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VARIABLE	DESC	SOURCE
id	country-year-qtr	
country.year	country year	
country.year.lag	lagged country-year	
country.qtr.lag	lagged country-year-qtr	
wbcode	World bank TLA	
country	country name	
year	year	
qtr	quarter	
period	period indicator for spline calc	
start	period indicator for elapsed time	
stop	period indicator for elapsed time	
status.pact.new	status/censoring indicator for new pacts	
under.pact	indicate a pact in effect	
pact.die	status/censoring indicator for pact collapse	
strata.new	the number of pact that a country is at risk for in that period	
election	=1 if there is an election in that qtr	Kayser, Wikipedia
elec.in.next.6q	=1 if there is an election in any of the next 6q	Author
ciep	constitutional interelection period	Kayser, Wikipedia
tsle.ciep	Time since last election to the lower legislative house as proportion of the constitutional interelection period for such elections.	Kayser, calc
inflation.annual	GDP deflator	WDI
inflation.interp	GDP deflator interpolated to the quarterly level	WDI
lag.inflation	GDP deflator interpolated to the quarterly level and lagged 1q	WDI
lag.unemployment	Quarterly standardized unemployment lagged 1q	OECD
grgdpch	Growth in real per capita GDP interpolated to the quarterly level by assigning annual value to all qtrs in a year.	PWT
curacct.annual	Current account balance as %GDP, reported annual values	WDI
curacct.interp	Current account balance as %GDP interporlated to the quarterly level	WDI
lag.curacct	Current account balance as %GDP interporlated to the quarterly level and lagged 1Q	WDI
deficit.annual	-1× overall government budget balance as % GDP reported annual values	WDI
deficit.interp	-1× overall government budget balance as % GDP interpolated to the quarterly level	WDI
lag.deficit	-1× overall government budget balance as % GDP interpolated to the quarterly level and lagged 1q	WDI
openk.annual	(Exports + Imports)/GDP in current $US	PWT

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openk.interp	(Exports + Imports)/GDP in current $US interpolated to quarterly level	PWT
lag.openk	(Exports + Imports)/GDP in current $US interpolated to quarterly level and lagged 1q	PWT
maastricht	=1 if a country has ratified the Maastricht treaty	Author
euro	=1 if country is a Euro country	Author
leftgs	Proportion of the total number of legislative seats controlled by the government parties that are due to Left parties	Swank
enpp	effective number of parliamentary parties	Golder
cab.maj	=1 if the government coalition controls a majority of seats in lower house	CCPD, Wikipedia
exec.party	party of the executive (L,R,C)	DPI
exec.R	=1 if R	DPI
govrigh	right parties as % cabinet posts, wghtd by days	Armingeon/CWSR
govcen	center parties as % cabinet posts, wghtd by days	Armingeon/CWSR
govleft	left parties as % cabinet posts, wghtd by days	Armingeon/CWSR

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