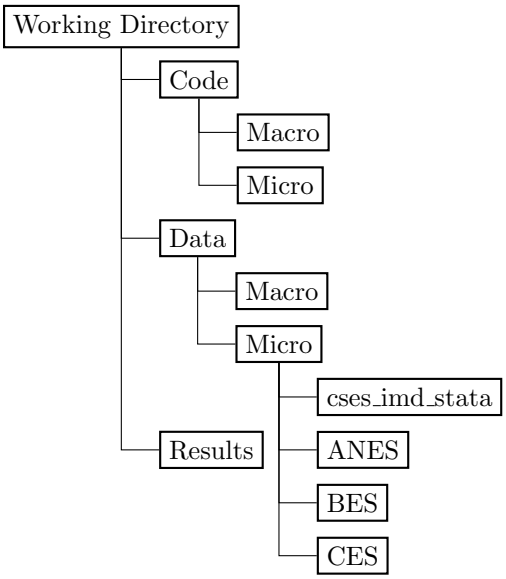
READ ME

This is the readme document for the replication files for Kostelka, Filip and André Blais. 2021. "The Generational and Institutional Sources of the Global Decline in Voter Turnout." *World Politics*. The article combines both freshly collected macro data on voter turnout between 1945 and 2017 (Basedataset.dta), and survey data from the Comparative Study of Electoral Systems, American National Election Study, British Election Study, and Canadian Election Study. The analyses also incorporate additional data from various sources (V-dem, World Bank, United Nations, etc.) described in the article. When reusing the macro data or the code, please, cite the article.

All the analyses were executed using STATA 16. For a smooth replication of the results and robustness checks presented in the article, proceed as follows:

1. Create the following folder structure on your computer:[1]



2. Sort the data from the dataverse into the created folders:

Working Directory/Code/: Preparing_inequality_for_merge.do

Working Directory/Code/Macro: Macro_1.Share_of_Affluent_generations.do, Macro_2.Share_born_after_1960.do, Macro_3.Share_vote_at_18.do, Macro_4.Preparing_the_data_for_analysis.do, Macro_5.Macro_analysis.do

Working Directory/Code/Micro: Micro_1.CSES_code.do, Micro_2.Merging_British_Datasets.do, Micro_3.Merging_Canadian_Datasets.do, Micro_4.ANES_BES_CES_analysis.do

Working Directory/Data: swiid9_0.dta

[1]Feel free to choose the name of the working directory. However, the names of the child folders should be identically reproduced in order to minimize further editing.

Working Directory/Data/Macro: Base_dataset.dta, UN_gen.dta, gdp.dta

Working Directory/Data/Micro: gdp_for_CSES.dta

Working Directory/Data/Micro/cses_imd_stata: cses_imd.dta

Working Directory/Data/Micro/ANES: anes_timeseries_cdf.dta

Working Directory/Data/Micro/BES: STATA63-70PoliticalChangeinBritainData.dta, 74feb.dta, 74oct.dta, 79BESS.dta, 83BES.dta, 87BES.dta, 92BES.dta, 97BES.dta, 2001_prepostagg.dta, 2005BESb.dt, 2010BESprepost.dta, bes_f2f_2015_v4.0.dta, bes_f2f_2017_v1.3.dta

Working Directory/Data/Micro/CES: CES-E-1965_F1.dta, CES-E-1968_F1.dta, CES-E-1974-1980_F1.dta, CES-E-1984_F1.dta, CES-E-1988_F1.dta, CES-E-1993_F1.dta, CES-E-1997_F1.dta, CES-E-2000_F1.dta, CES-E-2004_F1.dta, CES-E-2008_F1.dta, CES-E-2011_F1.dta, CES-E-2015_F1.dta

3. At the beginning of each STATA do-file, personalize the path that leads to the working directory by completing the global macro *global beg_path*. For instance, for a user John Smith using a PC computer and Dropbox, the command could read as follows: global beg_path ` "C:/Users/JohnSmith/Dropbox/Working_Directory_WP/"'

4. Execute the STATA do-files in the following order:

Preliminary Step

Preparing_inequality_for_merge.do

Replication of Analysis 1

Macro_1.Share_of_Affluent_generations.do
Macro_2.Share_born_after_1960.do
Macro_3.Share_vote_at_18.do
Macro_4.Preparing_the_data_for_analysis.do
Macro_5.Macro_analysis.do

Replication of Analysis 2

Micro_1.CSES_code.do
Micro_2.Merging_British_Datasets.do
Micro_3.Merging_Canadian_Datasets.do
Micro_4.ANES_BES_CES_analysis.do

5. All the output will be located in the results folder.