

All variables in McGuirePolRegSocPerf.xlsx, except those listed below, are taken directly from Teorell, Jan, Marcus Samanni, Sören Holmberg, and Bo Rothstein (2011). The Quality of Government Dataset, version 6Apr11. University of Gothenburg: The Quality of Government Institute, <http://www.qog.pol.gu.se>.

**gta\_stock:** Democracy stock variable utilized in Gerring, Thacker, and Alfaro 2012. Kindly provided by John Gerring as an email attachment 19 January 2012.

**wig\_stock:** Variable demstock from Table1data.csv accessed November 11, 2011, at <http://www.bilkent.edu.tr/~wigley/WP2011data.zip>. Data are associated with Simon Wigley and Arzu Akkoyunlu-Wigley. 2011. "The Impact of Regime-Type on Health: Does Redistribution Explain Everything?" *World Politics* 63(4), pp. 647-678.

**jwm\_stock2:** each country's p\_polity2 score from 1946 forward was rescaled from -10 to +10 to 1 to 21. JWM\_stock2 is the cumulative total of the rescaled p\_polity2 scores from 1946 to the indicated year.

**jwm\_stock:**  $jwm\_stock2 \div \text{number of years over which } jwm\_stock2 \text{ was cumulated}$ . This quotient multiplied by 10/21 (.486) equals the variable demlong0to10 utilized in McGuire, "Political Regime and Social Performance"

**trend:** 1972 is assigned 1, 1973 is assigned 2,...2008 is assigned 37.

**jwm\_stock5:** each country's p\_polity2 score for the indicated year and the previous four years was rescaled from -10 to +10 to 1 to 21. The country's score in the indicated year was then averaged with its scores in the past four years. The result was multiplied by 10/21 (0.476) in order to rescale the variable from 0 to 10. This is the variable dem5yr0to10 utilized in McGuire, "Political Regime and Social Performance."  
imrwdi: Infant mortality rate as recorded in World Bank, World Development Indicators online, accessed August 28, 2012.