Boix-Miller-Rosato (BMR) Dichotomous Coding of Democracy, Version 3.0

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This is an updated version of our data set, now covering all sovereign countries (including micro-states[1]) from 1800 to 2015. The coding rules and data references are included in the above paper. This version includes 18,155 democracy observations across 222 distinct countries. A list of changes to the previous versions is included below.

List of Variables

country: Country name

ccode: COW country code
abbreviation: World Bank 3-letter code
abbreviation_ucdp: UCDP 3-letter code

year: Year [1800-2015]

democracy: Dichotomous democracy measure

democracy_omitteddata: This is the same measure as **democracy**, except it records an NA for countries occupied during an international war (e.g., the Netherlands 1940-44) or experiencing state collapse during a civil war (e.g., Lebanon 1976-89). The **democracy** variable instead fills in these years as continuations of the same regime type to avoid coding democratic transitions as occurring at the end of military occupations. Researchers who want to code this differently can fill in the NA values in **democracy_omitteddata** with 0.

democracy_femalesuffrage: This adjusts **democracy** by also requiring that at least half of adult women have the right to vote. 30 countries have changed values.

sovereign: Dichotomous indicator of sovereignty/independence (note: if 0, **democracy** is NA)

The following are based on **democracy**:

- **democracy_trans**: -1 = Democratic breakdown, 0 = No change, 1 = Transition (current year)
- **democracy_breakdowns**: Country's number of democratic breakdowns (up to current year)
- **democracy_duration**: Consecutive years of current regime type

1 Generally, we use United Nations membership to define when micro-states enter the data set.

Changes from Version 1.0 to 2.0

We changed the dates for three cases of democratization:

- Costa Rica was changed from 1948 to 1949.
- Brazil was changed from 1979 to 1985.
- Bangladesh was changed from 1986 to 1991.

Changes from Version 2.0 to 3.0

- South Sudan and Sudan-North have been added as new countries.
- Kosovo is coded as sovereign (and democratic) starting in 2012.
- San Marino is now coded as sovereign from 1800, democratizing in 1945.
- We added a variable (**democracy_femalesuffrage**) that requires a level of female suffrage.