

The Political Constraint Index (POLCON), University of Pennsylvania

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The POLCON measure, developed by Vice Dean and Faculty Director of the ESG Initiative Witold Henisz, is a quantitative measure of institutional constraints that uses a spatial model of political interaction and measures the feasibility of a change in policy given the structure of a nation's political institutions.

Tables In IFs

Variable	Definition	Last IFs Update	UsedInPreprocessor
GovPolConstraintsMain	Measure of the amount of constraints on a leader through vetoes	4/2/2010	0
GovPolConstraintsPlus	Measure of the amount of constraints on a leader through vetoes (also vetoes from the judiciary and sub-federal actors)	4/2/2010	0

Data Pulling Instructions

1. Navigate to <https://mgmt.wharton.upenn.edu/faculty/heniszpolcon/polcondataset/>
2. Click the most recent excel file (right now it is 2022 Data Release Excel file)

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