

README for the Reproducibility Package of the Paper " **Empowering Change: Assessing the Role of Democracy, Civil Society,** **and Women's Rights Groups in Advancing Legal Gender Equality "**

Overview

This reproducibility package is provided to facilitate the replication of the results presented in " Empowering Change: Assessing the Role of Democracy, Civil Society, and Women's Rights Groups in Advancing Legal Gender Equality". It contains all necessary data files, Stata do-files, and supplementary materials required to reproduce the analysis and figures reported in the paper.

Computational Requirement

Average 2023 Laptop is sufficient. Dell Latitude 7400 was used. Running time is less than 5 minutes.

Stata version 16.1 was used.

Running instructions

This can be run from line 1 to the last line without interruption.

Data Availability and Provenance

The data utilized in this paper includes several large datasets, which are all publicly available and cited appropriately in the manuscript:

- **World Bank's Women, Business and the Law (WBL):** This dataset includes indicators measuring legal differences for men and women which might affect women's economic opportunities. Data are available here: <https://wbl.worldbank.org/en/wbl-data> [accessed: May 13, 2024]

- **Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem):** This dataset provides various indicators of democracy and governance for a wide range of countries over multiple years. Please select the “Country-Year: V-Dem Full+Others” file. Data are available here: <https://www.v-dem.net/data/the-v-dem-dataset/> [accessed: May 13, 2024]
- **Controls Dataset:** This dataset contains our control variables including GDP per Capita, GDP Growth and Fertility, sourced from the World Bank Development Indicators: <https://databank.worldbank.org/source/world-development-indicators> [accessed: May 13, 2024]
- **Religion Data:** These datasets provide religion variables used in the analysis that are provided from the PEW research center: https://assets.pewresearch.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2015/04/Religious_Composition_by_Country_2010-2050.xlsx [accessed: May 13, 2024]

Description of folder contents

The folder structure of this document is as follows:

1. **_data:** Holds the master and merged data, including cleaned data.
2. **_dofile:** Holds the dofile “Empowering Change (May 20 2024).do” that producing the output
3. **readme:** Holds the readme file
4. **Reproducibility Package:** Holds all tables and graphs produced by this code. Exhibits in the manuscript are titled accordingly in the code.
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