User Instructions for the Replication Package of "Electoral concerns reduce restrictive measures during the COVID-19 pandemic"

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Instructions to Replicate Results

The replication package provided consists of two files, "`covid19_replication.dta`" and "`covid19_replication.do`". Both files were created in Stata MP, version 16.1. To replicate all results, please follow the steps listed below:

1) Create a folder on your machine containing both files
2) Open "`covid19_replication.do`"
3) Change the path on line 24 of "`covid19_replication.do`" to the one of the folder created at (1)
4) Run "`covid19_replication.do`". This will open "`covid19_replication.dta`" and replicate all tables (in *.tex* format) and figures (in *.gph* and *.png* formats). Tables and figures will be automatically saved into the folder created at (1).

Notes on Variables

In "`covid19_replication.dta`", all variables whose names start with "`Z_`" are normalized with respect to the full sample of countries*, before restricting it to the study sample* (which only includes the 65 countries with a constitutional term limit on the Head of Government).