

Polity IIIId Project

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The Polity IIIId dataset is in two parts: 'Polity3d.dbf' containing the polity dataset, and 'Source3d.dbf' containing precise references to some general sources. More information on the sources used may be found in the document 'Sources.doc' available by anonymous ftp from *isere.colorado.edu*.

List of variables in dBase table 'Polity3d.dbf':

| Variable Name | Type | No. | Description |
|---------------|------|-----|--|
| CASE_NO | N | 1 | Polity IIIId case number |
| SS_NO | N | 2 | Correlates of War country identification number |
| SS_NAME | A | 3 | Correlates of War country name |
| START_DATE | D | 4 | Start date of polity |
| START_PREC | N | 5 | Precision level of start date coding |
| END_DATE | D | 6 | End date of polity |
| END_PREC | N | 7 | Precision level of end date coding |
| FIRST_YEAR | N | 8 | First year of polity (derived from start date) |
| LAST_YEAR | N | 9 | Last year of polity (derived from end date) |
| SYSEMemb | L | 10 | Is the polity a Correlates of War system member? |
| TRANS_ | L | 11 | Is the polity a transition polity? |
| DEM_AUT | N | 12 | Democracy - Autocracy index (cf. Polity II) |
| DEMOCRACY | N | 13 | Democracy index (cf. Polity II codebook) |
| AUTOCRACY | N | 14 | Autocracy index (cf. Polity II codebook) |
| XRREG | N | 15 | cf. Polity II codebook |
| XRCOMP | N | 16 | cf. Polity II codebook |
| XROPEN | N | 17 | cf. Polity II codebook |
| XCONST | N | 18 | cf. Polity II codebook |
| PARREG | N | 19 | cf. Polity II codebook |
| PARCOMP | N | 20 | cf. Polity II codebook |
| SCOPE | N | 21 | cf. Polity II codebook |
| CHANGE | N | 22 | cf. Polity II codebook |
| TERM1 | N | 23 | cf. Polity II codebook |
| TERM2 | N | 24 | cf. Polity II codebook |
| TERM3 | N | 25 | cf. Polity II codebook |
| TERM4 | N | 26 | cf. Polity II codebook |
| ORIG1 | N | 27 | cf. Polity II codebook |
| ORIG2 | N | 28 | cf. Polity II codebook |
| ORIG3 | N | 29 | cf. Polity II codebook |
| ORIG4 | N | 30 | cf. Polity II codebook |
| MODEL | N | 31 | cf. Polity II codebook |

The Polity II codebook is available from the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research. More information on the variables that are new in Polity IIIId is found in Sara McLaughlin et al., 1998. 'Timing the Changes in Political Structures: A New Polity Database', *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, vol. 42, no. 2, April, in press. The article also contains references to other publications describing Polity II and III, including the Polity II Codebook. The dataset and a not-yet-copied version of the article are available by anonymous ftp from *isere.colorado.edu*.

Description of variable categories

START_PREC (Precision level of start date coding)

| Code | Label | Description |
|------|------------|--|
| 1 | Exact Date | Used when the exact date of the polity start could be identified |

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| 2 | Assigned Date | Used where more than one event could be attributed to the change leading to polity start, or the event persisted for more than one day, or the Polity IIIId coders were uncertain whether or not the particular event identified was indeed the source of the change in political structure identified by earlier versions of the data |
| 3 | Approximate Date | Used if the month of the polity start could be identified, but not a specific day. In these cases, the polity is assumed to start on the 16th day of the month |
| 4 | Missing Date | Used if the year of the polity start could be identified/were coded in Polity II, but not a specific day and month. In these cases, the polity is assumed to start on 1 July |

END_PREC (Precision level of end date coding)

| Code | Label | Description |
|------|---------------------------|--|
| 1 | Exact Date | Used when the exact date of the polity end could be identified |
| 2 | Assigned Date | Used where more than one event could be attributed to the change leading to polity end, or the event persisted for more than one day, or the Polity IIIId coders were uncertain whether or not the particular event identified was indeed the source of the change in political structure identified by earlier versions of the data |
| 3 | Approximate Date | Used if the month of the polity end could be, but not a specific day. In these cases, the polity is assumed to end at the 15th day of the month |
| 4 | Missing Date | Used if the year of the polity start could be identified identified/were coded in Polity II, but not a specific day and month. In these cases, the polity is assumed to end at 30 June |
| 5 | Polity still in existence | Used for polities 'ending' 31 December 1994; the end date of the dataset |

SYSTEMEMB (Is the polity a Correlates of War system member?)

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| True | The polity is a Correlates of War system member |
| False | The polity is not a Correlates of War system member |

SYSTEMEMB (Correlates of War System Member)

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| True | The polity is a COW system member |
| False | The polity is not a COW system member |

TRANS_ (Is the polity a transition polity?)

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| True | The polity is in transition; regime indicators are coded -66, -77, or -88 |
| False | The polity is not in transition |

List of variables in dBase table 'Source3d.dbf'

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|------------|---|---|-----------------------|
| CASE_NO | N | 1 | Polity 3d case number |
| SOURCENAME | C | 2 | Name of source |
| PAGE | C | 3 | Page in source |
| YEAR | N | 4 | Year of source |