Notes on construction of the tables and figures for Daniel Treisman, "Democracy by Mistake: How the Errors of Autocrats Trigger Transitions to Democracy," *American Political Science Review,* 2020.

Table 2: Paths of democratization (percentage of cases)

- Constructed in Excel "Democratization Cases.xlsx" on "Main tables 2, A4, A8, F3, F4" sheet, from the proportions in rows 279-284 on the "Data" sheet.

Figure 2: Paths of democratization over time (percentage of cases)

- Constructed in Excel "Democratization Cases.xlsx" on "All waves tabs A5,A9,F2,FA2,FA3" sheet, see rows 55-75.

Figure 3: Democratizations in which deliberate choice arguments "probably" or "very probably" fit historical evidence (percentage of cases)

- Constructed in Excel "Democratization Cases.xlsx" on "Main tables 2, A4, A8, F3, F4" sheet, rows 75-115.

Figure 4: Democratizations "probably" or "very probably" caused in part by incumbents' mistakes (percentage of cases)

- Constructed in Excel "Democratization Cases.xlsx" on "Main tables 2, A4, A8, F3, F4" sheet, rows 73-110.

Figure 5: Number of mistakes per democratization episode

- Constructed in Excel "Democratization Cases.xlsx" on "Figure 5" sheet, using data from "Data" sheet QP 292-98.

Table A2: Validation exercise (14 randomly selected cases with sources in English)

- 14 cases randomly selected as on "random numbers for validation" sheet in "Democratization Cases.xlsx".
- Percentages that "probably" or "very probably" fit are from "Democratization Cases.xlsx" workbook, "Validation exercise Table A2" sheet. Author's codings are from the "Data" sheet. 2nd coders codings entered here from the original codings. These data are reproduced in val.txt.
- To calculate the intercoder agreement measures, I ran intercoder.do in STATA using val.txt.

Table A4: Democratizations for which deliberate choice arguments "probably" or "very probably" fit (percentage of cases).

- Constructed in Excel "Democratization Cases.xlsx" on "Main tables 2, A4, A8, F3, F4" sheet, rows 32-60.

Table A5a: Democratizations for which deliberate choice arguments "probably" or "very probably" fit (percentage of cases). By wave, including reverse waves.

- Constructed in Excel "Democratization Cases.xlsx" on "All waves tabs A5,A9,F2,FA2,FA3" sheet, see rows 1-55.

Table A5b: Democratizations for which deliberate choice arguments "probably" or "very probably" fit (percentage of cases). By wave, excluding reverse waves.

- Constructed in Excel "Democratization Cases.xlsx" on "All waves tabs A5,A9,F2,FA2,FA3" sheet, see rows 1-55.

Table A6: Democratizations for which deliberate choice arguments "probably" or "very probably" fit (percentage of cases). All waves, just democratizations that were not reversed.

- Constructed in Excel "Democratization Cases.xlsx" on "not reversed tables A6, A11" sheet, see rows 22-50.

Table A7: Democratizations for which deliberate choice arguments "probably" or "very probably" fit (percentage of cases). All waves, just high information cases.

- Constructed in Excel "Democratization Cases.xlsx" on "high info tables A7, A10" sheet, see rows 22-50.

Table A8: Democratizations "probably" or "very probably" caused in part by incumbents' mistakes (percentage of cases).

- Constructed in Excel "Democratization Cases.xlsx" on "Main tables 2, A4, A8, F3, F4" sheet, rows 33-73.

Table A9a: Democratizations "probably" or "very probably" caused in part by incumbents' mistakes (percentage of cases). By wave, including reverse waves.

- Constructed in Excel "Democratization Cases.xlsx" on "All waves tabs A5,A9,F2,FA2,FA3" sheet, see rows 1-86.

Table A9b: Democratizations "probably" or "very probably" caused in part by incumbents' mistakes (percentage of cases). By wave, excluding reverse waves.

- Constructed in Excel "Democratization Cases.xlsx" on "All waves tabs A5,A9,F2,FA2,FA3" sheet, see rows 1-86.

Table A10: Democratizations "probably" or "very probably" caused in part by incumbents' mistakes (percentage of cases). All waves, just high information cases.

- Constructed in Excel "Democratization Cases.xlsx" on "high info tables A7, A10" sheet, see rows 22-64.

Table A11: Democratizations "probably" or "very probably" caused in part by incumbents' mistakes (percentage of cases). All waves, just cases not reversed.

- Constructed in Excel "Democratization Cases.xlsx" on "not reversed tables A6, A11" sheet, see rows 23-63.

Table A12: Democratizations "probably" or "very probably" caused in part by incumbents' mistakes (percentage of cases). All waves, only temporally proximate mistakes.

- Constructed in Excel "Democratization Cases.xlsx" on "just temp prox tables A12" sheet, see rows 1-41.

Table A13: Democratizations "probably" or "very probably" caused in part by incumbents' mistakes (percentage of cases). All waves, only mistakes in which leader participated.

- Constructed in Excel "Democratization Cases.xlsx" on "leader participated tables A13" sheet, see rows 4-44.

Table A14a: Political liberalizations "probably" or "very probably" caused in part by incumbents' mistakes (percentage of cases).

- Constructed in Excel "Democratization Cases.xlsx" on "liberalization tables A14" sheet, see rows 23-63.

Table A14b: Political liberalizations for which deliberate choice arguments "probably" or "very probably" fit (percentage of cases).

- Constructed in Excel "Democratization Cases.xlsx" on "liberalization tables A14" sheet, see rows 23-50.

Figure A2: Democratizations for which deliberate choice arguments "probably" or "very probably" fit (percentage of cases, averaged across 8 democratization measures). By wave, including reverse waves.

- Constructed in Excel "Democratization Cases.xlsx" on "All waves tabs A5,A9,F2,FA2,FA3" sheet, see rows 115-140.

Figure A3: Democratizations that were "probably" or "very probably" caused in part by incumbents' mistakes, (percentage of cases, averaged across 8 democratization measures). By wave, including reverse waves.

- Constructed in Excel "Democratization Cases.xlsx" on "All waves tabs A5,A9,F2,FA2,FA3" sheet, see rows 13-50.