**Appendix**

1. Changes in state capacity levels by country, as measured by our state capacity index, over time.



1. Early elections and replacements since 1989
2. Regression result when corruption is removed from the measure of state capacity

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|  | **Without interaction** | **With interaction** |
|  | *Early elections*  | *Replacements* | *Early elections*  | *Replacements* |
| **State capacity (no corruption)** | 0.870 | 0.803\*\* | 0.867  | 0.803\*\*  |
|  | (0.301) | (0.080) | (0.306)  | (0.081)  |
| **Unemployment** | 1.802\*\*\* | 1.566\*\*\* | 1.377  | 1.516  |
|  | (0.287) | (0.242) | (1.575)  | (1.730)  |
| **State capacity x Unemployment** |  |  | 1.032  | 1.004  |
|  |  |  | (0.131)  | (0.164)  |
| *Controls* |  |  |  |  |
| Inflation | 0.883 | 1.000 | 0.882  | 1.000  |
|  | (0.070) | (0.000) | (0.069)  | (0.000)  |
| CIEP | 0.199\*\*\* | 0.198\*\*\* | 0.199\*\*\* | 0.198\*\*\* |
|  | (0.045) | (0.044) | (0.045)  | (0.044)  |
| GDP per capita | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.000  | 1.000  |
|  | (0.000) | (0.000) | (0.000)  | (0.000)  |
| Majority cabinet | 1.903 | 1.253 | 1.910  | 1.253  |
|  | (0.980) | (0.470) | (0.990)  | (0.476)  |
| Polarization | 1.065\* | 0.979 | 1.065\*  | 0.979  |
|  | (0.035) | (0.032) | (0.035)  | (0.032)  |
| PM dissolution power | 4.663\*\*\* | 0.581 | 4.684\*\*\* | 0.581  |
|  | (2.709) | (0.528) | (2.697)  | (0.528)  |
| Effective nr parties | 0.733\* | 1.248\*\* | 0.732\*  | 1.248\*\*  |
|  | (0.135) | (0.129) | (0.137)  | (0.129)  |
| Age of democracy (log) | 1.035 | 1.012 | 1.032  | 1.012  |
|  | (0.386) | (0.336) | (0.380)  | (0.336)  |
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| N | 267 |  | 267 |  |
| Early elections | 37 |  | 37 |  |
| Replacements | 105 |  | 105 |  |
| Pseudo $R^{2}$ | 0.42 |  | 0.42 |  |

Note Table entries are relative risk ratios with their standard errors in parentheses. The standard errors are clustered on the country level.; \*\*\*p < 0.01, \*\*p < 0.05, \*p < 0.1; CIEP is the constitutional inter-election period (or how much time is left in office). Unemployment and inflation are time-changing variables that change on a quarterly basis.

1. Marginal effects when corruption is removed from the measure of state capacity

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| Level of state capacity (no corruption) | Marginal effect of unemployment | Standard error | P-value | 95% confidence interval |
| 6 | . 0125\* | . 007 | 0.083 | -.002 | .027 |
| 7 | . 011\*\* | . 004 | 0.006 | .003 | .019 |
| 8 | . 010\* | . 005 | 0.066 | -.001 | .020 |
| 9 | . 008 | . 008 | 0.270 | -.007 | .024 |
| 10 | . 007 | . 010 | 0.447 | -.012 | .027 |