

Trends in Political Parties Development

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Today, 15 minutes:

- 1. V-Dem**
- 2. Global Trends - Political Parties**
- 3. Regional Trends + Countries of Special Interest**
- 4. Does It Matter?**

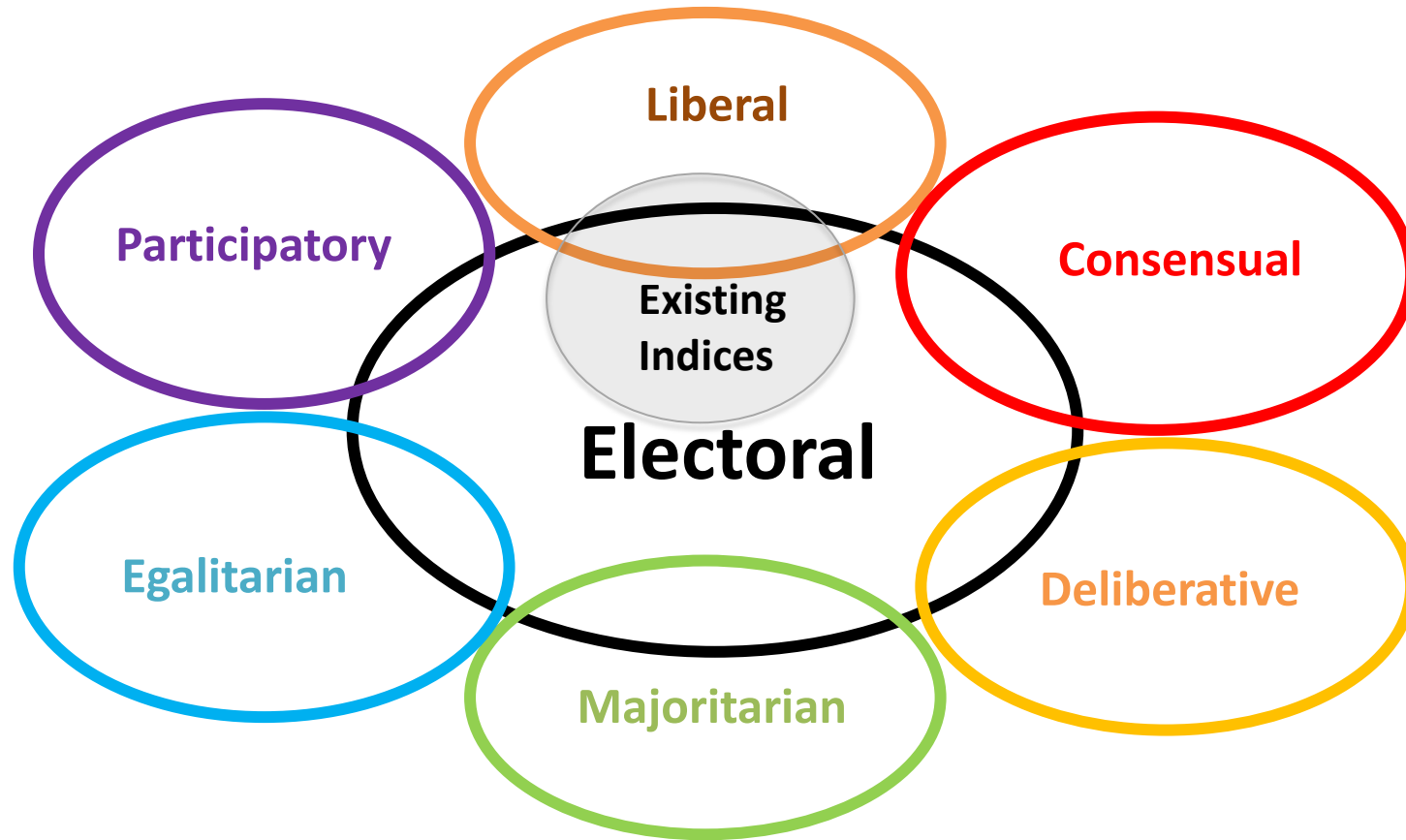
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1. V-Dem Goals

