Political Discontent and Regime Instability

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Data Availability Statement

Replication data is available on the Harvard Dataverse [link tbd], and the work's complete revision history is available at https://github.com/fsolt/trust_stability.

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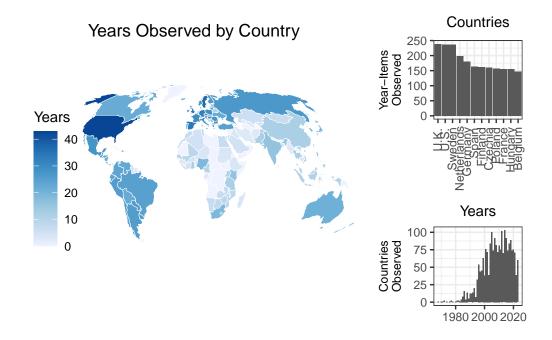


Figure 1: Countries and Years with the Most Observations in the Source Data

Estimates

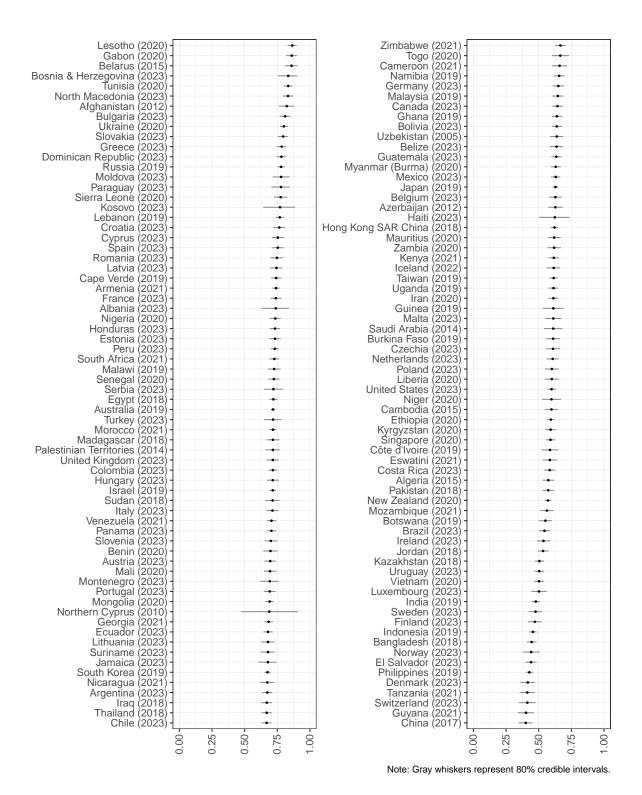
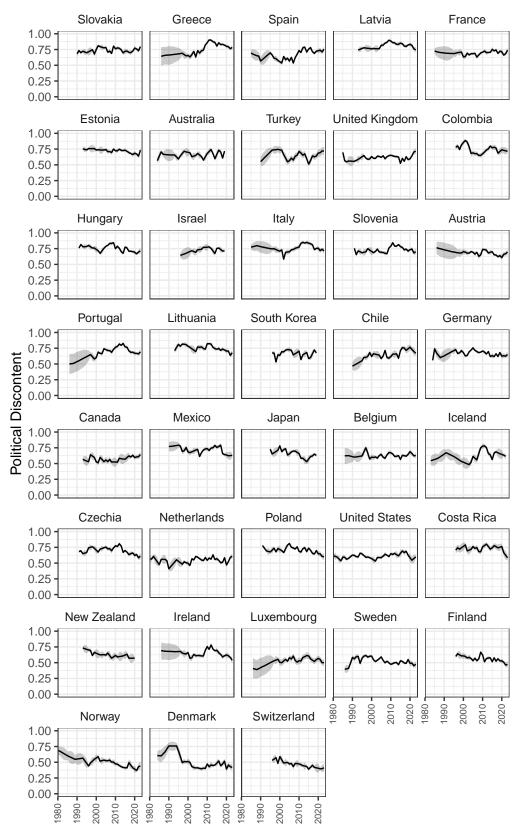


Figure 2: PD Scores, Most Recent Available Year



ed by their most recent political discontent score; gray shading represents 80% credible intervals.

Figure 3: Political Discontent Scores Over Time Within OECD Democracies

Literature

A test of citation (Claassen 2019; Hu, Tai, and Solt 2022).

Theory

Research Design and Results

See the descriptive statistics in OSM 1.

See the full, numeric results in OSM 2.

