

Selection of AB Data

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OVERVIEW:

The Arab Barometer dataset contains survey data collected from individuals across multiple countries in the Arab world. The dataset provides valuable insights into public opinion, attitudes, and behaviors on various socio-political issues in the region.

The dataset is provided in multiple files, each corresponding to a specific wave or part of the Arab Barometer survey. Arab_Barometer_Wave_1.csv: Data from Wave 1 of the survey. Arab_Barometer_Wave_2.csv: Data from Wave 2 of the survey. Arab_Barometer_Wave_3.csv: Data from Wave 3 of the survey.

The data in this dataset were sourced from the Arab Barometer survey, a reputable cross-national survey conducted in the Arab world. The survey aims to understand public opinion, attitudes, and behaviors on a wide range of topics, including politics, society, and economy.

For inquiries or questions about the dataset, please contact mm3664a@american.edu

SOURCES AND METHODOLOGY:

Arab Barometer. (2021). Arab Barometer Wave VI (July 2020 - April 2021): Part 1, Part 2, Part 3 Arab Barometer. [<https://www.arabbarometer.org/survey-data/data-downloads/>].

All of the data analyzed in this study were sourced from the Arab Barometer Wave VI, conducted between July 2020 and April 2021. The dataset includes data from three parts of the survey, namely Part 1, Part 2, and Part 3. The Arab Barometer Survey is a reputable cross-national survey conducted in the Arab world, aimed at understanding public opinion and attitudes on various socio-political issues across the region.

NOTE ON MISSING VALUES:

In the original dataset, missing values are coded with the numbers 98 and 99. In the combined_dataset.csv and ARAB1234.csv missing values are coded as NA. These codes are used to represent responses that are not available or not applicable for certain variables.

VARIABLES:

Country

Variable Name: c_name

Variable Type: Character

Description: Name of Country

Source

Variable Name: source

Variable Type: Character

Description: the origin or originator of the data

Respondent Identification Number

Variable Name: r_id

Variable Type: Character

Description: unique identifier assigned to each respondent in the survey

Year

Variable Name: r_year

Variable Type: Numeric

Description: corresponding calendar year

values	labels	freq	perc
2020	2020	6015	62.5
2021	2021	3605	37.5

Month

Variable Name: r_month

Variable Type: Numeric

Description: corresponding calendar month

values	labels	freq	perc
3	03	2100	21.8
4	04	1505	15.6
7	07	1870	19.4
8	08	903	9.4
9	09	232	2.4
10	10	3010	31.3

Survey Weight

Variable Name: r_swt

Variable Type: Numeric

Description: value assigned to each respondent in the survey dataset

Gender

Variable Name: r_female

Variable Type: Categorical

Description: binary indicator of gender, where a value of 1 typically represents females and a value of 0

values	labels	freq	perc
NA	Female	4578	47.6
NA	Not Female	5042	52.4

Political Ideology

Variable Name: p_ideology

Variable Type: Categorical

Description: Respondents' preferred country from which they would choose to receive a COVID-19 vaccine

values	labels	freq	perc
NA	China	556	5.8
NA	Russia	800	8.3
NA	UK	366	3.8
NA	US	576	6.0
NA	NA	7322	76.1

Political Interest

Variable Name: p_interest

Variable Type: Ordinal

Description: Respondents' internet usage to access media

values	labels	freq	perc
NA	At least once daily	1182	12.3
NA	I do not use the Internet	809	8.4
NA	Less than once a week	86	0.9
NA	Once a week	202	2.1
NA	Several times a week	429	4.5
NA	Throughout the day	3294	34.2
NA	NA	3618	37.6

Political Economy

Variable Name: p_economy

Variable Type: Ordinal

Description: Respondents' perceptions of the economic situation in their country

values	labels	freq	perc
NA	Bad	3154	32.8
NA	Good	2879	29.9
NA	Very Bad	2903	30.2
NA	Very Good	393	4.1
NA	NA	291	3.0

Core Values

Variable Name: core_values

Variable Type: Ordinal

Description: Respondents' ideological orientations, values, and beliefs regarding governance and society

values	labels	freq	perc
NA	Democracy is always preferable to any other kind of government	1929	20.1
NA	For people like me, it doesn't matter what kind of government we have	318	3.3
NA	Under some circumstances, a non-democratic government can be preferable	568	5.9

values	labels	freq	perc
NA	NA	6805	70.7

Democracy

Variable Name: d_essential

Variable Type: Ordinal

Description: Respondents' views on the essentiality of democracy in their country

values	labels	freq	perc
NA	Absolutely Essential	1742	18.1
NA	Not Very Essential	270	2.8
NA	Not at all Essential	243	2.5
NA	Somewhat Essential	737	7.7
NA	NA	6628	68.9

Country Governance

Variable Name: c_govern

Variable Type: Ordinal

Description: Respondents' attitudes towards their government's performance

values	labels	freq	perc
NA	Somewhat Agree	1086	11.3
NA	Somewhat Disagree	352	3.7
NA	Strongly Agree	958	10.0
NA	Strongly Disagree	564	5.9
NA	NA	6660	69.2

Institutional Trust

Variable Name: i_trust

Variable Type: Ordinal

Description: Respondents' level of confidence and faith that individuals have in key societal actors and institutions

values	labels	freq	perc
NA	A great deal of trust	1369	14.2
NA	No trust at all	3170	33.0
NA	Not a lot of trust	2802	29.1
NA	Quite a lot of trust	2130	22.1
NA	NA	149	1.5