Readme File: 'Til Dowry Do Us Part: Bargaining and Violence in Indian Families

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1 Data

The analysis in this paper primarily uses three data sources[1]:

1. Rural Economic and Demographic Survey (REDS), 1999 wave: The analysis which uses dowries as an outcome variable uses REDS. This dataset is publicly available and can be downloaded from here. We use decks 1,2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8 (corresponding to rd99001a to rd99008 in the above link). Deck rd99001a requires the user to file for an IRB application. More details are available here. However, it is also possible to run our codes with rd99001, which is available without the IRB. Further, for robustness checks, we also use decks - 201, 202, 203, 211, 132, 133, and 134

2. National Family Health Survey (NFHS), 2005 wave: Data from the NFHS-3 can be obtained after registering for the Demographic and Health Survey Program (DHS - Round 5)

3. India Human Development Survey (IHDS), 2004-5: Data is publicly available here

2 Running the Code

Here are the steps to generate the tables and figures in the paper:

1. Create a global directory and name it USEDIR. Under this directory, create four sub-directories and name them ORIGINAL, OUTDATA, OUTTEX, and OUTFIG, and Output.

2. Store the original RAW data in the folder ORIGINAL.

[1] Please contact akeskar@binghamton.edu for any questions.

3. The codes are in 3 folders. The data cleaning codes are in the folder Cleaning Codes. The codes for the analysis in the main paper are in Main Paper codes, and the codes for the Appendix files are in Appendix Codes.[2]

3. The Master file *00_Master_Code.do* can be used to run all the do-files together. **The cleaning do-files have to be run in the order they are numbered.**

4. Event study plots for Figure 1 are in the file *Figure1.do*

5. Table 1 and Table 2 codes are in *Table1_and_Table2_Dec_Viol.do*.

6. The Romano-Wolf FWER adjusted p-values, the BJS Estimate corresponding to the average treatment effect on the treated estimated using the imputation estimator developed by Borusyak et al. (2021) and TEH (Treatment Effect Heterogeneity) Robust $\hat{\underline{\sigma}}$ corresponding to the minimal value of the standard deviation of the treatment effect across the treated groups and time periods under which $\hat{\beta}_1$ and the average treatment effect on the treated could be of opposite signs (De Chaisemartin and d'Haultfoeuille, 2020) is in the file *Standard_Errors _Table_A14_Table1_Table2.do*

7. Table A1 code is in *Table_A1_Dowries.do*

8. Table A2 code is in *Table_A2_SocialStigma.do*

9. Table A3 code is in *Table_A3_GainsMarriage.do*

10. Table A4 code is in *Table_A4_Separation.do*

11. Table A5 and A6 code are in *Table_A5_A6_Education_Height.do*

12. Figure A6 code is in *Figure_A6_Human_Capital.do*

3 System and Software

- Machine: MacBook Pro, 15-inch 2017, 16 GB RAM, macOS - Ventura 13.5.1
- Software for analysis: Stata/MP 16.1 for Mac, Single-user 4-core perpetual

4 Packages

A list of STATA packages required to run the code are:

- psmatch2

[2]For cleaning the raw dowry data if you are running the code with rd99001 instead of rd99001a, you would first need to define the variable state. The following steps remain the same.

- estout
- reghdfe
- did_imputation
- coefplot
- ftools
- rwolf
- twowayfeweights

The packages are installed using the command *ssc install 'name of package'*