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DATA COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

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SUMMARY: This data collection focuses on political regimes and regime transitions in 47 countries in sub-Saharan Africa. The first part of the dataset contains information on the characteristics of post-colonial political regimes from independence to December 31, 1989 (63 variables). Economic variables include GNP per capita, inflation, structural adjustment programs, overseas development assistance, and external debt, while social indicators concern ethnic and religious fragmentation. Political variables provide a listing of every national election in Africa from independence to 1989, for totals of 106 presidential and 185 parliamentary contests, the number of political parties, association groups, and media outlets in each country in 1975 and 1989, and type of political regime, including the duration of each regime in years and the total number and mode of previous regime transitions up to 1989. The second part of the dataset covers the political dynamics of regime transitions for the five-year period from the beginning of 1990 to the end of 1994 (36 variables). The researchers created a standardized framework to identify and categorize the key events and features of political transitions, concentrating on landmark events such as political protests, liberalization reforms, elections, and changes of government in each country. In addition, the researchers assembled a complete set of standard election results for every multiparty contest in Africa between 1990 and 1994, along with information on whether observers ruled the vote as free and fair, whether incumbents were ousted, and whether losers accepted the results.

UNIVERSE: Sub-Saharan African countries.

SAMPLING: Researchers used an inclusive method of case selection covering 47 countries in sub-Saharan Africa. Information was gathered for two time periods: from independence to December 31, 1989, and from the beginning of 1990 to the end of 1994.

NOTE: (1) Users should consult the codebook to obtain the value labels. (2) The codebook is provided as a Portable Document Format (PDF) file. The PDF file format was developed by Adobe Systems Incorporated and can be accessed using the Adobe Acrobat Reader. Information on how to obtain a copy of the Acrobat Reader is provided through the ICPSR Website on the Internet.

EXTENT OF COLLECTION: 1 data file in SPSS and machine-readable documentation and questionnaire.

EXTENT OF PROCESSING: DDEF.ICPSR/ REFORM.DOC/ REFORM.DATA

DATA FORMAT: Logical Record Length with SAS and SPSS data definition statements

File Structure: rectangular

Cases: 47

Variables: 99

Record Length: 289

Records Per Case: 1

RELATED PUBLICATION:

Bratton, Michael, Nicolas van de Walle, et al.
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