

AFRICA EXECUTIVE TERM LIMITS (AETL) DATASET

Codebook

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AETL COUNTRY	
Variables	Labels
c_cow	Country code (Correlates of War, COW)
c_country	Country name
c_region	Region (central Africa, east Africa, southern Africa, west Africa)
c_indep	Independence (year)
c_colony	Colonial legacy (Belgium, France, Great Britain, Italy; Portugal; Spain)
c_ethnic	Ethnic fractionalization (Alesina et al 2003)
c_io	Membership to one or more regional international organizations
c_io_eac	Membership to EAC
c_io_ecowas	Membership to ECOWAS
c_io_sadc	Membership to SADC
c_coup	Coups d'état, guerrilla takeovers, foreign impositions, assassinations (years)
c_civwar	Civil war (years)
c_regime	Political regime (no leader, non electoral, parliamentary, presidential, semi-presidential)
c_termdur	Term duration in years
c_1stel	Year first multiparty universal suffrage election
c_totleader	Tot leaders since electoral transition (ref. 1stel)
c_totel	Tot elected leaders since 1990
c_totnel	Tot non elected leaders since 1990
c_totint	Tot interim leaders since 1990
c_etl	ETL exist (1 = yes, 0 = no)
c_etlsince	Year ETL were introduced
c_etltype	ETL type (no etl; max 2 term in total; max 2 consecutive terms; max 3 terms)
c_etlep	Episodes a leader dealt with ETL (n. of times)
c_etlresp	Episodes ETL respected (n. of times)
c_etlmanip	Episodes ETL manipulated (n. of times)
c_etlfail	Episodes ETL failed manipulation (n. of times)
c_etlnotes	Notes on etl politics and relevant constitutional changes

AETL LEADER	
Variables	Labels
c_cow	Country code (Correlates of War)
c_country	Country name
l_id	Leader id (cow + numeric identifier)
l_name	Leader name
l_birth	Leader year of birth
l_gender	Leader gender (male=1)
l_military	Leader is or was a military
l_pretrans	Leader in office before electoral transition
l_appnum	N. of times a leader took power between 1990-2018
l_notes	Leader tenure notes
l_app1	Leader 1st appointment mode (non elected, elected directly, elected indirectly, interim)
l_in1	Entry date
l_out1	Exit date
l_termtot1	N. of terms served (less than 1 full term; 1 full term; 2nd term incomplete; 2 full terms; 3 or more terms)
l_exit1	Leader exit mode (non elected to elected; non electoral peaceful; non electoral force; electoral succession; electoral alternation; in office (end 2018)
l_app2	same as app1 (in case of multiple appointments)
l_in2	same as in1 (in case of multiple appointments)
l_out2	same as out1 (in case of multiple appointments)
l_termtot2	same as terms1 (in case of multiple appointments)
l_exit2	same as exit1 (in case of multiple appointments)
l_app3	same as app1 (in case of multiple appointments)
l_in3	same as in1 (in case of multiple appointments)
l_out3	same as out1 (in case of multiple appointments)
l_termtot3	same as terms1 (in case of multiple appointments)
l_exit3	same as exit1 (in case of multiple appointments)
l_el	Leader takes power through elections (n. of non-sequential times)
l_nel	Leader takes power through force (n. of times)
l_int	Leader takes power as interim (n. of times)
l_etl	ETL exist or introduced while in office
l_termdur	Term duration in years
l_etltype	ETL type (see c_etltype)
l_etelep	Leader dealt with etl while in office (n. of times)
l_etlresp	ETL respected (n. of times)
l_etlmanip	ETL manipulated (n. of times)
l_etlfail	ETL failed manipulation (n. of times)
l_etelepy	Year(s) a leader dealt with ETL
l_etlnotes	Leader ETL performance notes

AETL TERM	
Variables	Labels
c_cow	Country code (Correlates of War)
c_country	Country name
l_id	Leader id (cow + numeric identifier)
l_name	Leader name
t_id	Term identifier (cow + numeric identifier)
t_leader	Leader-term (leader name + year period)
t_term	Leader current term (1, 2 ...0 if leader non elected or parliamentary system)
t_app	Leader-term appointment mode (see l_app1)
t_exit	Leader-term exit mode (see l_exit1)
t_etl	ETL exist or introduced during this term
t_termdur	Term duration in years
t_etltype	ETL type (see c_etltype)
t_etelep	Leader dealt with etl during this term
t_etlresp	ETL respected during this term
t_etlmanip	ETL manipulated during this term
t_etlfail	ETL failed manipulation during this term
t_etelepy	Year a leader dealt with etl during this term
t_etlnotes	Leader-term ETL performance notes
t_etlmode	ETL manipulation mode (removal; extension; elusion; mixed; none)
t_etlrem	ETL removal
t_etlEXT	ETL extension
t_etelelu	ETL elusion
t_etlveto	ETL veto players (court; parliament; civil society; military; multiple)
t_etlcourt	ETL veto player: court
t_etlparl	ETL veto player: parliament
t_etlciv	ETL veto player: civil society
t_etlmil	ETL veto player: military
t_etlage	Leader age when etl reached
t_etlprec	Country previous etl record (previous leaders respected/manipulated etl)
t_etliotot	How many regional international organizations partners have already dealt with etl
t_etliosho	Share of international organizations partners that previously respected etl
t_etlioresp	N. of international organizations partners who have already respected or failed to manipulate etl
t_iomanip	N. of international organizations partners who have already manipulated etl
t_elwin	Vote share the incumbent received in the most recent election (1st round)