

CODEBOOK FOR “MEVMLB_DATA_TABLE1”

Countryname

Electionround: 1=first-round election result

2= second-round election result

Electiondate

Incumbentparty: name of party that previously held office of presidency

Partywinner: Name of party that won the presidency in that election.

Alliancewinner: In applicable, name of alliance that won the presidency in that election.

Voteswoninc: Percentage of votes won by the incumbent in that election

Votesinlag: Percentage of votes won by the incumbent in previous election

Gdpgrowthlag: % of growth in GDP in year before the election.

Winstability: Overall % of elections won by the incumbent party in this time frame. Referred to in text as “Electoral Stability”

Tradegdp: Via the WorldBank, this is the sum of exports and imports of goods and services measured as a share of gross domestic product

Country: Number assigned to each country

Time: Captures the passage of time by year. Its values range from 1-33, 1=1982 and 33=2014.