Bilateral Labor Agreements Dataset

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Codebook for "BLAs_Formation_Data.dta"

BLA Formation Dataset Overview

This document describes the variables in the dataset "BLAs_Formation_Data.dta." This dataset includes information on the 1,222 Bilateral Labor Agreements that we have been able to identify. This includes information on the parties to the agreement, when the agreement was signed, and the source where we found the agreement. For more information on the project, please first read "BLAs_Version2_ReadMe.pdf."

Citation

We ask all researchers using these datasets to cite two papers:

- Adam Chilton and Bartosz Woda. 2022. "The Expanding Universe of Bilateral Labor Agreements." *Theoretical Inquires in Law* 23(2): 1-64 (available at the journal website and as a working paper on SSRN).
- Adam S. Chilton and Eric A. Posner. 2018. "Why Countries Sign Bilateral Labor Agreements." *Journal of Legal Studies* 47(S1): 45-88 (available at the journal website and as a working paper on SSRN).

Since the second version of the datasets also builds on work by Margaret Peters, please also considering citing:

- Margaret E. Peters. 2019. "Immigration and International Law." *International Studies Quarterly* 63(2): 281-295 (available at the journal website and as a working paper on SSRN).

VARIABLE INFORMATION

Variable name	*treatyID*
Variable type	numerical
Variable label	Unique treaty ID
Value codes	integer in [1,1293]
Variable description	A unique treaty identifier. It is the same ID that is used in the BLA Corpus and BLA Coding datasets.
Primary data source	Constructed.

Variable name	*countryA*
Variable type	string
Variable label	Name of country A
Value codes	N/A
Variable description	The name of country A, one of the signatories of the bilateral labor treaty.
Primary data source	

Variable name	*countryB*
Variable type	string
Variable label	Name of country B
Value codes	N/A
Variable description	The name of country B, one of the signatories of the bilateral labor treaty.
Primary data source	

Variable name	*codeA*
Variable type	numerical
Variable label	COW code of country A
Value codes	2 United States of America 20 Canada 31 Bahamas 40 Cuba 41 Haiti 42 Dominican Republic 51 Jamaica 52 Trinidad and Tobago 53 Barbados 54 Dominica 55 Grenada

	56 St. Lucia 57 St. Vincent and the Grenadines 58 Antigua & Barbuda 60 St. Kitts and Nevis 70 Mexico 80 Belize 90 Guatemala 91 Honduras 92 El Salvador 93 Nicaragua 94 Costa Rica 95 Panama 100 Colombia 101 Venezuela 110 Guyana 115 Suriname 130 Ecuador 135 Peru 140 Brazil 145 Bolivia 150 Paraguay 155 Chile 160 Argentina 165 Uruguay 200 United Kingdom 205 Ireland 210 Netherlands 211 Belgium 212 Luxembourg 220 France 221 Monaco 223 Liechtenstein 225 Switzerland 230 Spain 232 Andorra 235 Portugal 255 Germany 260 German Federal Republic 265 German Democratic Republic 290 Poland 305 Austria 310 Hungary 315 Czechoslovakia

	316 Czech Republic 317 Slovakia 325 Italy 331 San Marino 338 Malta 339 Albania 341 Montenegro 343 Macedonia 344 Croatia 345 Yugoslavia 346 Bosnia and Herzegovina 347 Kosovo 349 Slovenia 350 Greece 352 Cyprus 355 Bulgaria 359 Moldova 360 Romania 365 Russia 366 Estonia 367 Latvia 368 Lithuania 369 Ukraine 370 Belarus 371 Armenia 372 Georgia 373 Azerbaijan 375 Finland 380 Sweden 385 Norway 390 Denmark 395 Iceland 402 Cape Verde 403 Sao Tome and Principe 404 Guinea-Bissau 411 Equatorial Guinea 420 Gambia 432 Mali 433 Senegal 434 Benin 435 Mauritania 436 Niger 437 Ivory Coast

	438 Guinea 439 Burkina Faso 450 Liberia 451 Sierra Leone 452 Ghana 461 Togo 471 Cameroon 475 Nigeria 481 Gabon 482 Central African Republic 483 Chad 484 Congo 490 Democratic Republic of the Congo 500 Uganda 501 Kenya 510 Tanzania 511 Zanzibar 516 Burundi 517 Rwanda 520 Somalia 522 Djibouti 530 Ethiopia 531 Eritrea 540 Angola 541 Mozambique 551 Zambia 552 Zimbabwe 553 Malawi 560 South Africa 565 Namibia 570 Lesotho 571 Botswana 572 Swaziland 580 Madagascar 581 Comoros 590 Mauritius 591 Seychelles 600 Morocco 615 Algeria 616 Tunisia 620 Libya 625 Sudan

