

Overview

This replication package and repository relate to the study “**Human Rights for Combatting Corruption—And Vice Versa**” by James Anderson, Akanksha Baidya, and Samuel Ruben Alexander Garoni of the World Bank. The study was supported by the Human Rights, Inclusion, and Empowerment Trust Fund. For more information, please contact James Anderson janderson2@worldbank.org.

The package consists of:

- A Stata .do file for reproducing findings related to the World Values Survey. This was used for Figures 2-3, Summary Figures B-C, and Table 3.
“replication code for human rights and corruption July 2026.do”

Data availability

All data used in the study are publicly available.

Data sources

There is one source of data:

1. World Values Survey Wave 7, version 5.

- a. **Use:** This was used for Figures 5-8 and Summary Figure C.
- b. **Citation, as instructed online:**
Haerpfer, C., Inglehart, R., Moreno, A., Welzel, C., Kizilova, K., Diez-Medrano J., M. Lagos, P. Norris, E. Ponarin & B. Puranen (eds.). 2022. World Values Survey: Round Seven - Country-Pooled Datafile Version 5.0. Madrid, Spain & Vienna, Austria: JD Systems Institute & WVS Secretariat. doi:10.14281/18241.24
- c. **File names:** The paper used “WVS_Cross-National_Wave_7_Stata_v5_0.dta” which was the latest available at the time. (For the purposes of replication, a smaller dataset including only the necessary variables from version 5 is provided in the replication folder, as well as the code which generated that dataset. The smaller dataset is called “WVS_key_variables.dta”.) Note that version 6 of the data is now available and may be used for replication. It includes two additional countries which were not used in the preparation of the report, but otherwise the results should be the same.
- d. **Source:** The WVS data can be accessed at the World Values Survey website. Data, instructions for access, and questionnaires are publicly available here:
- e. **URL:** <https://www.worldvaluessurvey.org/WVSDocumentationWV7.jsp>
- f. **Access year:** Version 5 datafile downloaded in December, 2022.

Instructions for Replicators

Figures 2-3, Summary Figures B-C, and Table 3.

1. Go to the links above for the raw data, download the listed files, and place them in the data folder.
2. Open and update the following files with your directory paths:

“replication code for human rights and corruption July 2026.do”

3. Ensure all required software and dependencies are installed as listed in the Requirements section.
4. Run the “replication code for human rights and corruption July 2026.do” file.

List of Exhibits

The provided Stata code and Excel file reproduces:

☐ All numbers provided in text in the paper

☐ All tables and figures in the paper

Exhibit name	Output filename(s)	Script	Note
Summary Figure A. The mutually reinforcing roles of anticorruption and human rights ... and some tensions between the two	Not applicable		Text-based display
Summary Figure B. Attitudes towards rights and corruption	sum_fig_b.pdf	replication code for human rights and corruption July 2026.do	
Summary Figure C. Differences in attitudes toward rights and corruption by respondent characteristics (LEFT)	sum_fig_c_left.pdf	replication code for human rights and corruption July 2026.do	
Summary Figure C. Differences in attitudes toward rights and corruption by respondent characteristics (CENTER)	sum_fig_c_center.pdf	replication code for human rights and corruption July 2026.do	
Summary Figure C. Differences in attitudes toward rights and corruption by respondent characteristics (RIGHT)	sum_fig_c_right.pdf	replication code for human rights and corruption July 2026.do	
Figure 1. Policy Influencing	Not applicable		Text-based display
Figure 2. Searching for effective entry points	Not applicable		Text-based display
Figure 3. Attitudes toward rights-related areas and bribery - Civil rights	figure3_civil.pdf	replication code for human rights and corruption July 2026.do	

Figure 3. Attitudes toward rights-related areas and bribery - Women's equal rights	figure3_women_men.pdf	replication code for human rights and corruption July 2026.do	
Figure 3. Attitudes toward rights-related areas and bribery - Electoral democracy	figure3_electoral.pdf	replication code for human rights and corruption July 2026.do	
Figure 3. Attitudes toward rights-related areas and bribery - State aid for unemployment	figure3_state_aid.pdf	replication code for human rights and corruption July 2026.do	
Table 1. Mutual support in the UDHR and the UNCAC	Not applicable		Text-based display
Table 2. World Values Survey questions related to human rights and corruption	Not applicable		Text-based display
Table 3. Within-country differences in attitudes toward rights and controlling corruption	Table 3.docx	replication code for human rights and corruption July 2026.do	

Requirements

Computational Requirements

Computational requirements are modest and easily managed on a PC.

Software Requirements

- Stata version 18.
- Microsoft Excel (optional)

Memory and Runtime and Storage Requirements

Working with the raw data from the WVS requires the ability to access and manipulate a Stata data file that is 174,777 KB. This is easily managed on a PC.

Code Description

1. The file “replication code for human rights and corruption July 2026.do” is used for findings related to the World Values Survey. This was used for each of the four scatterplots in Figure 3; Summary Figures B and C; and Table 3. The file includes the following sections:

1. Start with the full WVS dataset and create a smaller dataset with just the variables of interest.
2. Generate country-level scatterplots of attitudes toward rights and corruption for use in Figure 3 and Summary Figure B,
3. Examine differences between groups within individual countries. For each of the rights areas and for corruption, it will run t-tests for differences in means and save the results which will then be used to generate Summary Figure C and Table 3.

Folder Structure

Outputs generated by Stata

- └─ PDF versions of figures generated in the Stata code
- └─ Word version of the table generated in the Stata code

Stata code and files

- └─ replication code for human rights and corruption July 2026.do
- └─ WVS data files generated in the do file