

Table VI: Variable Summary

| Variable | Label | Description | Source |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|
| Disproportionality | disproportionality | Gallagher Index of Electoral Disproportionality | Gallagher (2015) & Carey and Hix (2011) |
| ENPS | enps | Effective number of parties by seats | Gallagher (2015) & Carey and Hix (2011) |
| ENPV | enpv | Effective number of parties by votes | Gallagher (2015) & Carey and Hix (2011) |
| Ethnic Fractionalization | ethnic_alesina | Probability two randomly selected members of society are from the same ethnic group | Alesina et al. (2003) |
| Federal | federal | Whether a country has a federal system or not | Carey and Hix (2011), updated from 2003 by the author |
| GDP/Capita | gdp_per_capita | GDP per capita in thousands of US dollars | World Bank (2015) |
| Gov. Fractionalization | govfrac | Probability that two members of the Government will be from different parties | Beck et al. (2001) |
| Gini | gini | Gini Coefficient of income inequality averaged over reported sources | UNU-WIDER (2015) |
| Immunity | immunity | Whether legislators are immune from arrest and/or criminal prosecution or not | Fish and Kroening (2009) |
| Internal Conflict | internal_conflict | Internal armed conflict involving purely domestic as well as external combatants | UCDP/PRIO Armed Conflict Dataset (Themnér and Wallensteen, 2014) |
| LEIC | leic | Legislative Indices of Electoral Competitiveness. Includes both the existence of a legislature and its level of electoral competitiveness. | Beck et al. (2001) |
| Lower Disproportionality | high_prop | Gallagher Index below the sample mean (6.4) | Author's calculations based on Gallagher (2015) & Carey and Hix (2011) |
| Majority | maj | Percentage of legislature controlled by governing parties | Beck et al. (2001) |
| Murder Rate | murder_rate | Murders per 100,000 population | United Nations (2013) |
| Political Constraints | polconiii | POLCONIII measure of political constraints | (Henisz, 2004, updated through 2011) |
| Polity | polity2 | Polity IV Score | Marshall and Jaggers (2009) |
| PR | pr | Whether a country uses a proportional representation electoral system or a plurality system | Beck et al. (2001) |
| Self Expression | cw_surv_self_expr | WVS self-expression indicator averaged across country-survey waves | World Values Survey Association (2009) |
| System | system | Government system (parliamentary, presidential, or mixed) | Beck et al. (2001) |
| Trust | higher_trust | Average of WVS responses where 1 = most people can be trusted and 2 = you can't be too careful | World Values Survey Association (2009) |
| Violence | violence | Incidences of violence between legislators in the national parliamentary chamber | author |
| Perc. Women in Parl. | women_in_parl | Percentage of parliamentary seats held by women | Paxton, Green and Hughes (2008) & Inter-Parliamentary Union (2013) |

Label refers to the label used in the data file (*LegislativeViolenceMain.csv*) for replication.

Please contact the author for detailed summary statistics.

All of the data from Beck et al. (2001) was updated through 2012.