

1 Dataset : chapter3.dta

year

Year in which legislative election took place.

pec

Dummy variable coded 1 if a potential government is based on a pre-electoral coalition, 0 otherwise. This variable is based on the data in the appendix of my book.

majoritarian

Dummy variable that is coded 1 if a country has a majoritarian system, 0 otherwise. Coding taken from M. Golder (2005).

vote_pec

The percentage of the vote for pre-electoral coalitions.

enep

The effective number of electoral parties. This is calculated as $1/\sum v_i^2$, where v_i is the percentage of votes won by the i^{th} party (Laakso 1979).

perc_part

Given the number of parties competing in the election, the percentage of parties that are in a pre-electoral coalition.

threshold

The effective threshold is the mean of the thresholds of representation and exclusion. It is calculated as $\frac{50\%}{M+1} + \frac{50\%}{2M}$, where M is the district magnitude. If there are legal thresholds and/or upper tier seats, the calculation is slightly more complicated (Lijphart 1994).

legelec

Number of legislative elections in a given year.

enep_thresh

Interaction term created by multiplying 'enep' and 'threshold'.