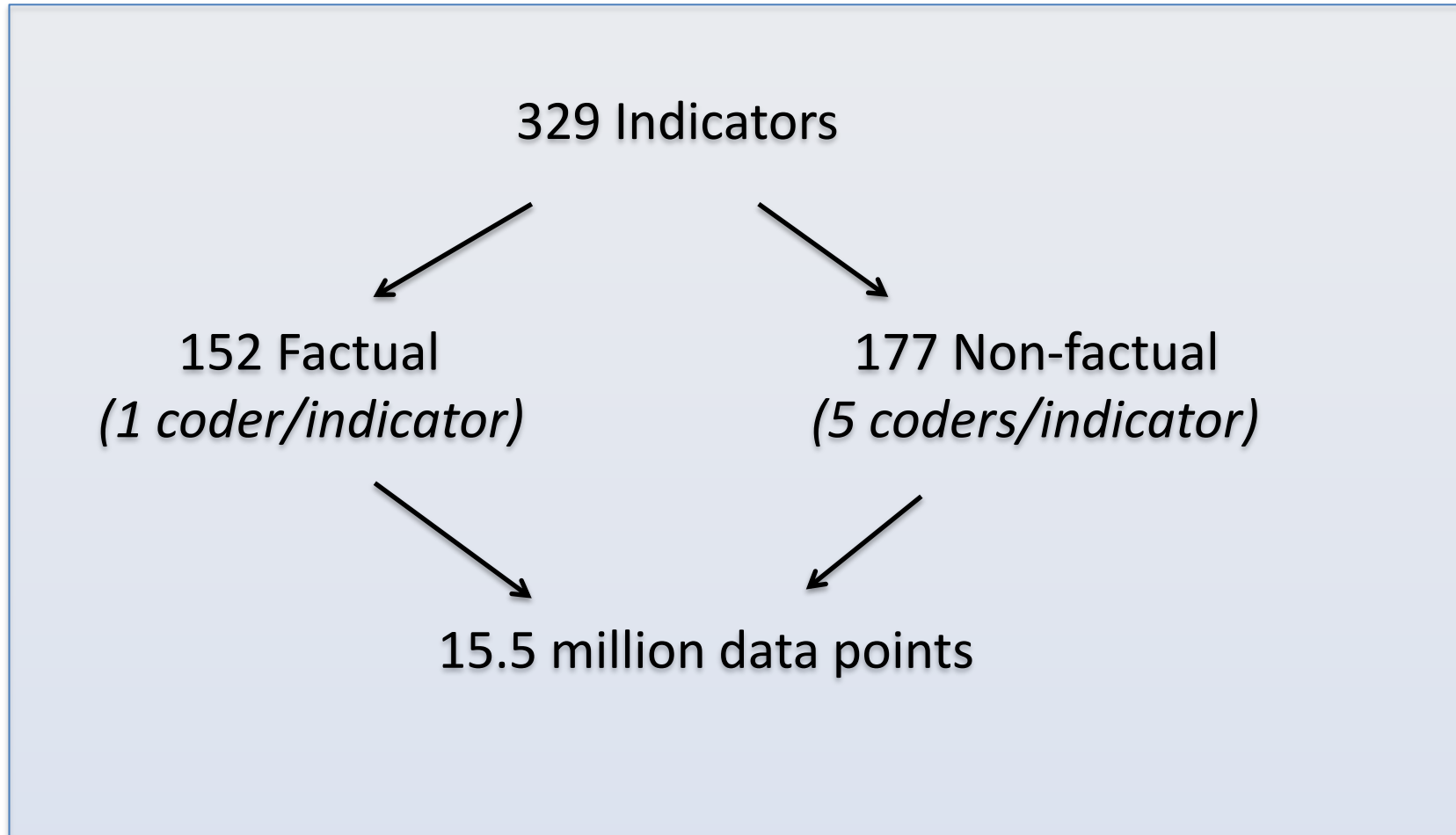


Electoral “Core” & 6 Democratic “Properties”



Varying Democratic Core Values

174 countries, 1900-2012 (+60 countries 2013-14)

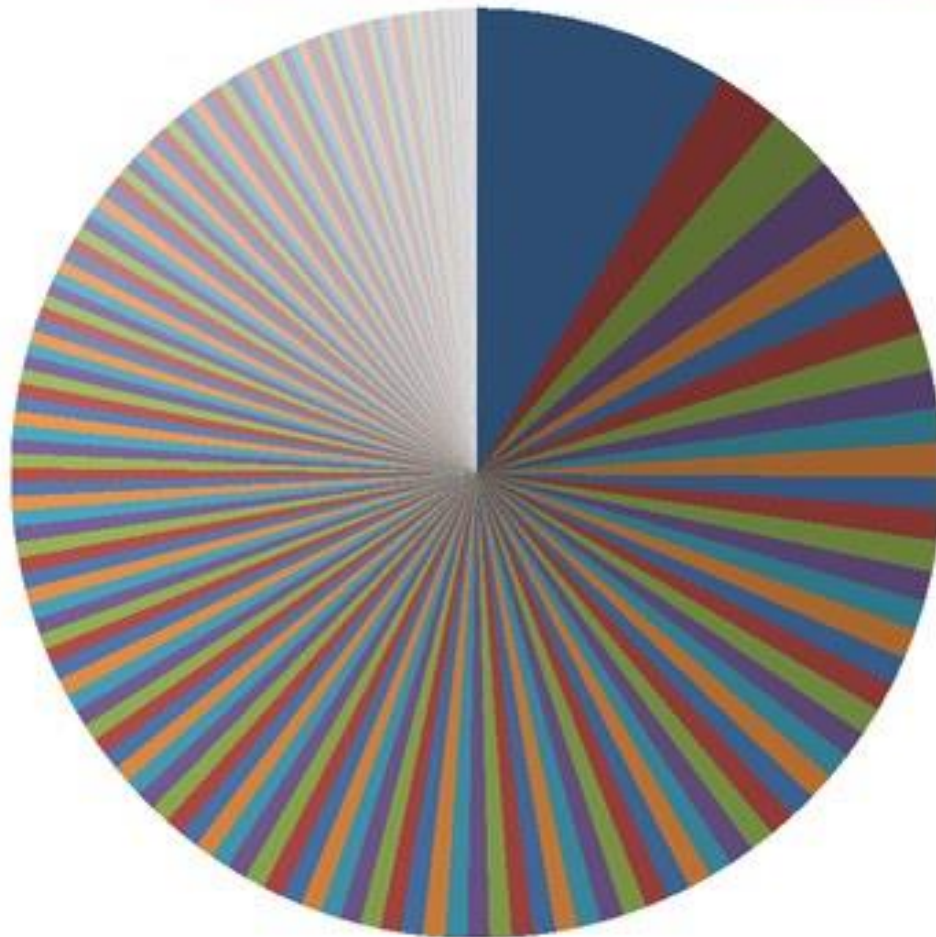


Main Data Collection Effort 2012-2014:



Dec. 2014: 168 countries finished 2,156 Country Experts
37 Regional Managers 164 Country Coordinators
15.5 mn data

V-Dem experts country of origin: 2156 coders from 163 countries!



United States	Germany	Sweden	United Kingdom
Korea	Netherlands	China	Argentina
Portugal	Canada	Brazil	Italy
India	Colombia	Pakistan	Taiwan
Australia	Norway	Venezuela	Mexico
Spain	Peru	Jamaica	Iceland
France	Vietnam	Russia	Croatia
Serbia	Romania	Turkey	Belgium
Uruguay	Lithuania	Tunisia	Greece
Bulgaria	Hungary	Switzerland	Finland
Philippines	Denmark	Czech Republic	Kenya
Senegal	Austria	Chile	Benin
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Nigeria	Japan	Yemen
Cameroon	Azerbaijan	Poland	Ghana
New Zealand	Ireland	Macedonia	Zambia
Costa Rica	Latvia	Madagascar	Bolivia
Israel	Belarus	Ivory Coast	Iran
Afghanistan	Algeria	Estonia	Egypt
Tajikistan	Bangladesh	Burundi	Shutan
Kyrgyzstan	Malaysia	Iraq	Trinidad and Tobago
Guyana	Malawi	Uganda	Albania
Thailand	Lebanon	Tanzania	Slovakia
Mali	Georgia	Mozambique	Cuba
Niger	Montenegro	Cape Verde	Zimbabwe
Moldova	South Africa	Burkina Faso	Ethiopia
Armenia	Togo	Palestine/West Bank	Swaziland
Mauritius	Jordan	Ukraine	Kazakhstan
Rwanda	Somalia	Mauritania	Indonesia
Cambodia	Slovenia	Sierra Leone	Morocco
Suriname	Guinea-Bissau	Botswana	Mongolia
Chad	Nepal	Uzbekistan	Guatemala
Kosovo	Ecuador	El Salvador	Syria
Honduras	Guinea	Paraguay	Dominican Republic
Comoros	Cyprus	Maldives	Sri Lanka
Lesotho	Eritrea	Saudi Arabia	Hong Kong
Namibia	Congo	Haiti	Nicaragua
Sudan	Gabon	Libya	Gambia
Burma/Myanmar	Turkmenistan	Laos	Panama
Liberia	Angola	Kuwait	Seychelles
Grenada	Andorra	Singapore	Saint Lucia
Yugoslavia	German Democratic Republic		



