## Statistical Appendix 1 for Chapter 2 of World Happiness Report 2018

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#### 1 Data Sources and Variable Definitions

- Happiness score or subjective well-being (variable name ladder): The survey measure of SWB is from the Dec 22, 2017 release of the Gallup World Poll (GWP), which covers the years from 2005 to 2017. Unless stated otherwise, it is the national average response to the question of life evaluations. The English wording of the question is "Please imagine a ladder, with steps numbered from 0 at the bottom to 10 at the top. The top of the ladder represents the best possible life for you and the bottom of the ladder represents the worst possible life for you. On which step of the ladder would you say you personally feel you stand at this time?" This measure is also referred to as Cantril life ladder, or just life ladder in our analysis.
- Inequality/distribution statistics of happiness scores by WP5-year (variables names giniLadder and more) from the GWP release. WP5 is GWP's coding of countries, including some sub-country territories such as Hong Kong. The statistics are named giniLadder, p95Ladder, p90Ladder, p75Ladder, p50Ladder, p25Ladder, p10Ladder, p05Ladder, maxLadder, minLadder, respectively the gini score, the various percentiles, the maximum and the minimum. They are all derived from the STATA command ineqdec0 using observations in an individual country/territory in a given survey year with sample weights. According to Stephen P. Jenkins (May 2008, STATA Help), the command ineqdec0 "estimate[s] a range of inequality and related indices" using unit record or 'micro' level data, and that the calculations do not exclude observations whose value is equal to zero.
- Alternative measures of inequality in happiness scores by wp5-year (variable names sdLadder and cvLadder). These extra measures are sdLadder "Standard deviation of ladder by country-year" and cvLadder "Standard deviation/Mean of ladder by country-year".
- The statistics of GDP per capita (variable name gdp) in purchasing power parity (PPP) at constant 2011 international dollar prices are from the September 15,

2017 update of the World Development Indicators (WDI). The GDP figures for Taiwan, up to 2010, are from the Penn World Table 7.1. A few countries are missing the GDP numbers in the WDI release but were present in earlier releases. We use the numbers from the earlier release, after adjusting their levels by a factor of 1.17 to take into account changes in the implied prices when switching from the PPP 2005 prices used in the earlier release to the PPP 2011 prices used in the latest release. The factor of 1.17 is the average ratio derived by dividing the US GDP per capita under the 2011 prices with their counterparts under the 2005 prices. The same 1.17 is used to adjust the Taiwanese numbers, which are originally PPP dollars at 2005 constant prices and are based on the Penn World Table.

- GPD per capita in 2017 are not yet available as of December 2017. We extend the GDP-per-capita time series from 2016 to 2017 using country-specific forecasts of real GDP growth in 2017 first from the OECD Economic Outlook No 102 (Edition November 2017) and then, if missing, forecasts from World Bank's Global Economic Prospects (Last Updated: 06/04/2017). The GDP growth forecasts are adjusted for population growth with the subtraction of 2015-16 population growth as the projected 2016-17 growth.
- Healthy Life Expectancy (HLE). The time series of healthy life expectancy at birth are calculated by the authors based on data from the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Development Indicators (WDI), and statistics published in journal articles. Healthy life expectancy, unlike the simple life expectancy, is not widely available as time series. In our effort to derive the time series of healthy life expectancy for our sample period (2005 to 2017), we use WDI's non-health adjusted life expectancy, which is available as time series up to the year 2015, as the basis of our calculation. Using country-specific ratios of healthy life expectancy to total life expectancy in 2012 (roughly the middle of our sample period), available from the WHO's Global Health Observatory Data Repository, we adjust the time series of total life expectancy to healthy life expectancy by simple multiplication, assuming that the ratio remains constant within each country over the sample period. For Hong Kong, we calculate the health life-to-life expectancy ratio using estimates reported in "Healthy life expectancy in Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China," by C.K. Law, & P.S.F. Yip, published at the Bulletin of the World Health Organization, 2003, 81 (1). For Kosovo, we set its health life-to-life expectancy ratio to the world average. The estimated life expectancy for Taiwan and the Palestinian Territories are from "Healthy life expectancy for 187 countries, 1990 - 2010: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden Disease Study 2010," by Joshua A Salomon et al, *The Lancet*, Volume 380, Issue 9859. Once we have the data, we use intrapolation and extrapolation to fill in the missing values (when necessary) and to extend the period to 2017. Not all the countries/territories mentioned above are necessarily included in the most recent happiness ranking. The HLE is

constructed regardless of a country/territory's presence in a particular ranking.

- Social support (or having someone to count on in times of trouble) is the national average of the binary responses (either 0 or 1) to the GWP question "If you were in trouble, do you have relatives or friends you can count on to help you whenever you need them, or not?"
- Freedom to make life choices is the national average of responses to the GWP question "Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with your freedom to choose what you do with your life?"
- Generosity is the residual of regressing national average of response to the GWP question "Have you donated money to a charity in the past month?" on GDP per capita.
- Corruption Perception: The measure is the national average of the survey responses to two questions in the GWP: "Is corruption widespread throughout the government or not" and "Is corruption widespread within businesses or not?" The overall perception is just the average of the two 0-or-1 responses. In case the perception of government corruption is missing, we use the perception of business corruption as the overall perception. The corruption perception at the national level is just the average response of the overall perception at the individual level.
- Positive affect is defined as the average of three positive affect measures in GWP: happiness, laugh and enjoyment in the Gallup World Poll waves 3-7. These measures are the responses to the following three questions, respectively: "Did you experience the following feelings during A LOT OF THE DAY yesterday? How about Happiness?", "Did you smile or laugh a lot yesterday?", and "Did you experience the following feelings during A LOT OF THE DAY yesterday? How about Enjoyment?" Waves 3-7 cover years 2008 to 2012 and a small number of countries in 2013. For waves 1-2 and those from wave 8 on, positive affect is defined as the average of laugh and enjoyment only, due to the limited availability of happiness.
- Negative affect is defined as the average of three negative affect measures in GWP. They are worry, sadness and anger, respectively the responses to "Did you experience the following feelings during A LOT OF THE DAY yesterday? How about Worry?", "Did you experience the following feelings during A LOT OF THE DAY yesterday? How about Sadness?", and "Did you experience the following feelings during A LOT OF THE DAY yesterday? How about Anger?"
- The Migrant Acceptance Index is a proprietary index developed by Gallup, based on items it asks in its Gallup World Poll surveys. A link to Gallup's initial analysis can be found at http://news.gallup.com/poll/216377/new-index-shows-least-accepting-countries-migrants.aspx.

- Gini of household income reported in the GWP (variable name giniIncGallup). The income variable is described in Gallup's "WORLDWIDE RESEARCH METHODOLOGY AND CODEBOOK" (Updated July 2015) as "Household Income International Dollars [...] To calculate income, respondents are asked to report their household income in local currency. Those respondents who have difficulty answering the question are presented a set of ranges in local currency and are asked which group they fall into. Income variables are created by converting local currency to International Dollars (ID) using purchasing power parity (PPP) ratios." The gini measure is generated using STATA command ineqdec0 by WP5-year with sample weights.
- GINI index from the World Bank (variable name giniIncWB and giniIncW-Bavg) from the World Development Indicators (Last Updated: September 15, 2017). The variable labeled at the source as "GINI index (World Bank estimate)", series code "SI.POV.GINI". According to the source, the data source is "World Bank, Development Research Group. Data are based on primary household survey data obtained from government statistical agencies and World Bank country departments." The variable giniIncWB is an unbalanced panel of yearly index. The data availability is patchy at the yearly frequency. The variable giniIncWBavg is the average of giniIncWB in the period 2000-2015. The average does not imply that a country has the gini index in all years in that period. In fact, most do not.
- Variables in the expanded data set: Confidence in national government from the GWP. The English wording of the question is "Do you have confidence in each of the following, or not? How about the national government? (WP139)".
- Variables in the expanded data set: "Most people can be trusted" from the GWP. The question's English wording is "Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you have to be careful in dealing with people?" This indicator has a limited coverage.
- Variables in the expanded data set: "Most people can be trusted" from the 6-wave World Value Surveys. The question's English wording is "Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you need to be very careful in dealing with people?" The measure is defined as the percentage of respondents saying that most people can be trusted, excluding those who did not provide an answer.
- Variables in the expanded data set: Democratic and delivery quality measures of governance are based on Worldwide Governance Indicators (WGI) project (Kaufmann, Kraay and Mastruzzi) updated 29-Sep-2017, covering the years up to 2016. The original data have six dimensions: Voice and Accountability, Political Stability and Absence of Violence, Government Effectiveness, Regulatory Quality, Rule of Law, Control of Corruption. The indicators are on a scale roughly with mean zero and a standard deviation of 1. We reduce the number

of dimensions to two using the simple average of the first two measures as an indicator of democratic quality, and the simple average of the other four measures as an indicator of delivery quality, following Helliwell and Huang (2008).

### 2 Coverage, Summary Statistics and Regression Tables

WP5 is GWP's coding of countries including some sub-country territories such as Hong Kong. Not all the countries and territories appear in all the years. Our analysis does not cover all of the country/territories that have valid happiness scores. Tables 1-3 show the WP5-year pairs that are covered.

The 2015-2017 ranking of happiness scores includes 152 countries/territories that have the happiness scores in the 2015-2017 period, plus 4 country/territory that has the happiness score in 2014 but not in 2015-17; a later table has the list of the country/countries.

To appear in regression analysis that uses data from outside the GWP survey, a WP5-year needs to have the necessary external information (GDP, healthy life expectancy, etc). The regression analysis thus does not necessarily cover all of the countries/territories in the GWP. Nor does it necessarily cover all the countries/territories that are ranked by their happiness scores in this report. The underlying principle is that we always use the largest available sample. For different kind of analysis/ranking, the largest available samples can be different.

Regions: Some of the analysis includes dummy indicator for regions, namely Western Europe, Central and Eastern Europe, Commonwealth of Independent States, Southeast Asia, South Asia, East Asia, Latin America and Caribbean, North America and ANZ, Middle East and North Africa, and Sub-Saharan Africa. A later set of tables list individual countries by their region grouping.

# 3 Imputed Missing Values in Our Exercise of Explaining Ladder Scores with Six Factors

We do not make use of any imputed missing values in any of our headline results including the happiness rankings and all the regression outputs. The only place where we make use of imputation is when we try to decompose a country's average ladder score into components explained by six hypothesized underlying determinants (GDP per person, healthy life expectancy, social support, perceived freedom to make life choice, generosity and perception of corruption). A small number of countries have missing values in one or more of these factors. The most prominent is about the perception of corruption in businesses and governments. In several countries, the relevant questions were not asked in the Gallup World Poll. For these countries we impute the missing values using the "control of corruption" indicator from the Worldwide Governance Indicators (WGI) project (Kaufmann, Kraay and Mastruzzi).

Specifically, the imputed value is calculated as the predicted value using estimates from a model that regresses Gallup World Poll's perception of corruption on WGI's control of corruption. In all, 8 countries have the measure of corruption perception imputed in this way. In a few cases, countries are missing one or more of these factors over the survey period 2015-2017, but the information can be found for earlier years. In this case we use those earlier information as if they are the 2015-2017 information. There is a limit of 3 years for how far back we go in search of those missing values. After these imputations, Somalia and Taiwan are still missing GDP per capita for the period 2015-2017; we use the most recent PPP statistics of GDP per capita from The World Factbook. Northern Cyprus is missing GDP per capita and healthy life expectancy; we use the statistics of Cyprus instead.

Table 1: Number of ladder (WP16) observations for WP5-years - Part 1  $\,$ 

| Country/territory (wp5 ID)     |                |      |   |      |      |      |      |      |      | 20142          | 015 2 | 2016 | 2017 |
|--------------------------------|----------------|------|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|----------------|-------|------|------|
| United States (1)              |                | 1001 | 1225  | 1004 | 1003 | 1005 | 1008 | 2094 | 1005 | 2048 1         | 0191  | 032  | 1013 |
| Egypt (2)                      | 999            |      | 1024  | 1105 | 2112 | 2053 | 5296 | 4186 | 1149 | 10001          | 000 1 | 000  | 1000 |
| Morocco (3)                    |                |      |   |      |      | 1006 | 1001 | 3000 | 1007 | 2              | 050 1 | 1008 | 1006 |
| Lebanon (4)                    | 996            | 1000 |   | 1000 | 2010 | 2027 | 2007 | 2013 | 1000 | 10001          | 000 1 | 000  | 1000 |
| Saudi Arabia (5)               | 1004           |      | 1006  | 1150 | 2052 | 2038 | 2022 | 1077 | 2036 | 2035  1        | 0121  | 000  | 1002 |
| Jordan (6)                     | 1000           |      | 1016  | 1007 | 2016 | 2000 | 2000 | 2000 | 1000 | 10001          | 000 1 | 1000 | 1012 |
| Syria (7)                      |                |      |   | 1209 | 2100 | 2035 | 2041 | 2043 | 1022 | 1              | 002   |      |      |
| Turkey (8)                     | 995            |      |   |      |      |      |      |      |      | 2003  1        |       |      |      |
| Pakistan (9)                   | 1001           |      |   |      |      |      |      |      |      | 1000  1        |       |      |      |
| Indonesia (10)                 |                |      |   |      |      |      |      |      |      | $1000 \ 1$     |       |      |      |
| Bangladesh (11)                |                |      |   |      |      |      |      |      |      | 1000 1         |       |      |      |
| United Kingdom (12)            | 1037           |      |   |      |      |      |      |      |      | 2000 1         |       |      |      |
| France (13)                    | 1002           |      |   |      |      |      |      |      |      | 2000 1         |       |      |      |
| Germany (14)                   | 1001           |      |   |      |      |      |      |      |      | 20141          |       |      |      |
| Netherlands (15)               | 1000           |      | 1000  |      |      |      |      |      |      | 20021          |       |      |      |
| Belgium (16)                   | 1003           |      | 1022  |      |      |      |      |      |      | 20041          |       |      |      |
| Spain (17)                     | 1000           |      |   |      |      |      |      |      |      | 2000 1         |       |      |      |
| Italy (18)                     | 1002           |      |   |      |      |      |      |      |      | 2000 1         |       |      |      |
| Poland (19)                    | 1000           |      | $\begin{array}{c} 1000 \\ 1010 \end{array}$ |      |      |      |      |      |      | 10001          |       |      |      |
| Hungary (20)                   | 1025           |      |   |      | 1008 |      |      |      |      | $10031\\10081$ |       |      |      |
| Czech Republic (21)            | $1001 \\ 1022$ |      | $\begin{array}{c} 1072 \\ 1000 \end{array}$ |      | 1000 |      |      |      |      | 998 1          |       |      |      |
| Romania (22)<br>Sweden (23)    | 1022           |      |   |      |      |      |      |      |      | 20011          |       |      |      |
| Greece (24)                    | 1000           |      | 1001  |      |      |      |      |      |      | 1000 1         |       |      |      |
| Denmark (25)                   | 1002           |      |   |      |      |      |      |      |      | 2002 1         |       |      |      |
| Iran (26)                      | 1300           |      | 1003  |      |      |      |      |      |      | 2002 1         |       |      |      |
| Hong Kong S.A.R. of China (27) |                | 800  |   |      |      | 756  |      |      |      | 2017           |       |      | 1007 |
| Singapore (28)                 |                |      |   |      |      |      |      |      |      | 10001          |       |      |      |
| Japan (29)                     | 1000           |      |   |      |      |      |      |      |      | 2006 1         |       |      |      |
| China (30)                     |                |      |   |      |      |      |      |      |      | 46964          |       |      |      |
| India (31)                     |                |      |   |      |      |      |      |      |      | 30003          |       |      |      |
| Venezuela (32)                 | 1000           |      |   |      |      |      |      |      |      | 10001          |       |      |      |
| Brazil (33)                    | 1029           |      | 1038  | 1032 | 1031 | 1043 | 1042 | 1002 | 2006 | 1007  1        | 004 1 | 1001 | 1000 |
| Mexico (34)                    | 1007           |      | 999   | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 2000 | 1000 | 10171          | 031 1 | 000  | 1000 |
| Nigeria (35)                   |                | 1000 | 1000  | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 |      | 2000 | 1002 | 1              | 000 1 | 000  | 1000 |
| Kenya (36)                     |                | 1000 | 1000  | 2200 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 10001          | 000 1 | 1000 | 1000 |
| Tanzania (37)                  |                | 1000 | 1000  | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1008 | 10081          | 000 1 | 1000 | 1000 |
| Israel (38)                    |                | 1002 | 1001  | 1001 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | $1000 \ 1$     | 000 1 | 1000 | 1000 |
| Palestinian Territories (39)   |                |      |   |      |      |      |      |      |      | 1000  1        |       |      |      |
| Ghana (40)                     |                |      |   |      |      |      |      |      |      | 1000  1        |       |      |      |
| Uganda (41)                    |                |      |   |      |      |      |      |      |      | 1000 1         |       |      |      |
| Benin (42)                     |                | 1000 |   | 1000 |      |      |      |      |      | 1000 1         |       |      |      |
| Madagascar (43)                |                | 1000 |   | 1000 |      |      |      |      |      | 10081          |       |      |      |
| Malawi (44)                    |                |      | 1000  |      | 1000 |      |      |      |      | 10001          |       |      |      |
| South Africa (45)              |                |      |   |      |      |      |      |      |      | 10001          |       |      | 1000 |
| Canada (46)                    | 1355           |      |   |      |      |      |      |      |      | 20251          |       |      | 1000 |
| Australia (47)                 | 1000           |      | 1205  |      |      |      |      |      |      | 20021          |       |      |      |
| Philippines (48)               |                |      |   |      |      |      |      |      |      | 1000 1         |       |      |      |
| Sri Lanka (49)                 |                |      |   |      |      |      |      |      |      | 10621          |       |      | 1104 |
| Vietnam (50)<br>Thailand (51)  |                |      |   |      |      |      |      |      |      | $10001\\10001$ |       |      |      |
| Cambodia (52)                  |                |      |   |      |      |      |      |      |      | 1000 1         |       |      |      |
| Laos (53)                      |                |      | 1000  |      |      |      |      | 1000 |      | 1000 1         | 000 1 |      | 1000 |
| Myanmar (54)                   |                | 1001 | 1000/                                       | 1000 |      |      | 1000 |      |      | 1020 1         | ევი 1 |      |      |
| New Zealand (55)               |                | 1028 | 750   | 750  |      | 750  | 1000 |      |      | 20011          |       |      |      |
| THE ME DEMINITE (00)           |                | 1020 | 100   | 100  |      | 100  | 1000 | 1000 | 500  | 2001 I         | 0011  | 1004 | TOOT |

