

Global Government dataset, variable explanations/sources		
Variable	Source	Explanation
country	---	---
type	Mostly my head	This is just used to separate countries from territories from states/provinces. In this exercise you should restrict the analysis to countries (1)
language	various	Dominant (or official) language spoken. This variable is a bit informal, done mostly to make some points in my undergrad comparative politics class.
praginst	combined	Combines two other variables: demadmin and corrupt
normative	combined	Combines three other variables: corrupt, demagg and fhclscal
partneol	combined	Combines three other variables: catoef, govtsize and govtregs
statpers	combined	Combines three other variables: demadmin, govtregs and normativ
statcorp	combined	Combines three other variables: govtsize, govtregs and fhpfscal
statdev	combined	Nothing in this variable!!!
statsdem	combined	Combines four other variables: demadmin, normative, govtregs and govtsize
premodrn	combined	Combines various other variables.
pseiwb	World Bank	Public sector ethics index. 0 = unethical, 100 = ethical.
demagg	Economist	An aggregated democracy score, rated 0-10, with higher = more democratic
demplur	Economist	Electoral process and pluralism, rated 0-10, with higher = more democratic
demadmin	Economist	Functioning of government, rated 0-10, with higher = more democratic (more effective government)
dempart	Economist	Participation, rated 0-10, with higher = more democratic
demcult	Economist	Culture, rated 0-10, with higher = more democratic
corrupt	Transparency	Corruption perceptions index, rated 0-10, with 10 = less corrupt
catoef	Cato Institute	Cato's economic freedom indicator, 0-10, with 10 = 'better', in terms of more economic freedom, less government.
govtsize	Cato Institute	Cato's government size index, 0-10 with 10 = 'better', in terms of more economic freedom, <i>smaller</i> government.
govtgdg	e.g. <i>WDR</i>	Government final consumption, % GDP. An indicator of the size of government.
govtregs	Cato Institute	Government regulation index, 0-10 with 10 = 'better', in terms of more economic freedom, <i>less</i> government regulation.
fhph	Freedom House	Political freedoms, 1-7 scale, with 1 = more free.
fhpfscal	Freedom House	The previous indicator flipped around (by me) and scaled from 1-10, with 10 = more free.
fhcl	Freedom House	Civil liberties, 1-7 scale, with 1 = more liberty.
fhclscal	Freedom House	The previous indicator flipped around (by me) and scaled from 1-10, with 10 = more liberty.
area	Britannica	Land area in thousands of square mile.
populatn	Britannica	Population in thousands.
GDP	Britannica	Gross domestic product, in \$US
educprim	Britannica	Primary education, % without
educuniv	Britannica	Higher (university) education, % of population aged 15-64
pubcons	Economist <i>PWiF</i>	Public consumption, % GDP
healthpct	Economist <i>PWiF</i>	Health spending, % of GDP

