputation procedure. Thus, these can be reproduced using the "data_main.dta" dataset.

Table 1: "data_fig1_2.dta"

Variable name	*Variable information*
COUNTRY_DATA	String with the name of the country that respondents in cohort reside in
birth_10	Decade that cohort was born in
democbest_coh	Avg. score on the outcome variable for each cohort in each country
region_fe	1 – Cohorts in Western countries 2 – Cohorts in Eastern Europe and the Balkan area 3 – Cohorts in Africa 4 – Cohorts in Asia 5 – Cohorts in Latin America 6 – Cohorts in MENA region

Table 2: "data_main.dta"

Variable name	*Variable information*
COUNTRY_DATA	String with the name of the country that respondents reside in
birth_10	Decade that respondent was born in
region_fe	1 – Respondents in Western countries 2 – Respondents in Eastern Europe and the Balkan area 3 – Respondents in Africa 4 – Respondents in Asia 5 – Respondents in Latin America 6 – Respondents in MENA region
YEAR_DATA	Year that respondent was surveyed
age	Age of respondent
COUNTRY_ID	Numeric indicator for country that respondent resides in
age_10	Age of respondent (10-year intervals)
ccohort	Numeric indicator for unique combinations of cohort and country
democbest	The degree of agreement with the statement "Democracy is the best form of government" for each respondent. Scaled 0-100, where 0 is strongly disagree and 100 is strongly agree.
female	0 – respondent is a man 1 – respondent is a woman
married	0 – respondent is not married 1 – respondent is married or living with partner
religion	0 – Not religious 1 – Christian 2 – Muslim 3 – Other
educ	Highest degree of education obtained: 1 – Primary or less

	2 - Secondary 3 - Post-secondary
employment	1 – Working 2 – Unemployed
democracy	Current regime type in country (based on Boix, Miller & Rosato 2018): 0 – Autocracy 1 – Democracy
gdp_growth	Current GDP/cap growth in country of respondent (based on Bolt and van Zanden 2020)
gdp_growth_XZY_BA_EA	Avg. GDP/cap growth in country of respondent where X is the number of years back in time that the average is taken, Z indicates whether the current year is included, and Y indicates if future values are included. BA indicates the starting age for the averaging period and EA indicates the termination age for the averaging period. For instance, if the variable measures the average growth when a respondent was between 10 and 17 years old, it would be termed "gdp_growth_710_10_17"
gdp_ln	Current logged GDP/cap in country of respondent (based on Bolt and van Zanden 2020)
gdp_ln_XZY_BA_EA	Avg. logged GDP/cap in country of respondent where X is the number of years back in time that the average is taken, Z indicates whether the current year is included, and Y indicates if future values are included. BA indicates the starting age for the averaging period and EA indicates the termination age for the averaging period. For instance, if the variable measures the average logged GDP/cap when a respondent was between 10 and 17 years old, it would be termed "gdp_ln_710_10_17"

populatoin_gled_ln_XZY_BA_EA	Avg. logged population size in country of respondent where X is the number of years back in time that the average is taken, Z indicates whether the current year is included, and Y indicates if future values are included. BA indicates the starting age for the averaging period and EA indicates the termination age for the averaging period. For instance, if the variable measures the average logged respondent when a respondent was between 10 and 17 years old, it would be termed "populatoin_gled_ln_710_10_17"
gdp_growth_pwt_1010_18_28	Alternative measure of average GDP/cap growth when respondent was between 18 and 28 years of age (based on Feenstra, Inklaar & Timmer 2015)
democracy_XZY_BA_EA	Share of years a country was democratic where X is the number of years back in time that the average is taken, Z indicates whether the current year is included, and Y indicates if future values are included. BA indicates the starting age of the respondent for the averaging period and EA indicates the termination age for the averaging period. For instance, if the variable measures the share of years with democracy when a respondent was between 10 and 17 years old, it would be termed "democracy_710_10_17". Based on Boix, Miller & Rosato (2018).
v2x_polyarchy_1010_18_28	Average score on V-Dem's Polyarchy variable when respondent was between 18 and 28 years of age.
v2x_libdem_1010_18_28	Average score on V-Dem's liberal democracy component variable when respondent was between 18 and 28 years of age.
div_gdp_5_1010_18_28	Average of the current-trend ratio when respondent was between 18 and 28 years of age.

monarchy_1010_18_28	Share of years that respondent lived in a monarchical regime between ages 18 and 28. Based on Anckar and Frederiksson (2019)
party_1010_18_28	Share of years that respondent lived in an party regime between ages 18 and 28. Based on Anckar and Frederiksson (2019)
personalist_1010_18_28	Share of years that respondent lived in a personalist regime between ages 18 and 28. Based on Anckar and Frederiksson (2019)
military_1010_18_28	Share of years that respondent lived in a military regime between ages 18 and 28. Based on Anckar and Frederiksson (2019)
v2xel_legitperf_1010_18_28	Average score on V-Dem's variable measuring the regime's reliance on performance legitimacy when respondent was between 18 and 28 years of age.
v2csrepress_1010_18_28	Average score on V-Dem's variable measuring the regime's use of repression on civil society when respondent was between 18 and 28 years of age.
gdp_growth_210	Average growth in the country of the respondent in the current year and the two preceding years
gdp_growth_200	Average growth in the country of the respondent in the two preceding years
gdp_growth_1010	Average growth in the country of the respondent in the current year and the ten preceding years
democracy_1010	Share of years with democracy in the country of the respondent in the current year and the ten preceding years

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