Database of Political Institutions, World Bank

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Summary

The Database of Political Institutions presents institutional and electoral results data such as measures of checks and balances, tenure and stability of the government, identification of party affiliation and ideology, and fragmentation of opposition and government parties in the legislature, among others.

Tables In IFs

Variable	Definition	Last IFs Update	UsedInPreprocessor
GovWBAutonomousRegion	This variable specifies if there are any autonomous regions in the country.	3/26/2010	0
GovWBChecksBalances	This index measures how strong the countries checks and balances are.	3/30/2010	0
GovWBDomesticSystemLongevity	This varaible measures the longevity of the autocracy or democracy in a country.	3/30/2010	0
GovWBExecutiveCompetitiveness	Executive Index of Electoral Competitiveness (Ferree and Singh 1999) 1-7, higher more competitive	3/30/2010	0
GovWBExecutiveFiniteTerm	Finite Term of Office of Executive: 0=no 1=yes	3/30/2010	0
GovWBExecutiveMilitaryOfficer	Is the Executive a military officer? 0=no 1=yes	3/30/2010	0
GovWBExecutiveNationalist	Executive Party is a nationalist party 1=yes 0=no	3/30/2010	0
GovWBExecutivePartyControlsAllLegislative	Does the party of the executive control all relevant houses?	3/30/2010	0
GovWBExecutivePartyPowerYears	Party of Executive has been in office how long?	3/30/2010	0
GovWBExecutivePercentageVotes	President got what % of votes in the first/only round?	3/30/2010	0
GovWBExecutiveReligious	Executive is religious 1=yes 0=no	3/30/2010	0
GovWBExecutiveRural	Executive Party is a rural party 0=no 1=yes	3/30/2010	0
GovWBExecutiveType	Government System: 2 = Parlimentary 1=Assembly-Elected President 0=Presidential	3/30/2010	0
GovWBExecutiveYearsinOffice	Years in Office of Executive	3/30/2010	0
GovWBExecutiveYearsLeftinTerm	Years Left in Current Term of Executive	3/30/2010	0
GovWBLegislativeCompetitiveness	Legislative Index of Electoral Competitiveness (Ferree and Singh 1999) 1-7, higher more competitive	3/30/2010	0
GovWBMuniElectedorAppointed	Municipal Governments: Are they elected or appointed? 0=both municipal and executive are appointed 1=executive is appointed but municipal leaders are elected 2=both elected	3/30/2010	0
GovWBPartyHerfindahlIndex	Herfindahl Index of Government: Measures the size of the leading party in relation to the amount and size of all other parties	3/30/2010	0
GovWBPluralityVotingforLegislature	Are legislators elected using a winner-take-all approach? 1=yes 0=no	3/30/2010	0
GovWBProportionalRepresentation	Are seats appointed based on a percentage of the vote won by a party, often called proportional representation? 1=yes 0=no	3/30/2010	0
GovWBStateElectedorAppointed	State/Province Governments: Are they elected or appointed? 0=both State/Province and executive are appointed 1=executive is appointed but State/Province leaders are	3/30/2010	0
GovWBVetoWieldersLeaveGovinYear	How many veto-wielding players dropped out of government in any given year?	3/30/2010	0
GovWBVoteFraud	How serious was voter fraud or intimidation? 0=low to none 1=present	3/30/2010	0

Data Pulling Instructions

1. Navigate to https://data.iadb.org/dataset/database-of-political-institutions-2015
2. Click Download Dataset to download the folder. Data is in
   "database_political_institutions_2015"

Data Notes

The current version of the database is now hosted at the IDB and it expands its coverage to about 180 countries for 40 years.