Main dataset (country level)

Variable	Description	Coding
abs_red_imp	Computed absolute redistribution measure (Gini pretax - Gini posttax)	-100 to 100
rel_red_imp	Computed relative redistribution measure ((Gini pretax - Gini posttax) / Gini pretax)	percent
abs_red_imp	Absolute redistribution measure from SWIID (non-imputed)	-100 to 100
rel_red_imp	Relative redistribution measuro from SWIID (non-imputed)	percent
att_red_top	Attitudes towards redistribution of top 5% of SES index	0= "We need larger income differences as incentives for individual effort, 9= "Incomes should be made more equal"
att_red_mid	Attitudes towards redistribution of middle 5% SES index	0= "We need larger income differences as incentives for individual effort, 9= "Incomes should be made more equal"
att_red_bottom	Attitudes towards redistribution of bottom 5% SES index	0= "We need larger income differences as incentives for individual effort, 9= "Incomes should be made more equal"
att_red_top10	Attitudes towards redistribution of top 10% SES index	0= "We need larger income differences as incentives for individual effort, 9= "Incomes should be made more equal"
att_red_mid10	Attitudes towards redistribution of middle 10% SES index	0= "We need larger income differences as incentives for individual effort, 9= "Incomes should be made more equal"
att_red_bottom10	Attitudes towards redistribution of bottom 10% SES index	0= "We need larger income differences as incentives for individual effort, 9= "Incomes should be made more equal"
att_red_toptert	Attitudes towards redistribution of top tercile SES index	0= "We need larger income differences as incentives for individual effort, 9= "Incomes should be made more equal"
att_red_midtert	Attitudes towards redistribution of middle tercile SES index	0= "We need larger income differences as incentives for individual effort, 9= "Incomes should be made more equal"
att_red_bottomtert	Attitudes towards redistribution of bottom tercile SES index	0= "We need larger income differences as incentives for individual effort, 9= "Incomes should be made more equal"
att_red_topincval	Attitudes towards redistribution of top income value	0= "We need larger income differences as incentives for individual effort, 9= "Incomes should be made more equal"
att_red_midincval	Attitudes towards redistribution of middle value	0= "We need larger income differences as incentives for individual effort, 9= "Incomes should be made more equal"
att_red_bottomincval	Attitudes towards redistribution of bottom income	0= "We need larger income differences as incentives for individual effort, 9= "Incomes should be made more equal"
lngdp	GDP per capita	log values
lnpop	Population	log values
dem_ANRR	Dummy for democracy according to Acemoglu et al. (2019)	1= democratic
democratic	Dummy for democracy according to Polity IV	1= democratic (if Polity IV score >=6)
gini_mkt	Gini index market income (Gini pre-tax)	0-100
gini_disp	Gini disposable income (Gini post-tax)	0-100
tax	Total taxes as fraction of GDP	share
tax_nonres	Taxes excluding taxes from mineral revenues as fraction of GDP	share
socsec	Social security taxes as fraction of GDP	share

red_index	Redistribution index using total taxes, social security taxes, Gini post-tax and relative redistribution	PCA first component
red_index	Redistribution index using taxes excluding mineral taxes instead of total taxes	PCA first component
conf_gov	Confidence in government	0= no confidence at all, 3= great deal of confidence
trust_universal	Measure for moral universalism: Difference between average level of trust towards out-group members and trust towards in-group members	0= no trust at all, 3= complete trust
efindex	Historical index of ethnic fractionalisation	0= no fractionalisation, 1= complete fractionalisation
legor	Factor variable for legal origin	1= English, 2= French, 3= German, 4= Scandinavian
belief_control_bottom	Locus of control of bottom 5% of SES index	0= No choice at all, 9= great deal of choice

Main dataset (indiviudal level)

Variable	**Description**	**Coding**
male	Dummy for being male	1= male
age	Age	years
childen	Number of childern	#
work_manual	Task type of work manual	0=mostly non-manual, 9= mostly manual
work_routine	Task type of work routine	0=mostly non-routine, 9= mostly routine
immig_parent	Dummy for having immigrant parent	1= immigrant parent
political	Political attitudes	0=right, 9= left
employed	Dummy for being employed	1= employed
class	Self-reported social class	0= upper class, 5= lower class
income	Self-reported income group	1= lowest income group, 10=highest income group
education	Education	1=no formal education, 9=university-level education with degree"
index	SES index using social class, income, and education	PCA first component
top_index	Dummy for being in top 5% of SES index	1= top 5% SES index
mid_index	Dummy for being in middle 5% of SES index	1= top 5% SES index
bottom_index	Dummy for being in bottom 5% of SES index	1= bottom 5% SES index
top_income	Dummy for being in top income bracket	1= top income bracket
bottom_income	Dummy for being in bottom income bracket	1= bottom income bracket
work_supervis	Dummy for having supervisor role at work	1= supervisor
polpart_memb	Dummy for bein member of political party	1= political party member
polac_boycott	Dummy for having joined a boycott	1= joines boycott
polac_strike	Dummy for having joined strikes	1= joined strikes
polac_demo	Dummy for having joined peaceful demonstration	1= joined demonstration
polac_petition	Dummy for having singed petition	1= signed petition
polpar_index	Index for political activism (boycotts, strikes, demonstrations, petitions)	PCA first component
polpar_top	Political activism of top 5% of SES index	PCA first component
polpar_mid	Political activism of middle 5% of SES index	PCA first component
polpar_bottom	Political activism of bottom 5% of SES index	PCA first component