Summary and Discussion

Reference

Claassen, Christopher. 2019. "Estimating Smooth Country–Year Panels of Public Opinion." *Political Analysis* 27 (1): 1–20.

Hu, Yue, Yuehong Cassandra Tai, and Frederick Solt. 2022. "On Data 'Janitor Work' in Political Science: The Case of Thermostatic Support for Democracy." June 21, 2022. https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/kd7mu.

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| Survey Item Code | Country- Years | Question Text | Response Categories | Dispersion | Difficulties | Survey Dataset Codes* |
|---------------------|-------------------|--|--|------------|--|---|
| trust_parties2 | 739 | How much trust do you have in certain institutions? Political parties | 1 tend to trust / 2 tend not to trust | 1.11 | 0.18 | eb |
| trust_parl2 | 734 | How much trust do you have in certain institutions? National parliament | 1 tend to trust / 2 tend not to trust | 0.76 | 1.36 | eb |
| big2 | 372 | Would you say that this country is run by a few big interests looking out for themselves, or that it is run for the benefit of all the people? | 1 run by a few big interests / 2 run for all the people | 0.53 | 1.00 | wvs, anes, lb, nsss |
| will2 | 296 | Would you say that your country is governed by the will of the people? | 1 yes / 2 no | 0.66 | 1.36 | gallup |
| trust_parl11 | 259 | Using this card, please tell me on a score of 0-10 how much you personally trust each of the institutions I read out. 0 means you do not trust an institution at all, and 10 means you have complete trust. [Country's] parliament? | 0 no trust / 123456789 / 10 complete trust | 0.51 | -0.56, -0.11, 0.56, 1.06, 1.42, 1.94, 2.24, 2.62, 2.98, 3.30 | ess, fsdelection, ress |
| trust_pol11 | 258 | Using this card, please tell me on a score of 0-10 how much you personally trust each of the institutions I read out. 0 means you do not trust an institution at all, and 10 means you have complete trust. Politicians? | 0 no trust / 123456789 / 10 complete trust | 0.54 | -1.31, -0.91, -0.24, 0.38, 0.85, 1.42, 1.77, 2.16, 2.58, 2.96 | ess, fsdelection, ress |
| say5 | 246 | People like me don't have any say about what the government does | 1 strongly agree / 2 agree / 3 neither agree nor disagree / 4 disagree / 5 strongly disagree | 0.83 | -0.75, 0.78, 1.51, 2.89 | bes, cnep, issp, ases, gles, icnl, belgiumes, aes, nzes, caucasusb |
| $trust_parties 11$ | 236 | Using this card, please tell me on a score of 0-10 how much you personally trust each of the institutions I read out. 0 means you do not trust an institution at all, and 10 means you have complete trust. Political parties? | 0 no trust / 123456789 / 10 complete trust | 0.53 | -1.27, -0.89, -0.22, 0.40, 0.86, 1.45, 1.80, 2.20, 2.62, 3.01 | ess, fsdelection, ress |
| trust_parl4 | 230 | How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Parliament? | 0 not at all / 1 a little / 2 somewhat / 3 a lot | 0.17 | 0.84, 1.60, 2.38 | asianb, afrob |
| corrupt4 | 217 | There is corruption in national institutions in | 1 totally agree / 2 tend to agree / 3 tend to disagree / 4 totally disagree | 0.85 | -1.33, 0.14, 2.38 | eb |
| care4c | 177 | The interests of people like you are well taken into account by the political system in | 1 totally agree / 2 tend to agree / 3 tend to disagree / 4 totally disagree | 1.06 | -0.61, 1.66, 3.38 | eb, feb |
| right4 | 159 | How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right? | 1 none of the time / 2 some of the time / 3 most of the time / 4 just about always | 0.61 | -0.33, 1.50, 3.37 | eb, anes, lb, asianb |

