

# REPLICATION PACKAGE README

## The electoral consequences of welfare state change: A sober look at theory and evidence

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### Overview and instructions

This package contains all data and Stata code required to replicate all statistical results reported in “The electoral consequences of welfare state change” as well as its online supplementary material.

To run the replication, open the “master.do” file in the main directory and change two settings. First, set the working directory to the folder where the Master-Dofile is.

```
cd = "..."
```

Make sure to use forward slashes here, such as in my case:

```
cd "C:/Forschung/Electoral implications of WFS/analysis"
```

Second, set the following local to 1 to install all ados required to run the replication:

```
local adoinstall = 1
```

Once these options are set, simply run the whole Master-Dofile to execute the replication. All results (i.e. tables, figures, and a log file) are saved into the “results”-subfolder (which is only created once you run the analysis).

### Description of code

All code (apart from the Master-Dofile) is saved in the “scripts”-subfolder.

- `1_prepare_mergedata.do`: pre-processes several datasets that will later be merged.
- `2_build_finaldata.do`: creates the baseline party-government data, merges the previously processed datasets, and prepares the data for all statistical analyses.
- `3_regressions.do`: estimates all regression models, saves their results, and creates the summary statistics table.
- `4_figures.do`: creates all figures from the main article and the online supplementary material based on the raw data and the regression results from the previous step.
- `99_figureoptions.do`: contains preset options for creating the figures – running this file only loads a large number of globals into memory.

### Data description

All data required to run the replication are attached in the package. The analysis uses the following datasets:

Armingeon, Klaus, Sarah Engler and Lucas Leemann (2021). Comparative Political Data Set 1960-2019. Institute of Political Science, University of Zurich. Available from <https://www.cpd-data.org/>.

Döring, Holger, and Philip Manow (2022). Parliaments and governments database (ParlGov): Information on parties, elections and cabinets in modern democracies. Available from <http://www.parlgov.org/>.

Jensen, Carsten, and Georg Wenzelburger (2021). Welfare State Reform Dataset. See Jensen, Carsten, and Georg Wenzelburger (2021). Reforming the Welfare State. London: Routledge. (Note: there is a Harvard Dataverse link to this dataset, but it did not work for me. Carsten Jensen supplied me with the data).

Scruggs, Lyle (2022). Comparative Welfare Entitlements Project Data Set, Version 2022-01. Available from <http://cwep.us/>.

Holger Döring and Philip Manow, the creators of the ParlGov datasets, voiced the preference that we do not upload the raw ParlGov data as part of this replication package. We therefore attached a collapsed version of the data from an intermediate data processing step in this package. However, all code to create the party-government data from the raw ParlGov data are supplied in the scripts.

I certify that the authors of the manuscript have legitimate access to and permission to use and upload the data used in this manuscript.