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Subject: Data usage policy

Posted by [cpfeifer](#) on Thu, 07 Sep 2017 07:47:03 GMT

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Dear DHS people,

First great thank to make all your data available to me it is a great source of information. As I am about to publish a paper based on DHS data, i have some questions about data sharing policy.

All data i have used, are cited in the paper with the corresponding publish report. However, the journal is asking if i can share the data used. What is your policy about this?

1. can i release the processed data that is presented in the result section?
2. can i release the input data, i.e. DHS raw data but selected variables only from different countries?

Obviously the journal offers the option, author is not allowed to share the data, which can be selected...

Thanks for clarifying.

Catherine

PS : where do you submit the publication that have used DHS data to?

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Subject: Re: Data usage policy

Posted by [Reduced-For\(u\)m](#) on Mon, 11 Sep 2017 17:47:27 GMT

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In the past, I have not included the data when submitting, since you have to register with DHS as a user before being granted access.

What I do instead is include two sets of analysis files: one for the analysis (the usual file) and one that "cleans" the data from the original download set to the set I run the analysis on. That way others can apply for and download the data on their own, but then run your (two sets of) analysis files and get everything back exactly right. I have not had a problem with editors on that - I just explain in my cover letter that it is easy for qualified researchers to obtain access to the data, and that my files will recreate my results from raw downloaded data to final analysis figures/tables.

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