Codebook for the world dataset for POSC 20093, Spring 2022
Compiled by Michael Strausz with data from Pippa Norris's dataset
" DEMOCRACY CROSS-NATIONAL DATA, RELEASE 4.0 FALL 2015", downloaded
from https://www.pippanorris.com/data

Variable name: Country
Definition: Country name
Notes: Coded as character

Variable name: fh_democ
Definition: Freedom House Democracy score from 2012. Scale ranges from 0 (totally undemocratic) to 100 (totally democratic).
Notes: coded as numeric

Variable name: pei_index
Definition: Assessment of integrity of a country's elections, based on a survey of experts conducted by the Electoral Integrity Project. Scale ranges from 0 (elections have least integrity) to 100 (elections have most integrity).
Notes: coded as numeric

Variable name: hdi2014
Definition: According to the UN Development Program, "The Human Development Index (HDI) is a summary measure of average achievement in key dimensions of human development: a long and healthy life, being knowledgeable and have a decent standard of living." This variable is measured in 2014, on a scale from 0 (lowest achievement) to 1 (highest achievement).
Notes: coded as numeric

Variable name: gdppercap2014
Definition: This variable (measured by the World Bank) is the 2014 value of Gross Domestic Product (the total value of all goods and services produced in a country) divided by the country's population.
Notes: codes as numeric.

Variable name: Religion
Definition: Predominant religion in a country according to the CIA world factbook.
Notes: Coded as character. Values are Eastern, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Orthodox, Other, Protestant, Roman Cath

Variable name: Lang1
Definition: Number of official languages.
Notes: Coded as numeric. Data from UNESCO.

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Variable name: Colony
Definition: Former colony of what country?
Notes: Coded as character. Values are belgium, france, netherland, none, other, ottoman, portugal, soviet uni, spain, uk. Data from CIA World Factbook.

Variable name: Independence
Definition: Year country gained independence.
Notes: Coded as numeric. Data from CIA World Factbook.

Variable name: CPI2014
Definition: Corruption perception index from 2014. Scores of countries' level of perception as measured by public opinion and expert surveys. Scale ranges from 0 (most corrupt) to 100 (least corrupt).
Notes: Coded as numeric. Data from Transparency International.

Variable name: RWB2015
Definition: Press freedom from 2015. Scale ranges from 0 (most press freedom) to 100 (least press freedom).
Notes: Coded as numeric. Data from Reporters without Borders.

Variable name: ITU_internet2014
Definition: Percentage of Individuals using the Internet 2014.
Notes: Coded as numeric. Data from International Telecommunication Union.

Variable name: frac_eth
Definition: Ethnic and linguistic fractionalization. Scale ranges from 0 (least fractionalized) to 1 (most fractionalized).
Notes: Coded as numeric. Data from Alesina et. al. 2002.

Variable name: DPI_plurality
Definition: 1 if some legislative seats are selected with plurality voting, 0 if none are.
Notes: Coded as numeric. Data from the World Bank's Database of Political Institutions.

Variable name: DPI_pr
Definition: 1 if some legislative seats are selected with proportional representation, 0 if none are.
Notes: Coded as numeric. Data from the World Bank's Database of Political Institutions.

Variable name: Distsize
Definition: Average population size per representative.
Notes: Coded as numeric.

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Variable name: womenMEPs_mean
Definition: Average percent of women in legislative bodies.
Notes: Coded as numeric.

Variable name: Womvote
Definition: Year women were first enfranchised.
Notes: Coded as numeric. Data from Inter-Parliamentary Union.

Variable name: UNDP_Life2014
Definition: Life expectancy at birth in 2014.
Notes: Coded as numeric. Data from UN Development Program.

Variable name: UNDP_yrsschool
Definition: Mean years of schooling in 2014.
Notes: Coded as numeric. Data from UN Development Program.

Variable name: UNDP_Gini2014
Definition: A measure of economic inequality, on a scale ranging from 0 (complete economic equality) to 100 (complete economic inequality).
Notes: Coded as numeric. Data from UN Development Program. Data from 2014.

Variable name: UNDP_pop
Definition: Population in 2014.
Notes: Coded as numeric. Data from UN Development Program.