



# DOES POLITICAL INEQUALITY LEAD TO POLITICAL INSTABILITY? Case study of Selected Developing Countries

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## INTRODUCTION / SUMMARY

Socioeconomic inequalities can lead to violent conflict in developing countries ... but what about political dimension of inequalities?

Research question: Are countries with high political inequality most unstable?

**What is political inequality?**

Equal opportunities (access to political decisions)

and

Equal outcomes (weight in influence over political decisions)

**How to measure political inequality?**

Political inequality = **Level of democratization**

- + Political participation
- + Political rights
- + Civil liberties

## METHODS

Panel: 68 developing countries

Period: 2006-2012

Regression analysis: Panel Logit

Data:

1/ **Political inequality** :

Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) Democracy Index

2/ **Political instability** :

i/ Major Episodes of Political Violence (MEPV, CSP Group)

ii/ Number of coup d'état (CSP Group)

3/ **Control variables** (GDP, Inflation, Urban pop, Population density...)

## Political inequality according to EIU index

Average of 5 categories:

- electoral process and pluralism
- civil liberties
- functioning of government
- political participation
- political culture

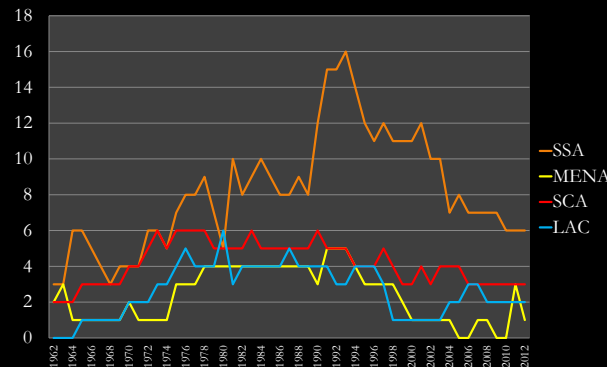


Figure 1. Civil conflicts by region, 1962-2012

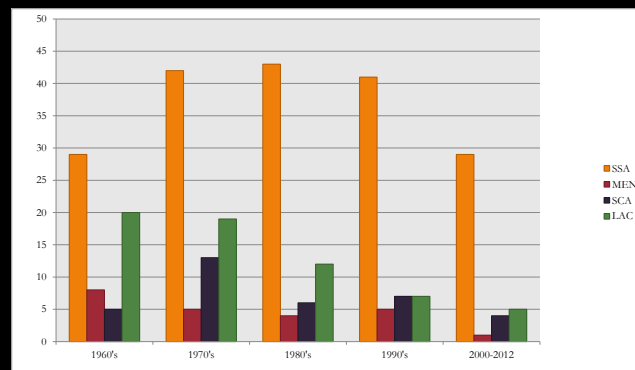


Figure 2. Coups d'état by region, 1962-2012

	Region	Democracy index				
		2006	2008	2010	2011	2012
1-	North America	8.64	8.64	8.63	8.59	8.59
2-	Western Europe	8.60	8.61	8.45	8.40	8.44
3-	Latin America and the Caribbean	6.37	6.43	6.37	6.35	6.36
4-	Asia	5.44	5.58	5.53	5.51	5.56
5-	Central and Eastern Europe	5.76	5.67	5.55	5.50	5.51
6-	Sub-Saharan Africa	4.24	4.28	4.23	4.32	4.33
7-	Middle East and North Africa (MENA)	3.54	3.48	3.52	3.62	3.73
	World	5.52	5.55	5.46	5.49	5.52

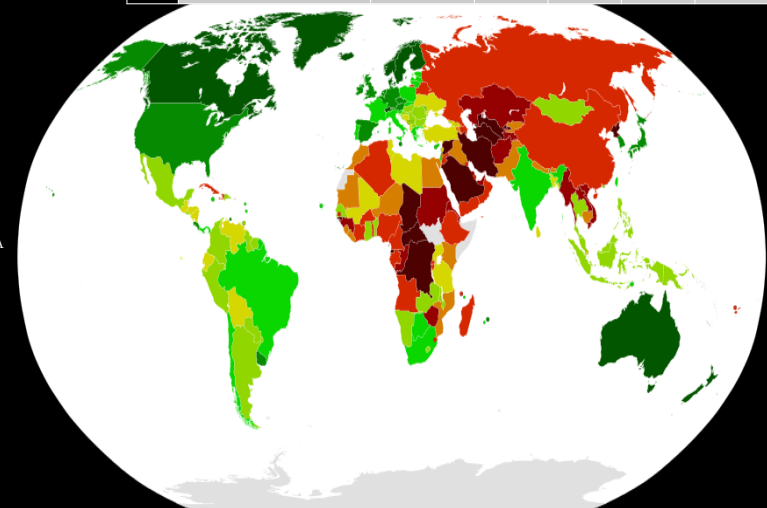


Figure 3. The EIU's Democracy Index map, 2012

## DISCUSSIONS

Where the link???

And Transmission channels ???

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