

TABLE 4—DEFINITION OF COUNTRY-SPECIFIC VARIABLES

Variable	Definition and Source	Mean	Mini- mum	Maxi- mum	U.S. Value
Politically Competitive System	= 1 if the country had a competitive party system during the entire 1950–73 period; 0 otherwise. <i>Source</i> : Cross-National Time-Series Archive (CNTSA)	.41	–	–	1
Recent Loss of Freedom	= 1 if the country had a competitive party system at the beginning of the period but had a non-competitive party system at the end of the period; 0 otherwise. <i>Source</i> : CNTSA.	.20	–	–	0
Number of Assassinations	Number of politically motivated murders or attempted murders of high government officials or politicians in 1950–73. <i>Source</i> : CNTSA.	3.27	0	22	12
Income Inequality	Ratio of household income of the top 10 percent of the households to the income of the bottom 20 percent of the households. <i>Source</i> : World Bank (various issues) and United Nations (1977).	7.50	1.42	30.0	5.91
Distance from U.S.	Number of air miles (in thousands) between the country's capital and the nearest U.S. gateway (Los Angeles, Miami, or New York). <i>Source</i> : Airline offices contacted by author.	3.37	.18	7.49	–
English Proficiency	Fraction of 1975–80 cohort of immigrants who speak English well or very well. <i>Source</i> : 5/100 A Sample of the 1980 U.S. Census.	.74	.24	1.00	–
Age at Migration	Mean age at migration. <i>Source</i> : 5/100 A Sample of the 1980 U.S. Census.	24.56	12.40	32.40	–
ln (per capital <i>GNP</i>)	(ln) 1980 per capita <i>GNP</i> in dollars. <i>Source</i> : U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (1984).	8.17	5.42	9.62	9.39
Rate of Change in Per Capita <i>GNP</i>	Annual rate of change in per capita <i>GNP</i> between 1963 and 1980, defined by: $\ln(GNP_{1980}/GNP_{1963})/17$. <i>Source</i> : U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (1975, 1984).	.03	.004	.07	.02
Rate of Change in Central Government Expenditures	Annual Change in the Percentage of <i>GNP</i> that is accounted for by central government expenditures, defined by $(GOVT_{1980} - GOVT_{1950})/30$, where $GOVT_t$ is the percent of <i>GNP</i> attributable to central government expenditures in year t . <i>Source</i> : CNTSA and U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (1984).	.41	–1.69	2.08	.26
Change in Quota	Change in fraction of population eligible for migration to the U.S., defined by $(20000/1979 \text{ population}) \div (QUOTA/1950 \text{ population})$, where 20,000 is the maximum number of visas allocated to the country after 1965, and $QUOTA$ is the number of visas allocated prior to 1965. <i>Source</i> : U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (1965).	38.90	.28	149.67	–