

1 Supplementary File 1: Summary of indicators, data sources, and descriptive statistics

Hypotheses	Indicators	N	Mean	SD	Min	Max	Source
H1a, H2a Minority cabinet	A minority status of the cabinet	2382	0.25	0.44	0	1	Author
H1b, H2a Cabinet fractionalization	Number of coalition partners	2382	2.66	1.37	0	7	Author
H3a, H6a Popularly elected president	Semi-presidential system (i.e., president is popularly elected and the cabinet is responsible to the parliament and the president)	2382	0.64	0.48	0	1	Elgie, 1999
H3b Discretionary dismiss of cabinets	The constitutional power of the presidents to dismiss cabinets	2382	0.15	0.36	0	1	Author
H1c, H2b, H7c Economic Growth	GDP per capita annual growth in %, one-year lagged	2048	3.71	5.07	-12.8	14.3	World Bank, 2020
H1c, H2b, H7c Inflation	Annual inflation (in 1000 %), one-year lagged	2326	64.99	211.7	-1.13	1500	
H1d Democracy	Electoral Democracy Index at the time of the appointment	2367	0.77	0.15	0.31	0.91	Teorell et al., 2016
H1e, H2c Time since transition	Time since the collapse of communism (in years)	2382	9,5	5.5	0	22	Author
H4a, H8a Communist-time appointments	Portfolio allocation to an expert during communism indicating (1) whether the same portfolio exists in the post-communist period and (2) whether the respective portfolio was occupied by an expert in the communist cabinets during the 1980s. If the portfolio exists during post-communism only, this portfolio was considered <i>not</i> occupied by an expert during communism	2382	0.36	0.48	0	1	Author
H4b, H8a <i>Portfolios of foreign affairs / defense</i>	Minister was appointed to portfolios of foreign affairs or defense	2373	0.12	0.33	0	1	Author
H4b, H8a <i>Portfolio of finance/ economy</i>	Minister was appointed to portfolios of economy or finance	2373	0.13	0.34	0	1	Author

H4b <i>Portfolio of social affairs/education</i>	Minister was appointed to portfolios of social affairs, health, or education	2373	0.24	0.42	0	1	Author
H5a Non-partisan PM	The minister was appointed to a cabinet headed by a non-partisan PM	2382	0.03	0.18	0	1	Author
H5b, H7b PM was changed	The minister has served under different PMs	2382	0.24	0.43	0	1	Author
H5c, H7a PM's party remained in the government	The minister was reappointed to various cabinets, in which the PM's party remained the same	2382	0.16	0.36	0	1	Author
Gap	The minister had time gap between appointments	2382	0.07	0.25	0	1	Author

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