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| Survey Item Code | Country- Years | Question Text | Response Categories | Dispersion | Difficulties | Survey Dataset Codes* |
|---------------------|-------------------|--|--|------------|--|---|
| corrupt_pol4 | 135 | Now I am going to read you a list of things that may be problems in our country. Please tell me if you think it is a very big problem, a moderately big problem, a small problem or not a problem at all: corrupt political leaders | 1 very big problem / 2 moderately big problem / 3 small problem / 4 not a problem at all | 0.79 | -2.02, -0.56, 1.07 | pew |
| corrupt_officials | 4126 | Taking into account your own experience or what you have heard, corruption among public officials is | 1 very common / 2 common / 3 uncommon / 4 very uncommon | 1.18 | -2.13, -0.03, 2.09 | amb |
| care7 | 123 | Those who govern this country are interested in what people like you think | 1 strongly disagree $/$ 23456 $/$ 7 strongly agree | 0.64 | -0.38, 0.26, 0.93, 1.53, 2.05, 2.59 | amb |
| ${ m right5}$ | 116 | Most of the time we can trust people in government to do what is right | 1 Strongly agree $/$ 5 Strongly disagree | 0.77 | -1.36, 0.76, 1.84, 3.29 | issp, usgss, nzes |
| rigged2 | 114 | Speaking generally, do you think that the elections in this country are clean or rigged? | 1 are clean \slash 2 are rigged | 0.25 | 2.07 | lb |
| say5a | 112 | And how much would you say that the political system in [country] allows people like you to have a say in what the government does? | 1 not at all / 2 very little / 3 some / 4 a lot / 5 a great deal | 0.48 | -0.24, 0.72, 1.78, 2.79 | ess, wvs |
| corrupt4a | 111 | How widespread do you think the problem of corruption is in | 1 very widespread / 2 fairly widespread / 3 fairly rare / 4 very rare | 0.70 | -0.90, 0.67, 2.62 | eb |
| corrupt_party2 | 111 | Do you think that the giving and taking of bribes, and the abuse of positions of power for personal gain, are widespread among any of the following? Political parties | 0 not mentioned / 1 mentioned | 1.55 | 1.53 | eb |
| get5 | 108 | Most politicians are in politics only for what they can get out of it personally | 1 agree strongly / 2 agree / 3 neither agree nor disagree / 4 disagree / 5 disagree strongly | 0.54 | -0.61, 0.59, 1.37, 2.45 | issp |
| corrupt_pol2 | 106 | Do you think that the giving and taking of bribes, and the abuse of positions of power for personal gain, are widespread among any of the following? Politicians at the national level | 0 not mentioned $/$ 1 mentioned | 1.08 | 1.70 | eb |
| say4 | 103 | However you look at it, people like me have no influence on what the government does | 1 completely agree / 2 tend to agree / 3 tend to disagree / 4 completely disagree | 1.05 | -1.54, 0.44, 2.32 | allbus, uspew, cnep, itanes, jgss, asianb, kobar, cnes, canadianes, cdem, pewrel |
| satis_gov21 | 99 | Here is a scale for ranking how our system of government works. Where on this scale would you put our current system of governing with free elections and many parties? | minus-100 the worst / -90 to 90 / 100 the best | 0.50 | -0.44, -0.21, 0.23, 0.51, 0.77, 1.31, 1.51, 1.73, 1.98, 2.18, 2.53, 2.65, 2.79, 2.92, 3.03, 3.37, 3.48, 3.60, 3.80, 3.97 | neb |