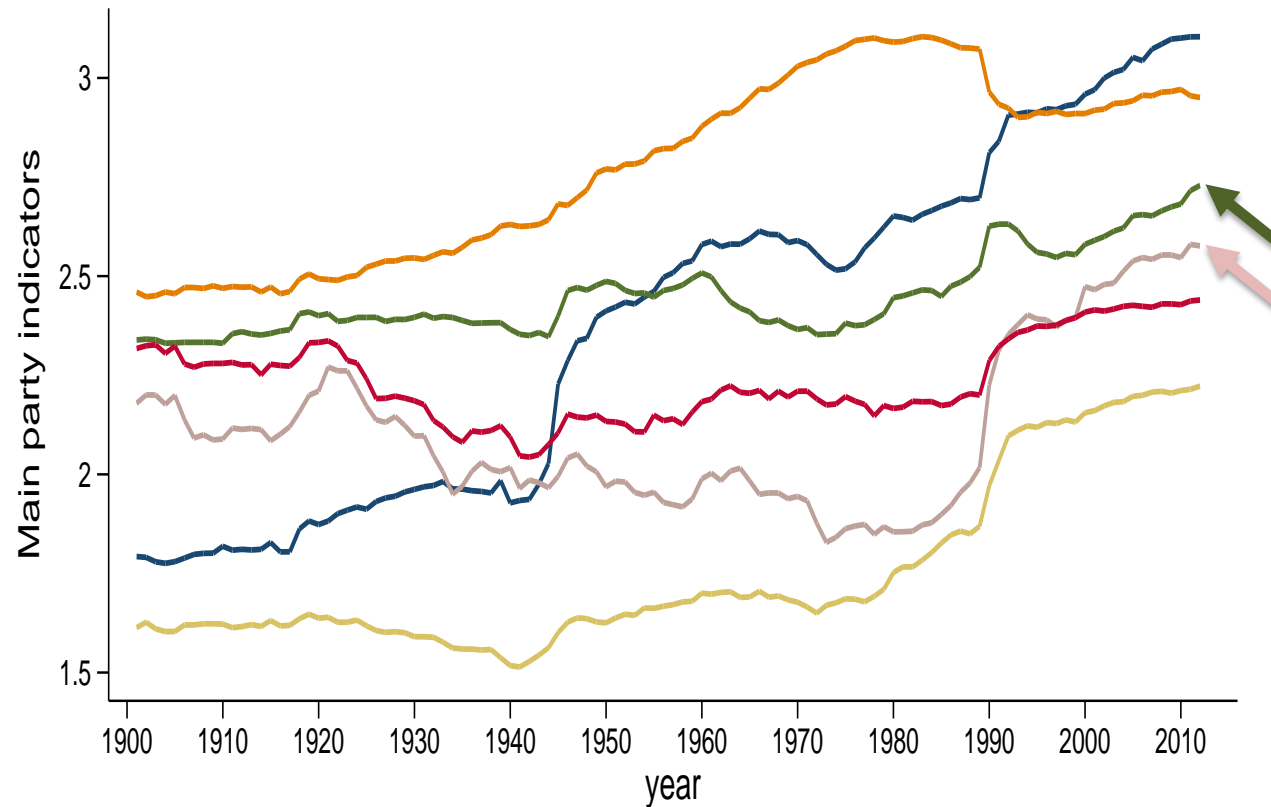


2. Global Trends



Development of main party indicators

Global trend, 1900-2012



➤ **Legislative Party Cohesion:** highest -> downward trend after 1990

➤ **Party Organization:** up in two waves, WWII and 1990s

➤ **Party Linkages:** modest increase in the 1940s and 1990s

➤ **Lower chamber legislates/investigates:** down 1920 – 1950, improvement after 1990

