

Vignette Experiment:

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This folder contains data and Stata code to replicate Table A8 for the Vignette Experiment in “Projective Paternalism”. The code is designed to run in Stata 13 or later versions.

To produce the table:

1. Open **dataManagement.do** in the folder **do-files**
2. Set the **filepath** variable to equal the path to the **Replication files** folder on your computer.
3. Run this do file to generate cleaned database to replicate results. A table of variable mapping is provided below.

Variable Name	Variable Meaning	Possible Values	Meaning of Values
policy	Policy	NA	NA
id	ID	NA	NA
indSupp	Supportiveness of policy	1.5	Strong support
		0.5	Weak support
		-0.5	Weak oppose
		-1.5	Strong oppose
indWelf	Belief on effectiveness of policy	-2	Much better off
		-1	A little better off
		0	Equally well off
		1	A little worse off
		2	Much worse off
overall	Supportiveness of proposed policy given context on societal benefit	2	Strong support
		1	Weak support
		-1	Weak oppose
		-2	Strong oppose
ext	Main determinant of supportiveness	3	Exclusively the change in well-being
		2	Mostly the change in well-being
		1	Both but a little more the change of well-being
		-1	Both, but a little more the effects on society at large
		-2	Mostly the effects on society at large
		-3	Exclusively the effects on society at large
age	Age	NA	NA
male	Gender	0	Female
		1	Male
alcCons	Units of average alcohol consumption in a week	NA	NA
alcBinge	Number of days in a year binge-drinking happened	NA	NA
weight	BMI subjective	1	Underweight
		2	Healthy Weight
		3	Overweight
		4	Moderately obese
		5	Severely obese
income	Annual household income	NA	NA
ccDebt	Credit Card Debt Amount	NA	NA
paydayLoan	Frequency of debt cycle	0	Never
		1	Once
		2	Multiple
		3	Often
debtCycle	Frequency of taking payday loans	0	Never
		1	Once
		2	Multiple
		3	Often
savings	Total retirement savings in thousands	NA	NA
savingsRate	Percentage of income contributed to retirement savings	NA	NA

political	Political stance	-2	Conservative
		-1	Leaning conservative
		0	Centrist
		1	Leaning liberal
		2	Liberal
urban	Living conditions	1	Urban
		2	Suburban
		3	Rural
employment	Employment status	1	Unemployed
		2	Employed part-time
		3	Employed full-time
order	Sequence of policy presented to participant	NA	NA
proConOrder	Whether arguments in favor of the interventions were mentioned first	NA	NA
sumCorrect	Number of comprehension questions answered correctly	NA	NA
height	Height in inches	NA	NA
ccDebtByIncome	Credit card debt scaled by income	NA	NA
savingsByIncome	Retirement savings scaled by income	NA	NA
tag	Tag	NA	NA
logInc	log(income)	NA	NA
durationMinutes	Duration of experiment in minutes	NA	NA
logDuration	log(Duration)	NA	NA
eff	Effectiveness of policy	-2.5	Extremely ineffective
		-1.5	Very ineffective
		-0.5	Somewhat ineffective
		0.5	Somewhat effective
		1.5	Very effective
		2.5	Extremely effective
happy	Self perception towards own characteristics	2	Perfectly comfortable
		1	Fairly comfortable
		0	Neither nor
		-1	Fairly uncomfortable
		-2	Completely uncomfortable

4. Open **dataAnalysis.do** in the folder **do-files**
5. Again, set the **filepath** variable to equal the path to the **Replication files** folder on your computer.
6. Run this do file to generate all tables and figures. They will be placed in the folder **output**.