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| Survey Item Code | Country- Years | Question Text | Response Categories | Dispersion | Difficulties | Survey Dataset Codes* |
|---------------------|-------------------|--|--|------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| sat_officials4 | 87 | How satisfied are you with the way the people now in national office are handling the country's affairs? | 1 very satisfied / 2 fairly satisfied / 3 fairly dissatisfied / 4 very dissatisfied | 0.55 | -0.54, 1.40, 2.87 | wvs |
| trust_mp7 | 78 | To what extent do you trust each of these political institutions to look after your interests? Members of Parliament | 1 no trust / 23456 / 7 great trust | 0.48 | -0.28, 0.45, 1.09, 1.81, 2.42, 2.94 | neb |
| big4a | 77 | Generally the state/government is run for the benefit of all the people | 1 completely agree / 2 mostly agree / 3 mostly disagree / 4 completely disagree | 0.35 | 1.00, 1.93, 2.74 | pew |
| trust_parties7 | 77 | To what extent do you trust each of these political institutions to look after your interests? Political parties | 1 no trust / 23456 / 7 great trust | 0.50 | -0.53, 0.05, 0.74, 1.53, 2.20, 2.74 | neb |
| care5a | 74 | The government does not care much about what people like me think | 1 disagree strongly / 2 somewhat disagree / 3 neither agree nor disagree / 4 somewhat agree / 5 agree | 0.74 | -0.87, 0.61, 1.31, 2.60 | issp, canadianes |
| say5b | 73 | And how much would you say that the political system in [country] allows people like you to have an influence on politics? | 1 not at all / 2 very little / 3 some / 4 a lot / 5 a great deal | 0.84 | -2.26, -0.67, 1.12, 2.69 | ess |
| sat_parties4 | 72 | In your opinion, how is the work the political parties are doing | 1 very good / 2 good / 3 bad / 4 very bad | 0.82 | -1.86, 0.99, 3.21 | lb |
| care4a | 64 | In your opinion are politicians concerned with what people like yourself think? | 1 a lot / 2 some / 3 a little / 4 not at all | 0.61 | -0.07, 1.36, 2.54 | pew, uspew, fnes |
| care2 | 64 | I don't think public officials care much what people like me think | 1 agree / 2 disagree | 0.93 | 0.57 | pew, npes, anes, cispol, lb |
| say5e | 60 | The ordinary person has no influence on politics | 1 strongly disagree / 2 disagree / 3 neither agree nor disagree / 4 agree / 5 strongly agree | 1.01 | -1.40, 0.71, 1.72, 3.72 | issp, ines |
| will2a | 59 | Which of the following words describes your perception of the government of [this country]? READ OUT. Responds to the will of the people | 0 not mentioned / 1 mentioned | 0.18 | 0.76 | gallup |
| care5 | 54 | I don't think public officials care much what people like me think | 1 strongly agree / 2 agree / 3 neither agree nor disagree / 4 disagree / 5 strongly disagree | 0.52 | -0.70, 0.51, 1.23, 2.39 | ases, icnl, asiab, aes, caucasusb |
| trust_parties4 | 54 | How much trust do you have in political parties? | 1 none at all / 2 not very much trust / 3 quite a lot of trust / 4 a great deal of trust | 0.04 | 1.07, 1.67, 2.30 | asianb, kobar, icenes, sasianb |
| corrupt_officials | 15 2 | How widespread do you think bribe taking and corruption is in this country? | 1 almost no public officials engaged in it / 2 a few are / 3 most are / 4 almost all public officials are engaged in it | 0.55 | -0.53, 1.43, 2.78 | wvs |
| resp_gov4 | 52 | How well do you think the government responds to what people want? | 1 very responsive / 2 somewhat responsive / 3 not very responsive / 4 not responsive | 0.98 | -1.46, 1.34, 4.16 | asianb |
| corrupt_pol5 | 49 | Thinking about politicians of [COUNTRY], how many to you think are involved in corruption? | 1 none / 2 less than half / 3 half of the politicians / 4 more than half / 5 all | 0.92 | -2.28, -0.32, 1.02, 2.83 | amb |
| parties7 | 48 | To what extent do political parties listen to people like you? | 1 not at all / 23456 / 7 a lot | 0.72 | -1.35, -0.56, 0.36, 1.18, 1.90, 2.63 | amb |