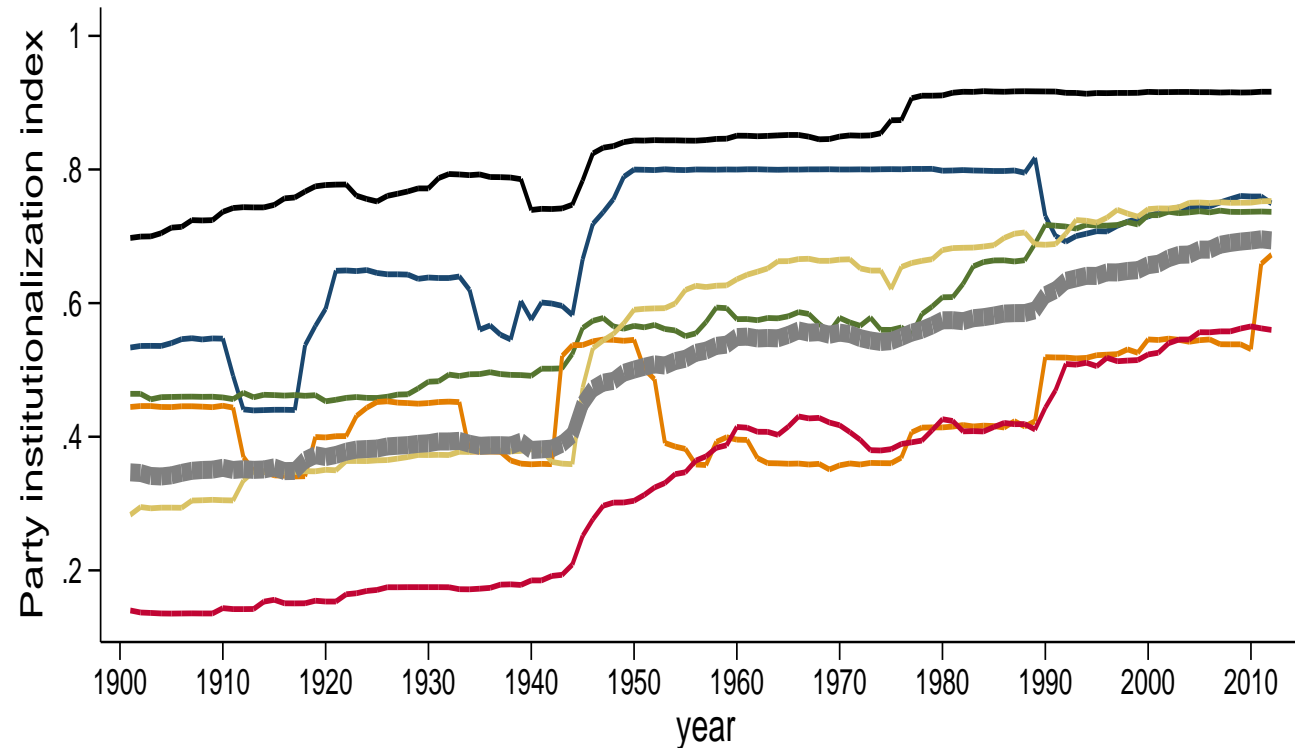


2. Regional Trends + Countries



Party institutionalization index

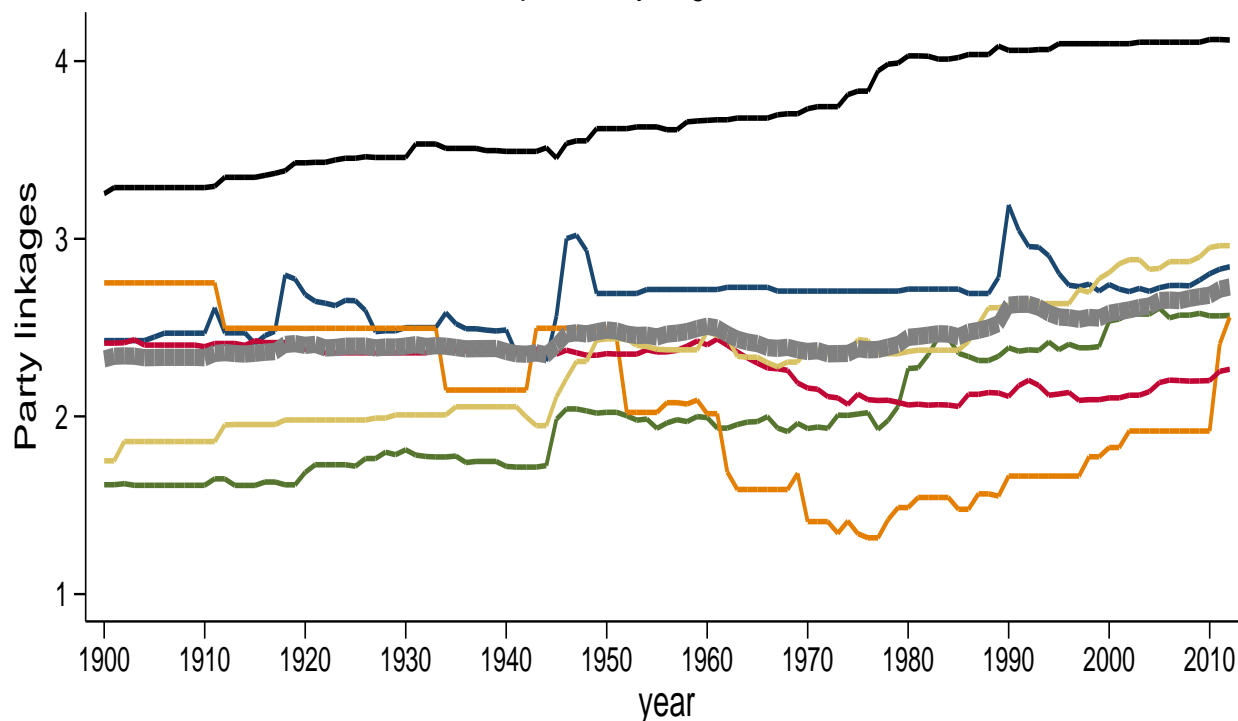
Development by region, 1900-2012



- **Europe&NA: Top of the crowd (as expected)**
- **Africa: increase with decolonization & democratization**
- **North Africa & Africa: Largest deficits**
- **Asia & Latin America: Doing somewhat ok.**
- **Post-Communist: downward trend after democratization**

Party linkages

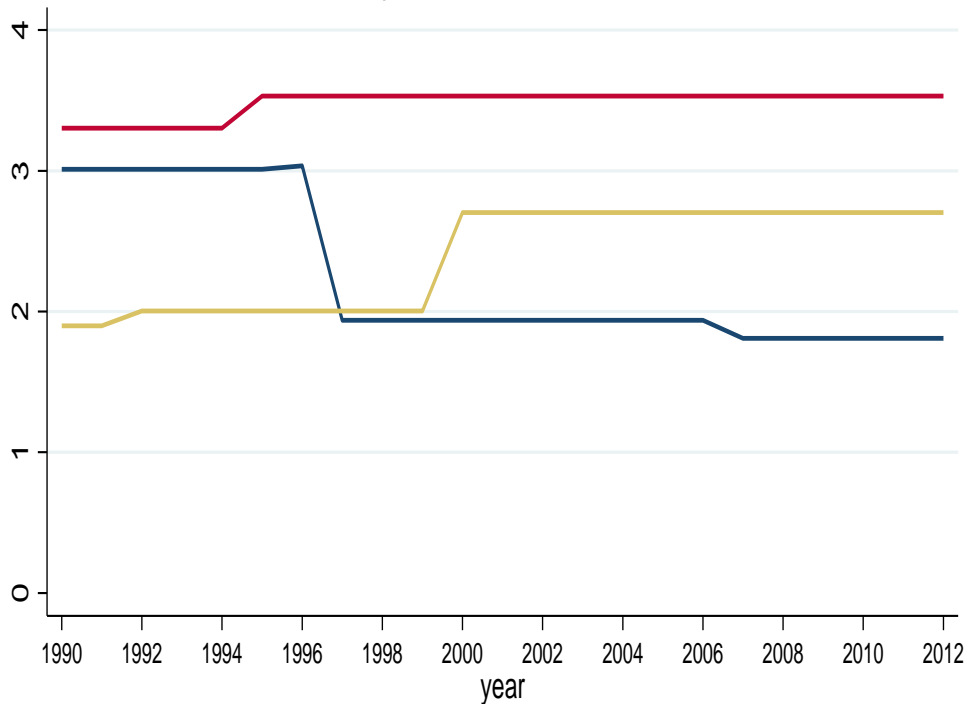
Development by region 1900-2012



- **Clientelism:** Common with clientelistic linkages in all regions, except for Western Europe and North America
- **Latin America:** Democratization lead to more policy-linkage
- **Africa:** Very clientelistic and democratization no improvement...
- **North Africa:** down after 1950; extreme clientelism – reason to problems with Arab Spring?