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|--------------------------------|---------------|------|------|--------|-------|------|-------|--------|------|------|------|------|
| Country/territory (wp5 ID)     | 2005 2006 2   | 2007 | 2008 | 2009   | 2010  | 2011 | 2012  | 2013   | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Angola (56)                    |               |      |      |        |       | 1000 | 1000  | 1000   | 1000 |      |      |      |
| Botswana (57)                  | 1000          |      | 1000 |        | 1000  |      |       |        |      | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 |
| Ethiopia (60)                  | 1000          |      | 1000 |        | 1000  | 1000 |       |        |      | 1000 |      |      |
| Mali (61)                      | 1000          |      | 1000 | 1000   | 1000  | 1000 |       |        |      | 1000 |      |      |
| Mauritania (62)                |               |      |      |        |       |      |       |        |      | 1000 |      |      |
| Mozambique (63)                | 1000 1        |      |      | 1001   | _000  | 1000 |       | 1000   | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 |
| Niger (64)                     | 1000 1        |      |      | 1000   | 1000  |      |       | 1008   | 1008 |      | 1000 |      |
| Rwanda (65)                    | 1504          |      | 1000 |        |       |      |       |        |      | 1000 |      |      |
| Senegal (66)                   | 1000 1        |      |      |        |       |      |       |        |      |      |      |      |
| Zambia (67)                    | 1001 1        |      |      |        |       |      |       |        |      | 1000 |      |      |
| South Korea (68)               | 1100 1        |      |      |        |       |      |       |        |      |      |      |      |
| Taiwan Province of China (69)  | 1002          |      | 1000 |        |       |      |       |        |      | 1000 |      |      |
| Afghanistan (70)               |               |      | 1010 | 2000   |       |      |       |        |      | 1000 |      |      |
| Belarus (71)                   | 1092 1        |      |      |        |       |      |       |        |      |      |      |      |
| Georgia (72)                   | 1000 1        |      |      |        |       |      |       |        |      |      |      |      |
| Kazakhstan (73)                | 1000 1        | 000  | 1000 | 1000   | 1000  | 1000 | 1000  | 1000   | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 |
| Kyrgyzstan (74)                | 1000 1        | 000  | 1000 | 1000   | 1000  | 1000 | 1000  | 1000   | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 |
| Moldova (75)                   | 1000 1        |      |      |        |       |      |       |        |      |      |      |      |
| Russia (76)                    | 2011 2        |      |      |        |       |      |       |        |      |      |      |      |
| Ukraine (77)                   | 1102 1        |      |      |        |       |      |       |        |      |      |      |      |
| Burkina Faso (78)              | 1000 1        | 000  | 1000 |        | 1000  | 1000 | 1000  | 1008   | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 |
| Cameroon (79)                  | 1000 1        | 000  | 1000 | 1000   | 1200  | 1000 | 1000  | 1000   | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 |
| Sierra Leone (80)              | 1000 1        | 000  | 1000 |        | 1000  | 1000 |       | 1008   | 1008 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 |
| Zimbabwe (81)                  | 1000 1        | 000  | 1000 | 1000   | 1000  | 1000 | 1000  | 1000   | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 |
| Costa Rica (82)                | 1002 1        | .002 | 1000 | 1000   | 1006  | 1000 | 1000  | 1000   | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 |
| Albania (83)                   | g             | 981  |      | 1000   | 1000  | 1006 | 1029  | 1035   | 999  | 1000 | 999  | 1000 |
| Algeria (84)                   |               |      |      |        | 1000  | 2001 | 2027  |        | 1002 |      | 1001 | 1016 |
| Argentina (87)                 | 1000 1        | 000  | 1000 | 1000   | 1000  | 1000 | 1000  | 1000   | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 |
| Armenia (88)                   | 1000 1        | 000  | 1000 | 1000   | 1000  | 1000 | 1000  | 1000   | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 |
| Austria (89)                   | 1004          |      | 1001 |        | 2000  | 1004 | 1001  | 1000   | 2000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 |
| Azerbaijan (90)                | 1000 1        | .000 | 1000 | 1000   | 1000  | 1000 | 1000  | 1000   | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 |
| Bahrain (92)                   |               |      |      | 2128   | 2032  | 2010 | 1000  | 1002   | 1005 | 2004 | 1010 | 1064 |
| Belize (94)                    | 5             | 502  |      |        |       |      |       |        | 504  |      |      |      |
| Bhutan (95)                    |               |      |      |        |       |      |       |        |      | 1020 |      |      |
| Bolivia (96)                   | 1000 1        | .000 | 1003 | 1000   | 1000  | 1000 | 1000  | 1000   | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina (97)    | 2             | 2002 |      | 1002   | 1000  | 1009 | 1005  | 1010   | 1001 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 |
| Bulgaria (99)                  | 1             | .003 |      |        | 2000  | 1006 | 1000  | 1000   | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 |
| Burundi (100)                  |               |      | 1000 | 1000   |       | 1000 |       |        | 1000 |      |      |      |
| Central African Republic (102) | 1             | .000 |      |        | 1000  | 1000 |       |        |      |      | 1000 | 1000 |
| Chad (103)                     | 1000 1        | .000 | 1000 | 1000   | 1000  | 1000 | 1000  | 1000   | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 |
| Chile (104)                    | $1007\ 1$     | .023 | 1108 | 1009   | 1007  | 1009 | 1003  | 1001   | 1032 | 1040 | 1008 | 1040 |
| Colombia (105)                 | 1000 1        | .000 |      |        |       |      |       |        | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 |
| Comoros (106)                  |               |      |      |        |       | 2000 |       |        |      |      |      |      |
| Congo (Kinshasa) (107)         |               |      |      | 1000   |       |      |       |        |      | 1000 |      |      |
| Congo Brazzaville (108)        |               |      | 1000 |        |       |      |       |        |      | 1000 |      |      |
| Croatia (109)                  |               | .000 |      | 1009   | 1029  | 1029 | 1000  | 1000   | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 |
| Cuba (110)                     | 1000          |      |      |        |       |      |       |        |      |      |      |      |
| Cyprus (111)                   | 1000          |      |      |        |       |      | 500   | 500    | 2000 | 1029 | 1006 | 1008 |
| Djibouti (112)                 |               |      |      |        |       | 1000 |       |        |      |      |      |      |
| Dominican Republic (114)       | 1000 1        |      |      |        |       |      |       |        |      |      |      |      |
| Ecuador (115)                  | $1067\ 1$     |      |      |        |       |      |       |        |      |      |      |      |
| El Salvador (116)              | 1000 1        |      |      |        | 1001  |      |       |        |      |      |      |      |
| Estonia (119)                  | 1003 1        |      | _    | 608    |       |      |       |        |      | 1000 |      |      |
| Finland (121)                  | 1010          |      | 1005 |        | 1000  |      |       |        |      | 1000 |      |      |
| Gabon (122)                    |               |      |      |        |       |      |       |        |      | 1000 |      |      |
| Guatemala (124)                | 1021 1        | .000 | 1000 | 1015   | 1014  | 1000 | 1000  | 1000   | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 |

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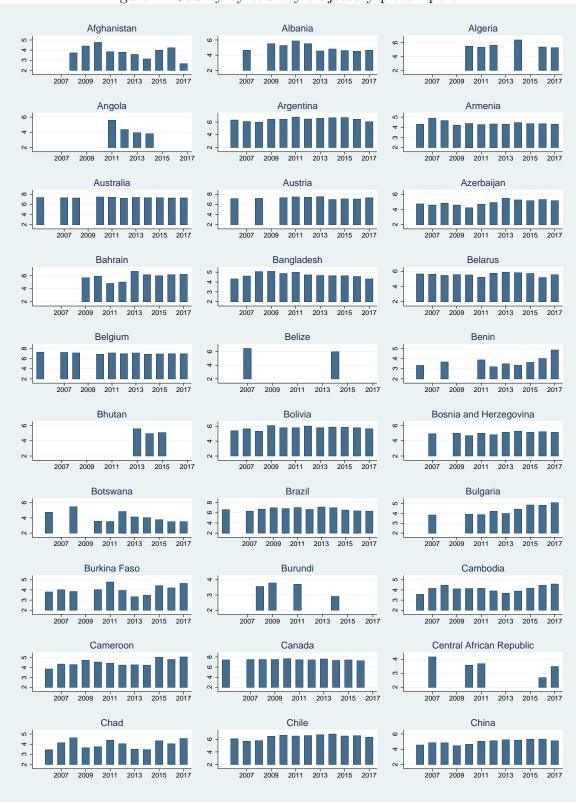
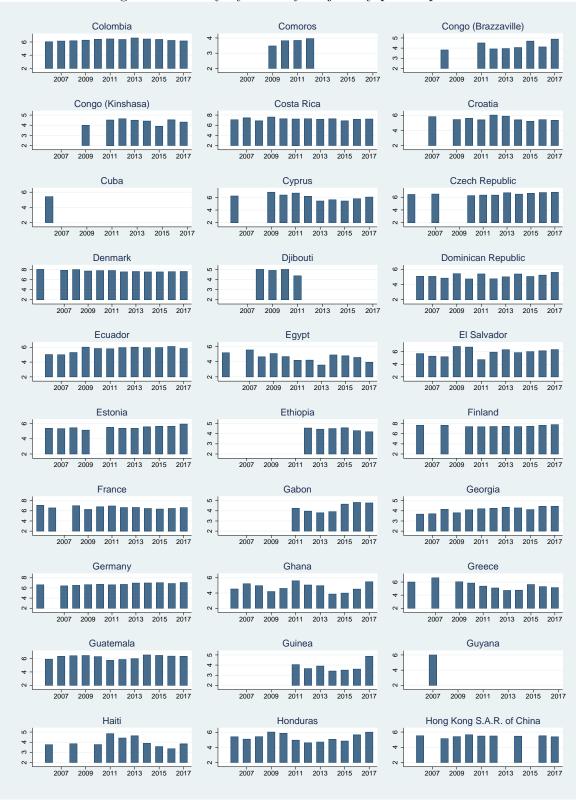


Figure 1: County-by-country trajectory plots - part 1





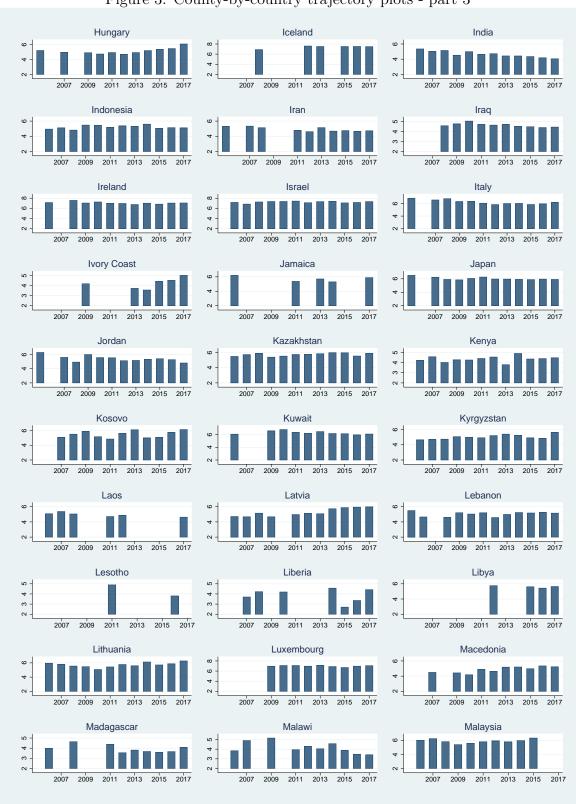


Figure 3: County-by-country trajectory plots - part 3

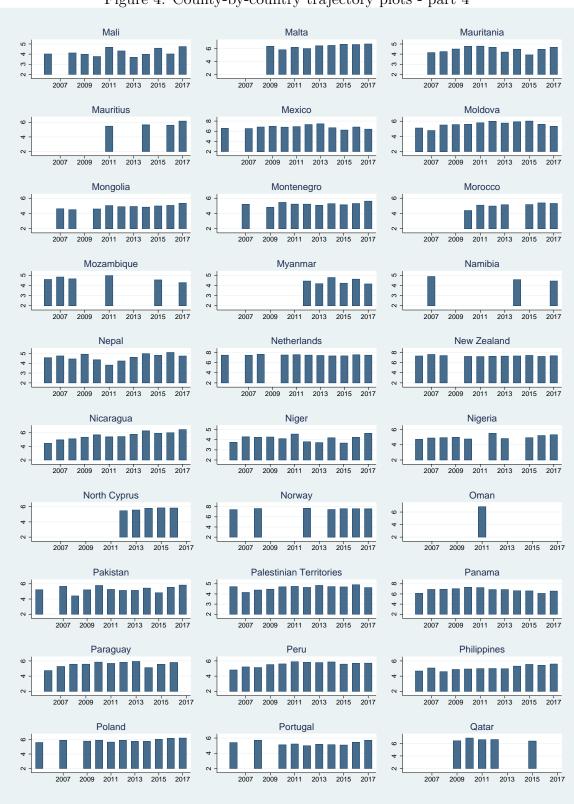


Figure 4: County-by-country trajectory plots - part 4

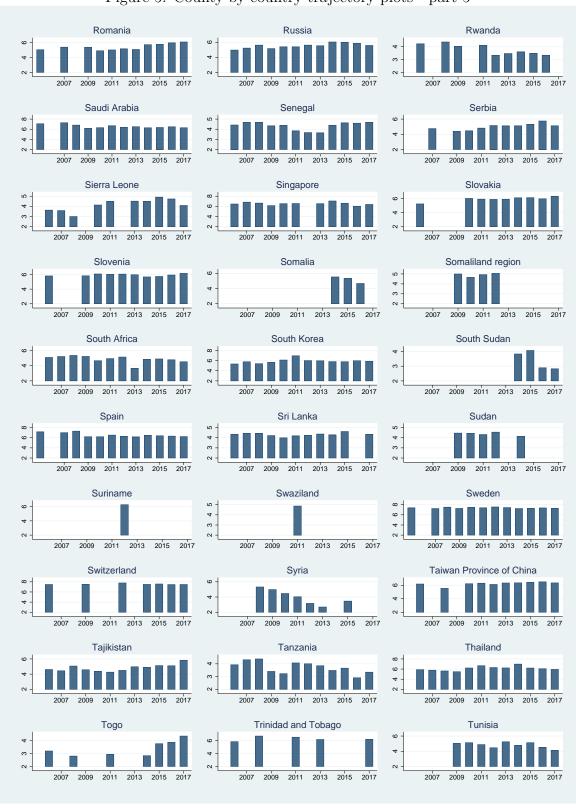


Figure 5: County-by-country trajectory plots - part 5

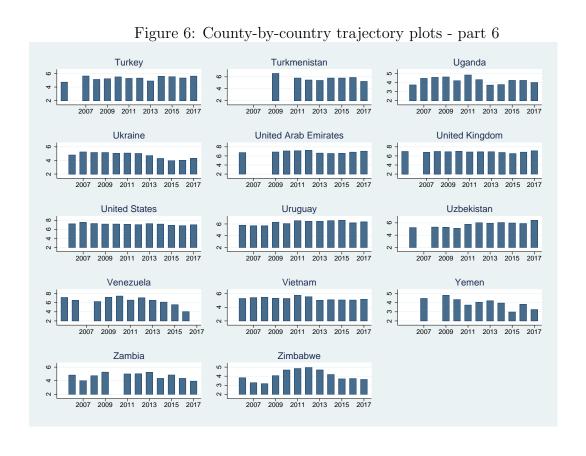


Table 4: Summary statistics for country-year observations with valid happiness scores - Fullest sample  $\_$ 

| Variable                         | Mean  | Std. Dev. | Min.  | Max.  | N    |
|----------------------------------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|------|
| Life Ladder                      | 5.43  | 1.12      | 2.66  | 8.02  | 1562 |
| Positive affect                  | 0.71  | 0.11      | 0.36  | 0.94  | 1544 |
| Negative affect                  | 0.26  | 0.08      | 0.08  | 0.70  | 1550 |
| Log GDP per capita               | 9.22  | 1.18      | 6.38  | 11.77 | 1535 |
| Social support                   | 0.81  | 0.12      | 0.29  | 0.99  | 1549 |
| Healthy life expectancy at birth | 62.25 | 7.96      | 37.77 | 76.54 | 1553 |
| Freedom to make life choices     | 0.73  | 0.15      | 0.26  | 0.99  | 1533 |
| Generosity                       | 0     | 0.16      | -0.32 | 0.68  | 1482 |
| Perceptions of corruption        | 0.75  | 0.19      | 0.04  | 0.98  | 1472 |

Table 5: Summary statistics for country-year observations with valid happiness scores - Period from 2005 to 2007

| Variable                         | Mean  | Std. Dev. | Min.  | Max.  | N   |
|----------------------------------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-----|
| Life Ladder                      | 5.46  | 1.12      | 3.2   | 8.02  | 218 |
| Positive affect                  | 0.72  | 0.1       | 0.43  | 0.89  | 216 |
| Negative affect                  | 0.25  | 0.07      | 0.09  | 0.47  | 216 |
| Log GDP per capita               | 9.13  | 1.19      | 6.49  | 11.47 | 218 |
| Social support                   | 0.83  | 0.11      | 0.44  | 0.98  | 216 |
| Healthy life expectancy at birth | 60.85 | 8.67      | 37.77 | 74.28 | 218 |
| Freedom to make life choices     | 0.72  | 0.15      | 0.28  | 0.97  | 212 |
| Generosity                       | 0.01  | 0.17      | -0.32 | 0.49  | 184 |
| Perceptions of corruption        | 0.77  | 0.18      | 0.06  | 0.98  | 206 |

Table 6: Summary statistics for country-year observations with valid happiness scores

- Perio<u>d from 2008 to 2010</u>

| Variable                         | Mean  | Std. Dev. | Min.  | Max.  | N   |
|----------------------------------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-----|
| Life Ladder                      | 5.46  | 1.11      | 2.81  | 7.97  | 348 |
| Positive affect                  | 0.71  | 0.11      | 0.36  | 0.9   | 341 |
| Negative affect                  | 0.24  | 0.08      | 0.08  | 0.47  | 343 |
| Log GDP per capita               | 9.16  | 1.2       | 6.38  | 11.74 | 346 |
| Social support                   | 0.81  | 0.12      | 0.29  | 0.98  | 343 |
| Healthy life expectancy at birth | 61.65 | 8.17      | 39.35 | 74.83 | 346 |
| Freedom to make life choices     | 0.70  | 0.15      | 0.26  | 0.97  | 341 |
| Generosity                       | 0     | 0.16      | -0.32 | 0.53  | 345 |
| Perceptions of corruption        | 0.76  | 0.19      | 0.04  | 0.98  | 337 |

