

Trust, Internet and Nation Building in Africa

Preliminary and incomplete

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Table 1: Country Heterogeneity

	2SLS: Political Trust							
	Base Sample							
	Media		Corruption		Gov. Delivery		Dem. Quality	
	Captured	Free	High	Low	Low	High	Autocr.	Democr.
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Distance from the capital	1.987*** (0.73)	-0.194 (0.81)	1.463*** (0.46)	-1.569 (3.41)	1.063*** (0.37)	-0.770 (1.38)	3.619** (1.83)	-0.110 (0.73)
Internet coverage	2.548*** (0.95)	0.762 (0.98)	1.878*** (0.64)	-2.450 (4.20)	1.481** (0.75)	0.304 (0.74)	5.364** (2.59)	1.794 (1.42)
Distance from the capital × Internet coverage	-4.835** (2.21)	1.100 (1.33)	-3.118** (1.34)	3.613 (6.92)	-1.897* (1.12)	2.048 (2.68)	-8.787* (5.05)	1.957 (1.52)
Individual & regional controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Geographic controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Country X Round FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observations	90,894	20,676	81,561	30,009	77,712	33,858	85,227	26,343

Notes: Robust standard errors clustered at the region × round level are in parentheses. (1) - (2) report separate regressions based on media freedom. Countries with captured media are those with a value on the *Reporters Without Borders World Press Freedom Index* below the *Satisfactory situation* threshold. (3) - (4) report separate regressions based on corruption level. Countries with high level are those with value on the *World Bank's Control of Corruption index* below -0.5. (5) - (6) report separate regressions based on government capacity to effectively implement and execute policies. Countries with low level are those with value on the average of the *World Bank's Government Effectiveness and Regulatory Quality indexes* below -0.5. (7) - (8) report separate regressions based on democratic quality. Countries with autocratic regimes are those with a value on the *V-Dem Electoral Democracy Index* below 0.6. The set of individual controls includes measures of: normalized distance from the largest non-capital city, distance to the road, age, age squared, sex, education, employment status, rural/urban situation, personal economic conditions perception, ethnic discrimination, interest in politics, TV news consumption, newspaper consumption, radio consumption. The set of regional controls includes measures of: nighttime light, population density, region area, president birthplace dummy. The set of geographic controls includes the interaction between a linear time trend and the fraction of the region covered by mountains and deserts. *** / ** / * represent significance at the 0.01 / 0.05 / 0.10 levels, respectively.

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