Appendix B: Belt and Road and UNGA Voting

Codebook

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Data sources

BRI data

In a first step I read the data that contains information on the sign dates. I create a second column with country names to create a dyadic dataset.

The base data is prepared for now. In the next steps I prepare the aggreagte data that contain the control variables.

Polity data

World Bank data on GDP, GDP per Capita, and GDP change

Fariss Human Rights Indicator

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dyad_id

Numeric ID of country pairs. For example: Afghanistan - Albania is ID 1.

ctry1

First country in Dyad ID, country name.

ctry2

Second country in Dyad ID, country name.

cown1

First country in Dyad ID, correlates of war numeric identifier.

cown2

First country in Dyad ID, correlates of war numeric identifier.

year

Numeric year

ctry1_mou

Date of MoU signature for country 1 in Dyad

ctry2_mou

Date of MoU signature for country 2 in Dyad

ctry1_neg

Date of MoU-negotiation start for country 1 in Dyad

ctry2_neg

Date of MoU-negotiation start for country 2 in Dyad

ctry1_bri_start

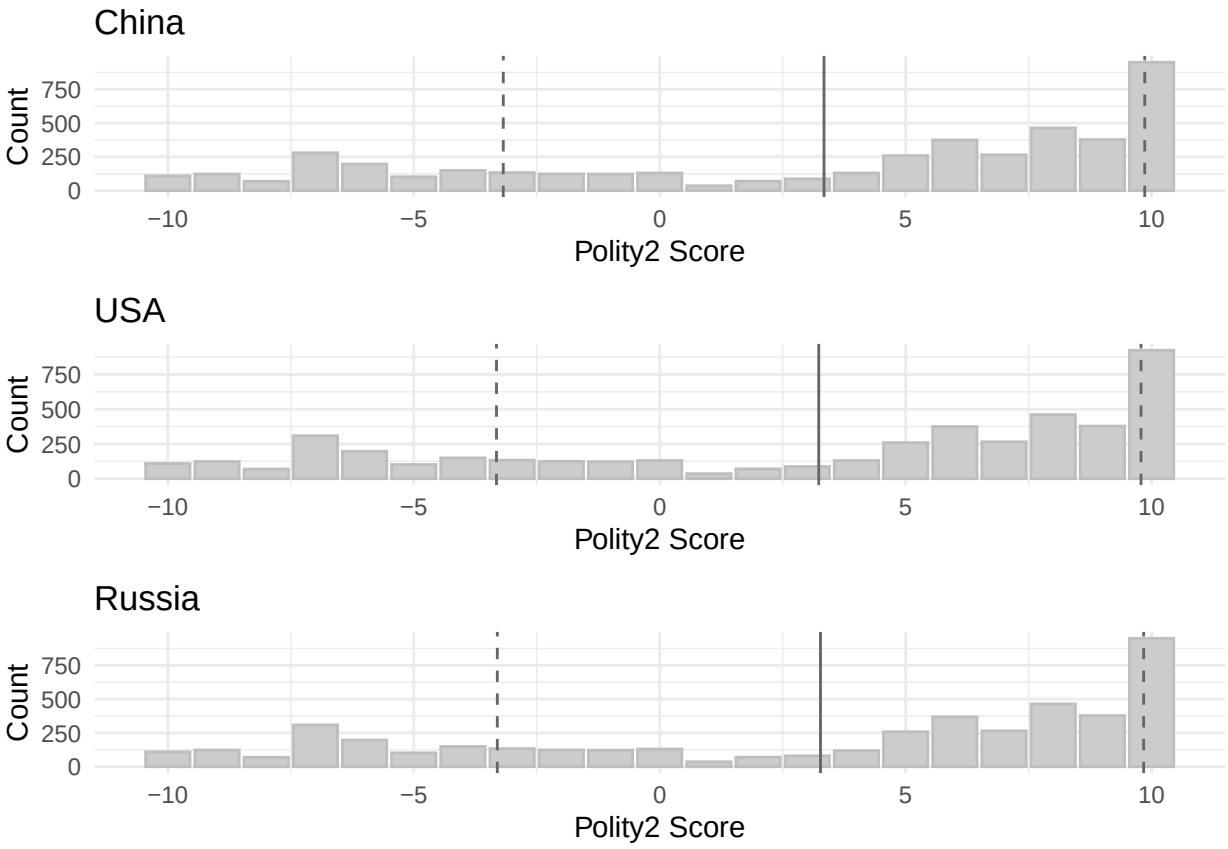
Date of construction start for country 1 in Dyad

ctry2_bri_start

Date of construction start for country 2 in Dyad

ctry1_polity2

Country 1 Polity2 Score. "Revised Combined Polity Score: This variable is a modified version of the POLITY variable added in order to facilitate the use of the POLITY regime measure in time-series analyses." (from Polity codebook)



Comparrison Country	Mean	Standard Deviation
China	3.34	6.52
United States	3.23	6.55
Russia	3.27	6.57

ctry2_polity2

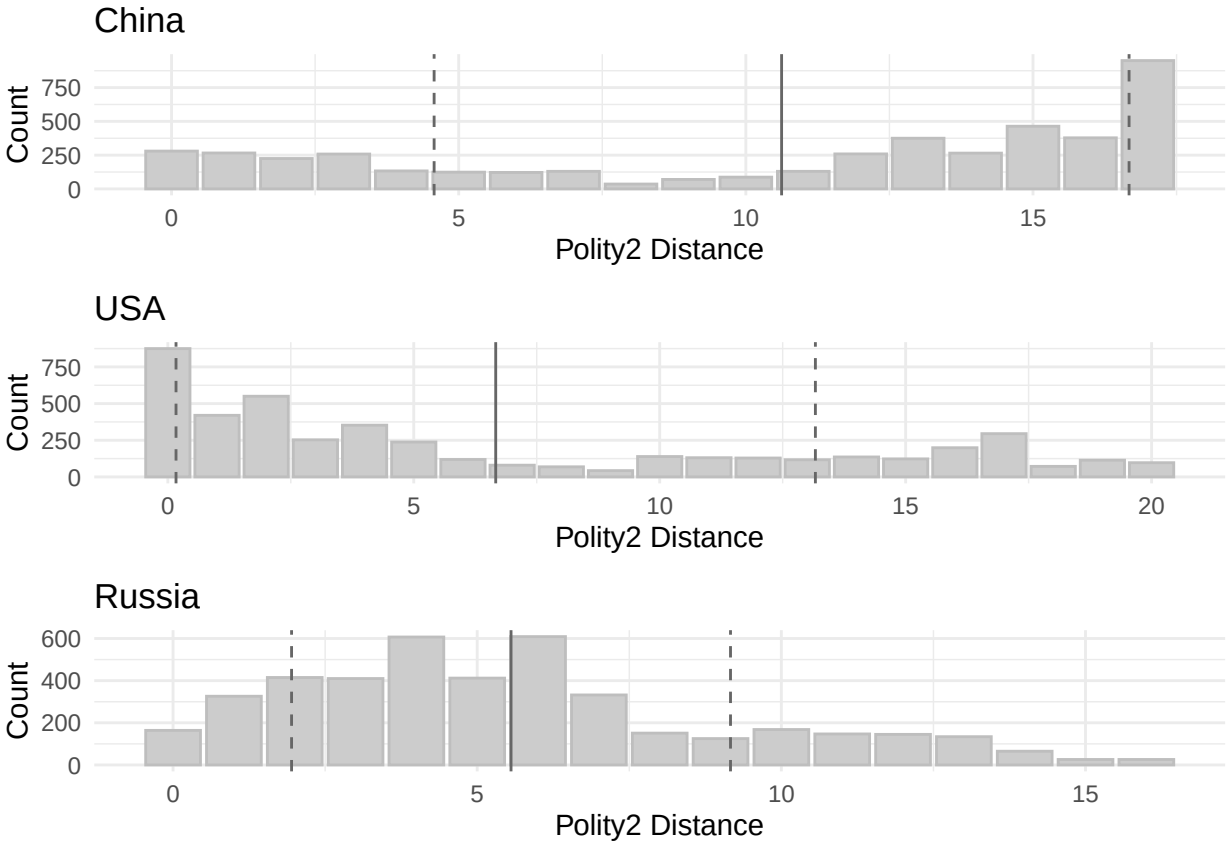
Country 2 Polity2 Score. "Revised Combined Polity Score: This variable is a modified version of the POLITY variable added in order to facilitate the use of the POLITY regime measure in time-series analyses." (from Polity codebook)

