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VARIABLE DEFINITIONS AND SOURCES

Country code (*countrycode*): Number from 1 to 18 that identifies each country.

Country name (*countryname*): Name of the country.

Year (*year*): Year of the presidential election.

Name of the President (*president*): First name and last name of each president.

Presidential Party (*presparty*): Name of the party or coalition that supports the president.

Presidential ideology (*prespartyideo*): We code ideology based on the actual economic policies a president implemented in office, as opposed to the platform he/she campaigned on. In line with the definition of “Left” we used in the article (“...the Left refers to political actors who seek, as a *central programmatic objective*, to reduce social and economic inequalities...”), the main criteria for coding presidential ideology was the economic policies implemented during the presidential term. To code ideology, we rate each president on a score on a 5-point scale, where 1 is Left, 2 is Center-Left, 3 is Center, 4 is Center-Right and 5 is Right. We code personalistic parties with no clear ideology as well as parties coded in Coppedge (1997) as “unknown/other” as missing observations. The scores are modified from Coppedge (1997) and its various extensions, including Huber, Mustillo and Stephens (2008), Murillo and Martinez-Gallardo (2007), Weisheimeier and Benoit (2007), and consultations with country experts. We consulted the following country experts: Argentina (Ernesto Calvo, Victoria Murillo); Bolivia (Raúl Madrid); Brazil (David Samuels); Chile (David Altman, Juan Pablo Luna); Colombia (Ana Maria Bejarano, Steven Taylor, Jose Antonio Ocampo); Costa Rica (Ronald Alfaro-Redondo, Kirk Bowman, Kevin Casas-Zamora); Dominican Republic (Jonathan Hartlyn, Andrew Schrank), Ecuador (Carolina Curvale, Flavia Freidenberg, Andres Mejia Acosta, Jorge Leon Trujillo); El Salvador (Ronald Alfaro-Redondo); Guatemala (Ronald Alfaro-Redondo); Honduras (Daniel Altschuler, Jose Rene Argueta, Ronald Alfaro-Redondo); Mexico (Cecilia Martinez-Gallardo, Guillermo Rosas); Nicaragua (Ronald Alfaro-Redondo); Panama (Ronald Alfaro-Redondo, Orlando Perez); Paraguay (Diego Abente Brun); Peru (Julio Carrion, Cynthia McClintock, Steven Levitsky); Uruguay (David Altman, Juan Pablo Luna); Venezuela (Brian Crisp, Margarita López Maya)

Ideology of the campaign (*campaignideology*): We code ideology of the campaign based on the economic policies a president espoused during the pre-election campaign period. This is distinct from the variable “**Presidential Ideology**,” which measures the ideology of a president once in office. To code ideology, we rate each president on a score on a 5-point scale, where 1 is Left, 2 is Center-Left, 3 is Center, 4 is Center-Right and 5 is Right. See **Presidential Ideology** for sources.

Presidential vote (*presvote*): Presidential vote share obtained by a candidate in the first round of elections. Only parties that obtained more than 5 percent of the vote were included. Data adapted from Murillo (2009), Stokes (2009), Nohlen (2005), and the Political Database of the Americas (Georgetown University).

Primary Presidential Challenger Party (*challparty*): Party of the primary challenger for the presidency. “Primary” is defined as the candidate with the second largest vote share.

Ideology of the Primary Presidential Challenger (*challpartyideo*): Ideology of the primary challenger for the presidency. Please refer to the variable, **Presidential ideology**, for details on how this variable was coded.

Challenger’s Name (*challname*): First and last name of the primary presidential challenger.

Primary Challenger’s Vote Share (*challvote*): Vote share of the primary presidential challenger.

Challenger _n’s Party (*chall_nparty*): Party of the _nth challenger for the presidency.

Challenger _n’s Ideology (*chall_nideo*): Ideology of the _nth challenger for the presidency. Please refer to the variable, **Presidential ideology**, for details on how this variable was coded.

Challenger _n’s Name (*chall_nname*): First and last name of the _nth presidential challenger.

Challenger _n’s Vote Share (*chall_nvote*): Vote share of the _nth presidential challenger.

Primary opposition party (*opp1*): Primary opposition party in the legislature. “Primary” is defined as the party with the second largest seat share in the legislature.

Ideology of the primary opposition (*opp1ideo*): Ideology of the primary opposition party in the Legislature. See **Presidential Ideology** for details on coding and sources.

Year of democratization (*yearofdemocratization*): Year of the most recent transition to democracy. From Freedom House and Polity IV Project.

Age of democracy (*ageofdemocracy*): Number of years since most recent transition to democracy. The year of the first democratic election is considered year 1.

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