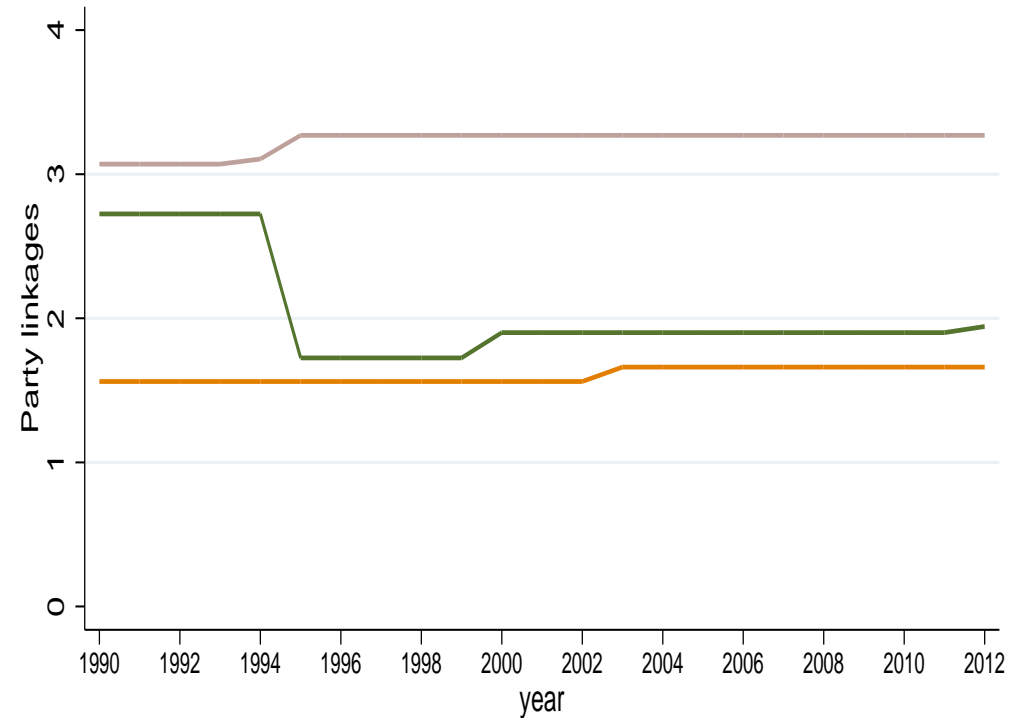
Party linkages

Development for selected countries



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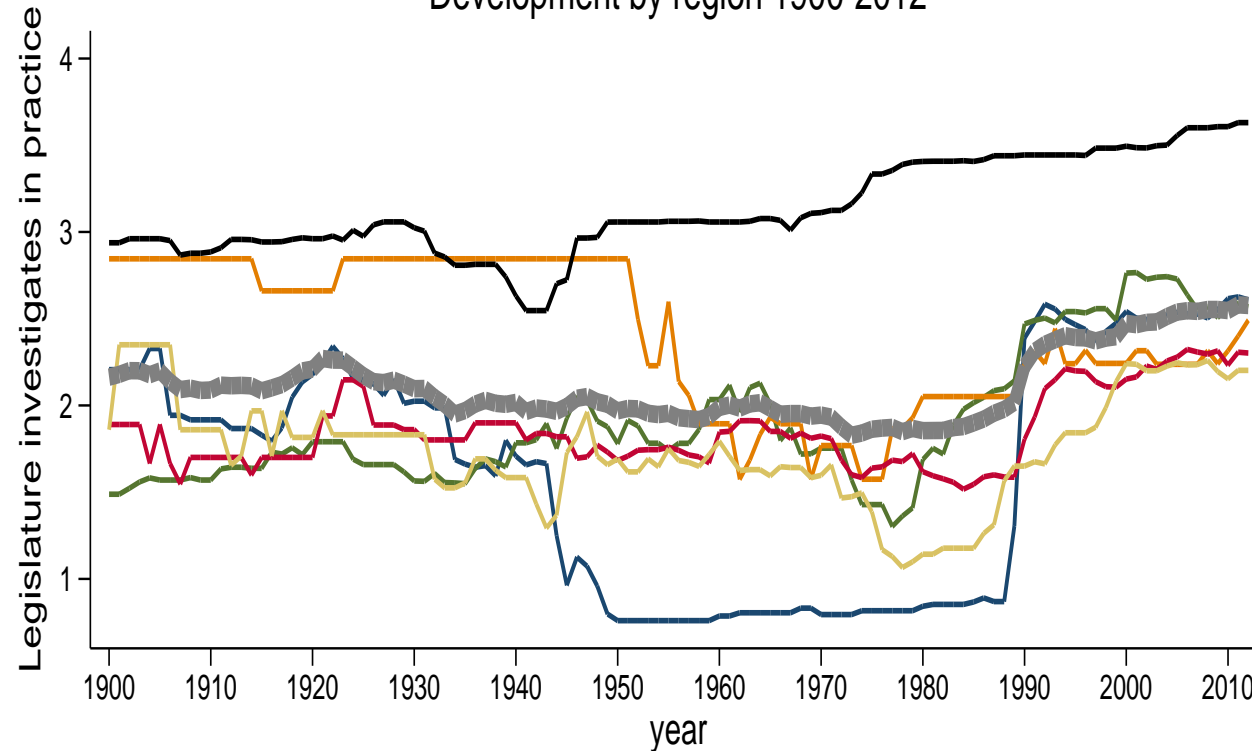
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- **Policy linkages more policy-based in South Africa and Brazil**
- **Increasing clientelism in Uganda after 1996 and Guatemala 1994**
- **Ghana -> improvement after 2000, still issue**