These are the polity scores of China, Russia, and the US respectively.

Country	Mean	Standard Deviation
China	-7.00	0.00
United States	9.79	0.61
Russia	4.30	1.11

polity2_dist

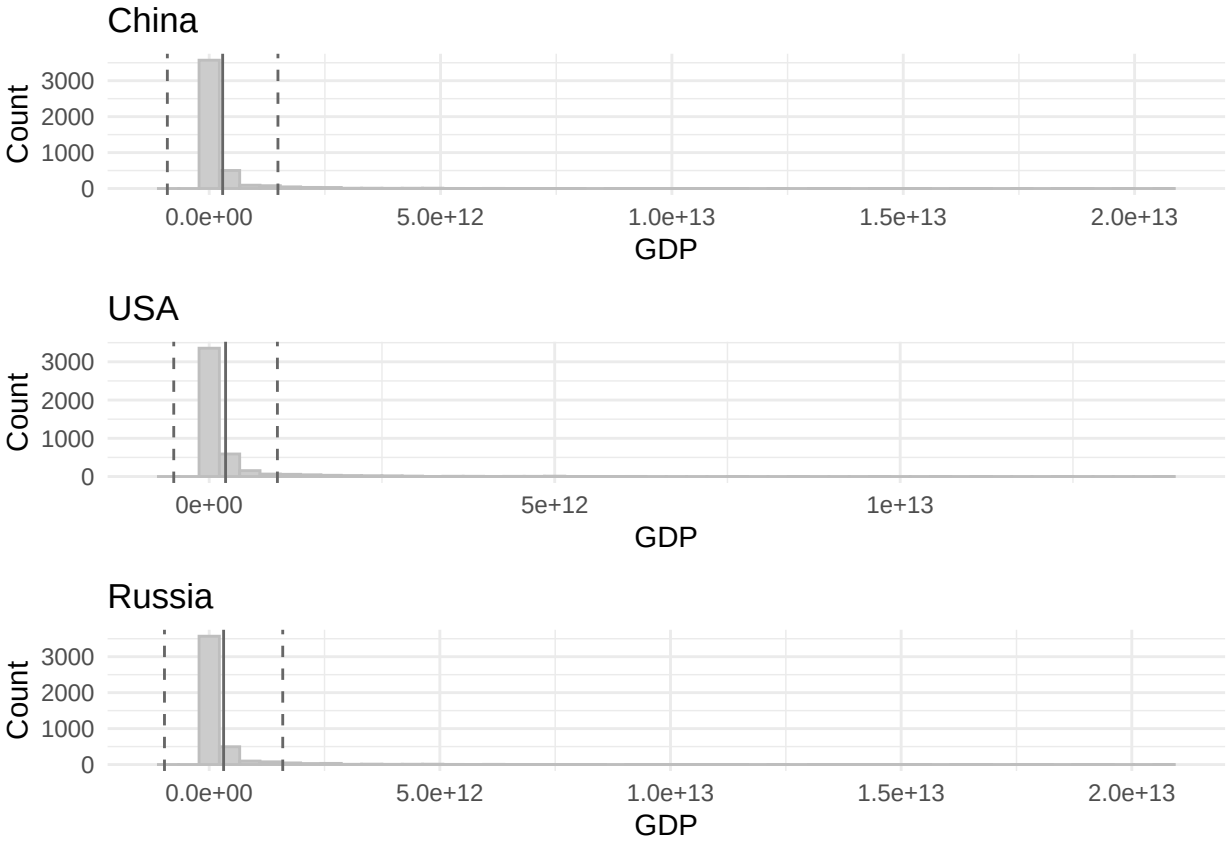
Absolute distance between the polity2 scores of country 1 and country 2.



Comparrison Country	Mean	Standard Deviation
China	10.62	6.05
United States	6.67	6.50
Russia	5.56	3.61

ctry1_gdp

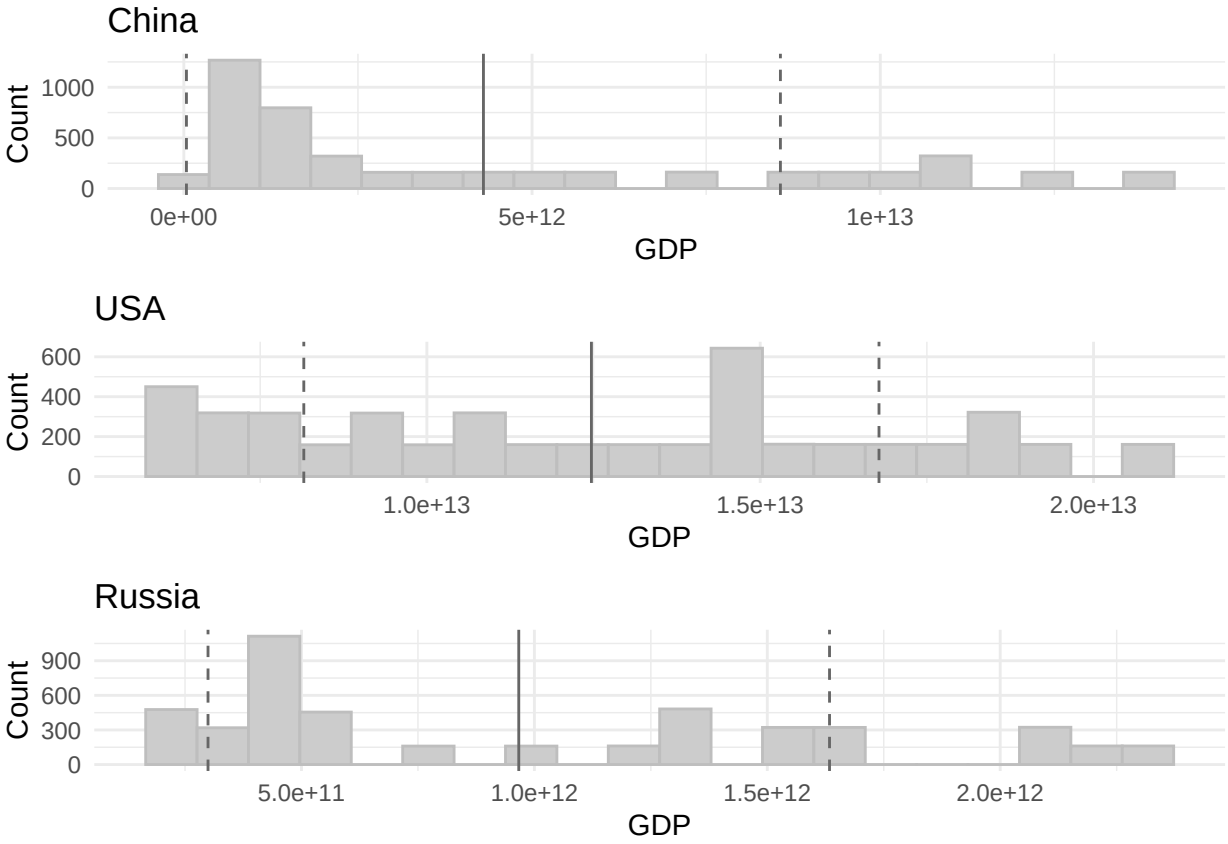
Gross Domestic Product in US Dollars (2015), taking from World Bank, for country 1.



