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Appendix 1 Summary Statistics

Variable	Mean	Standard Deviation	Minimum	Maximum
Party Size t-1	14.97431	15.33483	0	59.20372
Party Electoral Volatility (DV for Table 2)	4.840664	5.836928	0	38.74885
Party Electoral Volatility (DV for Table 3)	-0.74059	7.548893	-38.7489	36.50732
Presidential Party t-1	0.165957	0.372307	0	1
Party Age	14.14043	9.437677	0	53
GDP Growth t-1	3.645194	4.104336	-11.7	18.28661
Ethnic Fractionalization	0.448819	0.190116	0.1322	0.7434
Institutional Discontinuity t-1	0.2	0.453522	0	2
Party System Fragmentation t-1	5.207887	2.483855	2.07	11.95
Party Ideological Distinctiveness	0.980628	1.637122	0	10.337
Logged Inflation Rate t-1	2.590844	1.575595	0	8.131436

Appendix 2 Cases Included in the Empirical Analyses

Country and Elections	**Political Parties/Coalitions**
Argentina (1983-5, 1985-7, 1987-9, 1989-91, 1991-3, 1993-5, 1995-7, 1997-9, 1999-2001, 2001-3, 2003-5, 2005-7, 2007-9, 2009-11)	PJ-FV (N=14); UCR-ATJE (N=14); PDP (N=14); PI (1983-91, N=4); MID (1983-7, N=2); PAL (1983-2003, N=10); UCeDe (1985-93, N=4); FR (1989-2005, N=8); AUS (1985-93, N=4); PRS (1991-7, N=3); FrePaSo (1993-7, N=2); FPN (1997-2001, N=2); PAUFE (2001-7, N=3); AR (1997-2001, N=2); MODIN (1991-7, N=3); ARI (2001-11, N=5); PRO (2003-11, N=4); AyL (2001-3, N=1); SP (2003-11, N=4)
Bolivia (1985-9, 1989-93, 1993-7, 1997-2002, 2002-5, 2005-9)	ADN (1985-2002, N=4); MNR (1985-2005, N=5);MIR (1985-2002, N=4); IU (1985-97, N=3); Condepa (1989-2002, N=3); MBL (1993-7, N=1); UCS (1993-2002, N=2); MAS (2002-9, N=2); NFR (2005-9, N=1); MIP (2005-9, N=1); Podemos (2005-9, N=1); UN (2005-9, N=1); FSB (1985-93, N=2); VSB (1993-7, N=1); EJE (1993-7, N=1)
Brazil (1990-4, 1994-8, 1998-2002,	PRN (1990-8, N=2); PTR (1990-4, N=1); PDT (N=5); PFL (N=5); PMDB (N=5); PSDB (N=5); PT (N=5); PTB (N=5); PPB (N=5); PSC

2002-6, 2006-10)	(N=5); PCdoB (N=5); PL (N=5); PSB (N=5); PPS (1998-2010, N=3); PV (1994-2010, N=4)
Chile (1989-93, 1993-7, 1997-2001, 2001-5, 2005-9)	Concertación (N=5); Alianza (N=5)
Colombia (1978-82, 1982-6, 1986-90, 1990-1, 1991-4, 1994-8, 1998-2002, 2002-6, 2006-10)	PC (N=9); PL (N=9); MNC (1990-8, N=3); AD-M19 (1991-8, N=2); UP (1986-4, N=3); MSN (1991-2006, N=4); MFP (1991-2002, N=3); CPC (1998-2002, N=1); AL (1998-2010, N=3); MEC (2002-6, N=1); MPU (2002-6, N=1); CC (2002-10, N=2); MIRA (2002-10, N=2); PDA (2006-10, N=1); CR (2002-10, N=2); PSUN (2002-10, N=2)
Costa Rica (1978-82, 1982-6, 1986-90, 1990-4, 1994-8, 1998-2002, 2002-6, 2006-10)	PLN (N=8); PUSC (N=8); PU (1978-90, N=3); ANC (1986-90, N=1); PFD (1994-2006, N=3); PML (1998-10, N=3); PAC (2002-10, N=2); RC (1998-2010, N=3); PIN (1998-2010, N=3); PASE (2006-10, N=1); FA (2006-10, N=1); RN (2006-10, N=1)
Dominican Republic (1978-82, 1982-6, 1986-90, 1990-4, 1994-8, 1998-2002, 2002-6, 2006-10)	PLD (N=8); PRD (N=8); PRSC (N=8)
Ecuador (1979-84, 1984-6, 1986-8, 1988-90, 1990-2, 1992-4, 1994-6, 1996-8, 1998-2002, 2002-6, 2006-9)	ID (N=11); MPD (N=11); PSC (N=11); DP-UDC (1984-2009, N=10); PRE (1984-2009, N=10); PLRE (1979-96, N=7); PD (1979-88, N=3); CFP (1979-2006, N=10); FADI (1979-94, N=6); PSE (1988-2009, N=6); UA-FRA-AN (1984-2002, N=8); PCE (1990-8, N=4); APRE (1992-6, N=2); PUR (1992-6, N=2); MUPP-NP (1996-2009, N=4); PRIAN (2002-9, N=2); PSP (2002-9, N=2); MPais (2006-9, N=1)
El Salvador (1985-8, 1988-91, 1991-4, 1994-7, 1997-2000, 2000-3, 2003-6, 2006-9, 2009-12)	ARENA (N=9); FMLN (1994-2012, N=6); PCN (N=9); PDC (N=9); PAD (1985-91, N=2); CD (CDU) (1991-2012, N=7)
Guatemala (1995-9, 1999-2003, 2003-7, 2007-11)	FRG (N=4); PAN (N=4); DCG (1995-2007, N=3); UD (1995-2007, N=3); DIA (1995-2007, N=3); Unión del Centro Nacional (1995-9, N=1); MLN (1995-9, N=1); FDNG (1995-9, N=1); PLP (1995-2003, N=2); ANN (2003-7, N=1); URNG (1999-2011, N=3); GANA