AR_y	Average tax rate for incomes equivalent to GDP pc	percent
AR_2y	Average tax rate for incomes equivalent to 2 times GDP pc	percent
AR_3y	Average tax rate for incomes equivalent to 3 times GDP pc	percent
AR_4y	Average tax rate for incomes equivalent to 4 times GDP pc	percent
prob_count_poverty	Dummy for most serious problem being people living in poverty	1= poverty most serious problem
prob_count_discr	Dummy for most serious problem being discrimination against girls and women	1= discrimination most serious problem
prob_count_sanit	Dummy for most serious problem being poor sanitation and infectious diseases	1= sanitation most serious problem
prob_count_educ	Dummy for most serious problem being inadequate education	1= education most serious problem
prob_count_environ	Dummy for most serious problem being environmental pollution	1= environmental pollution most serious problem
belief_control	Locus of control	0= No choice at all, 9= great deal of choice
dist_med_top	Difference between median attitude towards redistribution and attitude of individual in top 5% of SES index	-9 to 9
dist_med_mid	Difference between median attitude towards redistribution and attitude of individual in middle 5% of SES index	-9 to 9
dist_med_bottom	Difference between median attitude towards redistribution and attitude of individual in bottom 5% of SES index	-9 to 9
dist_mode_top	Difference between mode attitude towards redistribution and attitude of individual in top 5% of SES index	-9 to 9
dist_mode_mid	Difference between mode attitude towards redistribution and attitude of individual in middle 5% of SES index	-9 to 9
dist_mode_bottom	Difference between mode attitude towards redistribution and attitude of individual in bottom 5% of SES index	-9 to 9

ISSP dataset

Variable	Description	Coding
att_red_top	Attitudes towards redistribution of top 5% of SES index	"Goverment should reduce income differences"= 0= strongly disagree, 4= strongly agree
att_red_mid	Attitudes towards redistribution of middle 5% of SES index	"Goverment should reduce income differences"= 0= strongly disagree, 4= strongly agree
att_red_bottom	Attitudes towards redistribution of bottom 5% of SES index	"Goverment should reduce income differences"= 0= strongly disagree, 4= strongly agree
att_ineq_top	Attitudes towards inequality of top 5% of SES index	"Differences in income are too large"= 0= strongly disagree, 4= strongly agree
att_ineq_mid	Attitudes towards inequality of middle 5% of SES index	"Differences in income are too large"= 0= strongly disagree, 4= strongly agree
att_ineq_bottom	Attitudes towards inequality of bottom 5% of SES index	"Differences in income are too large"= 0= strongly disagree, 4= strongly agree
att_toptax_top	Attitudes towards high-income taxes of top 5% of SES index	"Do you think people with high incomes should pay larger share of their income in taxes than thos with low incomes?" 0= much smaller, 4= much larger
att_toptax_mid	Attitudes towards high-income taxes of middle 5% of SES index	"Do you think people with high incomes should pay larger share of their income in taxes than thos with low incomes?" 0= much smaller, 4= much larger
att_toptax_bottom	Attitudes towards high-income taxes of bottom 5% of SES index	"Do you think people with high incomes should pay larger share of their income in taxes than thos with low incomes?" 0= much smaller, 4= much larger
current_toptax_top	Attitudes towards current high-income taxes of top 5% of SES index	"How would you describe taxes today for those with high incomes?"= 0= Much too high, 4= Much too low
current_toptax_mid	Attitudes towards current high-income taxes of middle 5% of SES index	"How would you describe taxes today for those with high incomes?"= 0= Much too high, 4= Much too low
current_toptax_bottom	Attitudes towards current high-income taxes of bottom 5% of SES index	"How would you describe taxes today for those with high incomes?"= 0= Much too high, 4= Much too low

Prediction study

Variable	Description	Coding
red_bottom_1	Dummy for ranking bottom SES group on top	1= bottom SES group ranked on top
red_middle_1	Dummy for ranking middle SES group on top	1= middle SES group ranked on top
red_top_1	Dummy for ranking top SES group on top	1= top SES group ranked on top
class	SES of respondents based on social class, income, and education	PCA first component

America's Top 5% dataset

Variable	Description	Coding
incomeUS	Income brackets (USD)	1=0-10k, 18= 1 million or more
taxwealth	Attitudes towards estate tax	-2= much lower, 2= much higher
taxincome	Attitudes towards top income tax	-2= much lower, 2= much higher