Codebook for Government Performance and Democracy: Survey Experimental Evidence from 12 Countries during Covid-19

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The table below describes all the variables used to reproduce the results of the paper in the datasets **A_experiment.dta** and **B_panel.dta**.

Variable	Description
	Respondents' identifiers
panelID	Unique respondent identifier
country	Respondent's country
wave	Wave of the survey
	Demographic variables
twenties	Dummy equals to 1 if the respondent is under 30
thirties	Dummy equals to 1 if the respondent is in their thirties
fourties	Dummy equals to 1 if the respondent is in their fourties
fifties	Dummy equals to 1 if the respondent is in their fifties
sixties	Dummy equals to 1 if the respondent is in their sixties
seventies	Dummy equals to 1 if the respondent is seventy or older
income1quartile	Dummy equals to 1 if the respondent belongs to their country's first income quartile
income2quartile	Dummy equals to 1 if the respondent belongs to their country's second income quartile
income3quartile	Dummy equals to 1 if the respondent belongs to their country's third income quartile
income4quartile	Dummy equals to 1 if the respondent belongs to their country's fourth income quartile
incomenoanswer	Dummy equals to 1 if the respondent did not report their income
female	Dummy equals to 1 if the respondent self-identified as female
nohighschool	Dummy equals to 1 if the respondent has less education than a HS degree
highschool	Dummy equals to 1 if the respondent has a HS degree but no college degree
college	Dummy equals to 1 if the respondent has a college degree or more
noreligion	Dummy equals to 1 if the respondent declared having no religion
christiannotcatholic	Dummy equals to 1 if the respondent declared being non-catholic christian
catholic	Dummy equals to 1 if the respondent declared being catholic
otherrel	Dummy equals to 1 if the respondent declared belonging to a religion other than Christianity
fulltimeworker	Dummy equals to 1 if the respondent declared working full-time
parttimeworker	Dummy equals to 1 if the respondent declared working part-time
unemployed	Dummy equals to 1 if the respondent declared being unemployed
selfemployed	Dummy equals to 1 if the respondent declared being self-employed
outofLF	Dummy equals to 1 if the respondent declared being out of the labor force
goodhealth	Dummy equals to 1 if the respondent declared having no chronic disease
white	Dummy equals to 1 if the respondent declared being white
black	Dummy equals to 1 if the respondent declared being black
latino	Dummy equals to 1 if the respondent declared being Hispanic or Latino American
asian	Dummy equals to 1 if the respondent declared being from Asian origin
whitecollar	Dummy equals to 1 if the respondent declared being a manager or professional/white collar
serviceworker	Dummy equals to 1 if the respondent declared being a technician, clerk, or service worker
bluecollar	Dummy equals to 1 if the respondent declared being a worker, having an elementary occupation, or belonging to the armed forces.
inoperative	Dummy equals to 1 if the respondent declared being inactive, unemployed, or not working.
	Treatment variables
TH1, TH2, TH3, TH4	Dummy equals s to 1 if belongs to the various health treatment groups (cf. OA Section B.3).
TE1, TE2, TE3, TE4	Dummy equals s to 1 if belongs to the various economic treatment groups.
TH1_TE1, TH1_TE2, ..., TH4_TE4	Dummy equals s to 1 if belongs to the various joint health and economic treatment groups.
praising_gov_health	Praising the government's health policy
praising_gov_econ	Praising the government's economic policy
blaming_gov_health	Blaming the government's health policy
blaming_gov_econ	Blaming the government's economic policy
healthc	Health Summary Instrument (cf. Table D.1)
econc	Economic Summary Instrument (cf. Table D.1)
treatc	General Summary Instrument (cf. Table D.2)
	Outcome variables
serious_h_csqc	Perceived health consequences of Covid-19.
serious_e_csqc	Perceived economic consequences of Covid-19.
eval_sant	Satisfaction with the health measures taken by the government taken to mitigate Covid-19.
eval_eco	Satisfaction with the economic measures taken by the government taken to mitigate Covid-19.
satis_head	Satisfaction with the head of government
satis_reg	Satisfaction with the regional government
satis_dem	Satisfaction with the way democracy works
gov_care_inv	Agreement with statement: "Politicians do not care much about what people like me think"
complicated_inv	Agreement with statement: "Sometimes politics and government are so complicated that a person like me can't really understand what's going on"
army	Having the army ruling is a good political system
index_efficacy	Average of the two above-described efficacy variables
strong_leader	Having a strong leader ruling is a good political system
experts	Having experts ruling is a good political system
democ	Democracy is a good political system