README FILE

There are two separate do and dta files that reproduce the results reported in the article "Rewarding Good Political Behavior: US Aid, Democracy, and Human Rights" (and in the associated Online Appendix) by Zohid Askarov, Hristos Doucouliagos, Martin Paldam, and T.D. Stanley, *European Journal of Political Economy*.

1. The **Rewarding Good Political Behavior Meta-Analysis.do file** will reproduce the meta-analysis results reported in Table 1 and Figure 1.

This do file uses the **US Aid Allocations and Democracy MRA August 5 2021.dta** file.

2. The **Rewarding Good Political Behavior New Estimates.do** file will reproduce the new aid allocation results reported in Table 3 and Figure 3.

This do file uses the **Primary Study Data with Human Rights August 5 2021.dta** file.

Variable names and definitions: meta-regressions (Table 1)

Variable in dta file	Variable	Description
PartialCorrelationr	Partial correlation	Dependent variable in all meta-regressions.
SEforr	SE	Estimated standard error of partial correlation.
Unpublished	Unpublished	Binary: 1 = study unpublished. Base is published study.
HumanRights1yes	Human rights	Binary: 1 = estimates of human rights motive. Base is democracy motive.
disbursements	Disbursements	Binary: 1 = aid as disbursements, 0 = aid as commitments.
PerCapitaAid	Per capita aid	Binary: 1 = aid per capita aid. Base is total value of aid.
AidShares	Aid share	Binary: 1 = aid as share of total aid. Base is total value of aid.
AidGDP	Aid-to-GDP	Binary: 1 = aid as share of GDP. Base is total value of aid.
RecipientNeedsHumanitarian	Humanitarian needs	Binary: 1 = primary study controls for humanitarian needs.
DonorCommercialNeeds	Commercial interests	Binary: 1 = primary study controls for commercial interests.
MilitaryPoliticalDependency	Strategic interests	Binary: 1 = primary study controls for strategic interests.
Bureaucracylagdependentvaria	Inertia	Binary: 1 = primary study includes lagged dependent variable.
Panel	Panel	Binary: 1 = panel data used, 0 if cross-section.
recipientortimefixedeffects	Recipient/Time	Binary: 1 = study include recipient country and/or time fixed effects.
focusondemocracy	Focus on democracy	Binary: 1 = study focused on aid and democracy link.
TwoStepAnalysis1yes	Two-step	Binary: 1 = study used a two-step estimation framework.
Tobit	Tobit	Binary: 1 = study used Tobit estimator.
dataaveraging	Data average	Number of years data are averaged; 0 = no averaging.
AverageYearrelativeto1990	Average year	Average year of data used in primary study.
demhouseshare100	House Democrats	Democratic Party's share of House seats (a)
StudyID	StudyID	An id that identifies studies; used to adjust standard errors for within study clustering.
	Variables used in robustness checks reported in the Online Appendix:	
authorID	authorID	An id that identifies groups of authors; used to adjust standard errors for within author clustering.
congressscore	Congress	Congress ideological score.
Observations	Observations	Sample size of the associated estimate.

Notes: The estimates using the WALS procedure use similar variables with the *SE* suffix. For example, TobitSE is the equivalent variable to Tobit. These variables were first divided by SE so that the WALS estimates would produce estimates that use inverse variance weights.

Variable names and definitions: new study (Table 3)

Variable in dta file	Variable	Description
PerCapitaCOMITAID	Aid	Real 2014-dollar value of US aid.
gdppercapitaconstant2010us	Income	Per capita GDP in 2010 US dollars.
gdppercapitagrowthannual	Growth	Economic growth.
population	Population	Population level.
tradeofgdp	Trade/GDP	Trade as a share of GDP.
democrat	% Democrat	Share of House seats under Democrat control.
polity2	Democracy	Democracy measured by the *Polity2* series. Larger values of this variable denote higher levels of democracy.
HR	Human rights	Political Terror Scale: average score of the Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and State Department data. Larger values of this variable denote *lower* levels of democracy. Hence, the coefficient needs to be interpreted accordingly.