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| Survey Item Code | Country- Years | Question Text | Response Categories | Dispersion | Difficulties | Survey Dataset Codes* |
|---------------------|-------------------|---|--|------------|--|--|
| rep_parties7 | 47 | Thinking about political parties in general, to what extent do [nationality] political parties represent their voters well? | 1 not at all / 23456 / 7 a lot | 0.63 | -0.96, -0.16, 0.77, 1.59, 2.27, 2.91 | amb |
| corrupt_gov4a | 43 | How widespread corruption in national government | 1 almost everyone is corrupt / 2 most officials are corrupt / 3 not a lot of officials are corrupt / 4 hardly anyone is involved | 0.31 | 0.18, 1.21, 2.25 | asianb |
| care5d | 41 | Some people say that political parties in Australia care what ordinary people think. Others say that political parties in Australia don't care what ordinary people think. Where would you place your view on this scale from 1 to 5? | 1 political parties care what ordinary people think / 234 / 5 political parties don't care what ordinary people think | 1.27 | -1.39, 0.47, 2.37, 3.76 | cses, aes, nzes |
| care4 | 41 | Politicians don't care much about what people like me think | 1 strongly agree / 2 agree / 4 disagree / 5 strongly disagree | 0.52 | -0.00, 1.32, 2.48 | pew, cnep, fsdelection |
| care5f | 37 | Politicians don't care much about what people like me think | 1 strongly agree / 2 agree / 3 neither agree nor disagree / 4 disagree / 5 strongly disagree | 0.86 | -1.65, 0.21, 1.10, 2.71 | cnep, nzes |
| care4f | 36 | Do you think that the political leaders are concerned about the issues that interest you? | 1 a lot / 2 fairly / 3 a little / 4 not at all | 0.92 | -1.90, -0.33, 2.29 | lb |
| say5c | 34 | Generally speaking, people like me don't have the power to influence government policy or actions | 1 strongly agree / 2 agree / 3 neither agree nor disagree / 4 disagree / 5 strongly disagree | 0.77 | -1.31, 0.24, 1.20, 2.76 | asiab |
| big5b | 34 | Do you think that the leaders of political parties in this country are more concerned with serving the interests of the people, or more concerned with advancing their own political ambitions, or haven't you heard enough to say? | 1 more to serve their own political ambitions – strongly agree / 2 more to serve their own political ambitions - agree / 3 neither agree nor disagree / 4 more to serve the people – agree / 5 more to serve the people – strongly agree | 0.74 | -0.85, 0.26, 0.61, 1.77 | afrob |
| trust_parl5 | 33 | To what extent do you trust the following institutions? Parliament | 1 complete distrust / 2 some distrust / 3 neither trust nor distrust / 4 some trust / 5 complete trust | 0.72 | -1.18, 0.53, 1.94, 2.98 | som |
| say4e | 32 | People like me have too little influence in what the Government does | 1 strongly agree / 2 tend to agree / 3 tend to disagree / 4 strongly disagree | 1.17 | -1.61, -0.07, 1.95 | eb |
| say4f | 32 | Voting gives people like me some say about how government runs things | 1 completely agree / 2 mostly agree / 3 mostly disagree / 4 completely disagree | 1.99 | 0.08, 3.65, 6.12 | pewrel, uspew |
| corrupt_gov5 | 32 | There is widespread corruption among those who govern the country | 1 strongly agree / 2 agree / 3 neither agree nor disagree / 4 disagree / 5 strongly disagree | 0.30 | 0.20, 0.83, 1.32, 2.16 | asiab |
| right4e | 32 | Please indicate to what extent you trust the following institutions to operate in the best interests of society. Parliament | 1 trust a lot / 2 trust to a degree / 3 don't really trust / 4 don't trust at all | 0.70 | -0.00, 1.90, 3.34 | asiab |
| touch5a | 32 | Generally speaking, the people who are elected to the [NATIONAL PARLIAMENT] stop thinking about the public once they're elected | 1 strongly agree / 2 agree / 3 neither agree nor disagree / 4 disagree / 5 strongly disagree | 0.39 | -0.17, 0.72, 1.32, 2.23 | asiab |
| vote5 | 31 | Political parties are only interested in my vote and not in my opinions | 1 completely agree / 2 agree / 3 neither agree nor disagree / 4 disagree / 5 completely disagree | 0.65 | -1.24, 0.45, 1.20, 2.55 | bsa, bes, gles, icnl, belgiumes, nores |