 ${\it Table 7: Summary statistics for country-year observations with valid happiness scores}$ 

- Perio<u>d from 2015 to 2017</u>

| Variable                         | Mean  | Std. Dev. | Min.  | Max.  | $\overline{\mathbf{N}}$ |
|----------------------------------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-------------------------|
| Life Ladder                      | 5.43  | 1.12      | 2.66  | 7.79  | 426                     |
| Positive affect                  | 0.71  | 0.1       | 0.37  | 0.92  | 424                     |
| Negative affect                  | 0.29  | 0.09      | 0.1   | 0.64  | 424                     |
| Log GDP per capita               | 9.30  | 1.2       | 6.47  | 11.69 | 412                     |
| Social support                   | 0.81  | 0.12      | 0.29  | 0.99  | 424                     |
| Healthy life expectancy at birth | 63.17 | 7.67      | 43.59 | 76.54 | 424                     |
| Freedom to make life choices     | 0.76  | 0.13      | 0.3   | 0.99  | 420                     |
| Generosity                       | 0     | 0.16      | -0.3  | 0.67  | 409                     |
| Perceptions of corruption        | 0.74  | 0.19      | 0.05  | 0.97  | 393                     |

Table 8: Regression reported in Table 2.1 of WHR 2017, and replication using updated data

|                        | WHR2017                 | Current                                  |
|------------------------|-------------------------|--|
|                        | (1)                     | (2)                                      |
| lngdp                  | 0.341 (0.06)***         | 0.311 $(0.064)***$                       |
| countOnFriends         | 2.332<br>(0.407)***     | 2.447<br>(0.39)***                       |
| Health life expectancy | 0.029<br>(0.008)***     | 0.032<br>(0.009)***                      |
| freedom                | 1.098<br>(0.31)***      | 1.189<br>(0.302)***                      |
| Generosity             | 0.842<br>(0.273)***     | 0.644 $(0.274)**$                        |
| corrupt                | 533<br>(0.287)*         | 542<br>(0.284)*                          |
| Year 2005              | 0.422<br>(0.096)***     | $0.458$ $(0.094)^{***}$                  |
| Year 2006              | 035<br>(0.06)           | 030<br>(0.061)                           |
| Year 2007              | $0.224$ $(0.06)^{***}$  | 0.239<br>(0.06)***                       |
| Year 2008              | $0.3 \ (0.058)^{***}$   | $0.319$ $(0.059)^{***}$                  |
| Year 2009              | $0.213 \ (0.058)^{***}$ | 0.22<br>(0.058)***                       |
| Year 2010              | 0.129<br>(0.046)***     | 0.138<br>(0.046)***                      |
| Year 2011              | 0.153<br>(0.048)***     | $0.147$ $(0.047)^{***}$                  |
| Year 2012              | $0.123 \ (0.041)^{***}$ | $0.127$ $(0.041)^{***}$                  |
| Year 2013              | $0.067$ $(0.039)^*$     | 0.06 $(0.04)$                            |
| Year 2015              | 0.021 $(0.041)$         | $0.012 \atop \scriptscriptstyle (0.041)$ |
| Year 2016              | 019<br>(0.049)          | 034<br>(0.048)                           |
| Year 2017              |                         | 0.058 (0.057)                            |
| Obs.                   | 1249                    | 1394                                     |
| e(N-clust)             | 155                     | 157                                      |
| $\underline{e(r2-a)}$  | 0.746                   | 0.742                                    |

Notes: 1) Column 1 reports estimates from a pooled OLS regression based on data used in the WHR 2017 (sample period 2005-2016). Column 2 replicates the regression with updated data that include observations from the year 2017. 2). Standard errors in parentheses. \*, \*\*, and \*\*\* indicate statistical significance at 10 percent, 5 percent and 1 percent levels. All standard errors are cluster-adjusted at the country level. The row "e(N-clust)" indicates the number of countries. 3). See section "Data Sources and Variable Definitions" for more information.

Table 9: (Table 2.1 in WHR 2017 Updated With the Most Recent Data, with year fixed effects): Regressions to Explain Average Happiness across Countries (Pooled OLS)

|                                  | Ladder                  | PosAffect              | NegAffect           | LadderAgain             |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
|                                  | (1)                     | (2)                    | (3)                 | (4)                     |
| Log GDP per capita               | $0.311$ $(0.064)^{***}$ | 003<br>(0.009)         | 0.011 (0.009)       | $0.316$ $(0.063)^{***}$ |
| Social support                   | 2.447<br>(0.39)***      | 0.26<br>(0.049)***     | 289<br>(0.051)***   | 1.933<br>(0.395)***     |
| Healthy life expectancy at birth | 0.032<br>(0.009)***     | 0.0002 $(0.001)$       | 0.001<br>(0.001)    | 0.031<br>(0.009)***     |
| Freedom to make life choices     | 1.189<br>(0.302)***     | 0.343 $(0.038)***$     | 071<br>(0.042)*     | 0.451 (0.29)            |
| Generosity                       | 0.644 $(0.274)**$       | $0.145$ $(0.03)^{***}$ | 0.001 $(0.028)$     | 0.323 $(0.272)$         |
| Perceptions of corruption        | 542<br>(0.284)*         | 0.03 $(0.027)$         | 0.098<br>(0.025)*** | 626<br>(0.271)**        |
| Positive affect                  |                         |                        |                     | 2.211<br>(0.396)***     |
| Negative affect                  |                         |                        |                     | 0.204 $(0.442)$         |
| Year 2005                        | 0.458 $(0.094)***$      | 007<br>(0.009)         | 0.018<br>(0.008)**  | 0.471 (0.09)***         |
| Year 2006                        | 030<br>(0.061)          | 0.009<br>(0.009)       | 006<br>(0.008)      | 038<br>(0.06)           |
| Year 2007                        | 0.239<br>(0.06)***      | 0.015<br>(0.009)*      | 030<br>(0.007)***   | 0.219<br>(0.059)***     |
| Year 2008                        | 0.319<br>(0.059)***     | 0.02<br>(0.007)***     | 040<br>(0.007)***   | 0.289<br>(0.063)***     |
| Year 2009                        | 0.22<br>(0.058)***      | 0.015<br>(0.008)*      | 027<br>(0.007)***   | 0.197<br>(0.058)***     |
| Year 2010                        | 0.138<br>(0.046)***     | 0.01<br>(0.007)        | 032<br>(0.006)***   | 0.124<br>(0.048)***     |
| Year 2011                        | 0.147<br>(0.047)***     | 0.001<br>(0.008)       | 025<br>(0.006)***   | 0.152<br>(0.048)***     |
| Year 2012                        | 0.127<br>(0.041)***     | 0.011<br>(0.006)*      | 019<br>(0.006)***   | 0.109<br>(0.043)**      |
| Year 2013                        | 0.06 $(0.04)$           | 0.013<br>(0.005)**     | 011<br>(0.005)**    | 0.038 $(0.04)$          |
| Year 2015                        | 0.012 $(0.041)$         | 0.0004 $(0.005)$       | 0.0001 $(0.004)$    | 0.014 (0.04)            |
| Year 2016                        | 034<br>(0.048)          | 004<br>(0.005)         | 0.015<br>(0.005)*** | 025<br>(0.046)          |
| Year 2017                        | 0.058 (0.057)           | 015<br>(0.006)**       | 0.017 (0.006)***    | 0.091<br>(0.055)*       |
| Obs.                             | 1394                    | 1391                   | 1393                | 1390                    |
| e(N-clust)                       | 157                     | 157                    | 157                 | 157                     |
| e(r2-a)                          | 0.742                   | 0.48                   | 0.251               | 0.764                   |

Table 10: Robustness test - With respondents in a survey (by country-year) randomly divided into two groups. One group's average social support, sense of freedom, generosity and perception of corruption are then used to predict another group's average ladder, positive affect and negative affect. Else the same as in the preceding table. Note that the sample size is doubled compared to the earlier table, because each country-year now has two group averages and therefore two observations in this table's regressions. But the amount of variations in the data is not inflated, because the standard errors are always cluster-adjusted by country to allows for intra-cluster correlations

|                                  | Ladder                  | PosAffect           | NegAffect               | LadderAgain            |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
|                                  | (1)                     | (2)                 | (3)                     | (4)                    |
| Log GDP per capita               | 0.317<br>(0.063)***     | 003<br>(0.009)      | 0.01<br>(0.009)         | 0.321<br>(0.063)***    |
| Social support                   | 2.367 $(0.377)***$      | 0.252<br>(0.048)*** | 279<br>(0.049)***       | 1.852<br>(0.376)***    |
| Healthy life expectancy at birth | 0.032<br>(0.009)***     | 0.0002 $(0.001)$    | 0.001<br>(0.001)        | 0.031<br>(0.009)***    |
| Freedom to make life choices     | 1.180<br>(0.295)***     | 0.337 $(0.038)****$ | 071<br>(0.041)*         | 0.453 (0.278)          |
| Generosity                       | 0.643<br>(0.269)**      | 0.144<br>(0.03)***  | 4.50e-06<br>(0.027)     | 0.324 $(0.267)$        |
| Perceptions of corruption        | 537<br>(0.281)*         | 0.029 $(0.027)$     | $0.097$ $(0.025)^{***}$ | 611<br>(0.268)**       |
| Positive affect                  |                         |                     |                         | 2.209<br>(0.379)***    |
| Negative affect                  |                         |                     |                         | 0.143 $(0.425)$        |
| Year 2005                        | 0.465 $(0.094)***$      | 005<br>(0.009)      | 0.017<br>(0.008)**      | 0.477<br>(0.09)***     |
| Year 2006                        | 026<br>(0.06)           | 0.009<br>(0.009)    | 006<br>(0.008)          | 036<br>(0.059)         |
| Year 2007                        | 0.239<br>(0.06)***      | 0.015<br>(0.008)*   | 030<br>(0.007)***       | 0.218<br>(0.059)***    |
| Year 2008                        | 0.317<br>(0.059)***     | 0.02<br>(0.007)***  | 040<br>(0.007)***       | 0.286<br>(0.062)***    |
| Year 2009                        | 0.221<br>(0.058)***     | 0.014<br>(0.008)*   | 027<br>(0.007)***       | 0.196<br>(0.057)***    |
| Year 2010                        | 0.139<br>(0.046)***     | 0.011 (0.007)       | 032<br>(0.006)***       | 0.123<br>(0.047)***    |
| Year 2011                        | 0.147<br>(0.046)***     | 0.001<br>(0.008)    | 025<br>(0.006)***       | $0.15$ $(0.048)^{***}$ |
| Year 2012                        | $0.127$ $(0.041)^{***}$ | 0.011<br>(0.006)*   | 019<br>(0.006)***       | 0.107<br>(0.043)**     |
| Year 2013                        | 0.06<br>(0.039)         | 0.012<br>(0.005)**  | 011<br>(0.005)**        | 0.037 $(0.04)$         |
| Year 2015                        | 0.011<br>(0.041)        | 0.0004<br>(0.005)   | 0.0002<br>(0.004)       | 0.013<br>(0.04)        |
| Year 2016                        | 034<br>(0.048)          | 004<br>(0.005)      | 0.015<br>(0.005)***     | 025<br>(0.046)         |
| Year 2017                        | 0.058 $(0.057)$         | 015<br>(0.006)**    | 0.017<br>(0.006)***     | 0.091<br>(0.054)*      |
| Obs.                             | 2788                    | 2782                | 2786                    | 2780                   |
| e(N-clust)                       | 157                     | 157                 | 157                     | 157                    |
| e(r2-a)                          | 0.737                   | 0.467               | 0.244                   | 0.761                  |

Notes: 1). Standard errors in parentheses. \*, \*\*, and \*\*\* indicate statistical significance at 10 percent, 5 percent and 1 percent levels. All standard errors are cluster-adjusted at the country level. The row "e(N-clust)" indicates the number of countries. 2). See section "Data Sources and Variable Definitions" for more information. 20

Table 11: Same robustness test - But using only half the sample

|                                  | Ladder               | PosAffect           | NegAffect           | LadderAgain         |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                                  | (1)                  | (2)                 | (3)                 | (4)                 |
| Log GDP per capita               | 0.313<br>(0.065)***  | 004<br>(0.01)       | 0.011 (0.009)       | 0.32 $(0.064)****$  |
| Social support                   | 2.393<br>(0.382)***  | 0.27 $(0.05)***$    | 280<br>(0.05)***    | 1.866<br>(0.381)*** |
| Healthy life expectancy at birth | 0.032<br>(0.009)***  | 0.0003 $(0.001)$    | 0.001 $(0.001)$     | 0.031<br>(0.009)*** |
| Freedom to make life choices     | 1.176<br>(0.299)***  | 0.329<br>(0.038)*** | 071<br>(0.042)*     | 0.472<br>(0.285)*   |
| Generosity                       | 0.618<br>(0.272)**   | 0.139<br>(0.029)*** | 0.003 $(0.028)$     | 0.312 $(0.268)$     |
| Perceptions of corruption        | 538<br>(0.285)*      | 0.023 $(0.027)$     | 0.098<br>(0.024)*** | 608<br>(0.273)**    |
| Positive affect                  |                      |                     |                     | 2.191<br>(0.384)*** |
| Negative affect                  |                      |                     |                     | 0.209<br>(0.431)    |
| Year 2005                        | 0.428<br>(0.095)***  | 008<br>(0.009)      | 0.013 (0.008)       | 0.445<br>(0.091)*** |
| Year 2006                        | 042<br>(0.06)        | 0.003 $(0.01)$      | 005<br>(0.009)      | 037<br>(0.058)      |
| Year 2007                        | 0.237<br>(0.062)***  | 0.012 (0.009)       | 029<br>(0.007)***   | 0.226<br>(0.06)***  |
| Year 2008                        | 0.319<br>(0.06)***   | 0.021<br>(0.008)*** | 040<br>(0.007)***   | 0.289<br>(0.062)*** |
| Year 2009                        | 0.22<br>(0.059)***   | 0.013<br>(0.009)    | 026<br>(0.007)***   | 0.2<br>(0.058)***   |
| Year 2010                        | 0.134<br>(0.048)***  | 0.008<br>(0.007)    | 032<br>(0.006)***   | 0.125<br>(0.048)*** |
| Year 2011                        | 0.153<br>(0.048)***  | 0.0003 $(0.008)$    | 025<br>(0.006)***   | 0.161<br>(0.049)*** |
| Year 2012                        | 0.139<br>(0.042)***  | 0.011 $(0.007)$     | 019<br>(0.006)***   | 0.122<br>(0.044)*** |
| Year 2013                        | $0.057$ $_{(0.041)}$ | 0.011<br>(0.005)**  | 013<br>(0.005)**    | 0.038<br>(0.041)    |
| Year 2015                        | 0.014 $(0.043)$      | 0003<br>(0.005)     | 0.0007 $(0.004)$    | 0.018<br>(0.041)    |
| Year 2016                        | 039<br>(0.048)       | 003<br>(0.005)      | 0.013<br>(0.005)**  | 032<br>(0.047)      |
| Year 2017                        | 0.055 $(0.06)$       | 016<br>(0.006)**    | 0.015<br>(0.006)**  | 0.09 $(0.057)$      |
| Obs.                             | 1394                 | 1391                | 1393                | 1390                |
| e(N-clust)                       | 157                  | 157                 | 157                 | 157                 |
| e(r2-a)                          | 0.735                | 0.462               | 0.237               | 0.758               |

Table 12: Robustness test - Using the other half the sample

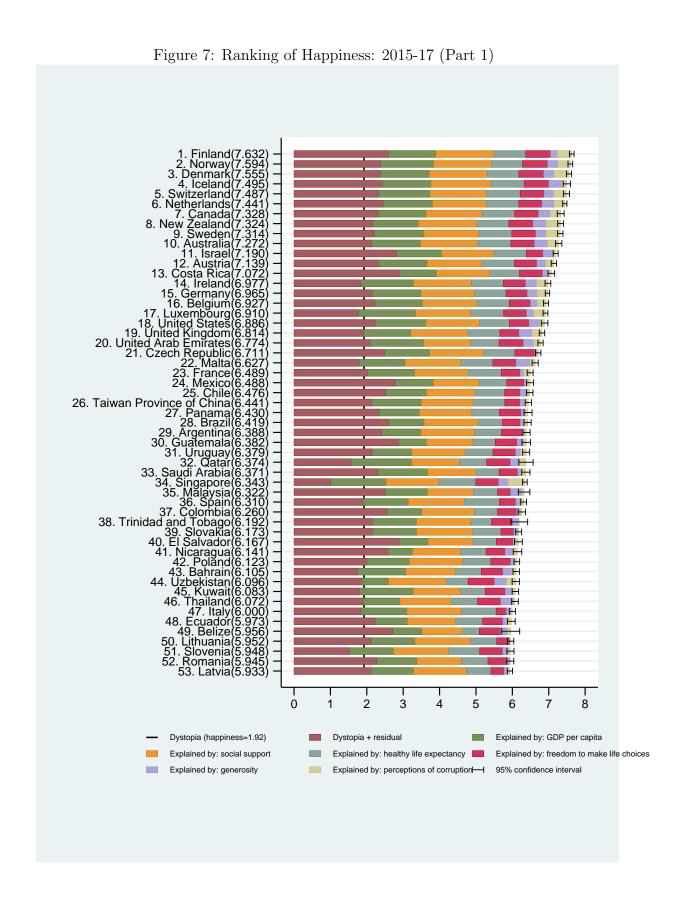
|                                  | Ladder              | PosAffect           | NegAffect           | LadderAgain         |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                                  | (1)                 | (2)                 | (3)                 | (4)                 |
| Log GDP per capita               | 0.321<br>(0.062)*** | 0008<br>(0.009)     | 0.01<br>(0.009)     | 0.321<br>(0.062)*** |
| Social support                   | 2.343<br>(0.381)*** | 0.235 $(0.047)***$  | 277<br>(0.049)***   | 1.839<br>(0.38)***  |
| Healthy life expectancy at birth | 0.032<br>(0.009)*** | 0.0002 $(0.001)$    | 0.001 $(0.001)$     | 0.031<br>(0.009)*** |
| Freedom to make life choices     | 1.186<br>(0.296)*** | 0.344 $(0.038)****$ | 071<br>(0.042)*     | 0.433 (0.277)       |
| Generosity                       | 0.668<br>(0.269)**  | 0.149<br>(0.03)***  | 003<br>(0.027)      | 0.336 $(0.269)$     |
| Perceptions of corruption        | 535<br>(0.28)*      | 0.034 $(0.028)$     | 0.096<br>(0.025)*** | 615<br>(0.267)**    |
| Positive affect                  |                     |                     |                     | 2.228<br>(0.384)*** |
| Negative affect                  |                     |                     |                     | 0.079 $(0.429)$     |
| Year 2005                        | 0.502<br>(0.094)*** | 003<br>(0.009)      | 0.022<br>(0.009)**  | 0.509<br>(0.09)***  |
| Year 2006                        | 010<br>(0.064)      | 0.015<br>(0.009)*   | 007<br>(0.009)      | 034<br>(0.064)      |
| Year 2007                        | 0.241<br>(0.061)*** | 0.019<br>(0.009)**  | 030<br>(0.007)***   | 0.209<br>(0.06)***  |
| Year 2008                        | 0.316<br>(0.061)*** | 0.019<br>(0.007)**  | 040<br>(0.007)***   | 0.283<br>(0.066)*** |
| Year 2009                        | 0.222<br>(0.059)*** | 0.016<br>(0.008)*   | 027<br>(0.008)***   | 0.192<br>(0.059)*** |
| Year 2010                        | 0.143 $(0.047)***$  | 0.013<br>(0.007)*   | 032<br>(0.006)***   | 0.12<br>(0.049)**   |
| Year 2011                        | 0.141<br>(0.048)*** | 0.002<br>(0.008)    | 025<br>(0.006)***   | 0.139<br>(0.049)*** |
| Year 2012                        | 0.114<br>(0.043)*** | 0.011<br>(0.007)*   | 018<br>(0.006)***   | 0.093<br>(0.044)**  |
| Year 2013                        | 0.063 $(0.042)$     | 0.014<br>(0.006)**  | 010<br>(0.005)*     | 0.036 $(0.042)$     |
| Year 2015                        | 0.008<br>(0.043)    | 0.001<br>(0.005)    | 0003<br>(0.004)     | 0.008<br>(0.042)    |
| Year 2016                        | 030<br>(0.051)      | 005<br>(0.005)      | 0.017<br>(0.005)*** | 018<br>(0.049)      |
| Year 2017                        | 0.061 $(0.058)$     | 014<br>(0.006)**    | 0.018<br>(0.006)*** | 0.092<br>(0.055)*   |
| Obs.                             | 1394                | 1391                | 1393                | 1390                |
| e(N-clust)                       | 157                 | 157                 | 157                 | 157                 |
| e(r2-a)                          | 0.736               | 0.466               | 0.241               | 0.76                |