Comparrison Country	Mean	Standard Deviation
China	290295805807	1.195000e+12
United States	236929569621	7.499884e+11
Russia	311983578578	1.281712e+12

ctry2_gdp

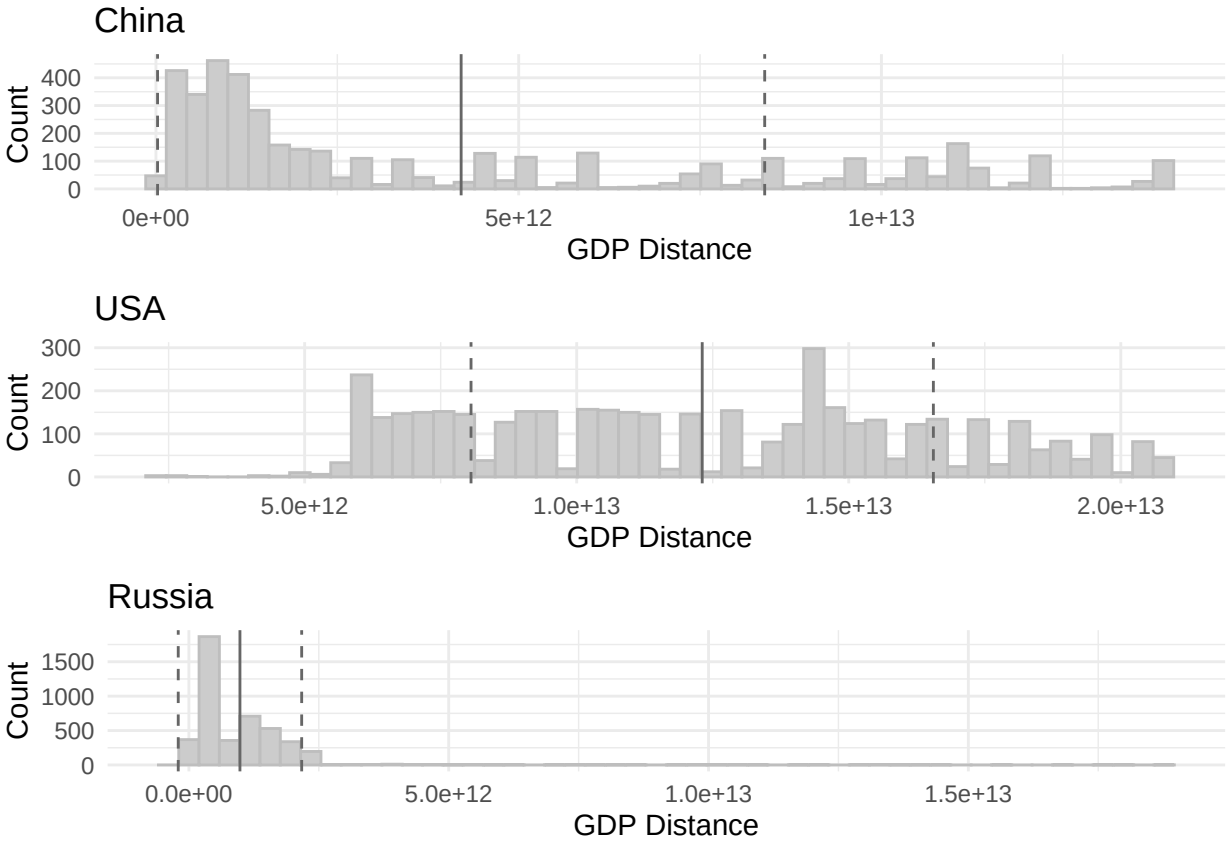
Gross Domestic Product in US Dollars (2015), taking from World Bank, for country 2.



Comparrison Country	Mean	Standard Deviation
China	4.301968e+12	4.264167e+12
United States	1.246813e+13	4.313788e+12
Russia	9.664562e+11	6.671212e+11

