

CODEBOOK FOR “MEVMLB_DATA_TABLE4”

Countryname: Name of country

Electiondate: Date of election in month/day/year format

Incumbentparty: name of party that previously held office of presidency

Winstability: Overall % of elections won by the incumbent party in this time frame. Referred to in text as “Electoral Stability”

Voteincparfirst: The % of vote for incumbent party in the first round of election OR in only round if no second round.

Voteinlagged: The % of the vote for the incumbent party in the previous presidential election (i.e., e-1)

Negretlegpow: From the Carlin and Singh (2015 data set), originally created by Negretto (2009, 2013). The variable is a measure of the president’s legislative powers, and its values range continuously from 1 (lowest possible level of power) to 100 (maximum possible level of power).

Termlimited:

0= Incumbent president had the option of running again- may or may not have chosen to do so, but not legally prevented.

1= incumbent president legally unable to run in this election due to term limit.

Freedommedia: Measurement created by Freedom House, and its values range continuously from 0 (free media) to 100 (not free media)

Gdpgrowthlag: % of growth in GDP in year before the election.

Sharedrule: From the Regional Authority Index (Hooghe, Marks, Schakel, Osterkatz, Niedzwiecki, and Shair-Rosenfield, 2016). Captures the authority exercised by a regional government or its representatives in the country as a whole. Its values range from 0-12, higher values indicate that regional governments are more powerful.

Tradegdp: Via the WorldBank, this is the sum of exports and imports of goods and services measured as a share of gross domestic product

Country: Number assigned to each country

1=Argentina

2= Bolivia

3= Brazil

4= Chile

5= Colombia

6= Costa Rica

7= Dominican Republic

8= Ecuador

9= Guatemala

10=Honduras

11= Mexico

12= Nicaragua

13= Panama

14= Paraguay

15= Peru

16= El Salvador

17= Uruguay

18= Venezuela

Time: Captures the passage of time by year. Its values range from 1-33, 1=1982 and 33=2014.

Concurrentordinal: From Schwindt-Bayer and Tavits (2016)

0=nonconcurrent (presidential and legislative elections not held on the same day)

1=partially concurrent (presidential and legislative elections held on same day, but legislature also has midterm elections)

2=concurrent (presidential and legislative elections held on same day)

Majleg: From Cruz, Keefer, and Scartascini (2016).

This is the fraction of seats held by the government in the legislature. It is calculated by dividing the number of government seats (NUMGOV) by total (government plus opposition plus non-aligned) seats.