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| Survey Item Code | Country- Years | Question Text | Response Categories | Dispersion | Difficulties | Survey Dataset Codes* |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--|--|------------|--|----------------------------------|
| say2 | 27 | People like me don't have any say about what the government does | 1 agree / 2 disagree | 0.55 | 1.37 | issp, npes, anes, cnes |
| $corrupt_pol4a$ | 27 | Most politicians are corrupt. Does this statement describe | 1 very well / 2 somewhat well / 3 not too well / 4 not well at all | 0.41 | 0.78, 1.52, 2.30 | pew |
| right4d | 26 | Please indicate to what extent you trust the following institutions to operate in the best interests of society. Your central government | 1 trust a lot / 2 trust to a degree / 3 don't really trust / 4 don't trust at all | 0.70 | 0.64, 2.38, 3.90 | asiab |
| care2a | 24 | Do you ever feel that the people running the country don't really care what happens to people like you | 1 yes / 2 no | 2.16 | 0.25 | eb |
| trust_parties5 | 23 | To what extent do you trust the following institutions? Parliament | 1 complete distrust / 2 some distrust / 3 neither trust nor distrust / 4 some trust / 5 complete trust | 0.68 | -1.78, -0.06, 1.47, 2.56 | som |
| right4b | 22 | How much do you trust British governments of any party to place the needs of the nation above the interests of their own political party? | 1 almost always / 2 most of time / 3 some of time / 4 almost never | 0.53 | -0.67, 0.76, 2.08 | bsa |
| trust_pol4 | 22 | In general, how much trust do you have in Swedish politicians? | 1 very high trust / 2 quite high trust / 3 quite low trust / 4 very low trust | 0.60 | -1.38, 0.74, 2.33 | som |
| care11 | 21 | How much would you say that politicians care what people like you think? | 0 not at all / 123456789 / 10 completely | 0.64 | -1.71, -1.30, -0.55, 0.09, 0.57, 1.09, 1.46, 1.93, 2.40, 2.79 | ess |
| say11a | 21 | And how much would you say that the political system in [country] allows people like you to have a say in what the government does? | 0 not at all / 123456789 / 10 completely | 0.77 | -1.78, -1.37, -0.61, 0.04, 0.53, 1.13, 1.55, 2.13, 2.67, 3.08 | ess |
| say11b | 21 | And how much would you say that the political system in [country] allows people like you to have an influence on politics? | 0 not at all / 123456789 / 10 completely | 0.60 | -1.24, -0.88, -0.24, 0.30, 0.70, 1.16, 1.51, 1.96, 2.41, 2.79 | ess |
| touch4 | 21 | Those elected to parliament soon lose touch with the problems of ordinary people | $\begin{array}{c} 1 \ {\rm strongly \ agree} \ / \ 2 \ {\rm somewhat} \\ {\rm agree} \ / \ 3 \ {\rm somewhat} \ {\rm disagree} \ / \ 4 \\ {\rm strongly \ disagree} \end{array}$ | 0.82 | -1.31, 0.20, 1.98 | uspew, fsdelection, itanes |
| equal4 | 19 | Under our present system of government do you think people like yourself are treated equally and fairly by government | 1 definitely agree / 2 somewhat agree / 3 disagree somewhat / 4 definitely disagree | 0.48 | 0.21, 1.61, 2.69 | neb |
| vote2 | 19 | Parties are only interested in people's votes, not in their opinions | 1 agree / 2 disagree | 1.17 | 1.07 | npes, anes |
| ${\tt corrupt_gov3}$ | 19 | Do you think that quite a few of the people running the government are crooked, not very many are, or do you think hardly any of them are crooked? | 1 quite a few $\slash2$ not many $\slash3$ hardly any | 0.67 | -0.03, 1.56 | anes |
| care4b | 19 | Government officials seriously consider citizens' opinions | 1 strongly agree / 2 agree / 3 disagree / 4 strongly disagree | 0.48 | -0.24, 1.10, 2.37 | fsdelection, kobar, arabb |
| touch5 | 18 | Those elected to Parliament soon lose touch with the people | 1 agree strongly / 2 agree / 3 neither agree nor disagree / 4 disagree / 5 disagree strongly | 0.53 | -1.21, 0.28, 0.90, 2.23 | bsa, bes, icnl |

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| Survey Item Code | Country- Years | Question Text | Response Categories | Dispersion | Difficulties | Survey Dataset Codes* |
|---------------------|-------------------|---|--|------------|---|---|
| say4b | 18 | Under our present system of government how much influence do you think people like yourself can have on government? | 1 a lot of influence / 2 some influence / 3 not much influence / 4 no influence | 0.91 | -1.77, 0.24, 1.94 | neb |
| say4d | 18 | I can have influence on the national government | 1 agree / 2 quite agree / 3 rather disagree / 4 disagree | 0.83 | -0.40, 0.51, 1.81 | fsdelection, eurasiab |
| right4c | 17 | And how much do you trust politicians of any party in Britain to tell the truth when they are in a tight corner? | 1 just about always $/$ 2 most of the time $/$ 3 only some of the time $/$ 4 almost never | 0.65 | -1.52, -0.20, 1.44 | bsa |
| big2a | 16 | In general, would you say the government is run for the benefit of all the people in | 1 benefit all $/$ 2 benefit few groups | 0.81 | 1.41 | pew |
| big4b | 16 | How much of the time do you think elected leaders, like parliamentarians or local councilors, try their best: To look after the interests of people like you? | 0 never / 1 some of the time / 2 most of the time / 3 always | 0.37 | -0.25, 0.58, 1.93 | afrob |
| say4a | 16 | How much of the time do you think elected leaders, like parliamentarians or local councilors, try their best: To listen to what people like you have to say? | 0 never / 1 some of the time / 2 most of the time / 3 always | 0.28 | -0.14, 0.65, 1.80 | afrob |
| right2 | 15 | The people who run the c more concerned with themselves than with the good of the country | $1~{\rm tend}$ to agree / $2~{\rm tend}$ to disagree | 0.34 | 1.01 | eb |
| care4d | 14 | Politicians don't care much about what people like me think | 1 completely agree $/$ 2 tend to agree $/$ 3 tend to disagree $/$ 4 completely disagree | 0.98 | -1.33, 0.55, 2.26 | allbus, belgiumes, cnes, canadianes, cdem |
| care11a | 12 | How much weight do politicians attach to opinions presented to them by ordinary people | 0 none at all / 123456789 / 10 very large | 0.61 | -1.63, -1.31, -0.71, -0.16, 0.32, 0.92, 1.24, 1.67, 2.13, 2.58 | cid |
| trust_mp4 | 12 | In general, how much confidence do you have in the way the following groups do their job? - Parliamentarians | 1 very high trust / 2 quite high trust / 3 quite low trust / 4 very low trust | 0.59 | -1.21, 0.52, 1.83 | som |
| care3 | 12 | Public officials don't care much what people like me think | 1 agree / 2 disagree / 3 neither agree nor disagree | 0.65 | 0.83, 1.28 | anes |
| say3 | 12 | People like me don't have any say about what the government does | 1 agree / 2 disagree / 3 neither agree nor disagree | 0.80 | 1.23, 1.61 | anes |
| care5e | 12 | If people like me let the politicians know what we think, then they will take our opinions into account | 1 completely agree / 2 agree / 3 neither agree nor disagree / 4 disagree / 5 completely disagree | 1.20 | -2.47, -0.54, 0.88, 2.85 | belgiumes, dkes |
| trust_pol5a | 12 | Do you think that politicians are in general trustworthy, that many of them are trustworthy, some are trustworthy, few, or perhaps none? | 1 in general / 2 many / 3 some / 4 few / 5 none | 0.95 | -1.04, 0.48, 2.55, 4.62 | icenes |
| care5b | 10 | Politicians do not care about what people like me think | 1 completely agree / 2 somewhat agree / 3 partly agree-disagree / 4 somewhat disagree / 4 completely disagree | 0.09 | 0.53, 1.13, 1.48, 2.01 | bes, gles, autnes |
| touch2 | 10 | Generally speaking those we elect to Congress in Washington lose touch with people pretty quickly | 1 agree / 2 disagree | 1.14 | 0.24 | npes, anes |