gdp_dist

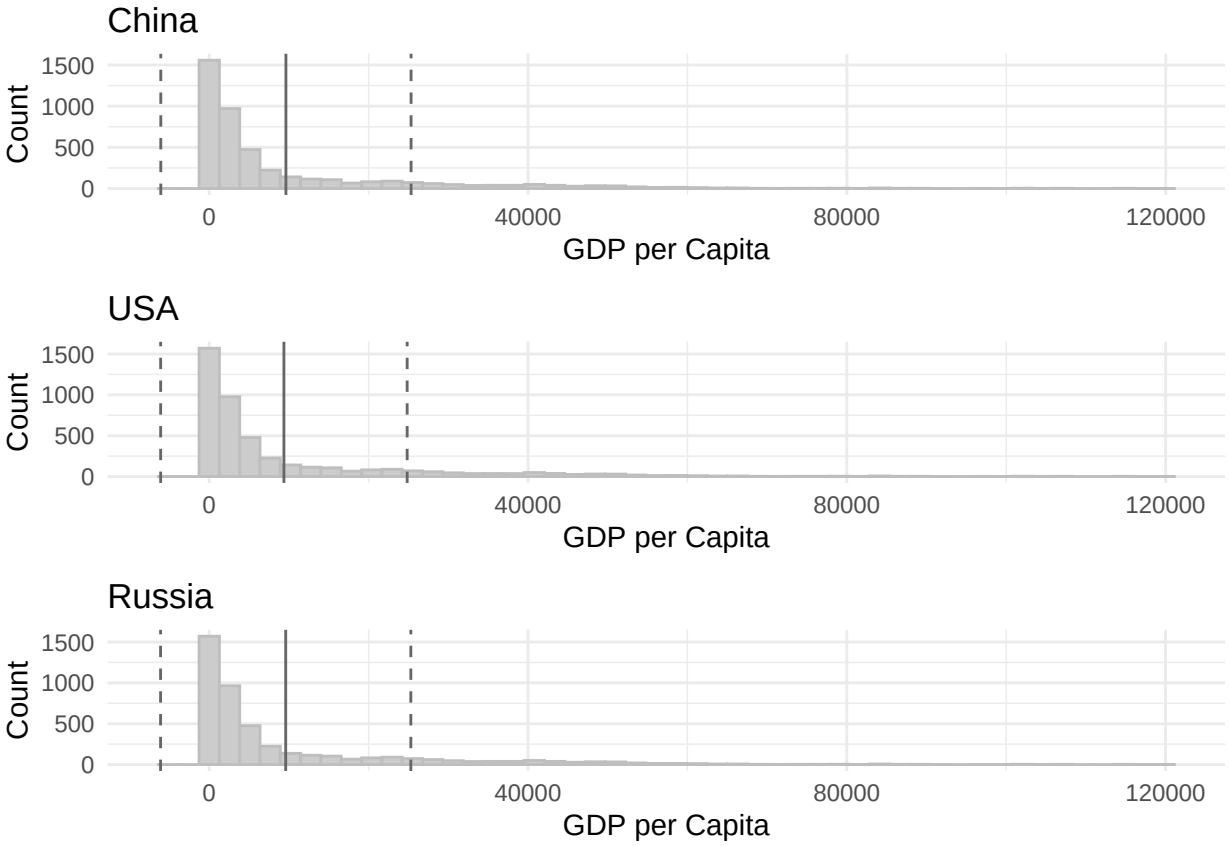
Absolute difference between gdp of country 1 and country 2.



Comparrison Country	Mean	Standard Deviation
China	4.206562e+12	4.184442e+12
United States	1.230668e+13	4.248736e+12
Russia	9.824891e+11	1.187697e+12

ctry1_gdp_cap

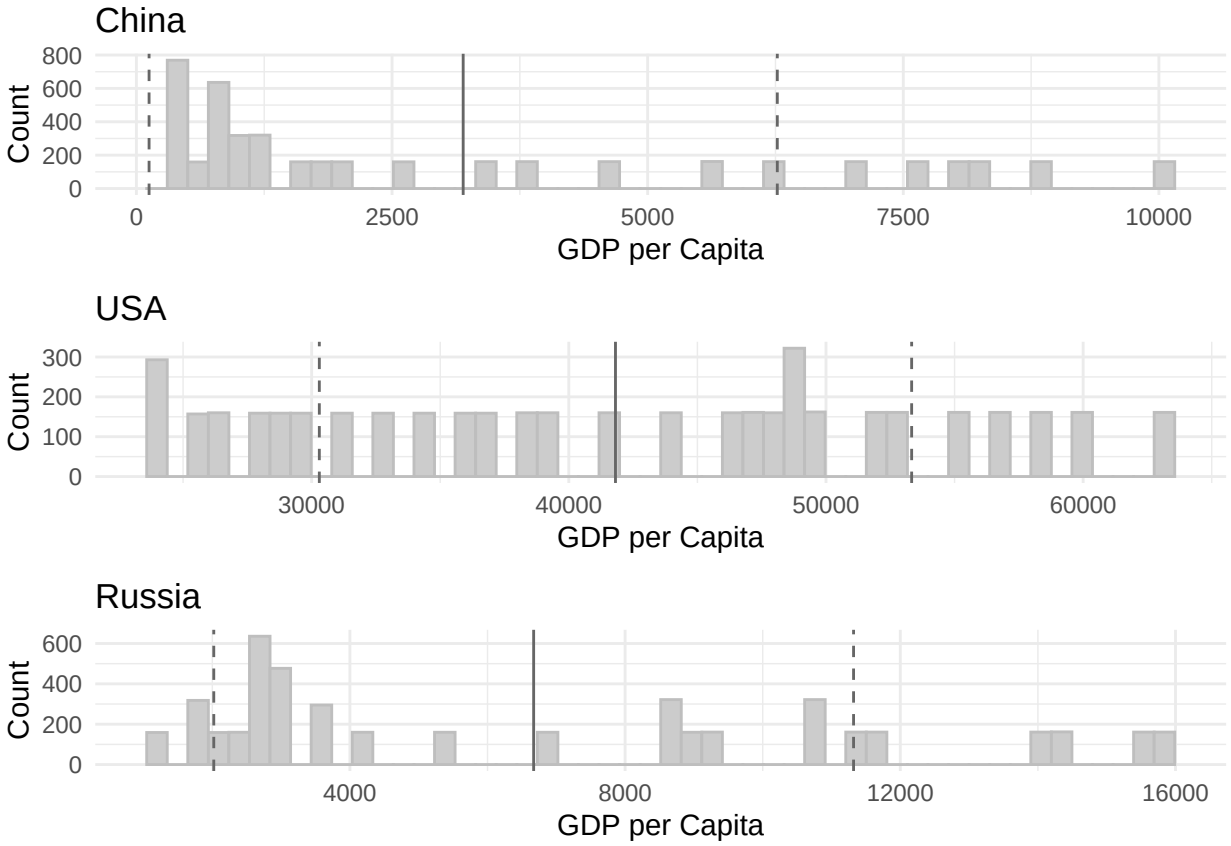
Gross Domestic Product per Capita in US Dollars (2015), taking from World Bank, for country 2.



Comparrison Country	Mean	Standard Deviation
China	9623.85	15699.96
United States	9371.66	15464.83
Russia	9598.39	15701.24

