1 Regression Results

This section presents the results of our OLS and Fixed Effects (FE) regression models. Table 1 and Table 2 provide a detailed overview.

Table 1: OLS Regression Results

	$Dependent\ variable:\ Democracy\ (v2x_polyarchy)$		
	No Lag	3-Year Lag	5-Year Lag
Strong leader (E114)	0.019*** (0.001)	0.016*** (0.001)	0.002* (0.001)
Importance of democracy (E117)	$-0.012^{***} (0.001)$	-0.013****(0.001)	-0.019**** (0.001)
Postmaterialist index 3-scale (Y002)	$0.015^{***} (0.001)$	0.011*** (0.001)	0.008****(0.002)
Postmaterialist index 12-scale (Y001)	0.010*** (0.001)	$0.015^{***} (0.001)$	0.032****(0.001)
Log GDP per capita	$0.067^{***} (0.0004)$	0.088*** (0.001)	0.165****(0.001)
Regional Democracy	0.928*** (0.004)	1.040***(0.005)	1.373*** (0.009)
Constant	$-0.612^{***} (0.005)$	-0.868*** (0.006)	-1.796**** (0.017)
Observations	119,232	83,951	31,477
\mathbb{R}^2	0.433	0.507	0.476
Adjusted R ²	0.433	0.507	0.476

Table 2: Fixed Effects Regression Results

	Dependent variable: Democracy (v2x_polyarchy)			
	Dependent variable: Democracy (vzx_polyarchy)			
	No Lag	3-Year Lag	5-Year Lag	
Strong leader (E114)	-0.003*** (0.0002)	-0.005*** (0.0002)	-0.011*** (0.0005)	
Importance of democracy (E117)	$0.0005^{**} (0.0002)$	$0.0002 \ (0.0003)$	-0.002^{***} (0.001)	
Postmaterialist index 3-scale (Y002)	0.004*** (0.0004)	0.005***(0.001)	0.008*** (0.001)	
Postmaterialist index 12-scale (Y001)	-0.001****(0.0002)	-0.002****(0.0003)	-0.003****(0.001)	
Log GDP per capita	-0.015*** (0.0004)	-0.023***(0.001)	0.012*** (0.001)	
Regional Democracy	0.272^{***} (0.003)	$0.275^{***} (0.004)$	1.001*** (0.008)	
Observations	119,232	83,951	31,477	
\mathbb{R}^2	0.096	0.107	0.334	
Adjusted R ²	0.095	0.107	0.334	