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|---------------------|-------------------|---|--|------------|---|--------------------------|
| say5d | 10 | People like me can vote, but we can't do anything else to influence politics | 1 completely agree / 2 somewhat agree / 3 yes and no / 4 somewhat disagree / 5 completely disagree | 1.39 | -0.50, 1.29, 1.61, 3.41 | nores |
| big5 | 10 | Would you say the government is run by a few big interests looking out for themselves, or that it is run for the benefit of all the people? | 1 entirely run for the big interests / 2 mostly run for the big interests / 3 about half and half / 4 mostly run for the benefit of all / 5 entirely run for the benefit of all | 0.65 | -1.03, 0.60, 1.87, 3.18 | nsss, aes |
| right4a | 10 | In general, do you feel that the people in government are too often interested in looking after themselves, or do you feel that they can be trusted to do the right thing nearly all the time? | 1 Usually look after themselves / 2 Sometimes look after themselves / 3 Sometimes can be trusted to do the right thing / 4 Usually can be trusted to do the right thing | 0.77 | 0.06, 1.26, 2.10 | aes |
| big5a | 10 | The New Zealand government is largely run by a few big interests | 1 strongly agree / 2 agree / 3 neither / 4 disagree / 5 strongly disagree | 0.68 | -0.77, 0.90, 1.55, 2.90 | nzes |
| self_min4 | 9 | Ministers and state secretaries are primarily concerned about their personal interests | 1 fully agree / 2 agree / 3 disagree / 4 fully disagree | 0.61 | -0.41, 1.70, 2.86 | npes |
| say7 | 8 | People like me don't have any say about what the government does | 1 strongly agree / 2 agree / 3 somewhat agree / 4 neither agree nor disagree / 5 somewhat disagree / 6 disagree / 7 strongly disagree | 0.52 | -0.46, 0.37, 0.81, 1.10, 1.56, 2.33 | norcs, eass, jgss |
| big4c | 8 | The nation is run by a powerful few and ordinary citizens cannot do much about it | 1 strongly agree / 2 somewhat agree / 3 somewhat disagree / 4 strongly disagree | 0.92 | -0.74, 1.29, 3.64 | asianb |
| corrupt_gov4 | 8 | Now I am going to read you a list of things that may be problems in our country. Please tell me if you think it is a very big problem, a moderately big problem, a small problem or not a problem at all: government corruption | 1 very big problem / 2 moderately big problem / 3 small problem / 4 not a problem at all | 0.35 | -1.39, -0.46, 0.46 | pew |
| trust_parl7 | 7 | Please tell me for each institution or organisation how much trust you place in it: Bundestag | 1 no trust at all / 23456 / 7 great deal of trust | 0.63 | -0.67, 0.26, 1.15, 1.97, 2.67, 3.35 | allbus |
| say2a | 6 | The average person has considerable influence on politics | 1 agree / 2 disagree | 1.22 | 0.16 | issp |
| vote4 | 6 | Political parties are only interested in people's votes, not their opinions | 1 strongly agree / 2 somewhat agree / 3 somewhat disagree / 4 strongly disagree | 0.58 | -0.39, 0.87, 1.93 | fsdelection, itanes |
| $corrupt_pol4b$ | 6 | How widespread do you think corruption is among Icelandic politicians? | 1 very widespread / 2 quite widespread / 3 not very widespread / 4 hardly happens at all | 0.49 | -0.07, 1.39, 2.51 | icenes |

