A New Typology of Electoral Systems

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Introduction

Institutionism assumes that change in institution may cause the political behavior to change. Most if not all students of electoral systems accept this assumption and undertake the task of uncovering the effect of tweaking institutional parameters wherever possible. Usually, this is done by answering the simple question: ceteris paribus, does changing certain institutional feature makes people more likely to do something? This simple approach has advanced our understanding of electoral systems by leaps and bounds thanks to increasing availability of data and sophistication of technology.

Nevertheless, too many important questions about electoral systems evades this easy approach. Duverger's Law