Codebook for Data used in 'Stability and Change in the Freedom House Political Rights and Civil Liberties Measures'

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There are two data sets in the replication archive for this manuscript. The first is in `jpr_replication.csv` and provides the main data for the replication. The variables in the dataset are described below:

Country country name

cowcode Correlates of War State code obtained from `http://www.correlatesofwar.org/COW2%20Data/SystemMembership/2008/System2008.html`

ccode Country code in consecutive integers (for use in the statistical models)

year Year the Freedom House study was done

time Time-periods = $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ (for use in the statistical models)

PR Freedom House original Political Rights classification

CL Freedom House original Civil Liberties classification

Status Freedom House original Freedom Status indicator

A Electoral Process, a sub-indicator of Political Rights

B Political Pluralism and Participation, a sub-indicator of Political Rights

C Functioning of Government, a sub-indicator of Political Rights

D Freedom of Expression and Belief, a sub-indicator of Civil Liberties.

E Associational and Organizational Rights, a sub-indicator of Civil Liberties.

F Rule of Law, a sub-indicator of Civil Liberties.

G Personal Autonomy and Individual Rights, a sub-indicator of Civil Liberties.

physint CIRI physical integrity rights violations, obtained from `http://www.humanrightsdata.org`.

fhpf_num Numeric indicator of Freedom House Press Freedom, obtained from `http://www.freedomhouse.org/template.cfm?page=16`

The Freedom in the World data (including the sub-indicators) were obtained from the following websites:

2006 `http://www.freedomhouse.org/template.cfm?page=278`

2007 `http://www.freedomhouse.org/template.cfm?page=372`

2008 `http://www.freedomhouse.org/template.cfm?page=414`

2009 `http://www.freedomhouse.org/template.cfm?page=483`

I also used data from Heston et al. (2009) regarding country population in 2007. These are in the dataset `jpr_population.csv` with the following variables:

country Country name

abb Three-letter country abbreviation

Population 2007 population, in thousands

ccode Country code in consecutive integers, as in `jpr_replication.csv`.

References

Heston, Alan; Robert Summers & Bettina Aten (2009) Penn world table version 6.3.