

Easterly and Levine Data Set

Africa's Growth Tragedy: Policies and Ethnic Divisions

Data Set Description

The data covers 160 countries and include the following variables:

Code	Description
AFRICA	Dummy variable for Sub-Saharan African countries. (According to World Bank definition).
AGOVDEM	Anti-government demonstrations
ASSASS	"Assassinations": Number of assassinations per thousand population, decade average.
AVELF	Average value of ETHNIC and Muller, Roberts, and Gunnemark1 and 2.
BLCK	"Black Market Premium": Log of 1+ black market premium, decade average.
CABCHG	Major Cabinet Changes
COMPOLT	Dummy =1 for countries with genocidal incident involving political victims or mixed communal and political victims.
CONSTCHG	Major Constitutional Changes
CORRUPTI	Knack and Keefer measure of corruption (1980-89)
CORRUPTM	Mauro measure of corruption (1980-83)
COUPS	Coups d'Eta
DEMOC	Measure of democracy (Gastil's Political Rights)
DUM60	Dummy variable for 1960s
DUM70	Dummy variable for 1970s
DUM80	Dummy variable for 1980s
ELF60	"ETHNIC": Index of ethnolinguistic fractionalization, 1960. Measures probability that two randomly selected people from a given country will not belong to the same ethnolinguistic group.
GOVTCRIS	Major Government Crises
GYP	Growth rate of real per capita GDP
GUNN1	Gunnemark1: Percent of population not speaking the official language.
GUNN2	Gunnemark2: Percent of population not speaking the most widely used language.
LATINCA	Dummy variable for Latin America and the Caribbean.
LLY	"Financial Depth": Ratio of liquid liabilities of the financial system to GDP, decade average.
LRGDP	"Log of initial Income": Log of real per capita GDP measured at the start of each decade (1960, 1970, 1980)
LRGDPSQ	"Log of initial (Income squared)": Log of Initial real per capita GDP squared
LSCHOOL	"Log of Schooling": Log of 1 + average years of school attainment, quinquennial values (1960-65, 1970-75, and 1980-85)
LTELPW	"Log of Telephones per worker": Log of telephones per 1000 workers
MULLER	Probability of two randomly selected individuals speaking different languages.
PAVROAD	Paved Road (% of total)

POWLOSS	Power losses
PROP90	Proportion of population belonging to Minorities at Risk in 1990, from Gurr 1993
PURGES	Purges
RACIALT	Racial tension for 1984, 1 (low tension) to 6 (high tension)
REVOLS	Revolutions
RIOTS	Riots: Any violent demonstration or clash of more than 100 citizens involving the use of physical force.
ROBERTS	Probability that two randomly selected individuals do not speak the same language.
RULELAW	Rule of Law: Law and order tradition (0-6 scale)
SEPART60	Percent of population belonging to separatist movements, 1960
SEPART75	Percent of population belonging to separatist movements, 1975
SURP	"Fiscal Surplus/GDP": Decade average of ratio of central government surplus (+) to GDP, both in local currency, current prices.
WAR	Dummy for war on national territory during the decade
WARCIV	Dummy for civil war

Code	Sources
AFRICA	World Bank
AGOVDEM	Banks, Arthur S. 1994
ASSASS	Banks, Arthur S. 1994
BLCK	World Bank. 1991. and Pick's Currency Yearbook. various years.
CABCHG	Banks, Arthur S. 1994
COMPOLT	Harff, Barbara, and Ted Robert Gurr. 1995.
CONSTCHG	Banks, Arthur S. 1994.
CORRUPTI	Political Risk Services (various years)
CORRUPTM	Mauro, Paolo. 1995.
COUPS	Banks, Arthur S. 1994
DEMOC	Gastil (1990 and 1987).
ELF60	Atlas Narodov Mira (1964)
GOVTCRIS	Banks, Arthur S. 1994.
GYP	World Bank. various years.
GUNN1	Gunnemark (1991)
GUNN2	Gunnemark (1991)
LLY	King and Levine (1993b)
LRGDP	Summers and Heston (1988)
LRGDPSQ	" "
LSCHOOL	Barro, R., and Jong-Wha Lee. 1993.
LTELPW	Canning, David, and Marianne Fay. 1993.
MULLER	Muller (1964)
PAVROAD	World Resources Institute (1992)
POWLOSS	World Bank (1994b)
PROP90	Gurr, Ted Robert. 1993. "
PURGES	Banks, Arthur S. 1994
RACIALT	Knack, Stephen, and Philip Keefer. 1995.
REVOLS	Banks, Arthur S. 1994
RIOTS	Banks, Arthur S. 1994
ROBERTS	Roberts (1962)
RULELAW	Political Risk Services (various years)
SEPART60	Taylor, Charles L., and David A. Jodice. 1983.
SEPART75	Taylor, Charles L., and David A. Jodice. 1983

SURP IMF. various years.
WAR Ruth L. Sivard. 1993.
WARCIV " "

A description of the country codes is provided in the data file.
The data is contained in two files: "afdata.*" and "othervar.*".

Note: each file is in lotus (".wk1"), Excel 5.0 (*.xls) and text (".txt") format.