ctry2_gdp_cap

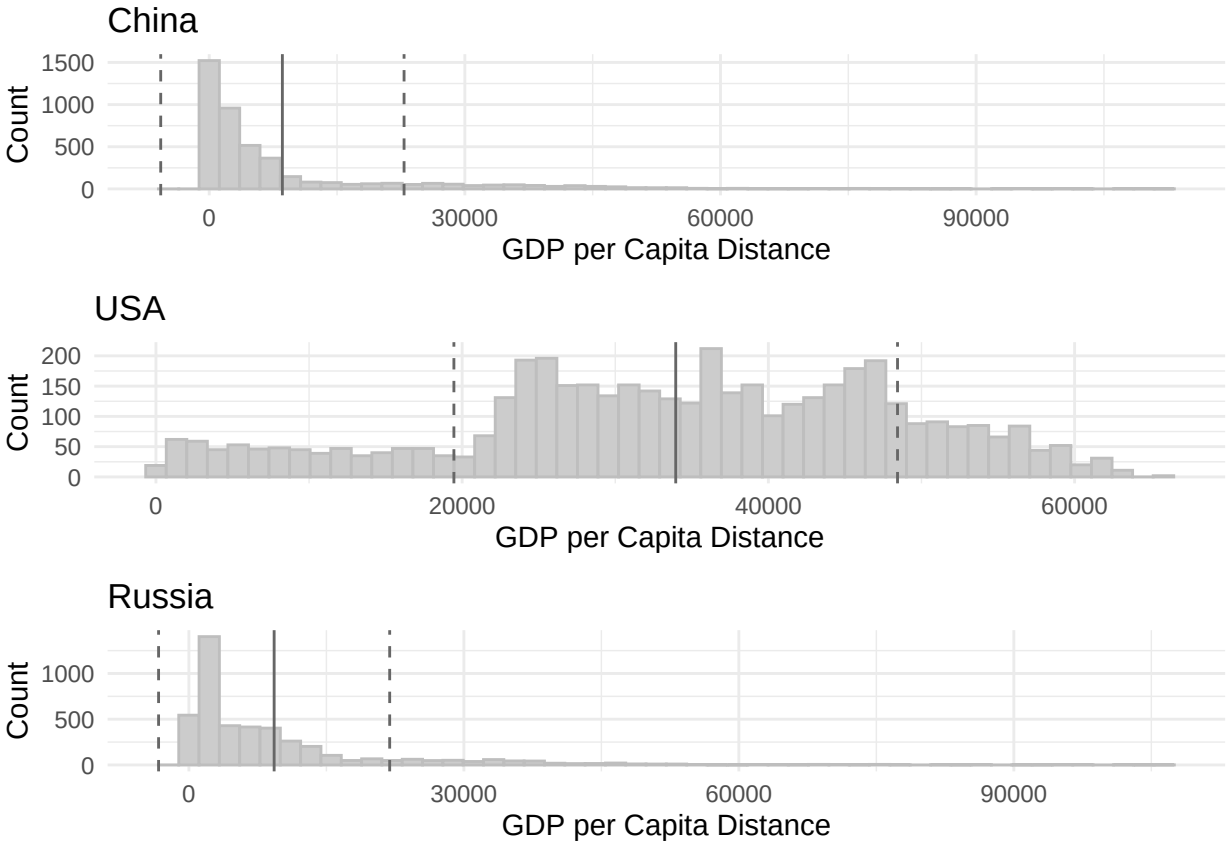
Gross Domestic Product per capita in US Dollars (2015), taking from World Bank, for country 2.



Comparrison Country	Mean	Standard Deviation
China	3195.73	3071.92
United States	41814.59	11516.37
Russia	6670.78	4649.70

gdp_cap_dist

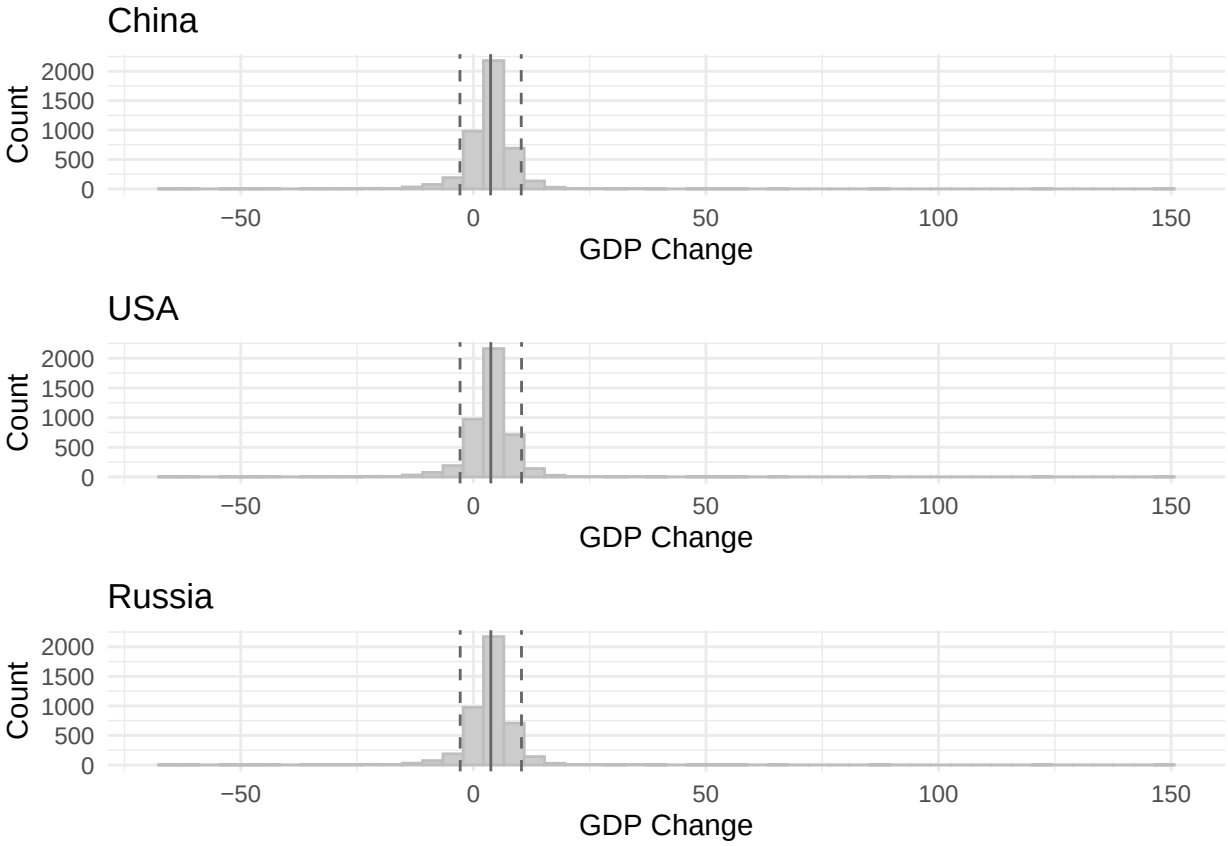
Absolute difference ind GDP per capita between country 1 and country 2.



Comparrison Country	Mean	Standard Deviation
China	8586.40	14277.94
United States	33947.77	14487.89
Russia	9299.51	12607.42

