

Appendix: Description of Variables used - related Sources – Cases included.

<u>Variables</u>	<u>Sources/Computations</u>
Bi-cameralism	Based on Woldendorp et al., 2000, Table 2.1; Inter-parliamentary Union (IPU)
Balanced Executive/Legislature	Woldendorp et al., 2000, Table 2.5 and own computations
Central government expenditures	World development indicators at www.worldbank.org/data/
Constitutional Years	Keman, 2002
Decentralization	Woldendorp et al, 2000 and own computations
Defence	World development indicators at www.worldbank.org/data/
Democraticness	Computed as the standardized sum of polyarchy and pluralism
Executive-Legislative Balance	Derbyshire and Derbyshire, 1996 and Woldendorp et al., 2000
Duration of democracy	Duration of democracy: 1= new democracy established after 1988 2= recent democracy, established after 1946 3= old democracy, established before 1945 When disturbed the score is 0.5. ; see also: Keman, 2004.
Education	UNDP Human Development Report, 2012
Gini	World development indicators at www.worldbank.org/data/
Health care	UNDP Human Development Report, 2012
HoS dominant	Woldendorp et al., 2000, Table 2.5 and own computations
Human Development Index	UNDP Human Development Report, 2012
Misery	Computed as: [rates of unemployment + inflation]/ 2 Based on data from www.worldbank.org/data/
Parliament dominant Parliamentary System	Woldendorp et al., 2000, Table 2.5 and own computations Inter-parliamentary Union (IPU)
PM dominant	Woldendorp et al., 2000, Table 2.7 and own computations
Pluralism	Z-scores of the indexes of political rights, civil rights are derived from Schmidt, 2008.

Polyarchy	Z-scores of the indexes of Jagers and Gurr and Vanhanen derived from Schmidt, 2008
Population	ILO: World Labour Report 2011
Presidential System	Derbyshire and Derbyshire, 1996
Social policy	ILO: World Labour Report, 2000
State format	Woldendorp et al, 2000, Table 2.2 and own computations
State organization	Woldendorp et al, 2000, Table 2.2 and own computations
Universal suffrage	Based on Woldendorp et al., 2000, Table 2.4 and updates
Welfare services	Sum of social security, health care and education

Cases (N = 44) included are fully fledged democracies (based on: Schmidt, 2008: 392-397, last column): Australia, Austria, Belgium, Botswana, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Mauritius, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom and the USA.