

## Annex 1: List of Variables

The Database on Political Institutions (DPI) is a large new cross-country database of political institutions that covers 177 countries over 21 years, 1975 – 1995. This database was prepared by Thorsten Beck, George Clarke, Robert Cull, Alberto Groff, Philip Keefer, and Patrick Walsh of the Development Research Group of the World Bank. When using this database, please cite the current paper.

### General Variables

Country Code COUNTRYC

International Financial Statistics code IFS

Year YEAR

### Chief Executive Variables

Direct Presidential (0); strong president elected by assembly (1); Parliamentary (2) SYSTEM

How many years in office YRSOFFC

Is there a finite term in office? (1 if yes, 0 if no) FINITTRM

Years left in current term YRCURNT

If there are formal restraints on his term (NA if not), can he serve multiple terms? MULTPL?

Is Chief Executive a military officer? MILITARY

Is defense minister a military officer? DEFMIN

President got what % of votes in the 1st/only round? PERCENT1

President got what % of votes in the final round? PERCENTL

Party of chief executive has been how long in office PRTYIN

### Chief Executive's Party

Name of party, if any EXECME

Right (R); Left (L); Center (C); Not applicable (0) EXECRLC

Nationalist (1 if yes) EXECNAT

Rural (1 if yes) EXECCRUL

Regional (1 if yes) EXECREG

Religious (1 not specified, CH: Christian, CA: Catholic, IS: Islamic, HD: Hindu, BD: Buddhist, JW: Jewish, O: otherwise) EXECREL

Time since formation under this name EXECAGE

Does party of executive control all relevant houses? ALLHOUSE

In systems with both non-ceremonial PM and President, what is the party affiliation of the one not called Chief Executive? NONCHIEF

### Party Variables in the Legislature

Herfindahl Index for Govt. HERFGOV

Government fractionalization (chance that two random draws will produce legislators from different parties).  
GOVFRAC

# of Govt. Seats NUMGOV

### **Largest Government Party**

Name 1GOVME

Seats 1GOVSEAT

Right (R); Left (L); Center (C); Not applicable (0) 1GOVRLC

Nationalist (1 if yes) 1GOVNAT

Rural (1 if yes) 1GOVRURL

Regional (1 if yes) 1GOVREG

Religious (1 not specified, CH:Christian, CA: Catholic, IS: Islamic, HD: Hindu, BD: Buddhist, JW: Jewish, O: otherwise) 1GOVREL

Time since formation under this name 1GOVAGE

### **2nd Largest Government Party**

Name 2GOVME

Seats 2GOVSEAT

Right (R); Left (L); Center (C); Not applicable (0) 2GOVRLC

Nationalist (1 if yes) 2GOVNAT

Rural (1 if yes) 2GOVRURL

Regional (1 if yes) 2GOVREG

Religious (1 not specified, CH:Christian, CA: Catholic, IS: Islamic, HD: Hindu, BD: Buddhist, JW: Jewish, O: otherwise) 2GOVREL

Time since formation under this name 2GOVAGE

### **3rd Largest Government Party**

Name 3GOVME

Seats 3GOVSEAT

- Right (R); Left (L); Center (C); Not applicable (0) 3GOVRLC

Nationalist (1 if yes) 3GOVNAT

Rural (1 if yes) 3GOVRURL

Regional (1 if yes) 3GOVREG

Religious (1 not specified, CH:Christian, CA: Catholic, IS: Islamic, HD: Hindu, BD: Buddhist, JW: Jewish, O: otherwise) 3GOVREL

Time since formation under this name 3GOVAGE

Number of other government parties GOVOTH

Number of other government party Seats GOVOTHST

Herfindahl Index for Opposition HERFOPP

Opposition fractionalization (chance that two random draws will produce legislators from different parties).  
**OPFFRAC**

# of Opp. Seats **NUMOPP**

### **Largest Opposition Party**

Name Largest Opposition Party **1OPPME**

Seats Largest Opposition Party **1OPPSEAT**

Right (R); Left (L); Center (C); Not applicable (0) Largest Opposition Party **1OPPRLC**

Nationalist (1 if yes) **1OPPNAT**

Rural (1 if yes) **1OPPRURL**

Regional (1 if yes) **1OPPREG**

Religious (1 not specified, CH:Christian, CA: Catholic, IS: Islamic, HD: Hindu, BD: Buddhist, JW: Jewish, O: otherwise) **1OPPREL**

Time since formation under this name **1OPPAGE**

### **2nd Largest Opposition Party**

Name 2nd **2OPPME**

Seats 2nd **2OPPSEAT**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Largest Opposition Party**

Name 3rd **3OPPME**

Seats 3rd **3OPPSEAT**

Number of other opposition parties **OPPOTH**

Number of other opposition party seats **OPPOTHST**

Number of Parties non-aligned/allegiance unknown **ULPRTY**

Seats non-aligned/allegiance unknown **NUMUL**

Herfindahl Index Total **HERFTOT**

Total fractionalization (chance that two random draws will produce legislators from different parties) **FRAC**

Does one opp. party have majority in House **OPPMAJH**

Does one opp. party have majority in Senate **OPPMAJS**

### **Details on Legislature**

When were legislative elections held (number records month, 13 indicates unknown month) **DATELEG**

When were executive elections held (number records month, 13 indicates unknown month) **DATEEXEC**

Majority (number of government seats divided by total seats) **MAJ**

Average Age of Parties **PARTYAGE**

Is there a legislative election? ("1" if yes) **LEGELEC**

Is there an executive election? ("1" if yes) **EXELEC**

Is executive party special interest? **EXECSPEC**

Is 1st gov. party special interest? GOVSPEC

Are any coalition parties special interest? COALSPEC

### Electoral Rules

Legislative Index of Political Competitiveness LIEC

Executive Index of Political Competitiveness EIEC

mean district magnitude (House) MDMH

mean district magnitude (Senate) MDMS

Number of senate/ (number of house + number of senate) S/S+H

Plurality? (1 if yes, 0 if no) PLURALTY

Proportional Representation? (1 if yes, 0 if no) PR

If Plurality and Proportional Representation which governs the majority/all of the House seats? (1 if Plurality, 0 if Proportional) HOUSESYS

If Plurality and Proportional Representation which governs the majority/all of the Senate seats? (1 if Plurality, 0 if Proportional) SENSYS

What is the vote threshold for representation? THRESH

Is the D'Hondt system used? (1 if yes, 0 if no) DHONDT

Are closed lists used? (1 if yes, 0 if no) CL

Candidate selection: national(1), sub-national(2), primary (3) SELECT

Were vote fraud or candidate intimidation serious enough to affect the outcome of elections? FRAUD

### Stability and Checks & Balances

Longest tenure of a veto player TENLONG

Shortest tenure of a veto player TENSHORT

Tenure of system of government if democratic; tenure of chief executive otherwise TENSYS

Index of Political Cohesion (based on Roubini, Sachs 1989) IPCOH

Number of veto players CHECKS1

Checks2 = Check1, + 1 for each veto player whose orientation is closer to opp than gov CHECKS2

Maximum difference of orientation among Govt. parties (0-2) POLARIZ

% veto players dropping from Govt., assume Senate changes STABS

% veto players dropping from Govt., assume Senate doesn't change STABNS

### Federalism

Are there autonomous regions? AUTON

Are the municipal governments locally elected? MUNI

Are the state/ province governments locally elected? STATE

Do Sub-national govts. have extensive taxing, spending or regulatory authority? AUTHOR

Are the constituencies of the senators the states/provinces? STCONST