

## Supplemental File

**Table S1.** *List of Included Countries*

Country	Year	N	Country	Year	N
Algeria	2014	1,200	Libya	2014	2,131
Andorra	2005	1,003	Malaysia	2006	1,201
Andorra	2018	1,004	Malaysia	2012	1,300
Argentina	2006	1,002	Malaysia	2018	1,313
Argentina	2013	1,030	Mali	2007	1,534
Argentina	2017	1,003	Mexico	2005	1,560
Armenia	2011	1,100	Mexico	2012	2,000
Australia	2005	1,421	Mexico	2018	1,739
Australia	2012	1,477	Moldova	2006	1,046
Australia	2018	1,813	Morocco	2007	1,200
Azerbaijan	2011	1,002	Morocco	2011	1,200
Bangladesh	2018	1,200	Netherlands	2006	1,050
Belarus	2011	1,535	Netherlands	2012	1,902
Bolivia	2017	2,067	New Zealand	2004	954
Brazil	2006	1,500	New Zealand	2011	841
Brazil	2014	1,486	Nigeria	2012	1,759
Brazil	2018	1,762	Nigeria	2018	1,237
Bulgaria	2006	1,001	Norway	2007	1,025
Burkina Faso	2007	1,534	Pakistan	2012	1,200
Canada	2006	2,164	Pakistan	2018	1,995
Chile	2006	1,000	Palestine	2013	1,000
Chile	2012	1,000	Peru	2006	1,500
Chile	2018	1,000	Peru	2012	1,210
China	2007	1,991	Peru	2018	1,400
China	2013	2,300	Philippines	2012	1,200
China	2018	3,036	Poland	2005	1,000
Colombia	2005	3,025	Poland	2012	966
Colombia	2012	1,512	Romania	2005	1,776
Colombia	2018	1,520	Romania	2012	1,503
Cyprus	2006	1,050	Romania	2018	1,257
Cyprus	2011	1,000	Russia	2006	2,033
Cyprus	2019	1,000	Russia	2011	2,500
Ecuador	2013	1,202	Russia	2017	1,810
Ecuador	2018	1,200	Rwanda	2012	1,527
Egypt	2008	3,051	Serbia	2006	1,220
Egypt	2013	1,523	Serbia	2017	1,046
Egypt	2018	1,200	Singapore	2012	1,972
Estonia	2011	1,533	Slovenia	2005	1,037
Ethiopia	2007	1,500	Slovenia	2011	1,069
Finland	2005	1,014	South Africa	2006	2,988

France	2006	1,001	South Africa	2013	3,531
Georgia	2009	1,500	South Korea	2005	1,200
Georgia	2014	1,202	South Korea	2010	1,200
Germany	2006	2,064	South Korea	2018	1,245
Germany	2013	2,046	Spain	2007	1,200
Germany	2018	1,528	Spain	2011	1,189
Ghana	2007	1,534	Sweden	2006	1,003
Ghana	2012	1,552	Sweden	2011	1,206
Greece	2017	1,200	Switzerland	2007	1,241
Guatemala	2004	1,000	Taiwan	2006	1,227
Haiti	2016	1,996	Taiwan	2012	1,238
Hong Kong	2005	1,252	Taiwan	2019	1,223
Hong Kong	2014	1,000	Thailand	2007	1,534
Hong Kong	2018	2,075	Thailand	2013	1,200
Hungary	2009	1,007	Thailand	2018	1,500
India	2006	2,001	Trinidad and Tobago	2006	1,002
India	2012	4,078	Trinidad and Tobago	2010	999
Indonesia	2006	2,015	Tunisia	2013	1,205
Indonesia	2018	3,200	Turkey	2007	1,346
Iran	2007	2,667	Turkey	2011	1,605
Iraq	2006	2,701	Turkey	2018	2,415
Iraq	2013	1,200	Ukraine	2006	1,000
Iraq	2018	1,200	Ukraine	2011	1,500
Italy	2005	1,012	United Kingdom	2005	1,041
Japan	2005	1,096	United States	2006	1,249
Japan	2010	2,443	United States	2011	2,232
Jordan	2007	1,200	United States	2017	2,596
Jordan	2014	1,200	Uruguay	2006	1,000
Jordan	2018	1,203	Uruguay	2011	1,000
Kazakhstan	2011	1,500	Uzbekistan	2011	1,500
Kazakhstan	2018	1,276	Vietnam	2006	1,495
Kuwait	2014	1,303	Yemen	2014	1,000
Kyrgyzstan	2011	1,500	Zambia	2007	1,500
Lebanon	2013	1,200	Zimbabwe	2012	1,500
Lebanon	2018	1,200			

