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There are five different Stata datafiles and four Stata dofiles. Some of the replications require merging datafiles together, the code for this is contained within the relevant dofile. The dofiles does not contain the location of the relevant datafiles, so you will need to save the datafiles in a local directory and amend the code in the dofiles slightly to make sure that you are using and merging the right datafiles.

The datafiles and dofiles each belong of one or more of the three types of analyses in the article. Each analysis is done separately, so you should open the relevant dofile(s) for each analysis, do the analysis and then close them again. You do no need to run in a specific order. However, the order below is how they appear in the article.

1. For the aggregate turnout analysis, the relevant datafile is “World with parliamentary elections.dta” while the dofile “Turnout and fiscal rules aggregate analysis.do” is used to replicate the findings.

2. For the individual turnout analysis, the relevant datafiles are “ESS1-7e01.dta” and “World1980-2014.dta” while the dofile “Dofile European social survey analysis with weights.do” is used to replicate the findings. The file “ESS1-7e01.dta” is too large to be uploaded to Github. Download it on European Social Survey's website or contact the author.

3. For the Italien municipal analysis, the relevant datafiles are “italian_municipal.dta” and “italian_municipal_turnout.dta”. Here, there are two relevant dofiles, one which replicates the tables and one which replicates the figures. The dofile for replicating the tables is “Tables Italian analysis.do” while the dofile for replicating the figures is “Figures Italian analysis.do”. Each of the dofiles is a separate analysis, so you would need to open the dofile, “Tables Italian analysis.do”, do the analysis, close it and then open the dofile, “Figures Italian analysis.do” and then do this analysis.

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