

Variable Descriptions for International Scrutiny and Pre-Electoral Fiscal Manipulation

Dependent variables

government_IMF

- Central Government Fiscal Balance
- Source: IMF International Financial Statistics
- $(\text{Revenue (81)} + \text{Grants (81z)} - \text{Expenditure (82)})/\text{GDP (99b)}$

government_BD

- Central Government Fiscal Balance
- Source: Brender and Drazen (2005)

government_balance

- Central Government Fiscal Balance
- Source: merge of government_balance_IMF and government_balance_BD

Independent variables

election

- Election year
- see Online Appendix B for discussion

monitors

- International election monitors present
- see Online Appendix B for discussion

IMF

- IMF Agreement
- Coded 1 when a country is under an IMF agreement and 0 otherwise, is included in the analyses to capture the effect of IMF program participation on a government's fiscal stance.
- Data on IMF program participation are from Vreeland (2003).

ln_gdppc

- GDP per capita, ln
- Source: World Bank World Development Indicators

gdpgrowth

- GDP Growth
- Source: World Bank World Development Indicators

ln_trade

- Trade openness: $(\text{Imports} + \text{Exports})/\text{GDP}$
- Source: World Bank World Development Indicators

pop1564

- Percent of population between the ages of 15 and 64
- Source: World Bank World Development Indicators

pop65

- Percent of population over the age of 65
- Source: World Bank World Development Indicators

external_debt_exports

- External debt as a percent of exports
- Source: World Bank World Development Indicators

financial_crisis

- Equal to one in the first and second years of a banking, currency or debt crisis, and zero otherwise
- Source: from Laeven and Valencia (2008)

UNGA_Voting_Record

- Degree to which countries vote with the United States in the United Nations General Assembly. Higher values denote greater congruence in voting.
- Source: Dreher and Sturm (2006)

POLITY

- 21 point democracy scale: (Democracy – Autocracy)
- Source: Marshall and Jaggers 2002

current_account

- Current Account as a percent of GDP
- Source: World Bank World Development Indicators

Limit data set years and countries