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**Table S2.** *Marginal Effects of Key Variables on Levels of Support for Strong Non-Democratic Leaders in Democracies and Non-Democracies*

DI	Income inequality (Model 1)			Log GDP per capita (Model 2)		
	<i>B</i>	95% CI	P	<i>B</i>	95% CI	P
2.45	-0.02	[-0.06, 0.02]	0.26	0.11**	[0.07, 0.14]	<0.01
3.4	-0.01	[-0.04, 0.02]	0.47	0.08**	[0.05, 0.11]	<0.01
4.35	-0.00	[-0.02, 0.02]	0.97	0.05**	[0.02, 0.07]	<0.01
5.3	0.01	[-0.01, 0.03]	0.29	0.02	[-0.01, 0.04]	0.12
6.25	0.02*	[0.00, 0.04]	0.02	-0.01	[-0.04, 0.02]	0.50
7.2	0.03**	[0.01, 0.05]	<0.01	-0.04*	[-0.07, 0.00]	0.03
8.15	0.04**	[0.02, 0.06]	<0.01	-0.07**	[-0.11, -0.03]	<0.01
9.1	0.05**	[0.02, 0.08]	<0.01	-0.10**	[-0.15, -0.05]	<0.01
10	0.06**	[0.02, 0.10]	<0.01	-0.13**	[-0.19, -0.07]	<0.01

*Note.* CI = confidence interval. Reported results are marginal effects of multilevel linear models reported in Table 1. DI ranges from two standard deviations below the mean to two standard deviations above the mean.

**Table S3.** *Multilevel Ordinal Logistic Models of Support for Strong Non-Democratic Leaders*

Variable	Model 1			Model 2		
	<i>OR</i>	<b>95% CI</b>	<i>P</i>	<i>OR</i>	<b>95% CI</b>	<i>P</i>
Male	1.02	[0.99, 1.05]	0.21	1.02	[0.99, 1.05]	0.21
Age	0.95**	[0.93, 0.97]	<0.01	0.95**	[0.93, 0.97]	<0.01
Political Orientation	1.06**	[1.04, 1.09]	<0.01	1.06**	[1.04, 1.09]	<0.01
Emancipative values	0.92**	[0.88, 0.95]	<0.01	0.92**	[0.88, 0.95]	<0.01
Income	1.01	[0.99, 1.03]	0.24	1.01	[0.99, 1.03]	0.24
Education Level	0.88**	[0.86, 0.90]	<0.01	0.88**	[0.86, 0.90]	<0.01
Trust	0.99	[0.97, 1.01]	0.39	0.99	[0.97, 1.01]	0.39
Democracy Index (DI)	0.89	[0.74, 1.08]	0.24	0.92	[0.78, 1.07]	0.28
Income inequality	1.16*	[1.03, 1.30]	0.01	0.97	[0.86, 1.10]	0.68
Log GDP per capita	1.11	[0.92, 1.34]	0.27	0.93	[0.77, 1.11]	0.41
Income * DI	0.98	[0.96, 1.00]	0.06	0.98	[0.96, 1.00]	0.06
Education Level * DI	0.92**	[0.90, 0.94]	<0.01	0.92**	[0.90, 0.94]	<0.01
Trust * DI	0.93**	[0.91, 0.95]	<0.01	0.93**	[0.91, 0.95]	<0.01
Income inequality * DI	1.15*	[1.02, 1.30]	0.03	0.95	[0.84, 1.07]	0.42
Log GDP per capita * DI				0.62**	[0.54, 0.72]	<0.01
Cutpoint 1	-0.92	[-1.70, -0.13]		-1.19	[-1.76, -0.62]	
Cutpoint 2	0.45	[-0.33, 1.23]		0.18	[-0.38, 0.75]	
Cutpoint 3	2.07	[1.29, 2.85]		1.79	[1.23, 2.36]	

Country-year SD	0.71	[0.63, 0.81]	0.63	[0.54, 0.73]
N	222,436		222,436	
# of country-years	149		149	

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*Note.* \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*  $p < 0.05$ . *OR* = odds ratio. *CI* = confidence interval. Standardized

coefficients presented for continuous variables and standard errors are adjusted for clustering at the country-year level.