	626 South Sudan 630 Iran 640 Turkey 645 Iraq 651 Egypt 652 Syria 660 Lebanon 663 Jordan 666 Israel 670 Saudi Arabia 678 Yemen Arab Republic 679 Yemen 680 Yemen People's Republic 690 Kuwait 692 Bahrain 694 Qatar 696 United Arab Emirates 698 Oman 700 Afghanistan 701 Turkmenistan 702 Tajikistan 703 Kyrgyzstan 704 Uzbekistan 705 Kazakhstan 710 China 711 Hong Kong 712 Mongolia 713 Taiwan 731 North Korea 732 South Korea 740 Japan 750 India 760 Bhutan 770 Pakistan 771 Bangladesh 775 Myanmar 780 Sri Lanka 781 Maldives 790 Nepal 800 Thailand 811 Cambodia 812 Laos 816 Vietnam

	817 Republic of Vietnam 820 Malaysia 830 Singapore 835 Brunei 840 Philippines 850 Indonesia 860 East Timor 900 Australia 910 Papua New Guinea 920 New Zealand 935 Vanuatu 940 Solomon Islands 946 Kiribati 947 Tuvalu 950 Fiji 955 Tonga 970 Nauru 983 Marshall Islands 986 Palau 987 Federated States of Micronesia 990 Samoa
Variable description	The numerical Correlates of War code for country A, one of the signatories of the bilateral labor treaty.
Primary data source	Correlates of War project.

Variable name	*codeB*
Variable type	numerical
Variable label	COW code of country B
Value codes	See *codeA*
Variable description	The numerical Correlates of War code for country B, one of the signatories of the bilateral labor treaty.
Primary data source	Correlates of War project.

Variable name	*dyadid*
Variable type	numerical
Variable label	Unique ID for the dyad of countries
Value codes	integer
Variable description	A unique dyad identifier.
Primary data source	Constructed

Variable name	*year*
Variable type	numerical
Variable label	Year the treaty was signed
Value codes	integer in [1927,2020]
Variable description	The year of the treaty. There is one treaty we do not know the year it was signed. This is coded as 9999.
Primary data source	Constructed.

Variable name	*datesigned*
Variable type	numerical
Variable label	The date the treaty was signed, if available
Value codes	N/A
Variable description	The date the treaty was signed, if available.
Primary data source	See *agreementsource*.

Variable name	*ratified*
Variable type	numerical
Variable label	The date the treaty was ratified, if available
Value codes	N/A
Variable description	The date the treaty was ratified, if available.
Primary data source	See *agreementsource*.

Variable name	*copy_available*
Variable type	numerical
Variable label	A copy of the agreement is available
Value codes	{0,1}
Variable description	Indicates if a copy of the treaty has been obtained.
Primary data source	

Variable type	*evidence_available*
Variable label	numerical
Value codes	Evidence of the agreement is available
Variable description	{0,1}
Primary data source	Indicates if evidence of the treaty has been obtained.

Variable name	*evidence_available*
Variable type	numerical
Variable label	Evidence of the agreement is not available
Value codes	{0,1}
Variable description	Indicates if that evidence of the treaty has not been obtained.
Primary data source	

Variable name	*dataset_original*
Variable type	string
Variable label	Indicates the dataset that the variable originally appeared in.
Value codes	CPW (2017) = the Bilateral Labor Agreement Dataset released by Adam Chilton, Eric Posner, and Bartek Woda in 2017. Peters (2019) = Bilateral Labor Agreement Dataset released by Margret Peters in 2019. PHL = identified during Adam Chilton and Bartek Woda's research on the Philippines Bilateral Labor Agreement program.
Variable description	
Primary data source	Constructed.

Variable name	*copy_language*
Variable type	string
Variable label	Language in which the treaty is available.
Value codes	N/A
Variable description	Lists the languages in which copies of the treaties are available.
Primary data source	Constructed.

Variable name	*copy_[fnglish/french/etc]*
Variable type	numerical
Variable label	Copy of the treaty is available in this language
Value codes	{0,1}
Variable description	Binary variable indicating if a copy of the treaty is available in a given language.
Primary data source	Constructed.