

Table VI: Variable Descriptions

Variable	Label	Description	Source
Disproportionality	disproportionality	Gallagher Index of Electoral Disproportionality	Gallagher (2015) & Carey and Hix (2011)
Dem. Age	dem_age	Years that a country has continuously had a Polity IV score above 5.	Author's calculations from Marshall and Jaggers (2009)
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 per 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 from Gallagher (2015) & Carey and Hix (2011)
Majority Size	maj	Percentage of legislature controlled by governing parties	Beck et al. (2001)
Murder Rate	murder_rate	Murders per 100,000 people	United Nations (2013)
Perc. Women in Parl.	women_in_parl	Percentage of parliamentary seats held by women	Paxton, Green and Hughes (2008) & Inter-Parliamentary Union (2013)
Personalistic Vote	dom_personal_vote	The personalistic vote rank in the most populous legislative chamber	(Johnson and Wallack, 2012)
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)
Single Party Gov.	single_party	1 if government fractionalization was 0, 0 otherwise	Beck et al. (2001)
Violence	violence	Incidences of violence between legislators in the national parliamentary chamber	author

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

Please contact the author for detailed summary statistics.

All of the data from Beck et al. (2001) and Marshall and Jaggers (2009) was updated through 2012 by the original authors.