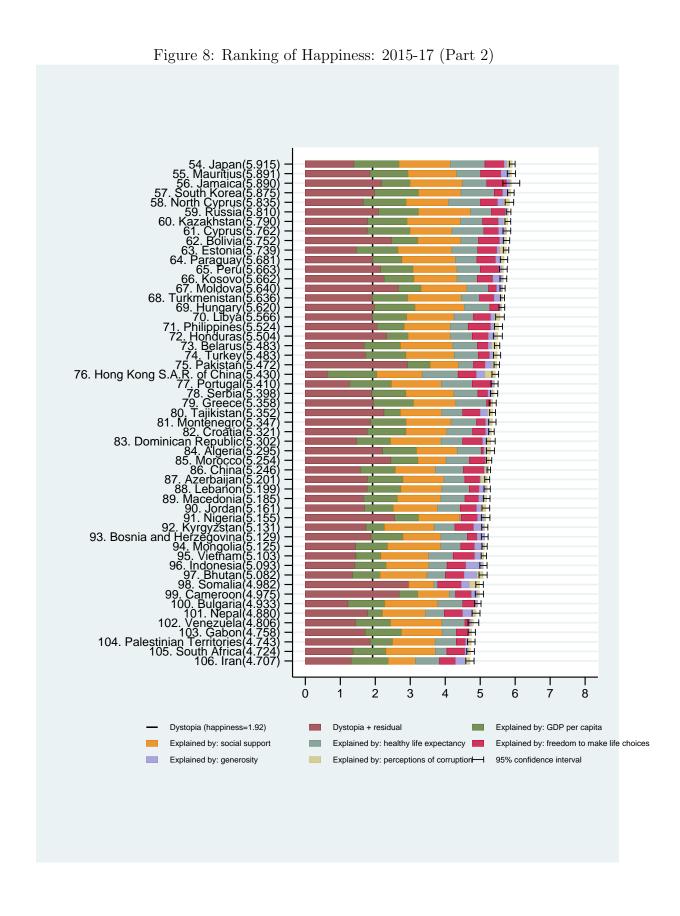
Table 13: Robustness test - Using lagged social support, sense of freedom, generosity and perception of corruption

|                  | Ladder                 | PosAffect           | NegAffect           | LadderAgain             |
|------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
|                  | (1)                    | (2)                 | (3)                 | (4)                     |
| lngdp            | 0.308<br>(0.068)***    | 010<br>(0.01)       | 0.01<br>(0.01)      | 0.333 $(0.07)***$       |
| L.countOnFriends | 2.328<br>(0.429)***    | 0.244<br>(0.053)*** | 256<br>(0.058)***   | $1.737$ $(0.427)^{***}$ |
| adjusted-hle     | $0.037$ $(0.01)^{***}$ | 0.001 $(0.001)$     | 0.0009 $(0.001)$    | $0.035$ $(0.01)^{***}$  |
| L.freedom        | 1.061<br>(0.339)***    | 0.339<br>(0.041)*** | 067<br>(0.048)      | 0.26<br>(0.335)         |
| L.donation-net-n | 0.673 $(0.274)**$      | 0.153<br>(0.031)*** | 004<br>(0.03)       | 0.303<br>(0.279)        |
| L.corrupt        | 474<br>(0.3)           | 0.03 $(0.03)$       | 0.094<br>(0.027)*** | 545<br>(0.291)*         |
| Positive affect  |                        |                     |                     | 2.381<br>(0.399)***     |
| Negative affect  |                        |                     |                     | 040<br>(0.449)          |
| Year 2005        |                        |                     |                     |                         |
| Year 2006        |                        |                     |                     |                         |
| Year 2007        | 0.102 $(0.084)$        | 0.007 $(0.01)$      | 020<br>(0.01)**     | 0.086<br>(0.081)        |
| Year 2008        | 0.2<br>(0.069)***      | 0.003 (0.009)       | 021<br>(0.007)***   | 0.191<br>(0.069)***     |
| Year 2009        | 0.296<br>(0.073)***    | 0.027<br>(0.01)***  | 036<br>(0.008)***   | 0.233<br>(0.067)***     |
| Year 2010        | 0.15<br>(0.061)**      | 0.013<br>(0.008)    | 023<br>(0.007)***   | 0.123<br>(0.059)**      |
| Year 2011        | 0.086<br>(0.057)       | 006<br>(0.008)      | 010<br>(0.007)      | 0.102<br>(0.056)*       |
| Year 2012        | 0.0006 $(0.043)$       | 009<br>(0.007)      | 001<br>(0.006)      | 0.025 $(0.042)$         |
| Year 2013        | 0.026 $(0.04)$         | 0.01<br>(0.005)**   | 003<br>(0.005)      | 0.006<br>(0.041)        |
| Year 2015        | 054<br>(0.037)         | 009<br>(0.005)*     | 0.012<br>(0.005)**  | 031<br>(0.035)          |
| Year 2016        | 024<br>(0.046)         | 005<br>(0.005)      | 0.02<br>(0.006)***  | 008<br>(0.042)          |
| Year 2017        | 0.028<br>(0.061)       | 026<br>(0.006)***   | 0.024<br>(0.007)*** | 0.099<br>(0.056)*       |
| Obs.             | 1148                   | 1141                | 1145                | 1141                    |
| e(N-clust)       | 148                    | 147                 | 147                 | 147                     |
| <u>e(r2-a)</u>   | 0.717                  | 0.453               | 0.208               | 0.746                   |

Table 14: (Table 2.1 in WHR 2017 Updated With the Most Recent Data, without year fixed effects): Regressions to Explain Average Happiness across Countries (Pooled OLS)

|                                  | Ladder                     | PosAffect                      | NegAffect               | LadderAgain                |  |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Log GDP per capita               | (1)<br>0.324<br>(0.063)*** | (2)<br>002<br>(0.009)          | (3)<br>0.009<br>(0.009) | (4)<br>0.329<br>(0.062)*** |  |
| Social support                   | 2.487<br>(0.382)***        | $0.27$ $(0.048)^{***}$         | 305<br>(0.051)***       | 1.871<br>(0.39)***         |  |
| Healthy life expectancy at birth | 0.03<br>(0.009)***         | 00003 0.002<br>(0.001) (0.001) |                         | 0.03<br>(0.009)***         |  |
| Freedom to make life choices     | 1.041<br>(0.286)***        | 0.326 $(0.036)***$             | 0.313 $(0.274)$         |                            |  |
| Generosity                       | $0.695$ $(0.273)^{**}$     | 0.151008<br>(0.029)*** (0.028) |                         | 0.358 $(0.272)$            |  |
| Perceptions of corruption        | 551<br>(0.278)**           | $\underset{(0.027)}{0.029}$    | 0.101 $(0.025)***$      | 610<br>(0.269)**           |  |
| Positive affect                  |                            |                                |                         | 2.248<br>(0.406)***        |  |
| Negative affect                  |                            |                                |                         | 039<br>(0.42)              |  |
| year-1                           |                            |                                |                         | , ,                        |  |
| year-2                           |                            |                                |                         |                            |  |
| year-3                           |                            |                                |                         |                            |  |
| year-4                           |                            |                                |                         |                            |  |
| year-5                           |                            |                                |                         |                            |  |
| year-6                           |                            |                                |                         |                            |  |
| year-7                           |                            |                                |                         |                            |  |
| year-8                           |                            |                                |                         |                            |  |
| year-9                           |                            |                                |                         |                            |  |
| year-11                          |                            |                                |                         |                            |  |
| year-12                          |                            |                                |                         |                            |  |
| year-13                          |                            |                                |                         |                            |  |
| Obs.<br>e(N-clust)<br>e(r2-a)    | 1394<br>157<br>0.735       | 1391<br>157<br>0.477           | 1393<br>157<br>0.212    | 1390<br>157<br>0.759       |  |





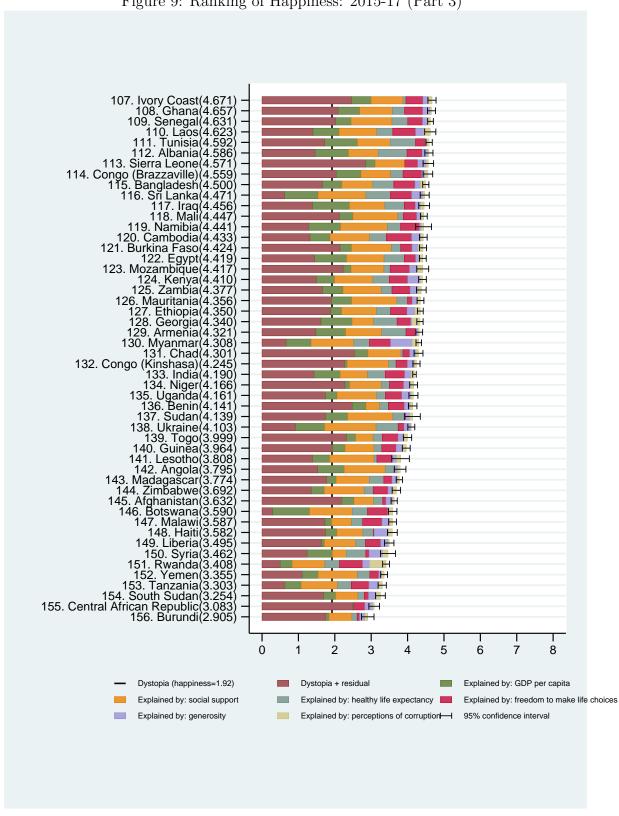
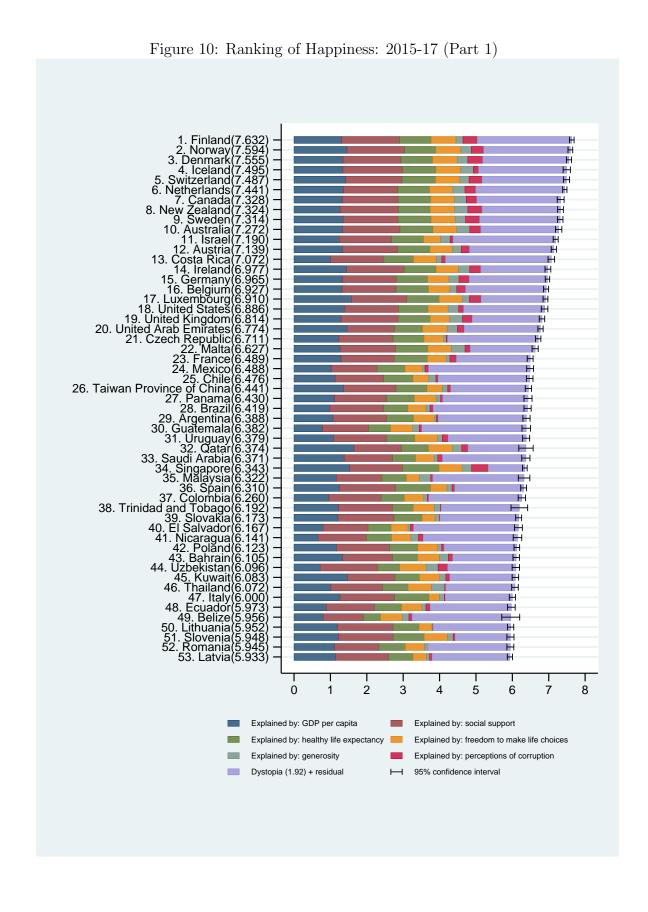


Figure 9: Ranking of Happiness: 2015-17 (Part 3)



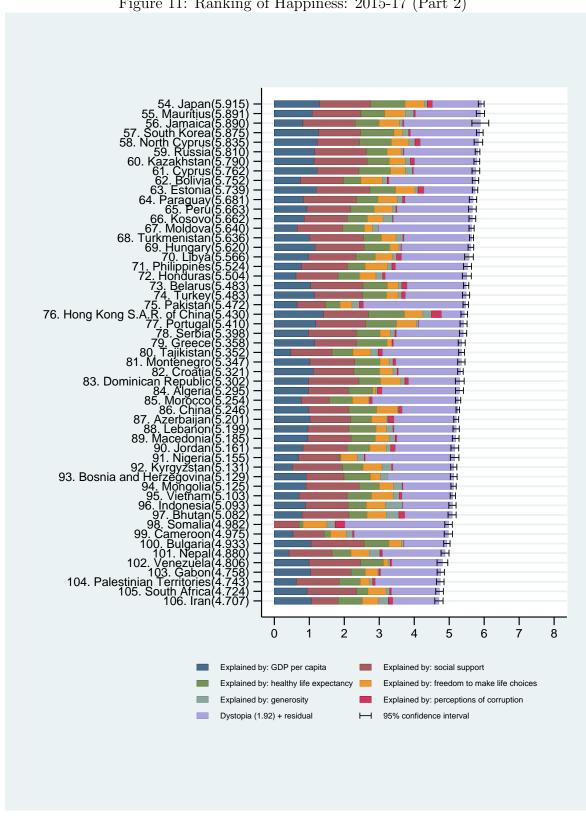


Figure 11: Ranking of Happiness: 2015-17 (Part 2)

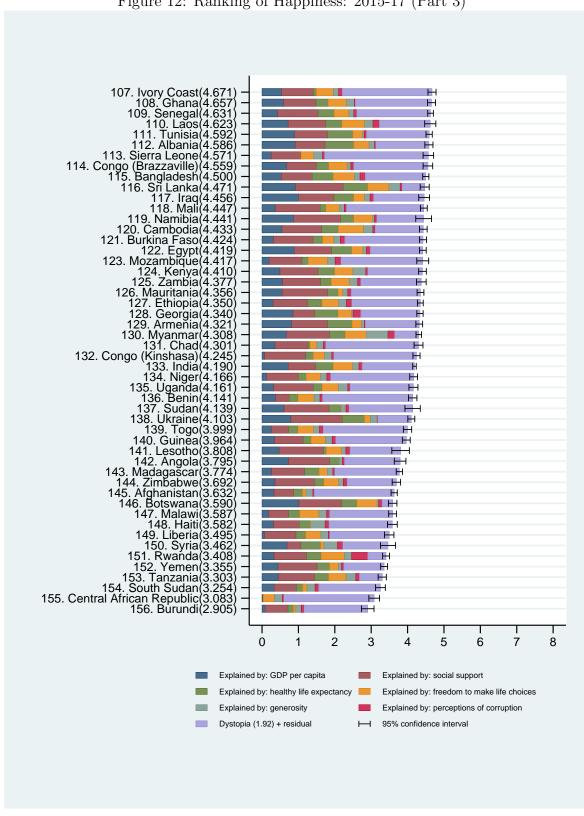
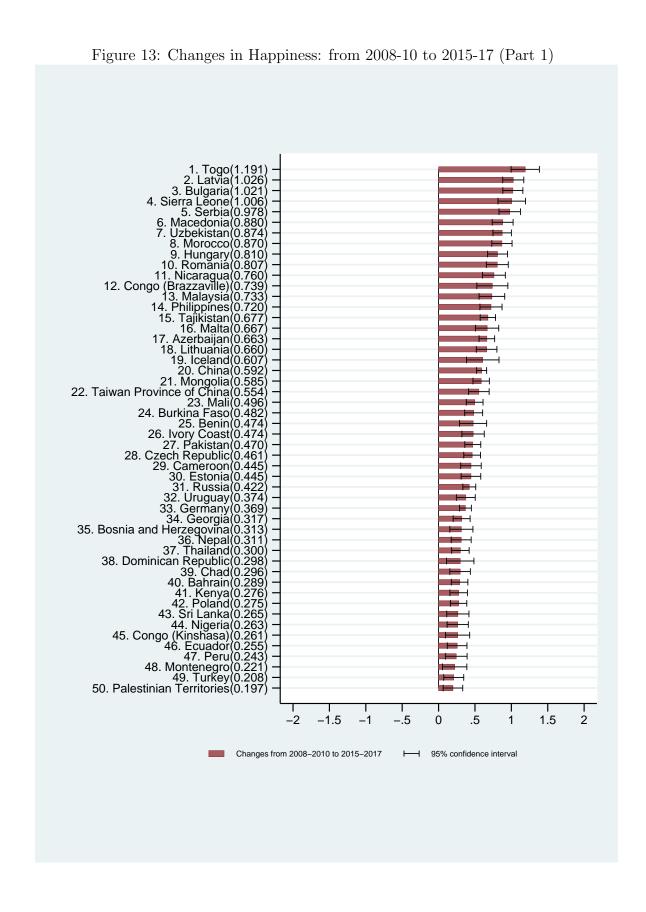


