We have chosen to work with SPSS system (SAV) files. Majority of the source files to be downloaded from online archives or projects' webpages are stored in SAV format. Sometimes, only an SPSS portable (POR) file was available, which is usually fine for PSPP software we used to extract data. In a few cases we needed to create SAV files from other source formats. The following notes present all pre-processing actions undertaken on the source data files.

Software used:

SPSS 21.0.0.2

PSPP 0.8.1-g731134

STATA 12.0

**CB**

CB2009\_Regional\_only\_responses\_18012011.dta

CB2010\_Regional\_only\_responses\_21032011.dta

CB2011\_Regional\_only\_responses\_1202012.dta

Open files in SPSS and save them as SAV. (On first access in 9/2013 there were SAV files for all waves; however later something has changed and only DTA files were available for waves 1-3.)

CB2011\_Regional\_only\_responses\_1202012.dta

If processed as is, this file causes a minor problem with PSPP (Long variable mapping from LNNUMHH to invalid variable name ‘LNNUMHH ’ (space in the name!)). Can be opened, however it is better to intervene and change the variable's name to " LNNUMHH".

**CNEP**

CN3Spain2004Mod.sav

If processed as is, this file causes a minor problem with PSPP (Long variable mapping from Z.SP.C\_H to invalid variable name ‘Z.Sp.C.ThermTouri?o’ – that is "Z.Sp.C.ThermTourińo". Can be opened, however it is better to intervene and change the variable's name to "Z.Sp.C.ThermTourino", saving the file as SAV again.

**LB**

latinobarometro1997\_eng.sav

If processed as is, this file doesn't open with PSPP (Invalid variable name ‘REGI?N’) – that is "región". Could be opened with get file=latinobarometro1997\_eng.sav encoding='iso-8859-1', however it is better to intervene and change the variable's name to "region", saving the file as SAV again.

**LITS**

LITS 2006 data.dta

lits2.dta

Wave 1 file can be converted directly through SPSS. However, wave 2 was prepared in newer version of STATA that my SPSS doesn't read. Open DTA file in STATA, save it as version 9 of DTA file, and then proceed with SPSS.

**PA8NS**

07777-0001-Data.por

We decided to convert from original POR to SAV format and then process data file due to strange difference in presenting decimal digits in variables V381 and V382, e.g. 1.5191000000000001 instead of 1.5191.

Open POR file in SPSS and save it as SAV.

**PPE7N**

07015-0001-Data.txt

07015-0001-Setup.sps

07768-0001-Data.txt

07768-0001-Setup.sps

07768-0002-Data.txt

07768-0002-Setup.sps

07768-0003-Data.txt

07768-0003-Setup.sps

07768-0004-Data.txt

07768-0004-Setup.sps

07768-0005-Data.txt

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Syntax files need to be edited: 1) add full path to source (TXT) file in FILE HANDLE section, 2) uncomment MISSING VALUES section, and 3) add EXECUTE at the end of the syntax. Save output as SAV file.