	(2003-11, N=2); UNE (2003-11, N=2); PU (2003-11, N=2); PP (2007-11, N=1); CASA (2007-11, N=1); EG (2007-11, N=1); Unión del Cambio Nacional (2007-11, N=1)
Honduras (1981-5, 1985-9, 1989-93, 1993-7, 1997-2001, 2001-5, 2005-9)	PLH (N=7); PNH (N=7); PINU (N=7); PDC (N=7); PUD (1997-2009, N=3)
Mexico (1997-2000, 2000-3, 2003-6, 2006-9, 2009-12)	PRI (N=5); PAN (N=5); PRD (N=5); PANAL (2006-12, N=2); PVEM (2009-12, N=1); PT (2009-12, N=1); Convergencia (Movimiento Ciudadano) (2009-12, N=1)
Nicaragua (1990-6, 1996-2001, 2001-6, 2006-11)	PLC (N=4); FSLN (N=4); PCN (1996-2001, N=1); ALN (2006-11, N=1)
Panama (1994-9, 1999-2004, 2004-9)	PRD (N=3); PA (N=3); MOLIRENA (N=3); PDC (N=3); PS (N=3); PLN (N=3); MPE (1994-9, N=1); PRC (1994-9, N=1); Morena (1994-9, N=1); CD (1999-2009, N=2)
Paraguay (1993-8, 1998-2003, 2003-8)	ANR (N=3); PLRA (N=3); PEN (N=3) MPQ (2003-8, N=1); UNACE (2003-8, N=1); PPS (2003-8, N=1)
Peru (I) (1980-5, 1985-90)	IU (N=2); APRA (N=2); AP (N=2); PPC (N=2)
Peru (II) (2000-1, 2001-6, 2006-11)	APRA (N=3); AP (N=3); PP (N=3); PDSP (N=3); UPP (N=3); PSN-UN (N=3); Fujimorist Party (N=3); PPC (2001-11, N=2); FIM (2000-6, N=2); PNP (2006-11, N=1); FREPAP (2000-6, N=2); Restauración Nacional (2006-11, N=1); Alianza para el Progreso (2006-11, N=1)
Uruguay (1984-9, 1989-94, 1994-9, 1999-2004, 2004-9)	Colorado (N=5); Blanco (N=5); FA (N=5); NE (1989-99, N=2)
Venezuela (1978-83, 1983-8, 1988-93, 1993-8, 1998-2000, 2000-5)	AD (N=6); COPEI (N=6); MAS (N=6); PCV (N=6); LCR (1983-2005, N=5); MEP (1978-93, N=3); MIR (1978-83, N=1); NGD (1983-8, N=1); ORA (1988-98, N=2); CN (1993-2000, N=2); MVR (1998-2005, N=2); PRVZL (1998-2005, N=2); PJ (2000-5, N=1); PPT (1998-2005, N=2)