Figure 12: Ranking of Happiness: 2015-17 (Part 3)

Table 15: Countries/territories that have valid happiness scores in 2014 but not in  $\underline{2015\text{-}2017}$ 

| Sample size in 2014 |     |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------|-----|--|--|--|--|
| Angola              | 973 |  |  |  |  |
| Belize              | 501 |  |  |  |  |
| Burundi             | 995 |  |  |  |  |
| Sudan               | 989 |  |  |  |  |



51. Kazakhstan(0.197)
52. Kyrgyzstan(0.196)
53. Cambodia(0.194)
54. Chile(0.186)
55. Lebanon(0.185)
56. Senegal(0.168)
57. South Korea(0.158)
58. Kosovo(0.136)
59. Slovakia(0.121)
60. Argentina(0.112)
61. Portugal(0.108)
62. Finland(0.100)
63. Moldova(0.091)
64. Ghana(0.066)
65. Hong Kong S.A.R. of China(0.038)
66. Bolivia(0.029)
67. New Zealand(0.021)
68. Paraguay(0.018)
69. Saudi Arabia(0.016)
70. Guatemala(-0.004)
71. Japan(-0.012)
72. Colombia(-0.023)
73. Belarus(-0.034)
74. Niger(-0.036)
75. Switzerland(-0.037)
76. Norway(-0.039)
77. Slovenia(-0.050)
78. Belgium(-0.058)
79. Armenia(-0.079)
81. El Salvador(-0.092)
82. Sweden(-0.112)
83. Australia(-0.123)
84. Netherlands(-0.123)
84. Netherlands(-0.124)
85. Israel(-0.134)
86. Luxembourg(-0.141)
87. United Kingdom(-0.160)
88. Indonesia(-0.160)
99. Algeria(-0.169)
91. Costa Rica(-0.175)
92. Qatar(-0.187)
93. Croatia(-0.198)
94. Mauritania(-0.206)
95. France(-0.208)
96. United Arab Emirates(-0.208)
97. Canada(-0.213)
98. Haiti(-0.224)
99. Mozambique(-0.237)
100. Spain(-0.248) -2 -1.5-.5 .5 1.5 0 Changes from 2008-2010 to 2015-2017 ► 95% confidence interval

Figure 14: Changes in Happiness: from 2008-10 to 2015-17 (Part 2)

Figure 15: Changes in Happiness: from 2008-10 to 2015-17 (Part 3) 101. Denmark(-0.253) 102. Vietnam(-0.258) 103. Honduras (-0.269) 104. Zimbabwe(-0.278) 105. Uganda(-0.297) 106. Sudan(-0.306) 107. United States (-0.315) 108. South Africa (-0.348) 109. Ireland(-0.363) 110. Tanzania(-0.366) 111. Mexico(-0.376) 112. Iraq(-0.399) 113. Egypt(-0.402) 114. Laos(-0.421) 115. Iran(-0.422) 116. Brazil(-0.424) 117. Jordan(-0.453) 118. Central African Republic (-0.485) 119. Italy(-0.489) 120. Bangladesh(-0.497) 121. Tunisia(-0.504) 122. Trinidad and Tobago(-0.505) 123. Greece(-0.581) 124. Kuwait(-0.609) 125. Zambia(-0.617) 126. Panama(-0.665) 127. Afghanistan(-0.688) 128. India(-0.698) 129. Liberia(-0.713) 130. Cyprus(-0.773) 131. Burundi(-0.773) 132. Rwanda(-0.788) 133. Albania(-0.791) 134. Madagascar(-0.866) 135. Botswana(-0.911) 136. Turkmenistan(-0.931) 137. Ukraine(-1.030) 138. Yemen(-1.224) 139. Syria(-1.401) 140. Maľawi(-1.561) 141. Venezuela(-2.167) 1.5 -1.5 -1 -.5 0 .5 2 Changes from 2008–2010 to 2015–2017

Table 16: Countries/territories that are in the 2015-2017 happiness ranking (including several that use 2014 survey), but do not have ladder observations in the 2008-2010 period

Angola

Belize

Bhutan

Ethiopia

Gabon

Guinea

Jamaica

Lesotho

Libya

Mauritius

Myanmar

Namibia

North Cyprus

Somalia

South Sudan

Table 17: Regressions with inequality measures

|  | c1                      | c2                                       | c3                                       | c4                                       | c5                          | c6                                       |
|--|-------------------------|--|--|--|-----------------------------|--|
|  | (1)                     | (2)                                      | (3)                                      | - (4)                                    | (5)                         | (6)                                      |
| Log GDP per capita                                       | 0.412 $(0.061)****$     | 0.368 $(0.062)***$                       | 0.323 $(0.069)***$                       | 0.395 $(0.07)***$                        | 0.33 $(0.069)***$           | 0.403 $(0.07)***$                        |
| Social support   | 1.891<br>(0.369)***     | $1.722$ $(0.332)^{***}$                  | $1.905 \atop (0.331)^{***}$              | $1.852$ $(0.342)^{***}$                  | 1.788<br>(0.332)***         | 1.602<br>(0.338)***                      |
| Healthy life expectancy at birth                         | 0.021 $(0.008)**$       | $0.015 \atop \scriptscriptstyle (0.011)$ | $0.016 \atop \scriptscriptstyle (0.012)$ | $0.013 \atop \scriptscriptstyle (0.012)$ | $\underset{(0.012)}{0.017}$ | $0.015 \atop \scriptscriptstyle (0.012)$ |
| Freedom to make life choices                             | $0.868$ $(0.277)^{***}$ | $0.935$ $(0.272)^{***}$                  | $0.976$ $(0.287)^{***}$                  | 1.009<br>(0.282)***                      | $1.027$ $(0.292)^{***}$     | 1.119<br>(0.279)***                      |
| Generosity   | 0.796<br>(0.268)***     | 0.622<br>(0.289)**                       | 0.722 $(0.317)**$                        | 0.6<br>(0.309)*                          | $0.705 \ (0.313)^{**}$      | 0.595<br>(0.298)**                       |
| Perceptions of corruption                                | 548<br>(0.281)*         | 250 $(0.264)$                            | 417 $(0.263)$                            | 398<br>(0.277)                           | 316<br>(0.269)              | 241 $(0.29)$                             |
| Standard deviation of ladder by country-year             | 254<br>(0.091)***       | 254<br>(0.102)**                         |  |  | 146<br>(0.104)              | 247<br>(0.108)**                         |
| gini of household income reported in Gallup, by wp5-year |                         |  | -1.129<br>(0.364)***                     |  | 904<br>(0.37)**             |  |
| GINI index (World Bank estimate), average 2000-15        |                         |  |  | -1.646<br>(0.824)**                      |                             | -1.433<br>(0.848)*                       |
| Central and Eastern Europe                               |                         | 488<br>(0.158)***                        | 467<br>(0.162)***                        | 503<br>(0.168)***                        | 445<br>(0.161)***           | 472<br>(0.165)***                        |
| Commonwealth of Independent States                       |                         | 455<br>(0.198)**                         | 463<br>(0.201)**                         | 401<br>(0.221)*                          | 450<br>(0.199)**            | 391<br>(0.214)*                          |
| Southeast Asia   |                         | 656<br>(0.155)***                        | 605<br>(0.172)***                        | 362<br>(0.204)*                          | 622<br>(0.17)***            | 404<br>(0.199)**                         |
| South Asia   |                         | 460 $(0.378)$                            | 473 $(0.379)$                            | 302<br>(0.407)                           | 478<br>(0.378)              | 316<br>(0.411)                           |
| East Asia  |                         | 781<br>(0.251)***                        | 628<br>(0.236)***                        | 577<br>(0.205)***                        | 629<br>(0.239)***           | 571<br>(0.213)***                        |
| Latin America and Caribbean                              | 0.652 $(0.103)****$     | 0.242 $(0.177)$                          | 0.289 $(0.18)$                           | $0.477$ $(0.243)^{**}$                   | $0.342$ $(0.181)^*$         | 0.55 $(0.234)**$                         |
| North America and ANZ                                    |                         | 0.219<br>(0.087)**                       | 0.381 $(0.153)**$                        | 0.278<br>(0.102)***                      | 0.358 $(0.139)**$           | 0.283<br>(0.098)***                      |
| Middle East and North Africa                             |                         | 406<br>(0.236)*                          | 446<br>(0.235)*                          | 341<br>(0.29)                            | 413<br>(0.234)*             | 296<br>(0.275)                           |
| Sub-Saharan Africa                                       |                         | 569<br>(0.296)*                          | 511<br>(0.307)*                          | 327 $(0.329)$                            | 508<br>(0.303)*             | 308<br>(0.319)                           |
| Obs.   | 1394                    | 1394                                     | 1093                                     | 1295                                     | 1093                        | 1295                                     |
| e(N-clust)   | 157                     | 157                                      | 155                                      | 138                                      | 155                         | 138                                      |
| <u>e(r2-a)</u>   | 0.771                   | 0.793                                    | 0.796                                    | = 0.79                                   | 0.797                       | 0.795                                    |

Table 18: Replicating regressions in "Good governance and national well-being: What are the linkages?" Helliwell et al (2014), OECD Working Papers on Public Governance, No. 25, with the expanded dataset

|                                    | c1   | c2<br>(9)         | c3                    | c4                    | c5                    | 90  | c7   | 80 (8)              | 60                    |
|------------------------------------|------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Democratic Quality                 | 009  | 0.08              | 001                   | 07<br>(0.12)          | 08                    | 13  | 0.19 | 0.11                | 0.08                  |
| Delivery Quality                   | 0.81 | $0.23 \ (0.13)^*$ | 0.07                  | $0.65$ $(0.13)^{***}$ | $0.36$ $(0.13)^{***}$ | $0.29$ $(0.1)^{***}$                            | 0.79 | $0.51 \ (0.2)^{**}$ | $0.35$ $(0.17)^{**}$  |
| Log GDP per capita                 |      | 0.56              | 0.33                  |                       | 0.43                  | $0.32$ $(0.07)^{***}$                           |      | 0.89                | 0.88 (0.21)***        |
| Healthy life expectancy at birth   |      |                   | 0.03                  |                       |                       | 0.005   |      |                     | 05                    |
| Freedom to make life choices       |      |                   | $1.29$ $(0.31)^{***}$ |                       |                       | 0.88  |      |                     | $0.96$ $(0.23)^{***}$ |
| Generosity                         |      |                   | $0.72$ $(0.26)^{***}$ |                       |                       | $0.53$ $(0.26)^{**}$                            |      |                     | 0.21 $(0.18)$         |
| Social support                     |      |                   | 2.29 (0.37)***        |                       |                       | $1.98$ $(0.35)^{***}$                           |      |                     | $1.50$ $(0.3)^{***}$  |
| Central and Eastern Europe         |      |                   |                       | 80<br>(0.18)***       | 78<br>(0.17)***       | 51<br>(0.16)***                                 |      |                     |                       |
| Commonwealth of Independent States |      |                   |                       | 39                    | 35                    | 28 (0.22)                                       |      |                     |                       |
| Southeast Asia                     |      |                   |                       | 53<br>(0.22)**        | 37<br>(0.21)*         | $52$ $(0.16)^{***}$                             |      |                     |                       |
| South Asia                         |      |                   |                       | 93<br>(0.26)***       | 52<br>(0.29)*         | 32 (0.38)                                       |      |                     |                       |
| East Asia                          |      |                   |                       | 79<br>(0.19)***       | 84<br>(0.18)***       | 75<br>(0.22)***                                 |      |                     |                       |
| Latin America and Caribbean        |      |                   |                       | 0.29                  | $0.36$ $(0.21)^*$     | $\begin{array}{c} 0.32 \\ (0.18)^* \end{array}$ |      |                     |                       |
| North America and ANZ              |      |                   |                       | $0.31$ $(0.1)^{***}$  | $0.37$ $(0.12)^{***}$ | $0.22$ $(0.1)^{**}$                             |      |                     |                       |
| Middle East and North Africa       |      |                   |                       | 39                    | 53                    | 34 (0.22)                                       |      |                     |                       |
| Sub-Saharan Africa                 |      |                   |                       | -1.29 (0.23)***       | 72<br>(0.25)***       | 56<br>(0.29)*                                   |      |                     |                       |
| Obs.                               | 1391 | 1380              | 1304                  | 1391                  | 1380                  | 1304  | 1391 | 1380                | 1304                  |
| $e(N	ext{-clust})$                 | 160  | 159               | 157                   | 160                   | 159                   | 157   | 160  | 159                 | 157                   |
| $R^2$                              | 0.51 | 0.64              | 0.74                  | 0.71                  | 0.76                  | 0.8   | 0.09 | 0.11                | 0.19                  |

effects. Columns (4) to (6) are from the same pooled regressions but with the addition of regional fixed effects. Columns (7) to (9) are from panel regressions with country fixed effects, in addition to the year fixed effects that are present in all the 9 regressions. For the Notes: 1). Columns (1) to (3) show estimates from pooled regressions with year fixed effects but without regional or country fixed last three columns, within country r-squared are reported. 2). Standard errors in parentheses. \*, \*\*, and \*\*\* indicate statistical significance at 10 percent, 5 percent and 1 percent levels. All standard errors are cluster-adjusted at the country level.

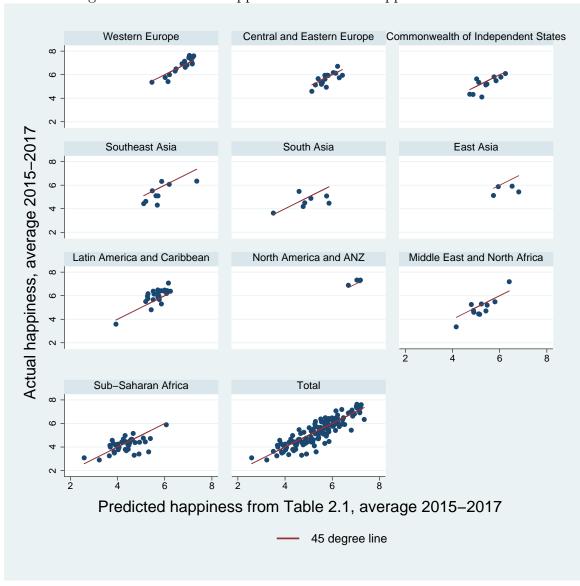


Figure 16: Predicted happiness and actual happiness in 2015-17

Note: These average actual (predicted) happiness scores by country/territory for the 2015-2017 period are weighted averages of the yearly averages by county/territory used in (predicted by) column (1)'s regression in Table 14. The yearly weights are the sums of Gallup-assigned individual weights by country/territory in that year.

Table 19: Decomposing the happiness difference between a hypothetical average country and Dystopia  ${\bf P}$ 

| ery and Dystopia                      | Λ                        | D -4 :   | T2 - 1 - 1 - 1 | Cl C      |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------------|-----------|
|                                       | Average                  | Dystopia | Explained      |           |
|                                       | $\operatorname{country}$ |          | excess         | explained |
|                                       |                          |          | happiness      | excess    |
|                                       |                          |          | over           | happiness |
|                                       |                          |          | Dystopia       | over      |
|                                       |                          |          | due to         | Dystopia  |
|                                       |                          |          |                | due to    |
| Happiness                             | 5.38                     | 1.92     |                |           |
| Logged GDP per capita                 | 9.25                     | 6.4      | .89            | .26       |
| Social support                        | .8                       | .31      | 1.22           | .35       |
| Healthy life expectancy               | 62.82                    | 43.99    | .6             | .17       |
| Freedom to make life choices          | .76                      | .37      | .46            | .13       |
| Generosity                            | 0                        | 28       | .18            | .05       |
| Perceptions of corruption             | .74                      | .95      | .11            | .03       |
| Sum of explained excess over Dystopia |                          |          | 3.45           | 1         |

Table 20: Decomposing the happiness difference between the group of top 10 countries/territories and the group of bottom 10 countries/territories in the ranking of happiness scores

|   | Top 10 | Bottom<br>10 | Difference in happiness due to | explained |
|---|--------|--------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Happiness                               | 7.44   | 3.34         |                                |           |
| Logged GDP per capita                   | 10.74  | 7.34         | 1.06                           | .33       |
| Social support                          | .95    | .58          | .9                             | .28       |
| Healthy life expectancy                 | 72.06  | 52.99        | .61                            | .19       |
| Freedom to make life choices            | .93    | .62          | .37                            | .12       |
| Generosity                              | .19    | .08          | .07                            | .02       |
| Perceptions of corruption               | .34    | .73          | .21                            | .07       |
| Total explained difference in happiness |        |              | 3.22                           | 1         |
| Total difference in happiness           |        |              | 4.1                            |           |

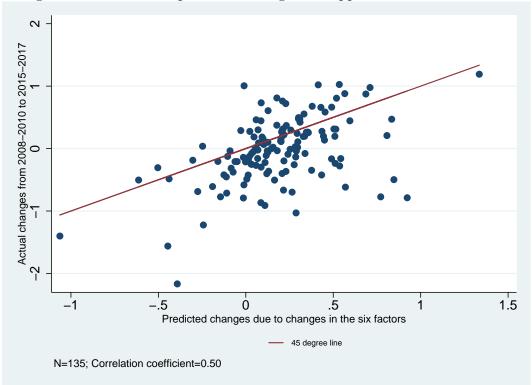
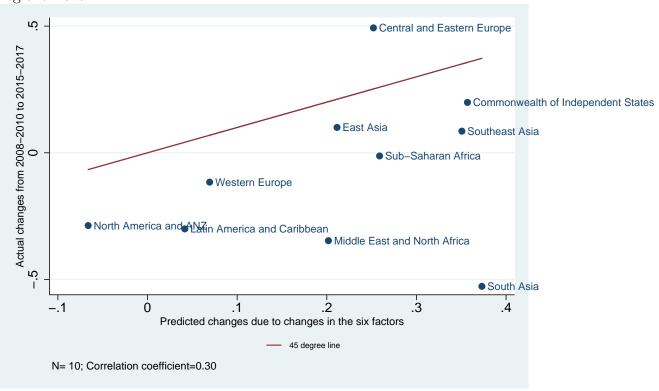


Figure 17: Actual and predicted changes in happiness from 2008-10 to 2015-17

Note: Defining predicted changes in happiness due to changes in the six factors: Step 1. Take periodical averages (2008-10 and 2015-17, respectively) of the six factors in the survey data. Step 2. Take difference between the two periods for each of the factors. Step 3. Multiply the differences with corresponding coefficients on the factors in Table 2.1. Step 4. Take the summation of the products from the previous step. The resulted sum is predicted change in ladder due to changes in the six factors.