ctry1_gdp_change

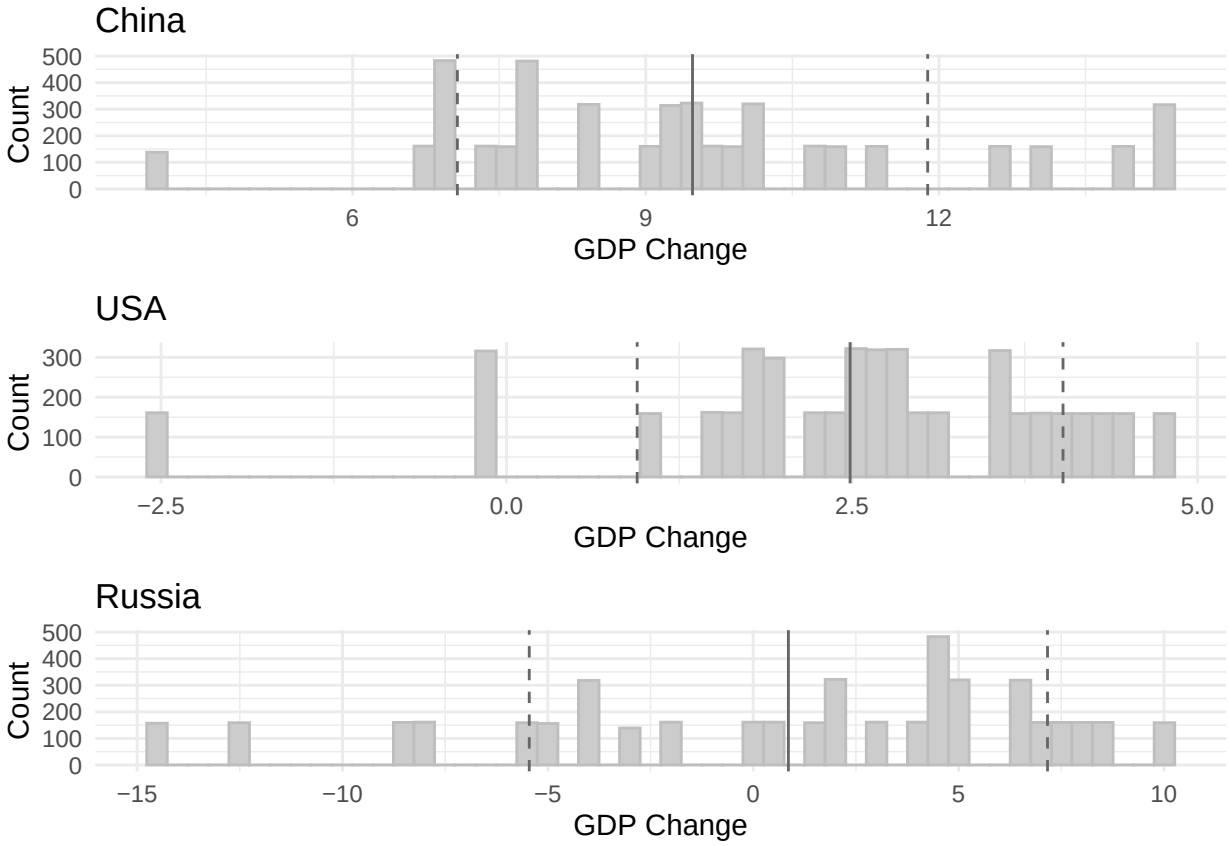
Percentage change in GDP for country 1.



Comparrison Country	Mean	Standard Deviation
China	3.71	6.59
United States	3.75	6.61
Russia	3.76	6.59

ctry2_gdp_change

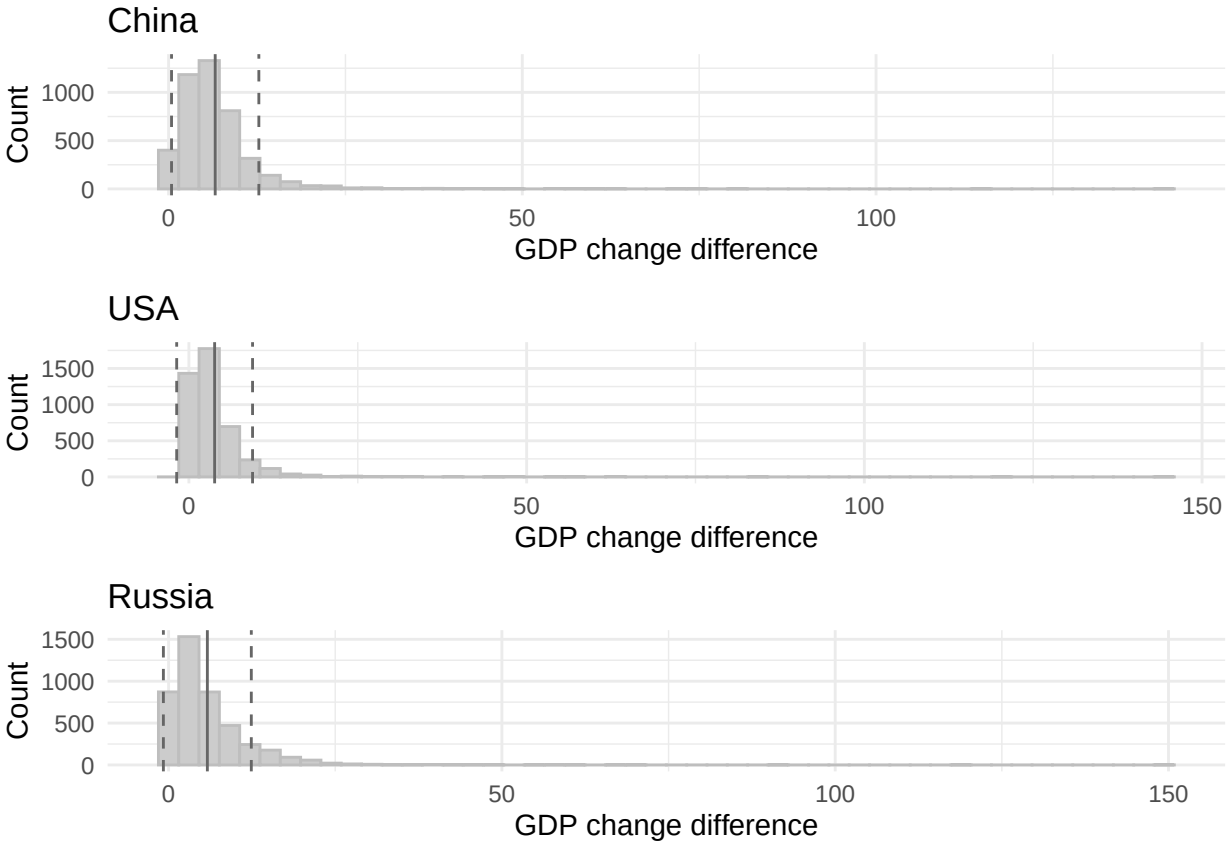
Percentage change in GDP for country 2.



Comparrison Country	Mean	Standard Deviation
China	9.48	2.41
United States	2.49	1.54
Russia	0.86	6.31