**Table S4.** *Multilevel Linear Models of Support for Strong Non-Democratic Leaders Using Listwise Deletion*

Variable	Model 1			Model 2			Model 3		
	<i>B</i>	95% CI	<i>P</i>	<i>B</i>	95% CI	<i>P</i>	<i>B</i>	95% CI	<i>P</i>
Male		[0.00, 0.01]	0.21	0.00	[-0.00, 0.01]	0.19	0.00	[0.00, 0.01]	0.21
Age	-	[-0.01, 0.00]	<0.01	-	[-0.01, -0.00]	<0.01	-	[-0.01, 0.00]	<0.01
Political Orientation	0.01**	[0.00, 0.01]	<0.01	0.01**	[0.00, 0.01]	<0.01	0.01**	[0.00, 0.01]	<0.01
Emancipative values	-	[-0.02, -0.01]	<0.01	-	[-0.02, -0.01]	<0.01	-	[-0.02, -0.01]	<0.01
Income				0.00	[-0.00, 0.00]	0.28			
Education Level	-	[-0.03, -0.02]	<0.01	-	[-0.03, -0.02]	<0.01	-	[-0.03, -0.02]	<0.01
Trust		[-0.01, 0.01]	0.99	0.00	[-0.01, 0.01]	0.98		[-0.01, 0.01]	0.98
Democracy Index (DI)	-0.02	[-0.08, 0.04]	0.54	-0.03	[-0.08, 0.02]	0.20	-0.02	[-0.06, 0.02]	0.31
Income inequality	0.03*	[0.00, 0.06]	0.04	0.02	[-0.01, 0.04]	0.20	0.01	[-0.01, 0.04]	0.24
Log GDP per capita		[-0.02, 0.07]	0.32	0.01	[-0.03, 0.05]	0.65	0.01	[-0.03, 0.05]	0.67
Income * DI		[-0.01, 0.00]	0.07	-0.00	[-0.01, 0.00]	0.07		[-0.01, 0.00]	0.07
Education Level * DI	-	[-0.02, -0.01]	<0.01	-	[-0.01, -0.01]	<0.01	-	[-0.02, -0.01]	<0.01
Trust * DI	-	[-0.01, -0.01]	<0.01	-	[-0.02, 0.01]	<0.01	-	[-0.01, -0.01]	<0.01

Income inequality * DI	0.01	[-0.02, 0.04]	0.39	-0.02	[-0.05, 0.01]	0.20		
Log GDP per capita * DI				-0.06**	[-0.09, -0.03]	<0.01	-0.05**	[-0.07, -0.03]
Constant		[0.45, 0.50]**	<0.01	0.53**	[0.50, 0.57]	<0.01	0.52**	[0.49, 0.56]
Country SD	0.10	[0.08, 0.12]		0.09	[0.07, 0.11]		0.09	[0.07, 0.11]
Country-year SD	0.04	[0.03, 0.06]		0.04	[0.03, 0.06]		0.04	[0.03, 0.06]
Income SD	0.02	[0.01, 0.02]		0.02	[0.01, 0.02]		0.02	[0.01, 0.02]
Education SD	0.02	[0.02, 0.02]		0.02	[0.02, 0.02]		0.02	[0.02, 0.02]
Trust SD	0.02	[0.02, 0.03]		0.02	[0.02, 0.03]		0.02	[0.02, 0.03]
Residual SD	0.24	[0.24, 0.25]		0.24	[0.24, 0.25]		0.24	[0.24, 0.25]
# of country-years (countries)	131 (78)			131 (78)			131 (78)	
N	137,881			137,881			137,881	
AIC				4499			4499	
BIC	4860			4853			4843	

\*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*  $p < 0.05$ . CI = confidence interval. BIC = Bayesian Information Criterion.

Standardized coefficients presented for continuous variables and standard errors are adjusted for clustering at the country level.

