

**Appendix: “Sic Semper Tyrannis? Power, Repression,  
and Assassination Since the Second World War”**

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## Assassinations of Heads of State, 1946–2000

Year	Country	Name
1946	Bolivia	Gualberto Villaroel
1946	Thailand	King Ananda Mahidol
1947	Burma	U. Aung San
1948	Egypt	Mahmoud Fahmy Nokrashy Pasha
1949	Syria	Husni Ez-Zaim
1949	Syria	Mushin Barazi
1950	Venezuela	C. Delgado Chalbaud
1951	Iran	Ali Razmara
1951	Jordan	Abdullah Ibn Hussein
1951	Pakistan	Liaqat Ali Khan
1954	Maldiv Islands	Amin Didi
1955	Panama	Jose Antonio Remon
1956	Nicaragua	Anastasio Somoza Garcia
1957	Guatemala	Carlos Castillas Armas
1958	Iraq	King Faisal II
1958	Iraq	Nuri As-Said
1959	Sri Lanka	Bandaranaike Solomom
1960	Jordan	Hazza Majali
1961	Dominican Republic	Rafael Trujillo
1961	Democratic Republic of Congo	Patrice Lumumba
1961	Burundi	Prince Louis Rwagasore
1963	United States of America	John F. Kennedy
1963	Togo	Sylvanus Olympio
1963	Iraq	Abdul Kareem Kassem
1963	Republic of Vietnam	Ngo Dinh Diem
1964	Bhutan	Jigme P. Dorji
1965	Burundi	Pierre Ngendamdumwe
1965	Iran	Hassan Ali Mansour
1966	Nigeria	Alahaji Si Abubaker Tefawa Balewa
1966	Nigeria	Johnson T. U. Aguiyi-Ironsi
1966	South Africa	Hendrik Verwoerd
1969	Somalia	Abdi Rashid Ali Shesmarke
1971	Jordan	Wasfi At-Tal
1971	China	Lin Piao
1972	Tanzania	Sheikh Abeid Amani Karume
1972	United Arab Emirates	Sheikh Khaled Bin Mohammed Al Qasimi
1973	Chile	Salvados Allendi Gossens
1973	Spain	Luis Carrero Blance
1973	Yemen Arab Republic	Sheikh Mohammed Ali Othman

1974	Ethiopia	Akililu Habtewold
1975	Chad	Ngarta Tombalbaye
1975	Malagasy Republic	Richard Ratsimandrava
1975	Saudi Arabia	Faisal Ibn Al Saud
1975	Bangladesh	Sheikh Mujibur Rahman
1976	Nigeria	Muritala Ramat Mohammed
1977	Congo	Marien Ngouabi
1977	Ethiopia	Tafari Benti
1977	Yemen Arab Republic	Ahmed Hussein Al Ghashmi
1978	Comoros	Ali Soilih
1978	Yemen Arab Republic	Ibrahim Al Hamidi
1978	Yemen People's Republic	Salem Ali Rubayyi
1978	Afghanistan	Sardar Mohammed Daud Khan
1979	Equatorial Guinea	Francisco Macias Nguema
1979	Ghana	Fred W. K. Akuffo
1979	Afghanistan	Nur Mohammed Taraki
1979	Afghanistan	Hafizullah Amin
1979	South Korea	Park Chung Hee
1980	Liberia	William R. Tolbert Jr.
1981	Iran	Mohammed Jad Bahonar
1981	Iran	Mohammed Ali Raja'I
1981	Egypt	Anwar El Sadat
1981	Bangladesh	Ziaur Rahman
1982	Lebanon	Bashir Gemayal
1983	Grenada	Maurice Bishop
1984	India	Indira Gandhi
1985	Palau	Haruo I. Remeliik
1986	Sweden	Olaf Palme
1989	Comoros	Ahmed Abdullah Adesemance
1989	Lebanon	Rene Moawad
1990	Liberia	Samuel Doe
1992	Algeria	Mohammed Boudiat
1993	Sri Lanka	Ranasinghe Premadasa
1993	Burundi	Melchior Ndadaye
1994	Rwanda	Juvenal Habyarimana
1994	Burundi	Cyprien Ntaryamira
1995	Israel	Yitzak Rabin
1999	Niger	Ibrahim Baré Maïnassara
1999	Armenia	Vazgen Sarkisian

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## Variables and Expectations

Factor/Variable	Operationalization	$E(\beta)$
Previous Assassinations Since 1945	Data collected by authors	> 0
GDP Per capita / 1000	Gleditsch (2002)	< 0
Political Unrest	Banks (1999) (see text)	> 0
Political Instability	Banks (1999) (see text)	> 0
Executive Selection	POLITY (Marshall and Jaggers 2002)	> 0
Executive Power	POLITY (Marshall and Jaggers 2002)	> 0
Repression	POLITY (Marshall and Jaggers 2002)	> 0
Executive Selection $\times$ Executive Power	POLITY (Marshall and Jaggers 2002)	> 0
Executive Selection $\times$ Repression	POLITY (Marshall and Jaggers 2002)	> 0
Executive Power $\times$ Repression	POLITY (Marshall and Jaggers 2002)	< 0
Executive Selection $\times$ Executive Power $\times$ Repression	POLITY (Marshall and Jaggers 2002)	< 0

## Summary Statistics

Variable	Mean	Standard Deviation	Minimum	Maximum
Assassination	0.01	0.09	0	1
Previous Assassinations Since 1945	0.45	0.76	0	4
GDP Per Capita / 1000	5.83	6.04	0.33	46.06
Political Unrest	0.01	1.01	-1.67	20.11
Political Instability	-0.03	0.92	-4.66	10.08
Executive Selection	1.54	1.34	0	4
Executive Power	3.17	2.39	0	6
Repression	1.67	1.19	0	3

Note:  $N = 5614$ . Statistics are based on all non-missing observations in the model in Table 1.

## Factor Analysis: Political Unrest and Instability

Variable	<i>Unrest</i>			<i>Instability</i>		
	Loading	Score Coefficient	Uniqueness	Loading	Score Coefficient	Uniqueness
General Strikes	0.58	0.30	0.63	0.17	0.04	0.63
Riots	0.85	0.46	0.28	0.03	-0.08	0.28
Antigovernment Demonstrations	0.82	0.45	0.33	-0.03	-0.11	0.33
Revolutions	0.01	-0.08	0.36	0.80	0.50	0.36
Government Crises	0.34	0.13	0.63	0.50	0.27	0.63
Coups	-0.07	-0.12	0.48	0.72	0.45	0.48
Guerilla Warfare	0.24	0.08	0.71	0.49	0.28	0.71

Note:  $N = 7025$ . Results are for a principal-components factor analysis with orthogonal (varimax) rotation. Eigenvalues are 2.16 and 1.43 for the first and second factors (*Unrest* and *Instability*), respectively.