Legislature investigates in practice

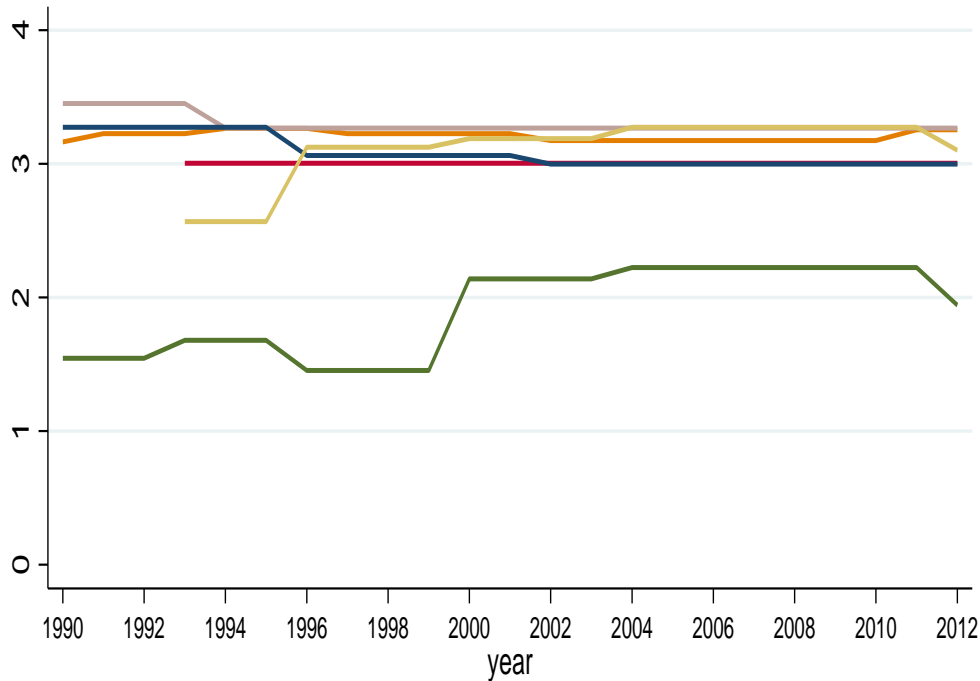
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- **Exception: Western Europe & North America**
- **Post-Communist Countries:** lowest scores -> sharp increase 1990
- **Rest:** Upward trend after 1960s and 70s, but still – rare to hold executive to account