**Table S5.** *Multilevel Linear Models of Support for Strong Non-Democratic Leaders Without Control Variables*

Variable	Model 1			Model 2		
	<i>B</i>	95% CI	P	<i>B</i>	95% CI	P
Income	0.00	[0.00, 0.00]	0.29	0.00	[0.00, 0.00]	0.30
Education Level	-0.02**	[-0.02, -0.02]	<0.01	-0.02**	[-0.02, -0.02]	<0.01
Trust	0.00	[-0.01, 0.00]	0.37	0.00	[-0.01, 0.00]	0.37
Democracy Index (DI)	-0.01	[-0.04, 0.02]	0.40	-0.01	[-0.03, 0.01]	0.23
Income inequality	0.02*	[0.00, 0.04]	0.01	0.00	[-0.02, 0.01]	0.77
Log GDP per capita	0.01	[-0.02, 0.04]	0.39	-0.01	[-0.04, 0.01]	0.34
Income * DI	-0.003*	[-0.01, 0.00]	0.03	-0.003*	[-0.01, 0.00]	0.03
Education Level *						
DI	-0.01**	[-0.02, -0.01]	<0.01	-0.01**	[-0.02, -0.01]	<0.01
Trust * DI	-0.01**	[-0.01, -0.01]	<0.01	-0.01**	[-0.01, -0.01]	<0.01
Income inequality *						
DI	0.02*	[0.00, 0.04]	0.01	0.00	[-0.02, 0.01]	0.71
Log GDP per capita * DI				-0.06**	[-0.08, -0.04]	<0.01
Constant	0.50**	[0.44, 0.56]	<0.01	0.53**	[0.49, 0.58]	<0.01
Country SD	0.08	[0.06, 0.10]		0.06	[0.04, 0.09]	
Country-year SD	0.06	[0.04, 0.09]		0.06	[0.04, 0.09]	
Income SD	0.01	[0.01, 0.02]		0.01	[0.01, 0.02]	
Education SD	0.02	[0.01, 0.02]		0.02	[0.01, 0.02]	
Trust SD	0.02	[0.02, 0.03]		0.02	[0.02, 0.03]	
Residual SD		[0.25, 0.26]				
	0.25			0.25	[0.25, 0.26]	
N	222,436			222,436		



# of country-waves	149 (82)	149 (82)
(countries)		

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\*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*  $p < 0.05$ . *OR* = odds ratio. *CI* = confidence interval. Standardized coefficients presented for continuous variables and standard errors are adjusted for clustering at the country level.

**Table S6.** *Full Multilevel Linear Societal Growth Curve Models of Support for Strong Non-Democratic Leaders*

Variable	Model 1			Model 2		
	<i>B</i>	95% CI	P	<i>B</i>	95% CI	P
Male	0.00	[0.00, 0.01]	0.26	0.00	[0.00, 0.01]	0.26
Age	-0.01**	[-0.01, 0.00]	<0.01	-0.01**	[-0.01, 0.00]	<0.01
Political Orientation	0.01**	[0.01, 0.01]	<0.01	0.01**	[0.01, 0.01]	<0.01
Emancipative values	-0.01**	[-0.02, 0.00]	<0.01	-0.01**	[-0.02, 0.00]	<0.01
Income	0.00	[0.00, 0.00]	0.38	0.00	[0.00, 0.00]	0.38
Education Level	-0.02**	[-0.02, -0.01]	<0.01	-0.02**	[-0.02, -0.01]	<0.01
Trust	0.00	[0.00, 0.01]	0.91	0.00	[0.00, 0.01]	0.91
Democracy Index	-0.01	[-0.05, 0.02]	0.48	-0.02	[-0.05, 0.01]	0.27
CM income inequality	0.01	[-0.02, 0.03]	0.73	0.00	[-0.03, 0.02]	0.73
Change in income inequality	0.00	[-0.01, 0.01]	0.45	0.00	[-0.01, 0.01]	0.62
CM log GDP per capita	0.00	[-0.05, 0.05]	0.89	0.01	[-0.03, 0.05]	0.76
Change in log GDP per capita	0.00	[-0.02, 0.01]	0.85	-0.01	[-0.03, 0.01]	0.33
Income * DI	0.00	[0.00, 0.00]	0.58	0.00	[0.00, 0.00]	0.58
Education Level * DI	-0.01**	[-0.02, -0.01]	<0.01	-0.01**	[-0.02, -0.01]	<0.01
Trust * DI	-0.01**	[-0.02, -0.01]	<0.01	-0.01**	[-0.02, -0.01]	<0.01
CM income inequality * DI	0.02	[0.00, 0.04]	0.11	-0.02	[-0.04, 0.00]	0.09
Change in income inequality * DI	0.01	[-0.02, 0.03]	0.50	0.00	[-0.02, 0.02]	0.99
CM log GDP per capita * DI				-0.08**	[-0.11, -0.05]	<0.01
Change in log GDP per capita * DI				-0.01	[-0.02, 0.01]	0.27

