README

This is the ReadMe file for the replication materials related to the article: Kostelka, Filip. 2017. "Does Democratic Consolidation Lead to a Decline in Voter Turnout? Global Evidence Since 1939." *American Political Science Review*. Doi: 10.1017/S0003055417000259

This document briefly describes and introduces the replication materials. When using them in your work, please, cite my article and/or refer directly to the dataset: Kostelka, Filip, 2017, "Voter Turnout in New and Established Democracies 1939-2015", doi:10.7910/DVN/MYSRXT, Harvard Dataverse.

Thank you.

Composition of the Replication Materials

The replication materials consist of two datasets and a STATA do-file. The first dataset (Kostelka_Dataset1_Established.dta) contains elections in established democracies and founding elections in new democracies. It is used for Analysis 1. The other dataset (Kostelka_Dataset2_New.dta) contains elections in new democracies and is used for Analysis 2. The do-file allows for a replication of both Analysis 1 and Analysis 2 (as well as all the robustness checks presented in the article's Supplemental Materials).

Warning

If you want to merge the two datasets and use them in your research project, please note that:

1) Founding democratic elections are currently in both datasets (I suggest that you remove them from Dataset 1)

2) The variable *Country* is coded differently in each dataset and the variable *Election_Number* has a slightly different meaning for established and new democracies. For established democracies, Election_Number indicates the election number since democratic consolidation as operationalized in the article. For new democracies, Election_Number corresponds to the election number since democratization. The remaining variables are compatible across the two datasets.

Data Sources for the Substantive Variables

The variables are described in greater detail in the article. The following table of data sources presents information that is available in the Supplemental Materials:

Variables	Source
Voter Turnout (called **Turnout** in the datasets) Closeness Decisiveness Voting Age (**Voting_age**) Electorate size (ln) (**logElectorate**) (Semi-)Presidential System (**Direct_pres**) Concurrent Elections (**Concurrent**)	Nohlen, Dieter, ed. 2005. *Elections in the Americas: South America.* Oxford: Oxford University Press. Nohlen, Dieter, Florian Grotz, and Christof Hartmann, eds. 2001. *Elections in Asia and the Pacific: The Middle East, Central Asia, and South Asia.* Oxford: Oxford University Press. Nohlen, Dieter, Michael Krennerich, and Bernhard Thibaut, eds. 1999. *Elections in Africa: A Data Handbook.* Oxford: Oxford University Press. Nohlen, Dieter, and Philip Stöver, eds. 2010. *Elections in Europe: A Data Handbook.* Baden-Baden, Germany: Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft. For the most recent elections (late 2000s and early 2010s): www.electionguide.org, www.ipu.org, www.idea.int, http://africanelections.tripod.com, http://psephos.adam-carr.net. These websites were accessed in November 2012 (for elections before until 2011) and in January 2017 (for elections after 2011). Note: Voter turnout rates were systematically cross-validated using www.idea.int. In case of significant disparities (> 1 percentage point) between the handbooks and www.idea.int, the correct turnout rate was determined using country sources (typically materials of local election authorities and ministries of the interior).
Compulsory voting (**CV**) Compulsory voting enforced (**CV_enforced**)	The same sources as for voter turnout; also Birch, Sarah. 2009. Full Participation: A Comparative Study of Compulsory Voting. Manchester University Press; The Electoral Commission. 2006. "Compulsory Voting around the World". *Research Report*, www.electoralcommission.org.uk;
ADM	The same sources as for voter turnout; also Bormann, Nils-Christian, and Matt Golder. 2013. "Democratic Electoral Systems around the World, 1946–2011." Electoral Studies 32 (2): 360–69.
GDP (ln) (**log_GDP**), Economic Growth (**GDP_growth**)	Historical Statistics on the World Economy 1-2008 by Angus Madison, www.ggdc.net/maddison/oriindex.htm, downloaded in January 2012; Total Economy Database by the Conference Board, www.conferenceboard.org/data/-economydatabase, downloaded

	in January 2014; World Development Indicators, the World Bank, data.worldbank.org, downloaded in January 2016.
Transition Types (**Trans_type**)	The classifications are based on a careful consultation of the following sources: Huntington, Samuel P. 1991. The Third Wave: Democratization in the Late 20th Century. University of Oklahoma Press. (in particular Chapter 3); Linz, Juan J., and Alfred Stepan. 1996. Problems of Democratic Transition and Consolidation: Southern Europe, South America, and Post-Communist Europe. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press; Kitschelt, Herbert, Zdenka Mansfeldova, Radoslaw Markowski, and Gabor Toka. 1999. Post-Communist Party Systems: Competition, Representation, and Inter-Party Cooperation. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (in particular Chapter 1); Polity IV 2016 (country reports); Nohlen, Dieter, ed. 2005. Elections in the Americas: South America. Oxford: Oxford University Press; Nohlen, Dieter, Florian Grotz, and Christof Hartmann, eds. 2001. Elections in Asia and the Pacific: The Middle East, Central Asia, and South Asia. Oxford: Oxford University Press; Nohlen, Dieter, Michael Krennerich, and Bernhard Thibaut, eds. 1999. Elections in Africa: A Data Handbook. Oxford: Oxford University Press; Nohlen, Dieter, and Philip Stöver, eds. 2010. Elections in Europe: A Data Handbook. Baden-Baden, Germany: Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft; Freedom in the World and Nations in Transit reports (www.freedomhouse.org/reports and www.freedomhouse.org/report-types/nations-transit, accessed in January 2013); Country Reports from the Constitution Writing and Conflict Resolution Project (www.princeton.edu/~pcwcr/about-/index.html, accessed in January 2013); the guide to African countries produced by Sciences Po Bordeaux (http://www.etat.sciencespobordeaux.fr/, accessed in January 2013). In the event of doubt, further country-specific references were consulted. As noted in the article, Roman numerals are used when more than one democratization occurred in the same country.
Authoritarian Mobilization (**Auth_mobilization**)	The same sources as for voter turnout, Allen, Chris. 1992. "Goodbye to All That: The Short and Sad Story of Socialism in Benin." The Journal of Communist Studies 8(2): 63–81.Diarrah, Cheick Oumar. 1990. Mali: Bilan D'une Gestion Désastreuse. Paris: L'Harmattan. Furtak, Robert K., ed. 1990. Elections in Socialist States. Englewood Cliff: Prentice-Hall.