^{*} Survey dataset codes correspond to those used in the DCPOtools R package (Solt, Hu, and Tai 2019).

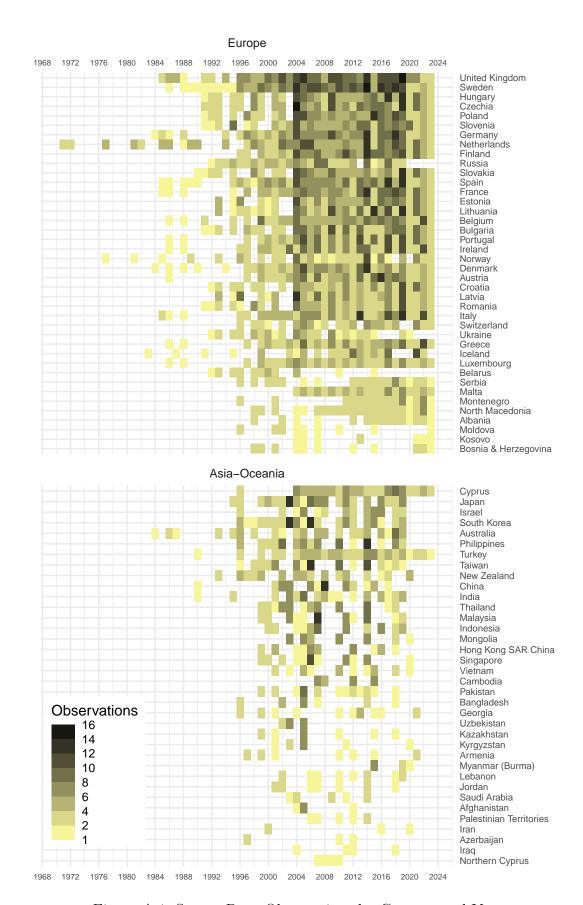


Figure A.1: Source Data Observations by Country and Year

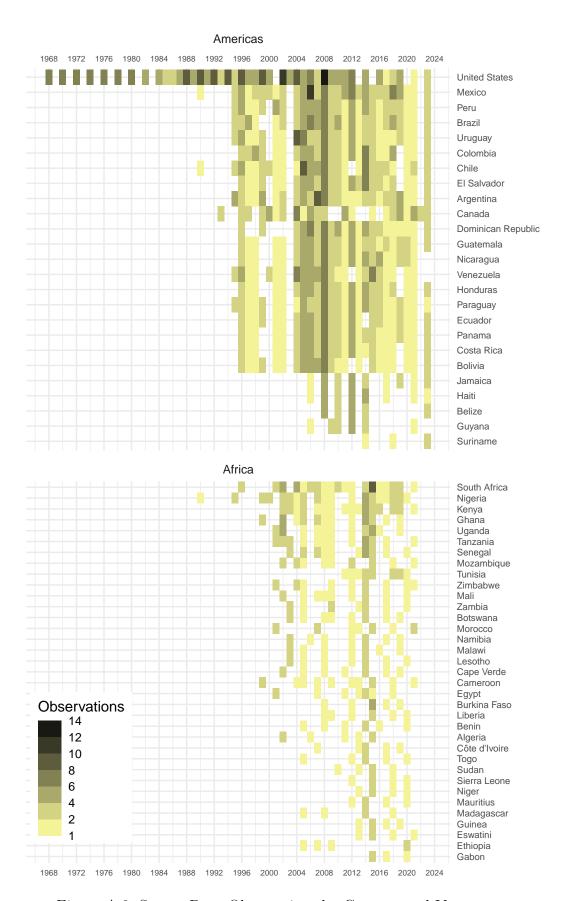


Figure A.2: Source Data Observations by Country and Year, cont.

Technical Details of DCPO

Another test of citation (Rubin 1987; Claassen 2020).

1 Descriptive Statistics

Here's the appendix references list:

2 Numeric Results

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