Data and code README for the paper: "Peers Affect Personality Development"

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0. Description

This readme file lists the data and code associated with the paper "Peers Affect Personality Development."

This readme file is organized as follow:

- Section 1 describes the computational environment
- Section 2 presents the replication instructions
- Section 3 describes the raw datafiles
- Section 4 describes the Stata codes used to clean the raw data and prepare for the results

Should you have any questions regarding the data or the codes, please contact Xiaoyue Shan at x.shan@nus.edu.sg or Ulf Zölitz at ulf.zoelitz@econ.uzh.ch.

1. Computational environment

All STATA outputs in the paper were computed on a MacBook. The following software was used:

- Stata/MP 18.0 for Mac with additional packages

2. Replication instructions

- Define your own working path in the main do file "_All_Codes.do"
- Organize your folders:
  - You can put the do-files and data-files in the path folder
  - Create a folder named "figures" and a folder named "tables" within the path folder to save generated table and figure files
- Run the "_All_Codes.do" file; the "_fdr_qvalues.do" file is used to generate the sharpened *q*-values (see Anderson 2008) in Table 5.

3. Data files

- "analysis_data.dta": use this to generate most of the results in this paper
- "baseline_all.dta": use this to analyze group registration behaviors and the effect of having a study group
- "baseline_groups.dta": this dataset contains the sample of groups with full baseline measures of personality traits
- "followup_2021.dta" and "followup_2022.dta": these datasets include follow-up measures of personality in 2021 and 2022
- "personality_raw.dta": this dataset includes item-level measures of personality traits at baseline

4. Stata codes

- "_All_Codes.do"
  This file includes all the codes used to generate all tables and figures presented in the paper (including the online appendix).

- "_fdr_qvalues.do" (see Anderson 2008)
  This file is used to generate the sharpened *q*-values in Table 5.