Figure 18: Actual and predicted changes in happiness from 2008-10 to 2015-17 at the regional level



Note: This plot at the regional level shows weighted averages of the actual and predicted changes shown in figure 17. The weights for deriving the regional averages are average population from 2005 to 2016.

Table 21: Decomposing changes in happiness from 2008-2010 to 2015-2017, equal weight for each country/territory, for the full world sample

|                                       | Period<br>2015-2017 | Period<br>2008-2010 | Explained changes in happiness due to |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Happiness                             | 5.438               | 5.459               |                                       |
| Logged GDP per capita                 | 9.304               | 9.176               | .04                                   |
| Social support                        | .808                | .809                | 002                                   |
| Healthy life expectancy               | 63.372              | 61.41               | .062                                  |
| Freedom to make life choices          | .759                | .695                | .076                                  |
| Generosity                            | .003                | .003                | 0                                     |
| Perceptions of corruption             | .738                | .76                 | .012                                  |
| Sum of explained changes in happiness |                     |                     | .188                                  |
| Total changes in happiness            |                     |                     | 021                                   |

Note:

Table 22: Decomposing changes in happiness from 2008-2010 to 2015-2017, equal weight for each country/territory, for the top 10 countries/territories in terms of happiness changes

|                                       | Period<br>2015-2017 | Period<br>2008-2010 | Explained changes in happiness due to |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Happiness                             | 5.382               | 4.447               |                                       |
| Logged GDP per capita                 | 9.071               | 8.885               | .058                                  |
| Social support                        | .812                | .752                | .147                                  |
| Healthy life expectancy               | 62.169              | 60.337              | .058                                  |
| Freedom to make life choices          | .73                 | .572                | .187                                  |
| Generosity                            | 041                 | 079                 | .025                                  |
| Perceptions of corruption             | .811                | .883                | .039                                  |
| Sum of explained changes in happiness |                     |                     | .514                                  |
| Total changes in happiness            |                     |                     | .935                                  |

Note: The following countries/territories are in this group: Bulgaria, Hungary, Latvia, Macedonia, Nicaragua, Romania, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Togo, Uzbekistan,

Table 23: Decomposing changes in happiness from 2008-2010 to 2015-2017, equal weight for each country/territory, for the bottom 10 countries/territories in terms of happiness changes

|                                       | Period<br>2015-2017 | Period<br>2008-2010 | Explained changes in happiness due to |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Happiness                             | 3.757               | 4.909               |                                       |
| Logged GDP per capita                 | 8.235               | 8.239               | 001                                   |
| Social support                        | .686                | .732                | 113                                   |
| Healthy life expectancy               | 58.499              | 55.821              | .085                                  |
| Freedom to make life choices          | .631                | .623                | .01                                   |
| Generosity                            | 031                 | 067                 | .024                                  |
| Perceptions of corruption             | .754                | .749                | 002                                   |
| Sum of explained changes in happiness |                     |                     | .002                                  |
| Total changes in happiness            |                     |                     | -1.151                                |

Note: The following countries/territories are in this group: Albania, Botswana, Burundi, Madagascar, Malawi, Rwanda, Syria, Ukraine, Venezuela, Yemen,

Table 24: Decomposing changes in happiness from 2008-2010 to 2015-2017, equal weight for each country/territory, for Western Europe

|                                       | Period<br>2015-2017 | Period<br>2008-2010 | Explained changes in happiness due to |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Happiness                             | 6.82                | 6.953               |                                       |
| Logged GDP per capita                 | 10.673              | 10.649              | .008                                  |
| Social support                        | .916                | .925                | 021                                   |
| Healthy life expectancy               | 72.203              | 70.742              | .046                                  |
| Freedom to make life choices          | .844                | .829                | .018                                  |
| Generosity                            | .062                | .087                | 016                                   |
| Perceptions of corruption             | .526                | .597                | .038                                  |
| Sum of explained changes in happiness |                     |                     | .073                                  |
| Total changes in happiness            |                     |                     | 133                                   |

Note: The following countries/territories are in this group: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom,

Table 25: Decomposing changes in happiness from 2008-2010 to 2015-2017, equal weight for each country/territory, for Central and Eastern Europe

|                                       | Period<br>2015-2017 | Period<br>2008-2010 | Explained changes in happiness due to |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Happiness                             | 5.63                | 5.211               |                                       |
| Logged GDP per capita                 | 9.887               | 9.738               | .047                                  |
| Social support                        | .854                | .84                 | .035                                  |
| Healthy life expectancy               | 67.19               | 65.541              | .052                                  |
| Freedom to make life choices          | .718                | .58                 | .165                                  |
| Generosity                            | 094                 | 121                 | .017                                  |
| Perceptions of corruption             | .869                | .9                  | .017                                  |
| Sum of explained changes in happiness |                     |                     | .332                                  |
| Total changes in happiness            |                     |                     | .419                                  |

Note: The following countries/territories are in this group: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia,

Table 26: Decomposing changes in happiness from 2008-2010 to 2015-2017, equal weight for each country/territory, for Commonwealth of Independent States

|                                       | Period<br>2015-2017 | Period<br>2008-2010 | Explained changes in happiness due to |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Happiness                             | 5.206               | 4.997               |                                       |
| Logged GDP per capita                 | 9.083               | 8.9                 | .057                                  |
| Social support                        | .83                 | .801                | .071                                  |
| Healthy life expectancy               | 63.645              | 61.699              | .062                                  |
| Freedom to make life choices          | .71                 | .64                 | .083                                  |
| Generosity                            | 049                 | 144                 | .061                                  |
| Perceptions of corruption             | .752                | .793                | .022                                  |
| Sum of explained changes in happiness |                     |                     | .356                                  |
| Total changes in happiness            |                     |                     | .209                                  |

Note: The following countries/territories are in this group: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan,

Table 27: Decomposing changes in happiness from 2008-2010 to 2015-2017, equal weight for each country/territory, for Southeast Asia

|                                       | Period<br>2015-2017 | Period<br>2008-2010 | Explained changes in happiness due to |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Happiness                             | 5.439               | 5.321               |                                       |
| Logged GDP per capita                 | 9.353               | 9.055               | .093                                  |
| Social support                        | .824                | .803                | .05                                   |
| Healthy life expectancy               | 63.737              | 62.15               | .05                                   |
| Freedom to make life choices          | .873                | .83                 | .051                                  |
| Generosity                            | .148                | .177                | 019                                   |
| Perceptions of corruption             | .719                | .742                | .013                                  |
| Sum of explained changes in happiness |                     |                     | .238                                  |
| Total changes in happiness            |                     |                     | .118                                  |

Note: The following countries/territories are in this group: Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam,

Table 28: Decomposing changes in happiness from 2008-2010 to 2015-2017, equal weight for each country/territory, for South Asia

|                                       | Period<br>2015-2017 | Period<br>2008-2010 | Explained changes in happiness due to |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Happiness                             | 4.524               | 4.664               |                                       |
| Logged GDP per capita                 | 8.314               | 8.055               | .081                                  |
| Social support                        | .679                | .631                | .119                                  |
| Healthy life expectancy               | 59.483              | 57.582              | .06                                   |
| Freedom to make life choices          | .746                | .631                | .136                                  |
| Generosity                            | .067                | .107                | 026                                   |
| Perceptions of corruption             | .788                | .84                 | .028                                  |
| Sum of explained changes in happiness |                     |                     | .399                                  |
| Total changes in happiness            |                     |                     | 14                                    |

Note: The following countries/territories are in this group: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka,

Table 29: Decomposing changes in happiness from 2008-2010 to 2015-2017, equal weight for each country/territory, for East Asia

|                                       | Period<br>2015-2017 | Period<br>2008-2010 | Explained changes in happiness due to |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Happiness                             | 5.757               | 5.493               |                                       |
| Logged GDP per capita                 | 10.408              | 10.191              | .068                                  |
| Social support                        | .87                 | .857                | .032                                  |
| Healthy life expectancy               | 71.723              | 70.019              | .054                                  |
| Freedom to make life choices          | .733                | .698                | .042                                  |
| Generosity                            | 0                   | .019                | 012                                   |
| Perceptions of corruption             | .724                | .715                | 005                                   |
| Sum of explained changes in happiness |                     |                     | .178                                  |
| Total changes in happiness            |                     |                     | .265                                  |

Note: The following countries/territories are in this group: Hong Kong S.A.R. of China, Japan, Mongolia, South Korea, Taiwan Province of China,

Table 30: Decomposing changes in happiness from 2008-2010 to 2015-2017, equal weight for each country/territory, for Latin America and Caribbean

|                                       | Period<br>2015-2017 | Period<br>2008-2010 | Explained changes in happiness due to |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Happiness                             | 5.953               | 6.085               |                                       |
| Logged GDP per capita                 | 9.32                | 9.182               | .043                                  |
| Social support                        | .853                | .85                 | .008                                  |
| Healthy life expectancy               | 64.761              | 63.405              | .043                                  |
| Freedom to make life choices          | .793                | .726                | .08                                   |
| Generosity                            | 061                 | 005                 | 035                                   |
| Perceptions of corruption             | .802                | .791                | 006                                   |
| Sum of explained changes in happiness |                     |                     | .132                                  |
| Total changes in happiness            |                     |                     | 132                                   |

Note: The following countries/territories are in this group: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela,

Table 31: Decomposing changes in happiness from 2008-2010 to 2015-2017, equal weight for each country/territory, for North America and ANZ

|                                       | Period<br>2015-2017 | Period<br>2008-2010 | Explained changes in happiness due to |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Happiness                             | 7.203               | 7.349               |                                       |
| Logged GDP per capita                 | 10.682              | 10.61               | .022                                  |
| Social support                        | .936                | .947                | 025                                   |
| Healthy life expectancy               | 71.545              | 70.726              | .026                                  |
| Freedom to make life choices          | .903                | .901                | .002                                  |
| Generosity                            | .239                | .253                | 009                                   |
| Perceptions of corruption             | .432                | .449                | .009                                  |
| Sum of explained changes in happiness |                     |                     | .026                                  |
| Total changes in happiness            |                     |                     | 146                                   |

Note: The following countries/territories are in this group: Australia, Canada, New Zealand, United States,

Table 32: Decomposing changes in happiness from 2008-2010 to 2015-2017, equal weight for each country/territory, for Middle East and North Africa

|                                       | Period<br>2015-2017 | Period<br>2008-2010 | Explained changes in happiness due to |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Happiness                             | 5.28                | 5.595               |                                       |
| Logged GDP per capita                 | 9.832               | 9.814               | .005                                  |
| Social support                        | .77                 | .816                | 111                                   |
| Healthy life expectancy               | 64.631              | 63.767              | .027                                  |
| Freedom to make life choices          | .714                | .659                | .066                                  |
| Generosity                            | 005                 | 036                 | .021                                  |
| Perceptions of corruption             | .745                | .699                | 025                                   |
| Sum of explained changes in happiness |                     |                     | 016                                   |
| Total changes in happiness            |                     |                     | 315                                   |

Note: The following countries/territories are in this group: Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Palestinian Territories, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Yemen,

Table 33: Decomposing changes in happiness from 2008-2010 to 2015-2017, equal weight for each country/territory, for Sub-Saharan Africa

|                                       | Period<br>2015-2017 | Period<br>2008-2010 | Explained changes in happiness due to |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Happiness                             | 4.131               | 4.231               |                                       |
| Logged GDP per capita                 | 7.659               | 7.523               | .043                                  |
| Social support                        | .685                | .696                | 027                                   |
| Healthy life expectancy               | 51.729              | 47.909              | .121                                  |
| Freedom to make life choices          | .703                | .641                | .074                                  |
| Generosity                            | .004                | 001                 | .003                                  |
| Perceptions of corruption             | .788                | .825                | .02                                   |
| Sum of explained changes in happiness |                     |                     | .234                                  |
| Total changes in happiness            |                     |                     | 1                                     |

Note: The following countries/territories are in this group: Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo (Kinshasa), Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe,

Table 34: Decomposing changes in happiness from 2008-2010 to 2015-2017 by region, weighting countries/territories within a region with their population size

|                                    | Changes<br>in<br>average<br>happi-<br>ness | Total ex- plained changes due to the six factors | Changes<br>due to:<br>GDP<br>per<br>capita | Changes<br>due to:<br>Social<br>support | Changes<br>due to:<br>Healthy<br>life ex-<br>pectancy | due to:<br>Free-<br>dom to | Changes<br>due to:<br>Gen-<br>erosity | Change<br>due to:<br>Percep-<br>tions of<br>corrup-<br>tion |
|------------------------------------|--|--|--|---|---|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Western Europe                     | 116  | .069   | .01  | 025                                     | .047  | .005                       | 018                                   | .05   |
| Central and Eastern Europe         | .493                                       | .252   | .051                                       | .006                                    | .058  | .133                       | 021                                   | .025  |
| Commonwealth of Independent States | .199                                       | .357   | .031                                       | .052                                    | .067  | .088                       | .094                                  | .026  |
| Southeast Asia                     | .085                                       | .351   | .088                                       | .093                                    | .037  | .088                       | .03                                   | .015  |
| South Asia                         | 527  | .373   | .105                                       | .033                                    | .061  | .133                       | 013                                   | .054  |
| East Asia                          | .1   | .211   | .04  | .033                                    | .045  | .057                       | .01                                   | .027  |
| Latin America and Caribbean        | 3  | .042   | .024                                       | 019                                     | .044  | .052                       | 034                                   | 025   |
| North America and ANZ              | 287  | 066  | .024                                       | 053                                     | .015  | 015                        | 026                                   | 011   |
| Middle East and North Africa       | 347  | .202   | .024                                       | 047                                     | .041  | .122                       | .034                                  | .028  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa                 | 012  | .259   | .048                                       | 042                                     | .115  | .117                       | .005                                  | .016  |

Table 35: Number of countries/territories that experienced statistically significant changes in happiness scores from 2008-2010 to 2015-2017

|                                    | Total number<br>of coun-<br>tries/territories<br>in sample | Number of significant positive changes | Number of significant negative changes |
|------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Western Europe                     | 20   | 3                                      | 12                                     |
| Central and Eastern Europe         | 17   | 13                                     | 2                                      |
| Commonwealth of Independent States | 12   | 7                                      | 2                                      |
| Southeast Asia                     | 8  | 4                                      | 4                                      |
| South Asia                         | 6  | 3                                      | 3                                      |
| East Asia                          | 6  | 4                                      | 0                                      |
| Latin America and Caribbean        | 20   | 6                                      | 8                                      |
| North America and ANZ              | 4  | 0                                      | 2                                      |
| Middle East and North Africa       | 18   | 5                                      | 11                                     |
| Sub-Saharan Africa                 | 30   | 13                                     | 15                                     |

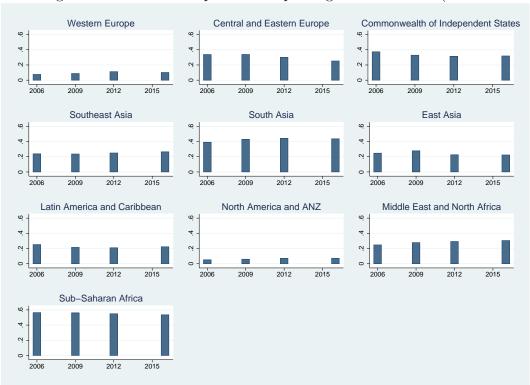


Figure 19: Shares of respondents reporting low life ladder (ladder  $\leq 4$ )

Note 1). These are 3 or 4-year averages around the year shown on the horizonal axis. For example, the value for 2016 is the average from 2015 to 2017, while the value for 2012 is the average from 2011 to 2014. 2). These regional averages are un-weighted averages of country-period averages, thus large and small countries have the same weight. 3). The difference from one period to another may be affected by survey coverage in the sense that some countries were survey during one period but not others. But this is unlikely a great issue because the coverage is quite sable from one 3-year period to another. Missed coverage is more likely to occur to developing countries than richer countries.

Figure 20: Separately for Western Europe, and North American and ANZ; Shares of respondents reporting low life ladder (ladder <= 4)



Note 1). These are 3 or 4-year averages around the year shown on the horizonal axis. For example, the value for 2016 is the average from 2015 to 2017, while the value for 2012 is the average from 2011 to 2014. 2). These regional averages are un-weighted averages of country-period averages, thus large and small countries have the same weight. 3). The difference from one period to another may be affected by survey coverage in the sense that some countries were survey during one period but not others. But this is unlikely a great issue because the coverage is quite sable from one 3-year period to another. Missed coverage is more likely to occur to developing countries than richer countries.