Constant	0.46**	[0.42, 0.51]	<0.01	0.5**	[0.46, 0.54]	<0.01
Country SD	0.07	[0.05, 0.10]		0.05	[0.03, 0.08]	
Country-year SD	0.06	[0.04, 0.09]		0.06	[0.04, 0.09]	
Income SD	0.01	[0.01, 0.02]		0.01	[0.01, 0.02]	
Education SD	0.01	[0.01, 0.02]		0.01	[0.01, 0.02]	
Trust SD	0.02	[0.02, 0.03]		0.02	[0.02, 0.03]	
Individual variance	0.25	[0.24, 0.26]		0.25	[0.24, 0.26]	
N (country-waves, countries)	222,436 (149, 81)			222,436 (149, 81)		

\*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*  $p < 0.05$ .  $B$  = regression coefficient. CI = confidence interval. Standardized coefficients presented for continuous variables and standard errors are adjusted for clustering at the country level. Ordinal dependent variable was converted to a riddit variable ranging from 0-1.

**Table S7.** *Multilevel Ordered Logit Societal Growth Curve Models of Support for Strong Non-Democratic Leaders*

Variable	Model 1			Model 2		
	<i>OR</i>	95% CI	<i>P</i>	<i>OR</i>	95% CI	<i>P</i>
Male	1.01	[0.98, 1.04]	0.54	1.01	[0.99, 1.04]	0.28
Age	0.94**	[0.91, 0.96]	<0.01	0.94**	[0.92, 0.97]	<0.01
Political Orientation	1.07**	[1.04, 1.10]	<0.01	1.07**	[1.04, 1.09]	<0.01
Emancipative values	0.91**	[0.86, 0.95]	<0.01	0.91**	[0.87, 0.95]	<0.01
Income	1.02	[0.99, 1.04]	0.17	1.02	[1.00, 1.04]	0.11
Education Level	0.88**	[0.86, 0.90]	<0.01	0.88**	[0.86, 0.90]	<0.01
Trust	1.00	[0.97, 1.03]	0.90	0.99	[0.96, 1.01]	0.35
Democracy Index (DI)	0.88	[0.68, 1.12]	0.29	0.89	[0.75, 1.06]	0.18
CM income inequality	1.03	[0.86, 1.24]	0.72	0.93	[0.81, 1.05]	0.25
Change in income inequality	1.00	[0.86, 1.17]	0.97	1.03	[0.93, 1.15]	0.55
CM log GDP per capita	1.03	[0.80, 1.33]	0.81	0.93	[0.77, 1.11]	0.43
Change in log GDP per capita	0.97	[0.79, 1.19]	0.80	0.94	[0.78, 1.13]	0.49
Income * DI	0.99	[0.96, 1.02]	0.45	0.99	[0.96, 1.01]	0.41
Education Level * DI	0.92**	[0.90, 0.95]	<0.01	0.94**	[0.91, 0.96]	<0.01
Trust * DI	0.92**	[0.90, 0.95]	<0.01	0.93**	[0.90, 0.95]	<0.01
CM income inequality * DI	1.16	[0.99, 1.36]	0.06	0.90	[0.77, 1.05]	0.18
Change in income inequality * DI	0.99	[0.73, 1.32]	0.92	0.88	[0.71, 1.09]	0.25
CM log GDP per capita * DI				0.57**	[0.50, 0.66]	<0.01
Change in log GDP per capita * DI				0.91	[0.81, 1.02]	0.10

Cutpoint 1	-0.37	[-0.76, 0.02]		-0.78	[-1.13, -0.43]
Cutpoint 2	1.05	[0.66, 1.45]	0.64	[0.29, 0.99]	[-0.04, 0.49]
Cutpoint 3	2.71	[2.31, 3.11]	2.30	[1.94, 2.66]	[1.62, 2.12]
Country-year variance	0.71	[0.61, 0.81]		0.62	[0.52, 0.73]
N	170,983			170,983	
# of country-years	112			112	

*Note.* \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*  $p < 0.05$ . *OR* = odds ratio. *CI* = confidence interval. *CM* = Country mean.

Standardized coefficients presented for continuous variables and standard errors are adjusted for clustering at the country-year level.