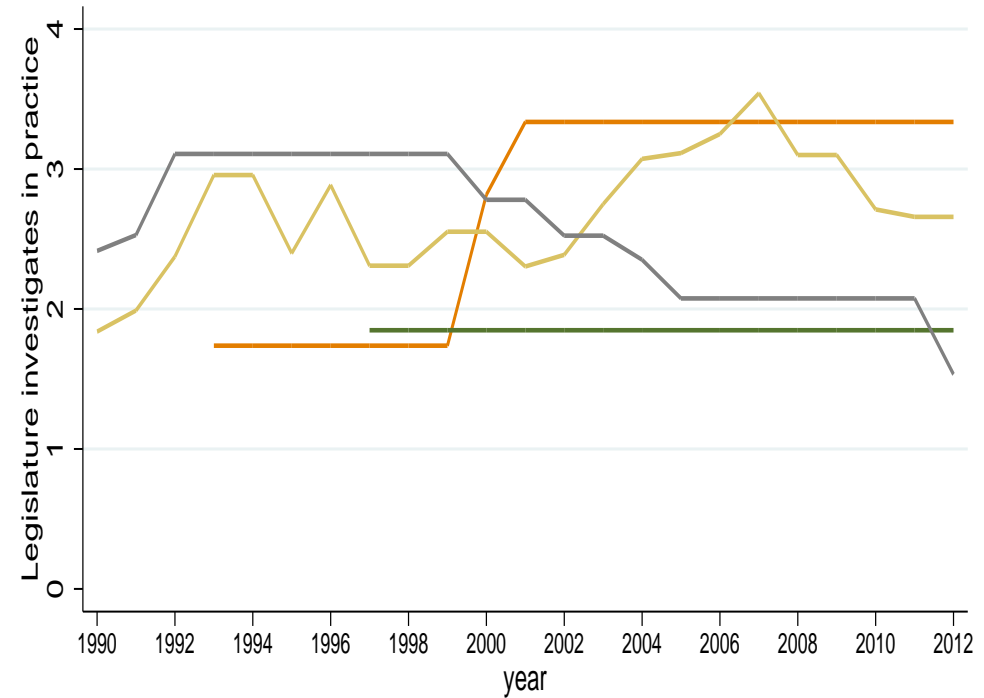
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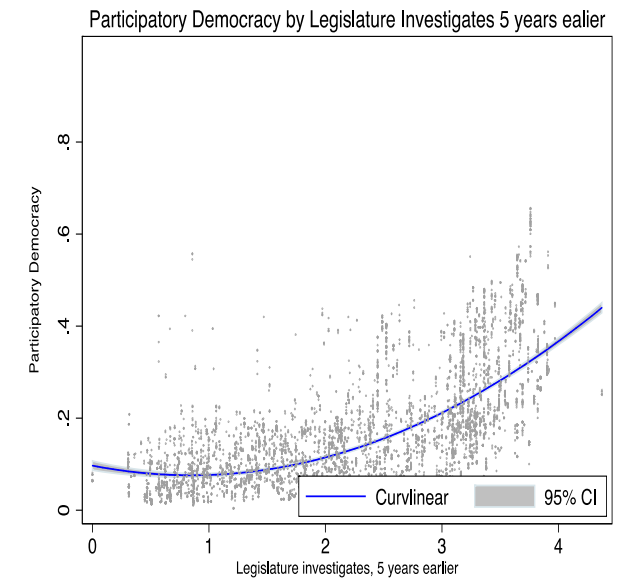
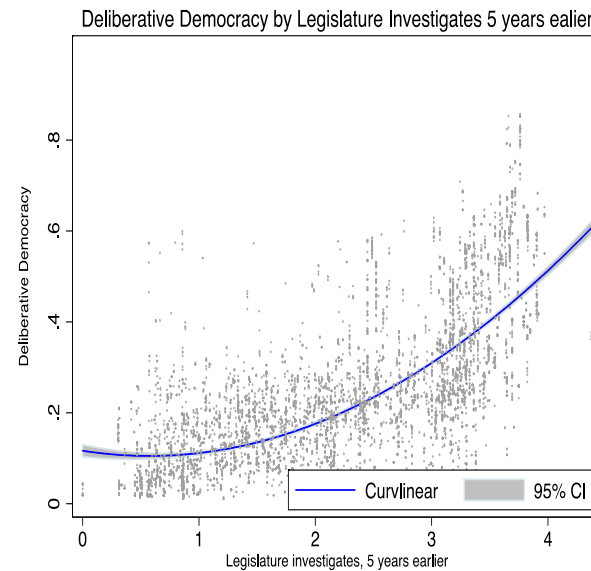
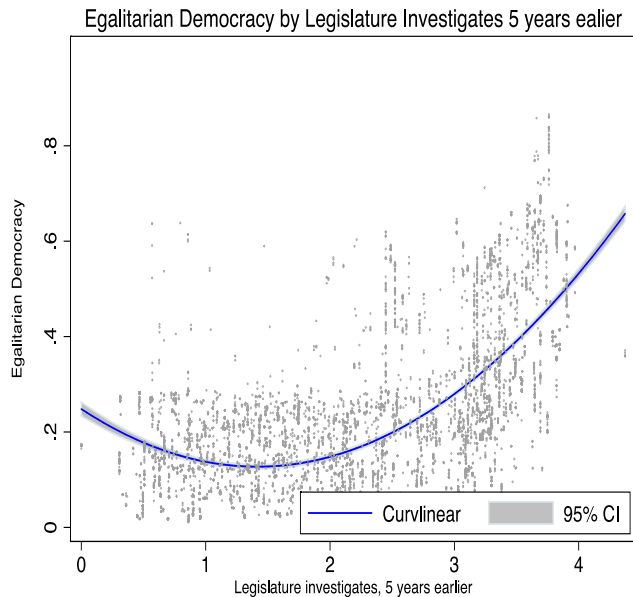
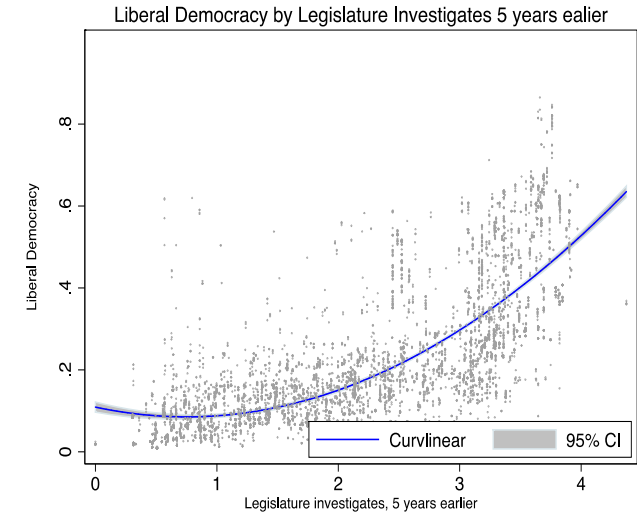
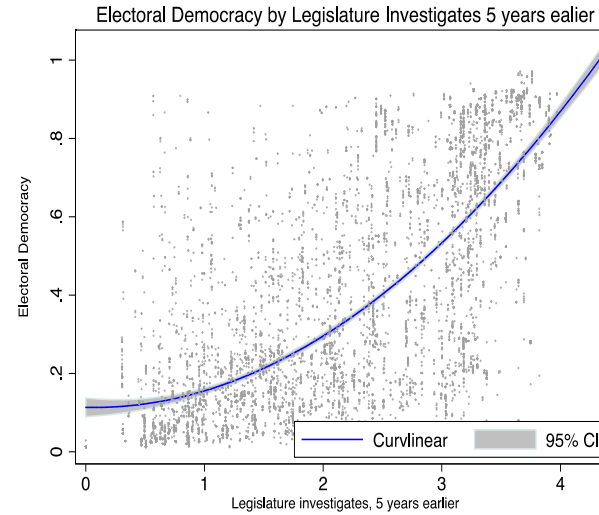
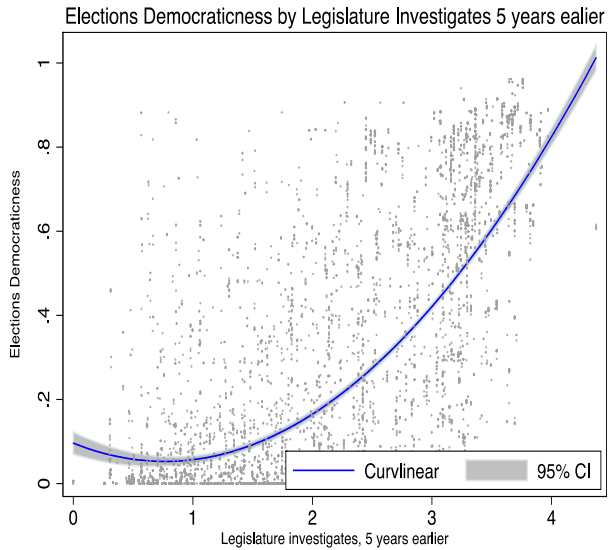


- **Putin's Russia: power of the opposition drops drastically**
- **Ukraine: many drastic changes between 1990 – 2012**
- **Guatemala, Bosnia and Herzegovina: low levels**