gdp_change_dist

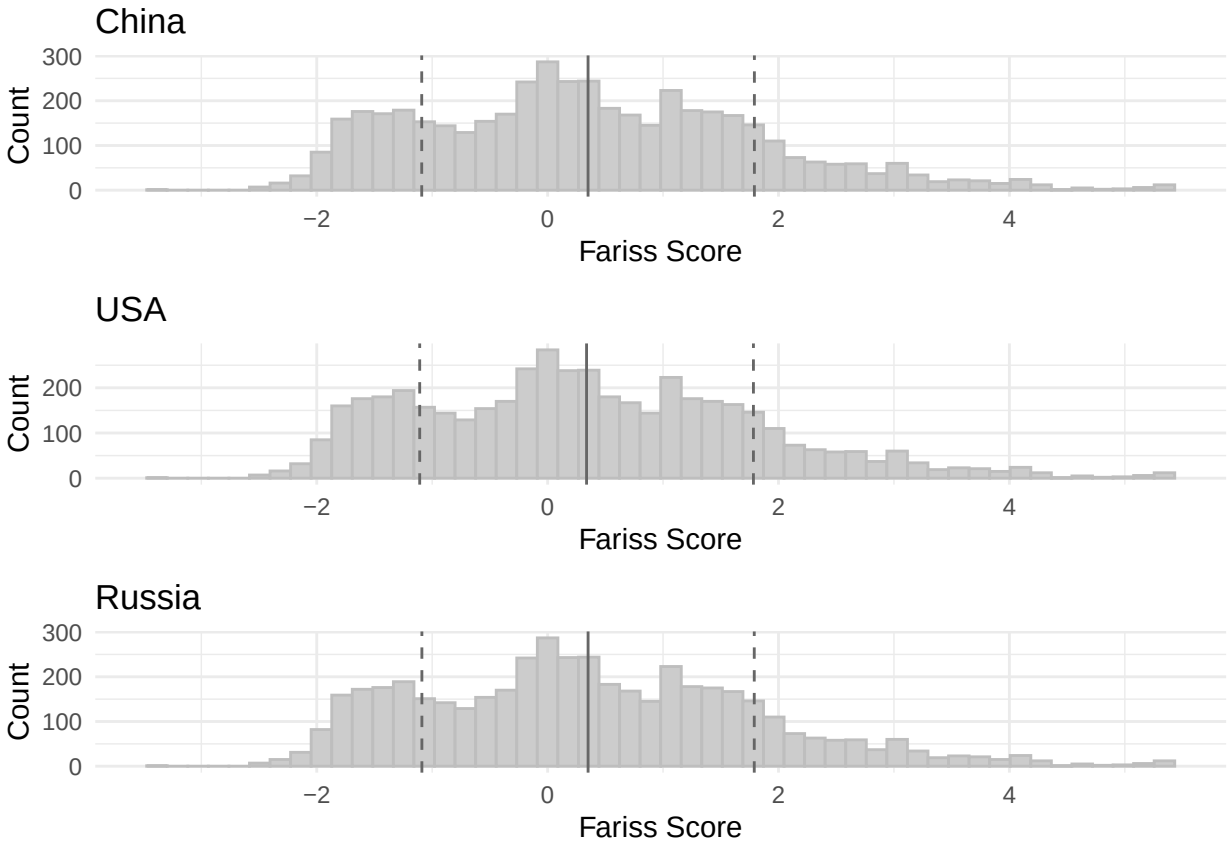
Absolute distance in percentage change in GDP between country 1 and country 2.



Comparrison Country	Mean	Standard Deviation
China	6.59	6.17
United States	3.81	5.62
Russia	5.81	6.59

ctry1_fariss

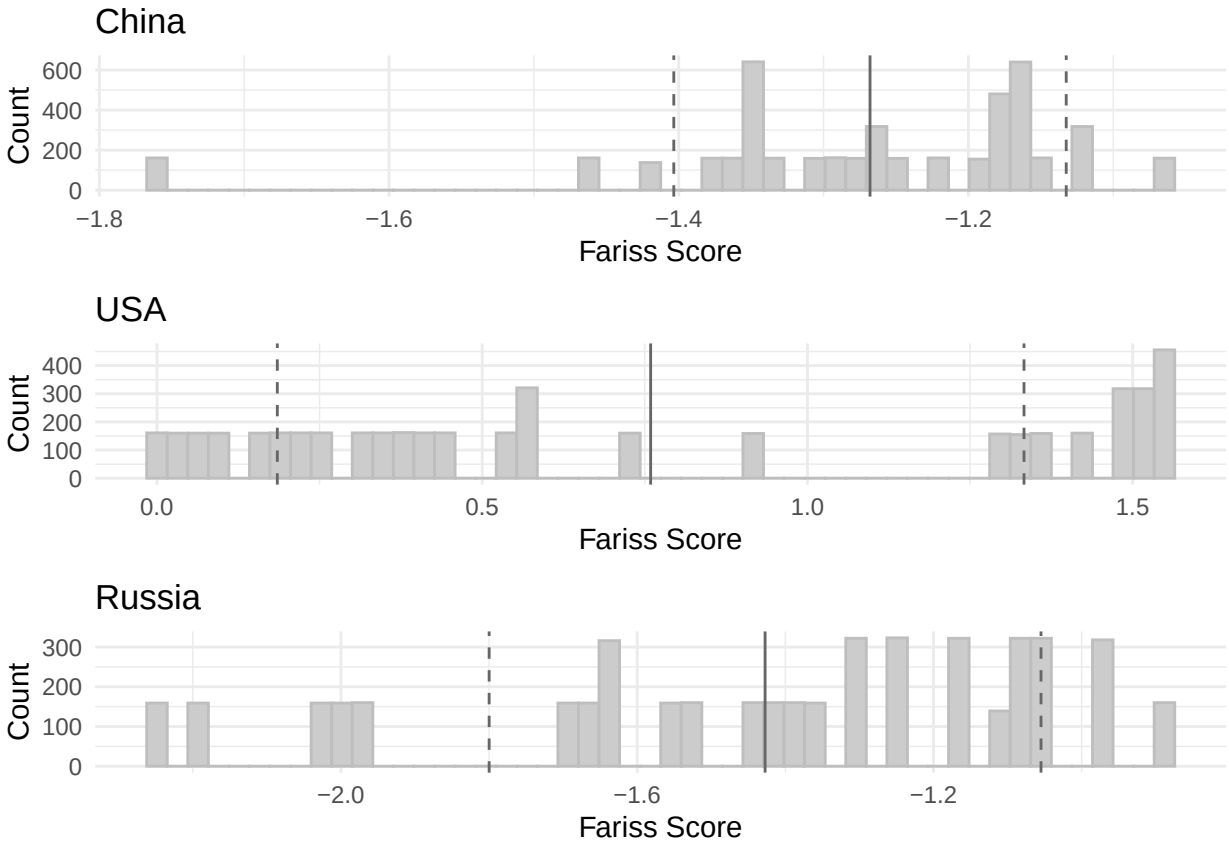
the posterior mean of the new latent variable for Country 1 described in "Fariss, Christopher; Michael Kenwick; Kevin Reuning, 2020,"Latent Human Rights Protection Scores Version 4", https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/RQ85GK, Harvard Dataverse, V2, UNF:6:QPg88sybNJyuljPYph2OXQ== [fileUNF]"



Comparrison Country	Mean	Standard Deviation
China	0.35	1.44
United States	0.34	1.45
Russia	0.35	1.44