Table 36: Countries/territories by Region

| Region indicator                   |                        |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Western Europe                     | Austria                |
| Western Europe                     | Belgium                |
| Western Europe                     | Cyprus                 |
| Western Europe                     | Denmark                |
| Western Europe                     | Finland                |
| Western Europe                     | France                 |
| Western Europe                     | Germany                |
| Western Europe                     | Greece                 |
| Western Europe                     | Iceland                |
| Western Europe                     | Ireland                |
| Western Europe                     | Italy                  |
| Western Europe                     | Luxembourg             |
| Western Europe                     | Malta                  |
| Western Europe                     | Netherlands            |
| Western Europe                     | North Cyprus           |
| Western Europe                     | Norway                 |
| Western Europe                     | Portugal               |
| Western Europe                     | Spain                  |
| Western Europe                     | Sweden                 |
| Western Europe                     | Switzerland            |
| Western Europe                     | United Kingdom         |
| Central and Eastern Europe         | Albania                |
| Central and Eastern Europe         | Bosnia and Herzegovina |
| Central and Eastern Europe         | Bulgaria               |
| Central and Eastern Europe         | Croatia                |
| Central and Eastern Europe         | Czech Republic         |
| Central and Eastern Europe         | Estonia                |
| Central and Eastern Europe         | Hungary                |
| Central and Eastern Europe         | Kosovo                 |
| Central and Eastern Europe         | Latvia                 |
| Central and Eastern Europe         | Lithuania              |
| Central and Eastern Europe         | Macedonia              |
| Central and Eastern Europe         | Montenegro             |
| Central and Eastern Europe         | Poland                 |
| Central and Eastern Europe         | Romania                |
| Central and Eastern Europe         | Serbia                 |
| Central and Eastern Europe         | Slovakia               |
| Central and Eastern Europe         | Slovenia               |
| Commonwealth of Independent States | Armenia                |
| Commonwealth of Independent States | Azerbaijan             |
| Commonwealth of Independent States | Belarus                |
| Commonwealth of Independent States | Georgia                |

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|---|---------------------------|--|--|--|
| Region indicator                          |                           |  |  |  |
| Commonwealth of Independent States        | Kazakhstan                |  |  |  |
| Commonwealth of Independent States        | Kyrgyzstan                |  |  |  |
| Commonwealth of Independent States        | Moldova                   |  |  |  |
| Commonwealth of Independent States        | Russia                    |  |  |  |
| Commonwealth of Independent States        | Tajikistan                |  |  |  |
| Commonwealth of Independent States        | Turkmenistan              |  |  |  |
| Commonwealth of Independent States        | Ukraine                   |  |  |  |
| Commonwealth of Independent States        | Uzbekistan                |  |  |  |
| Southeast Asia                            | Cambodia                  |  |  |  |
| Southeast Asia                            | Indonesia                 |  |  |  |
| Southeast Asia                            | Laos                      |  |  |  |
| Southeast Asia                            | Malaysia                  |  |  |  |
| Southeast Asia                            | Myanmar                   |  |  |  |
| Southeast Asia                            | Philippines               |  |  |  |
| Southeast Asia                            | Singapore                 |  |  |  |
| Southeast Asia                            | Thailand                  |  |  |  |
| Southeast Asia                            | Vietnam                   |  |  |  |
| South Asia                                | Afghanistan               |  |  |  |
| South Asia                                | Bangladesh                |  |  |  |
| South Asia                                | Bhutan                    |  |  |  |
| South Asia                                | India                     |  |  |  |
| South Asia                                | Nepal                     |  |  |  |
| South Asia                                | Pakistan                  |  |  |  |
| South Asia                                | Sri Lanka                 |  |  |  |
| East Asia                                 | China                     |  |  |  |
| East Asia                                 | Hong Kong S.A.R. of China |  |  |  |
| East Asia                                 | Japan                     |  |  |  |
| East Asia                                 | Mongolia                  |  |  |  |
| East Asia                                 | South Korea               |  |  |  |
| East Asia                                 | Taiwan Province of China  |  |  |  |
| Latin America and Caribbean               | Argentina                 |  |  |  |
| Latin America and Caribbean               | Belize                    |  |  |  |
| Latin America and Caribbean               | Bolivia                   |  |  |  |
| Latin America and Caribbean               | Brazil                    |  |  |  |
| Latin America and Caribbean               | Chile                     |  |  |  |
| Latin America and Caribbean               | Colombia                  |  |  |  |
| Latin America and Caribbean               | Costa Rica                |  |  |  |
| Latin America and Caribbean               | Cuba                      |  |  |  |
| Latin America and Caribbean               | Dominican Republic        |  |  |  |
| Latin America and Caribbean               | Ecuador                   |  |  |  |
| Latin America and Caribbean               | El Salvador               |  |  |  |
| Latin America and Caribbean               | Guatemala                 |  |  |  |

Table 38: Countries/territories by Region

| Region indicator             | tries/territories by Region |  |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Latin America and Caribbean  | Guyana                      |  |
| Latin America and Caribbean  | Haiti                       |  |
| Latin America and Caribbean  | Honduras                    |  |
| Latin America and Caribbean  | Jamaica                     |  |
| Latin America and Caribbean  | Mexico                      |  |
| Latin America and Caribbean  | Nicaragua                   |  |
| Latin America and Caribbean  | Panama                      |  |
| Latin America and Caribbean  | Paraguay                    |  |
| Latin America and Caribbean  | Peru                        |  |
| Latin America and Caribbean  | Suriname                    |  |
| Latin America and Caribbean  | Trinidad and Tobago         |  |
| Latin America and Caribbean  | Uruguay                     |  |
| Latin America and Caribbean  | Venezuela                   |  |
| North America and ANZ        | Australia                   |  |
| North America and ANZ        | Canada                      |  |
| North America and ANZ        | New Zealand                 |  |
| North America and ANZ        | United States               |  |
| Middle East and North Africa | Algeria                     |  |
| Middle East and North Africa | Bahrain                     |  |
| Middle East and North Africa | $\operatorname{Egypt}$      |  |
| Middle East and North Africa | Iran                        |  |
| Middle East and North Africa | Iraq                        |  |
| Middle East and North Africa | Israel                      |  |
| Middle East and North Africa | Jordan                      |  |
| Middle East and North Africa | Kuwait                      |  |
| Middle East and North Africa | Lebanon                     |  |
| Middle East and North Africa | Libya                       |  |
| Middle East and North Africa | Morocco                     |  |
| Middle East and North Africa | Oman                        |  |
| Middle East and North Africa | Palestinian Territories     |  |
| Middle East and North Africa | Qatar                       |  |
| Middle East and North Africa | Saudi Arabia                |  |
| Middle East and North Africa | Syria                       |  |
| Middle East and North Africa | Tunisia                     |  |
| Middle East and North Africa | Turkey                      |  |
| Middle East and North Africa | United Arab Emirates        |  |
| Middle East and North Africa | Yemen                       |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa           | Angola                      |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa           | Benin                       |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa           | Botswana                    |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa           | Burkina Faso                |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa           | Burundi                     |  |

Table 39: Countries/territories by Region

| Region indicator   | e 39: Countries/territories by Region |  |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Sub-Saharan Africa | Cameroon                              |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | Central African Republic              |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | Chad                                  |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | Comoros                               |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | Congo (Brazzaville)                   |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | Congo (Kinshasa)                      |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | Djibouti                              |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | Ethiopia                              |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | Gabon                                 |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | Ghana                                 |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | Guinea                                |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | Ivory Coast                           |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | Kenya                                 |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | Lesotho                               |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | Liberia                               |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | Madagascar                            |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | Malawi                                |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | Mali                                  |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | Mauritania                            |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | Mauritius                             |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | Mozambique                            |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | Namibia                               |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | Niger                                 |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | Nigeria                               |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | Rwanda                                |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | Senegal                               |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | Sierra Leone                          |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | Somalia                               |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | Somaliland region                     |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | South Africa                          |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | South Sudan                           |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | Sudan                                 |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | Swaziland                             |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | Tanzania                              |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | Togo                                  |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | Uganda                                |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | Zambia                                |  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | Zimbabwe                              |  |

## Ranking of the Six Factors Used to Explain Happiness Scores

The next set of figures are rankings of countries by the six underlying factors used to explain international differences in happiness scores, namely GDP per person, healthy life expectancy, social support, perceived freedom to make life choice, generosity and perception of corruption. The rankings are based on national averages over the period from 2015 to 2017. Four countries, namely Angola, Belize, Burundi and Sudan, were not surveyed in the 2015-2017 period. Their 2014 surveys are used for the rankings. The ranking figures do not show imputed data. As we explain on page 5 of this appendix, where we describe our imputation algorithm, we do not use the imputed values in any of our headline results including the happiness rankings. The only place where we use them is when we try to decompose a country's average happiness score into components explained by the six factors. The imputation involves only a small number of countries. Here, we avoid relying on the imputation to generate the rankings. If a country is missing the information about corruption perceptions, they won't show up in the corruption ranking, thus the ranking will cover a smaller number of countries.

Figure 21: Ranking of Natural Log of Per-Capita GDP: 2015-17; bars show natural logs, dollar values are shown on the Y axis after country names (Part 1)

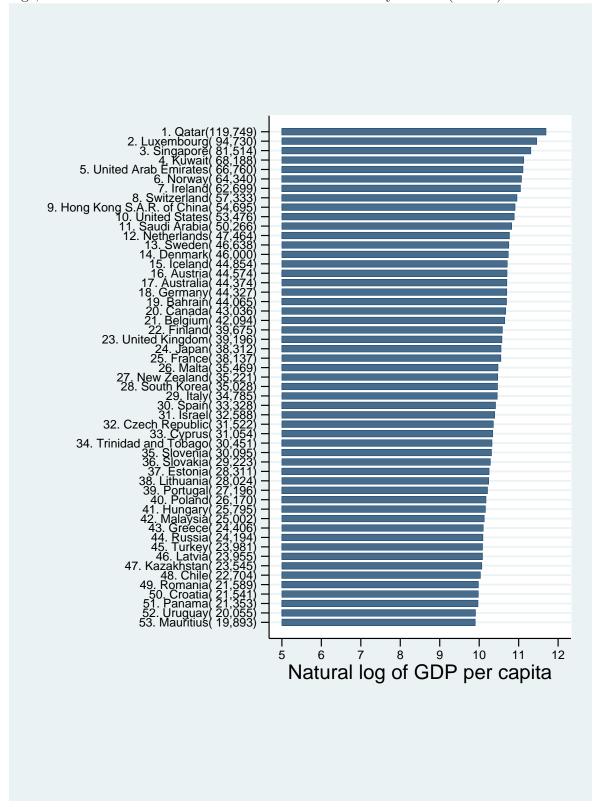


Figure 22: Ranking of Natural Log of Per-Capita GDP: 2015-17; bars show natural logs, dollar values are shown on the Y axis after country names (Part 2)

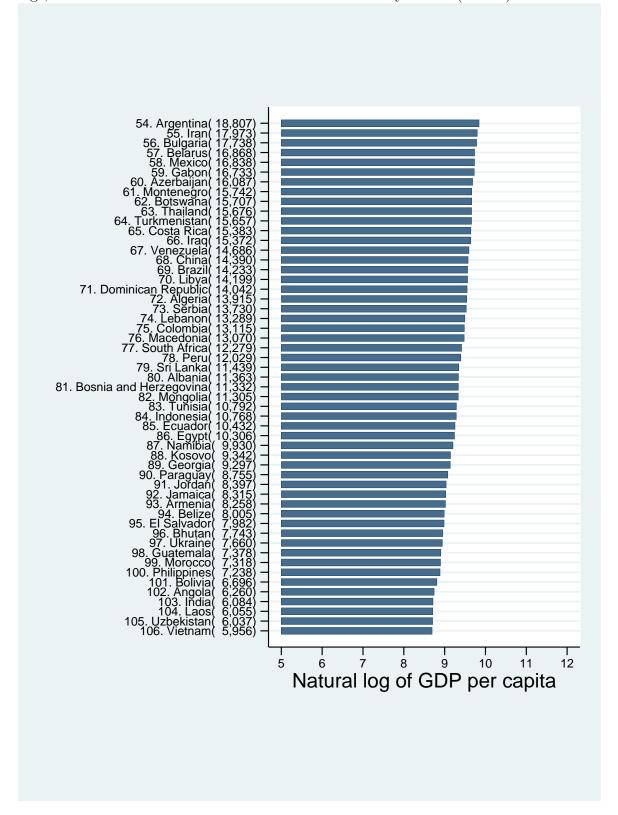
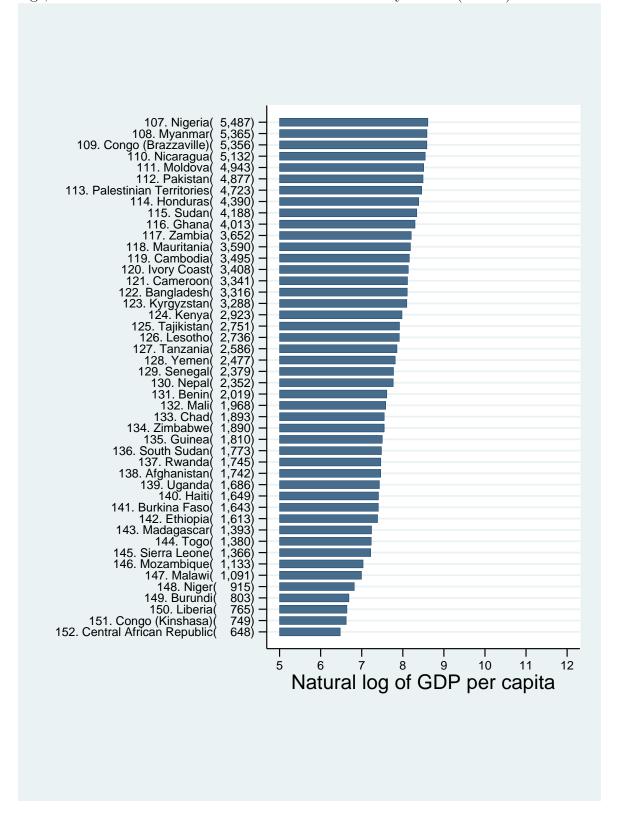


Figure 23: Ranking of Natural Log of Per-Capita GDP: 2015-17; bars show natural logs, dollar values are shown on the Y axis after country names (Part 3)



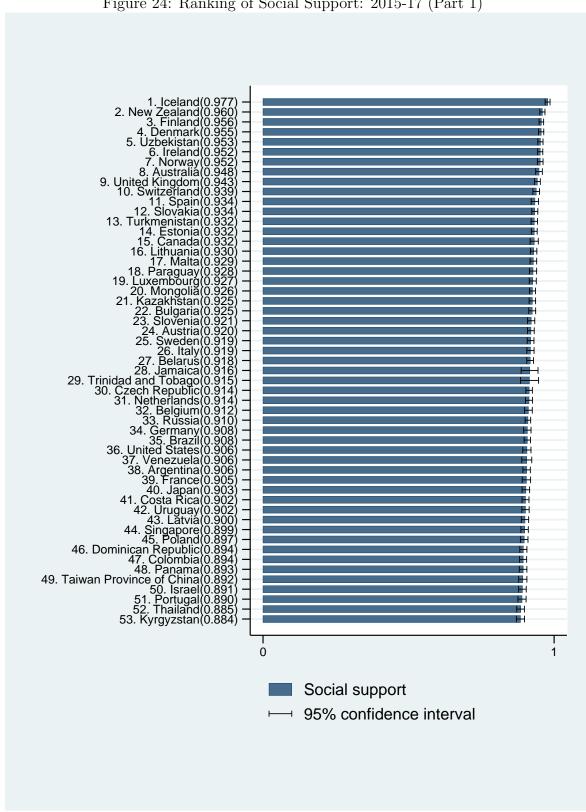
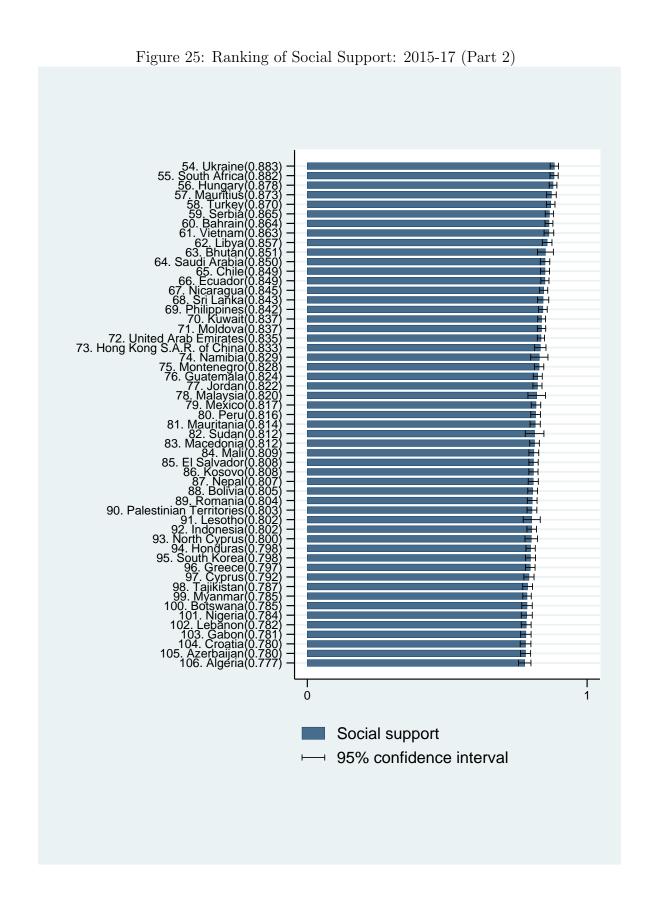


Figure 24: Ranking of Social Support: 2015-17 (Part 1)



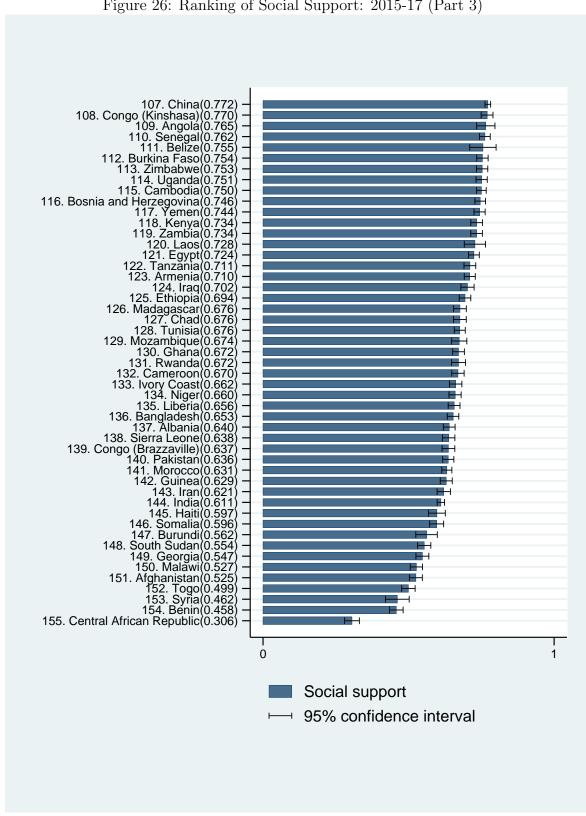


Figure 26: Ranking of Social Support: 2015-17 (Part 3)

Figure 27: Ranking of Healthy Life Expectancy: 2015-17 (Part 1) - More specifically HLE= life expectancy\*(healthy life expectancy in year 2012/life expectancy in year 2012)