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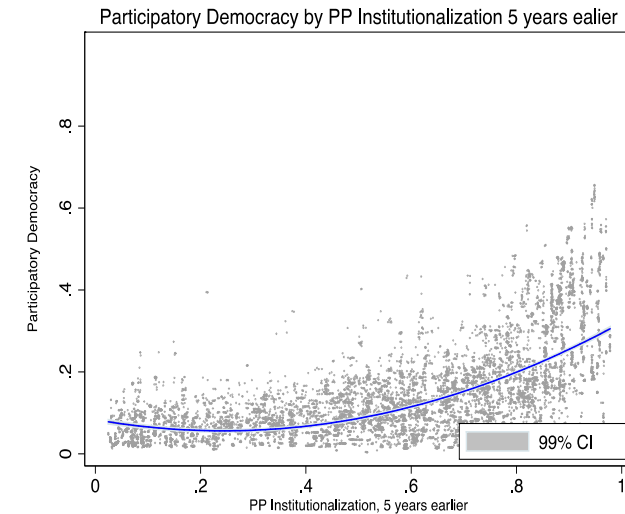
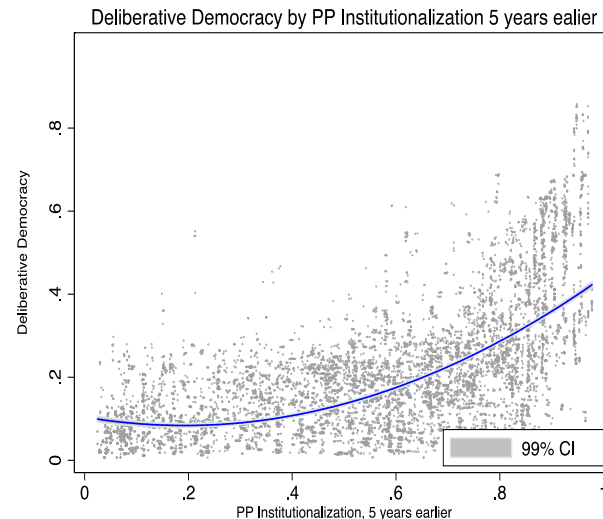
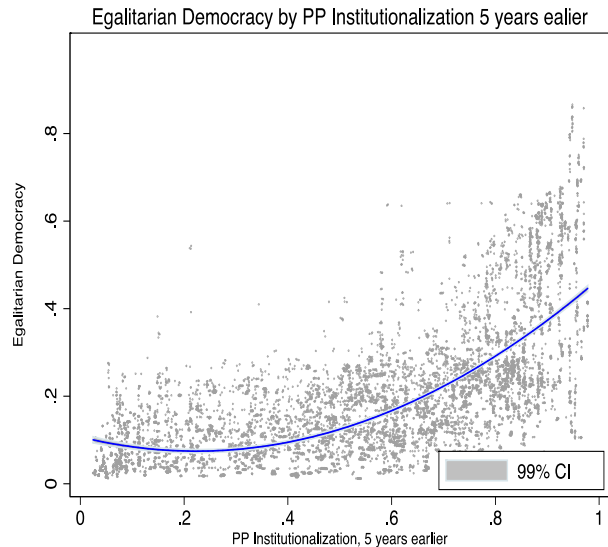
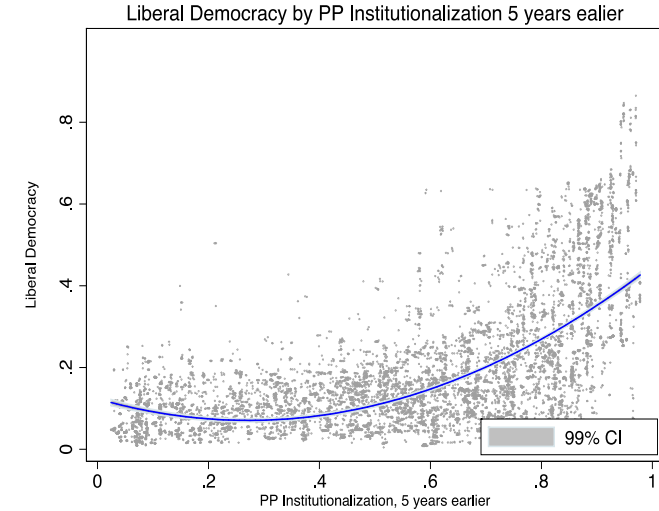
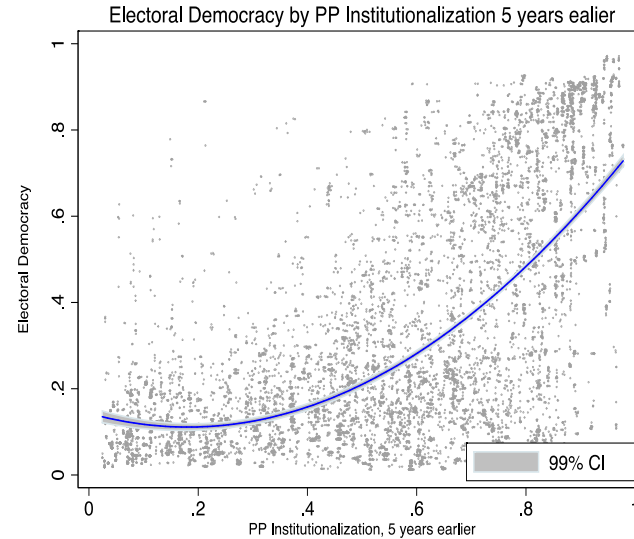
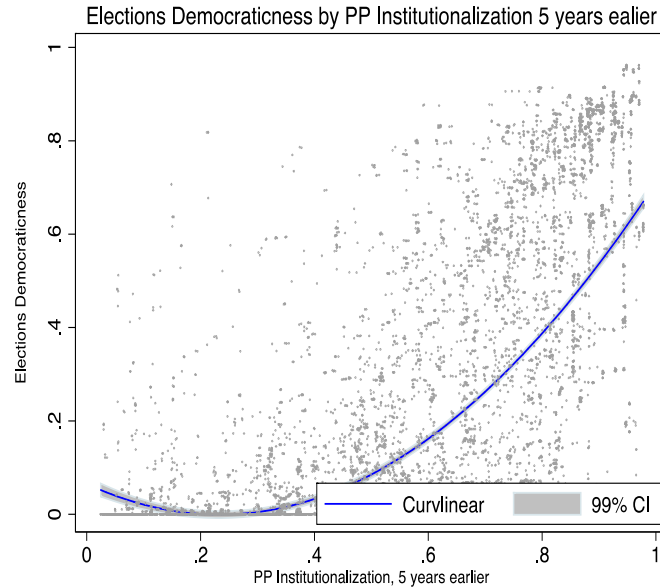
**Parties in legislature strong enough
to hold the executive accountable
matter**

The effect of *Legislature Investigates the Executive* on Varieties of Democracy



**Yes.
Institutionalized parties
matter**

The effect of *Party Institutionalization* on Varieties of Democracy



Concluding remarks

- **Parties matter for democratization**
- **Party linkages & Holding executive to account**
 - two key weak areas to focus on
- **Sub-Saharan & North Africa generally most problems with parties, all indicators**
- **Variation within all regions, eg:**
 - Uganda and Guatemala both significant problems with clientelism
 - Guatemala and Bosnia-Herz. significant issues with parties/legislatures holding executive to account

Thank you...

Q & A



