Pre-registration of study

I am writing this shorter piece for publication on my github account to ensure internal validity and transparency within the research process for my master's thesis. For my project, I would like to study the effects of public support for democracy on democratic mobilization within societies. I am currently in the early stages of writing, currently working on the first draft due for the 5th of September 2025.

Preliminary hypotheses:

- Increased levels of democratic support increase the likelihood of mobilization for democracy.
- Increased levels of democratic support increase the likelihood of mobilization for democracy during periods of democratic backsliding.

Specific formulations of the hypotheses will surely be revised plenty of times, these are mainly for thematic purposes and to show preliminary ideas on causal links.

Data:

Data from Claassen, C. (2020), Does Public Support Help Democracy Survive?. *American Journal of Political Science, 64*: 118-134 and data from V-Dem downloaded via Demscore.

Method:

Statistical analysis. Specific estimation model is yet to be chosen. A theoretically and data driven argument for a fixed or random effects model will be made. A differences-in-differences design might also be relevant if possible.

Further notes:

A pre-analysis was not conducted.

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