Ghanaian 2004/2008 Parliamentary Primaries Data

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Data available at Nahomi Ichino's dataverse (http://dvn.iq.harvard.edu/dvn/dv/nichino) and *AJPS*'s dataverse (http://dvn.iq.harvard.edu/dvn/dv/ajps). Study ID: hdl:1902.1/18432. Further description of data sources and coding available in: Nahomi Ichino and Noah L. Nathan, "Do Primaries Improve Electoral Performance? Clientelism and Intra-Party Conflict in Ghana," forthcoming *American Journal of Political Science*.

This codebook describes data in three .csv files:

1. IchinoNathan_primariesdata.csv
2. primariesdata_NDC.csv
3. primariesdata_NPP.csv

An observation is a party-year-constituency. For the 2004 and 2008 general elections, Ghana was divided into 230 single-member districts. The main file (IchinoNathan_primariesdata.csv) contains 916 observations (230 each for NPP and NDC for 2004; 228 each for NPP and NDC for 2008). Two constituencies for which 2008 elections results were not available are missing from this data set. The other two files are the party-specific subsets of the main file for which we were able to determine whether there was a primary election. In the NPP dataset, pres_t_1 refers to npp_pres_t_1 and pres_t_1_other refers to ndc_pres_t_1.

region Region name

constituency Constituency name

year Election year t (2004 or 2008)

index Identifier for observation

prim_elec $= 1$ if there was a competitive primary election, $= 0$ otherwise

winner_t $= 1$ if the party won the parliamentary election, $= 0$ otherwise

vote_share_t Party's vote share in the parliamentary election (share of valid votes cast)

vote_share_t_other Other party's vote share in the parliamentary election (share of valid votes cast)

npp_pres_t NPP vote share in the presidential election (share of valid votes cast)

ndc_pres_t NDC vote share in the presidential election (share of valid votes cast)

turnout_t_pres Turnout (percentage) in the presidential election (Valid votes cast/registered voters)

ethfrac Ethnic fractionalization in the constituency

holds1 = 1 if incumbent MP for the constituency belongs to the party

incumbent = 1 if incumbent MP for the constituency belongs to the party and is seeking reelection, = 0 otherwise

urban =1 if Accra, Kumasi, Takoradi, = 0 otherwise

log_MPdist log(1 + Distance (meters) from the incumbent MP's hometown to the center of the constituency)

min_inc_alt = 1 if the incumbent MP is a minister or deputy minister, = 0 otherwise

npp_pres_t_1 NPP vote share in the previous presidential election (share of valid votes cast)

ndc_pres_t_1 NDC vote share in the previous presidential election (share of valid votes cast)

dispute_before = 1 if there was an intra-party dispute before the parliamentary nomination was decided (in a primary election or otherwise), = 0 otherwise

prim_other_total = 0 if missing information on whether there was a primary election in the other party in the constituency, = 1 if the other party did not hold a primary election in the constituency, = 2 if the other party held a primary election in the constituency (only in the NDC and NPP files)