ctry2_fariss

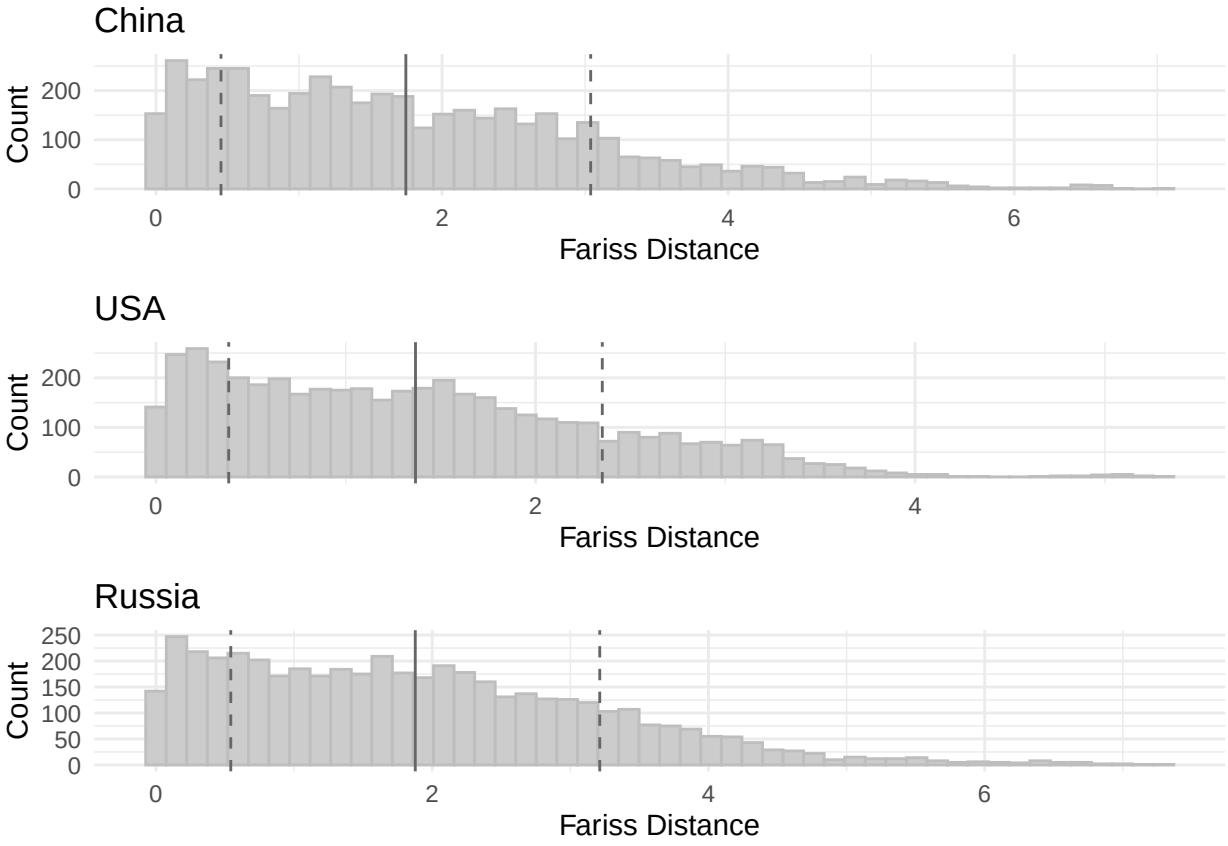
the posterior mean of the new latent variable for Country 2 described in "Fariss, Christopher; Michael Kenwick; Kevin Reuning, 2020,"Latent Human Rights Protection Scores Version 4", https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/RQ85GK, Harvard Dataverse, V2, UNF:6:QPg88sybNJyuljPYph2OXQ== [fileUNF]"



Comparrison Country	Mean	Standard Deviation
China	-1.27	0.14
United States	0.76	0.57
Russia	-1.43	0.37

fariss_dist

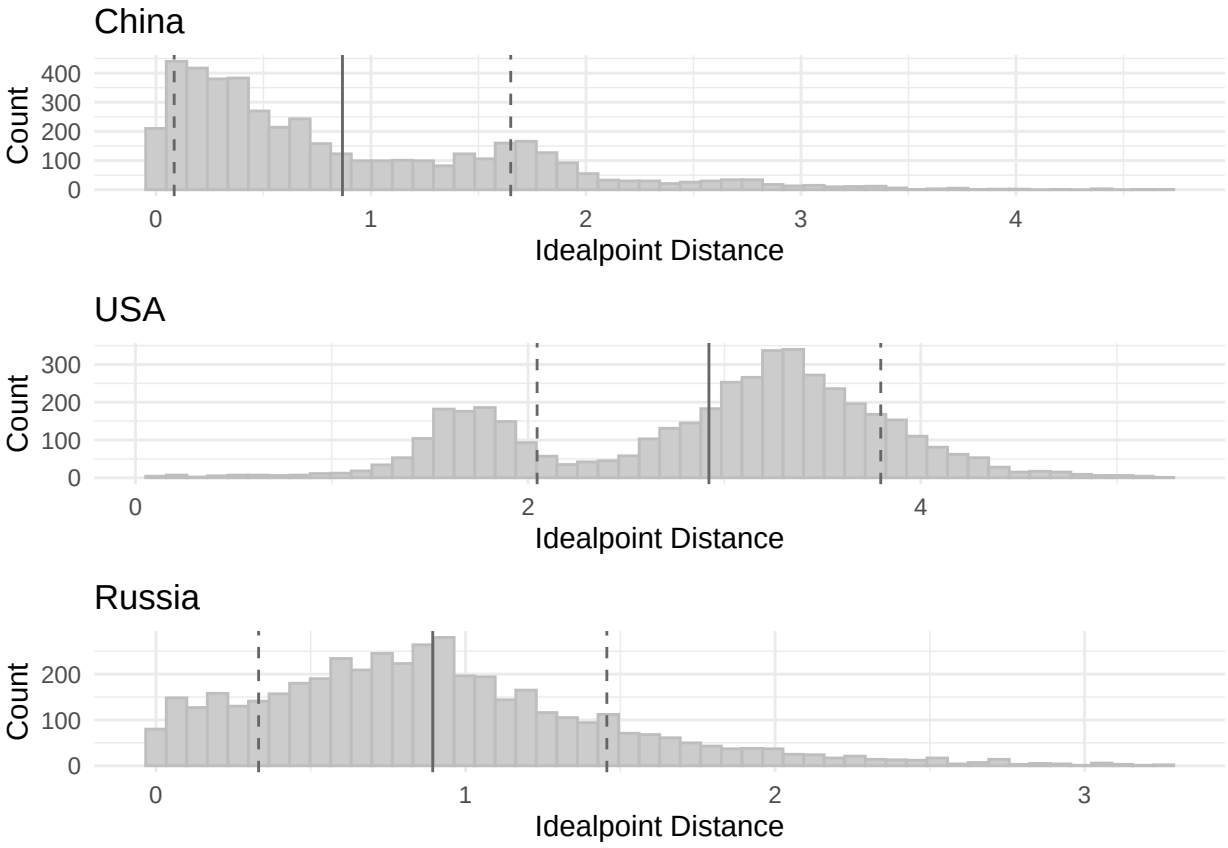
Distance in Fariss HR scores for country 1 and country 2.



Comparrison Country	Mean	Standard Deviation
China	1.75	1.29
United States	1.37	0.98
Russia	1.88	1.34

IdealPointDistance

Voting similarity index between ccode1 and ccode2 in a given sesson – computed using 3 category vote data (1 = "yes" or approval for an issue; 2 = abstain, 3 = "no" or disapproval for an issue.) - Abstention is counted as half-agreement with a yes or no vote. (from: Erik Voeten "Data and Analyses of Voting in the UN General Assembly" Routledge Handbook of International Organization, edited by Bob Reinalda (published May 27, 2013). Available at SSRN: http://ssrn.com/abstract=2111149)



Comparrison Country	Mean	Standard Deviation
China	0.87	0.78
United States	2.92	0.88
Russia	0.89	0.56