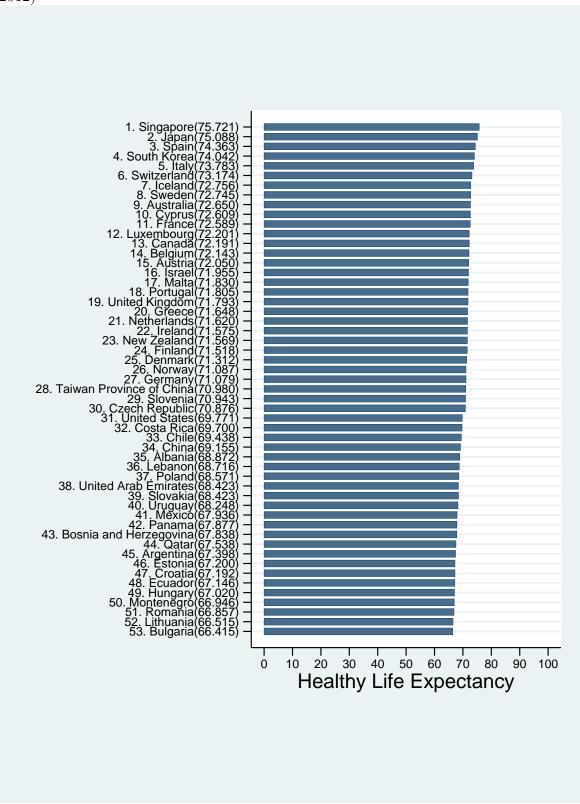


Figure 28: Ranking of Healthy Life Expectancy: 2015-17 (Part 2) - More specifically HLE= life expectancy\*(healthy life expectancy in year 2012/life expectancy in year 2012)

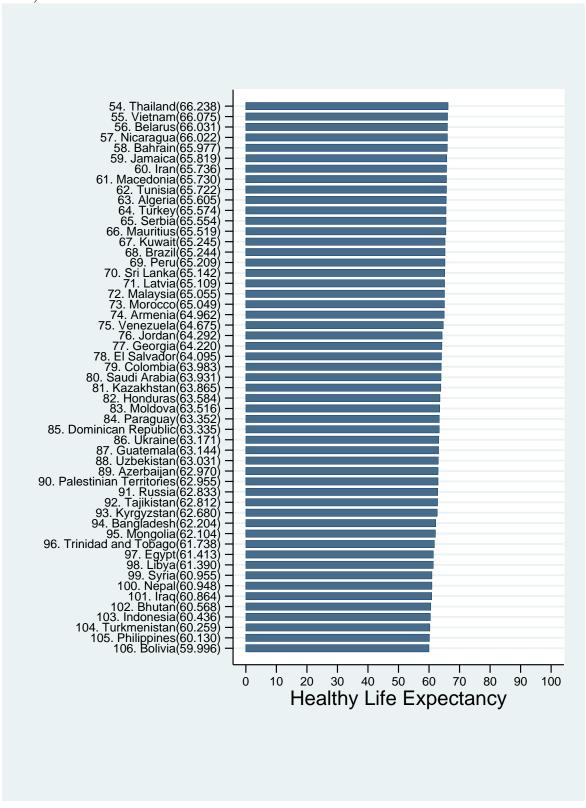
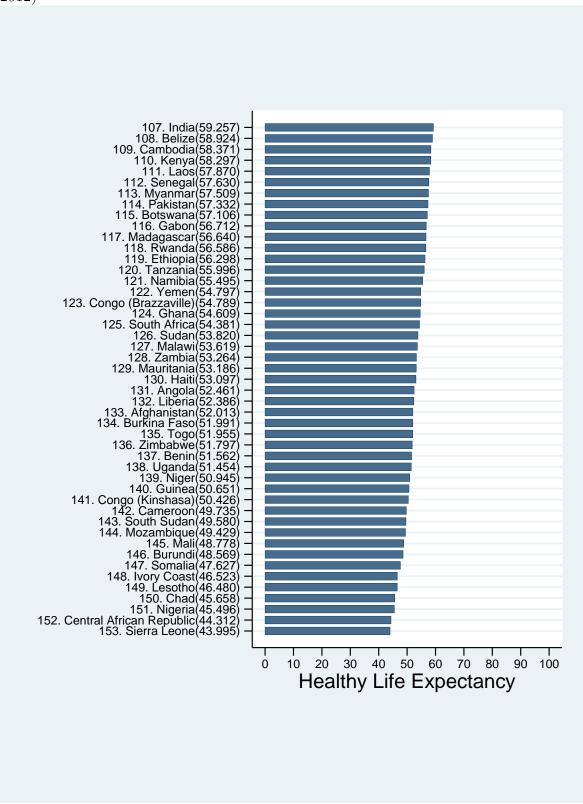


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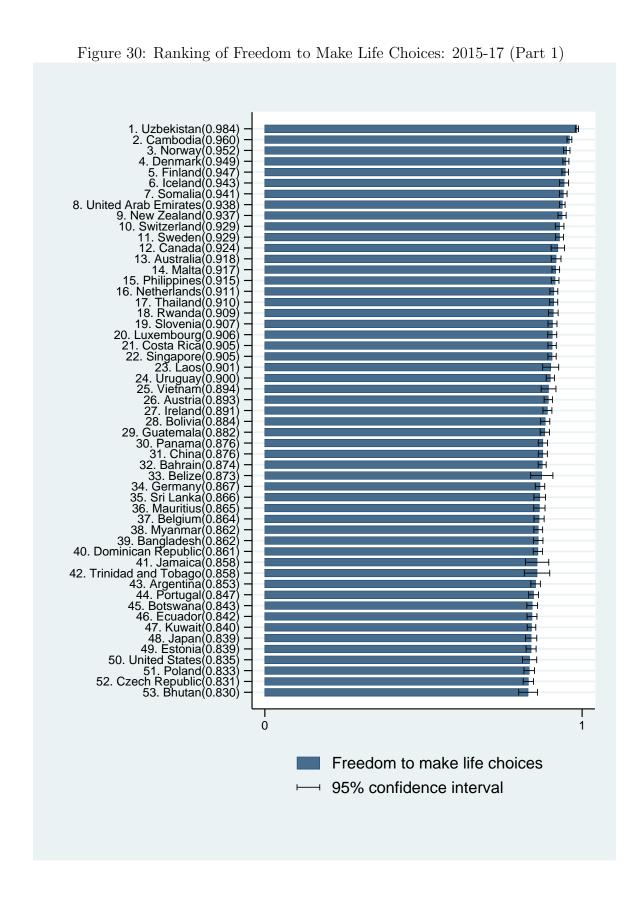


Figure 31: Ranking of Freedom to Make Life Choices: 2015-17 (Part 2) 54. Paraguay(0.829)
55. Kyrgyzstan(0.828)
56. India(0.828)
57. Indonesia(0.827)
58. United Kingdom(0.821)
60. Mozambique(0.821)
61. Malawi(0.820)
62. Peru(0.820)
63. Romania(0.818)
64. Nicaragua(0.817)
65. Nepal(0.817)
66. Hong Kong S.A.R. of China(0.815)
67. France(0.812)
68. Namibia(0.814)
69. South Africa(0.809)
70. Congo (Brazzaville)(0.806)
71. Saudi Arabia(0.802)
72. Kenya(0.798)
73. Tajikistan(0.798)
74. Zambia(0.797)
75. Ghana(0.794)
76. Libya(0.791)
77. North Cyprus(0.790)
78. Brazil(0.789)
79. Tanzania(0.779)
80. Mexico(0.777)
81. Jordan(0.768)
82. Ivory Coast(0.767)
83. Israel(0.765)
84. Nigeria(0.763)
85. El Salvador(0.762)
86. Morocco(0.761)
87. Iran(0.761)
88. Honduras(0.760)
89. Cameroon(0.756)
90. Kazakhstan(0.756)
91. Ethiopia(0.754)
92. Uganda(0.752)
93. Spain(0.752)
94. Kosovo(0.751)
95. Benin(0.744)
96. Togo(0.737)
98. Azerbaijan(0.730)
100. Cyprus(0.730)
101. Liberia(0.725)
104. Turkmenistan(0.725)
105. Zimbabwe(0.716)
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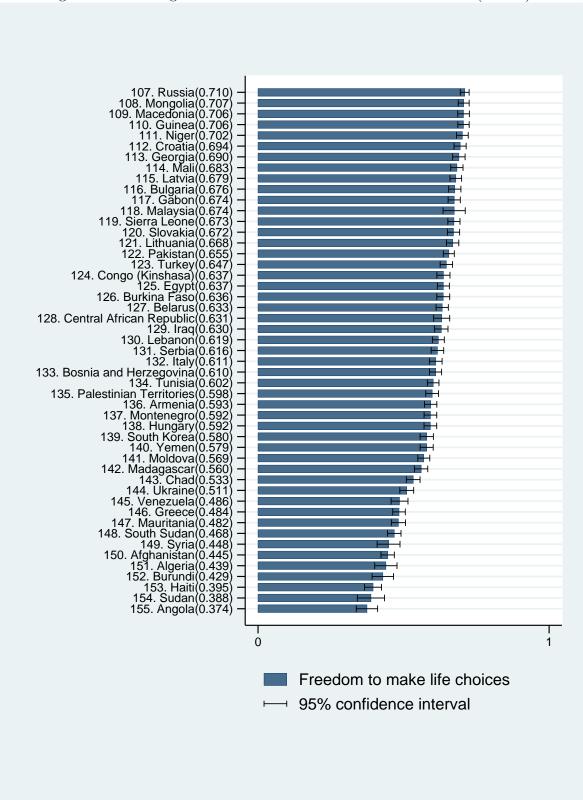


Figure 32: Ranking of Freedom to Make Life Choices: 2015-17 (Part 3)

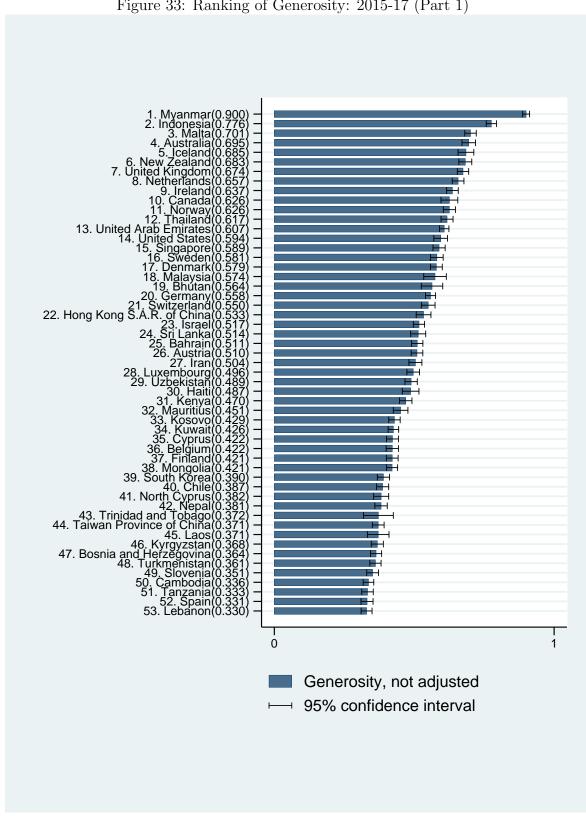


Figure 33: Ranking of Generosity: 2015-17 (Part 1)

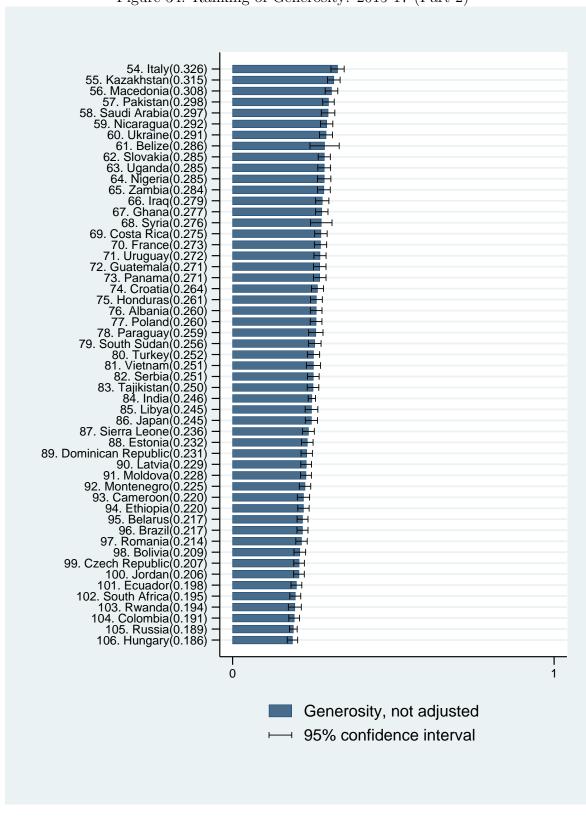
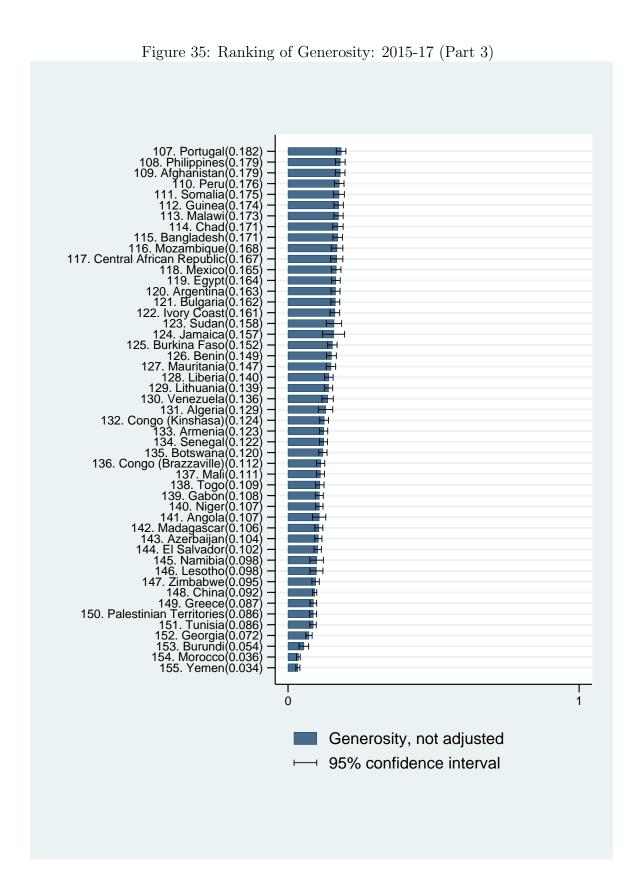


Figure 34: Ranking of Generosity: 2015-17 (Part 2)



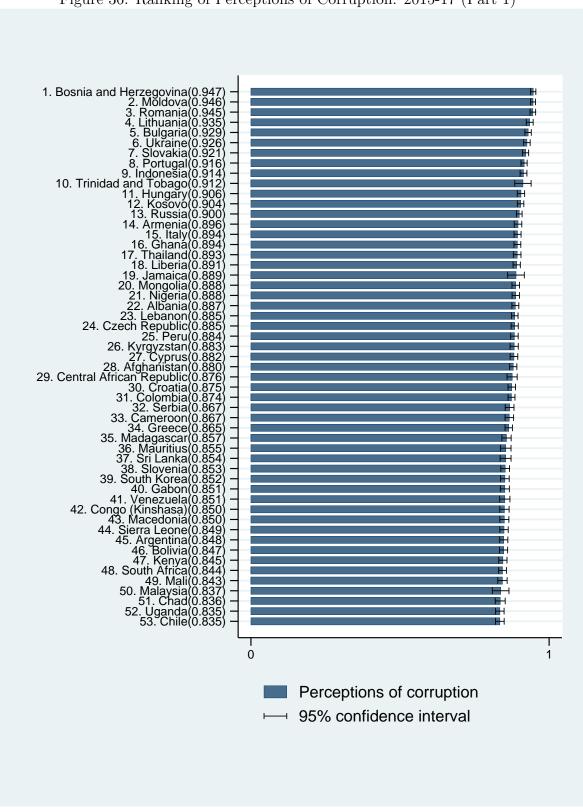


Figure 36: Ranking of Perceptions of Corruption: 2015-17 (Part 1)

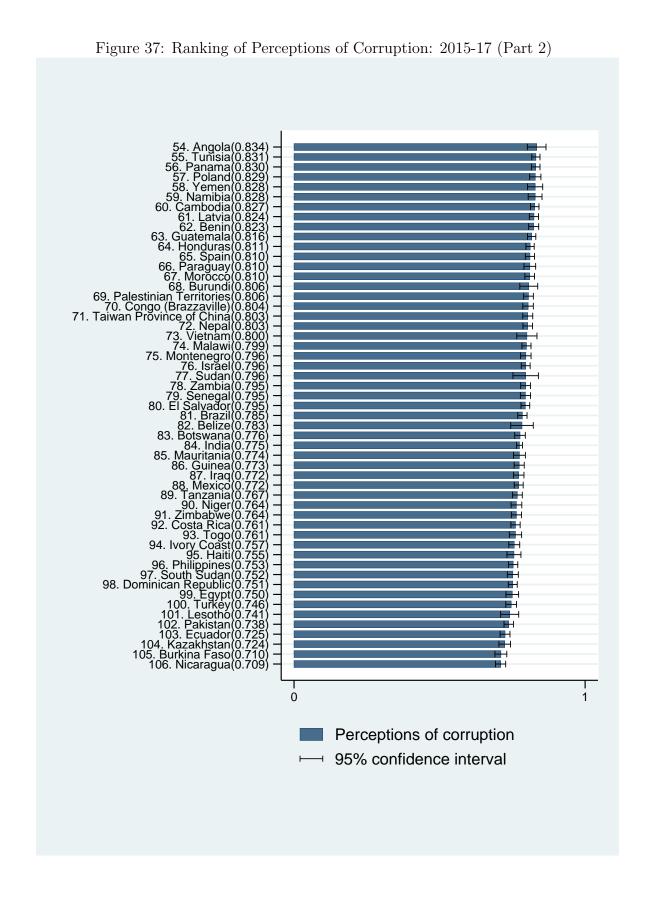


Figure 38: Ranking of Perceptions of Corruption: 2015-17 (Part 3) 107. Iran(0.708)
108. United States(0.700)
109. Algeria(0.698)
110. Tajikistan(0.696)
111. Iceland(0.692)
112. Malta(0.684)
113. Bangladesh(0.681)
114. Syria(0.680)
115. Ethiopia(0.677)
116. Libya(0.673)
117. Japan(0.670)
118. North Cyprus(0.663)
119. Belarus(0.662)
120. Uruguay(0.660)
121. Mozambique(0.655)
122. Bhutan(0.631)
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136. Hong Kong S.A.R. of China(0.409)
137. Netherlands(0.403)
138. Australia(0.389)
139. Ireland(0.382)
140. Luxembourg(0.354)
141. Norway(0.320)
142. Switzerland(0.288)
143. Sweden(0.239)
144. New Zealand(0.229)
145. Finland(0.221)
146. Denmark(0.194)
147. Rwanda(0.126)
148. Singapore(0.103) 0 Perceptions of corruption 95% confidence interval