

Improving Electoral Accountability

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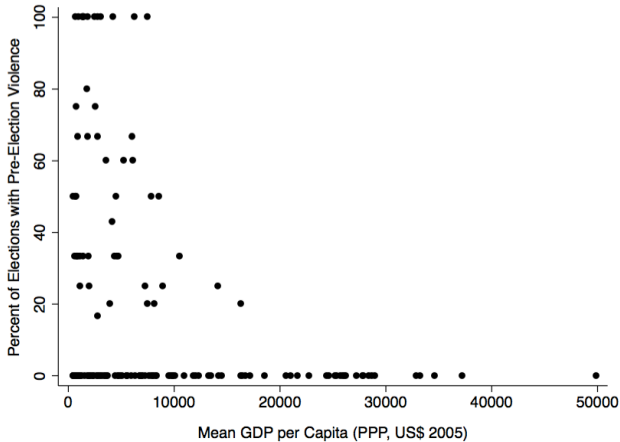
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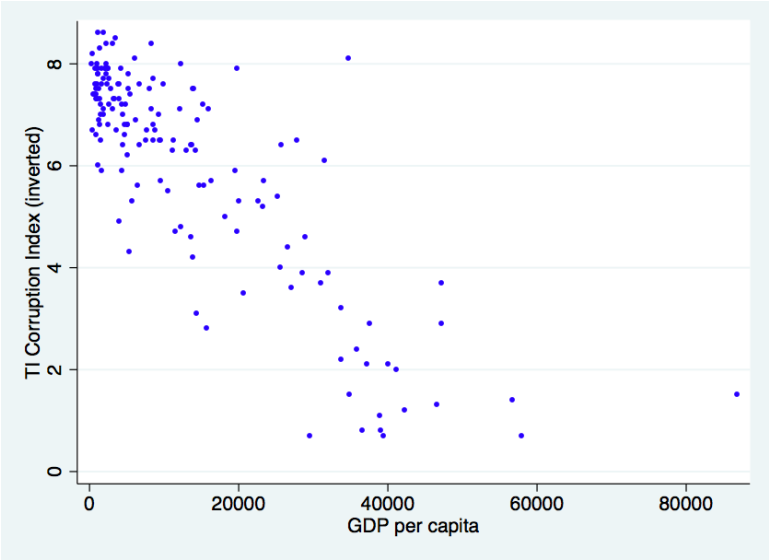
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Income and Pre-Electoral Violence (1985-2005)

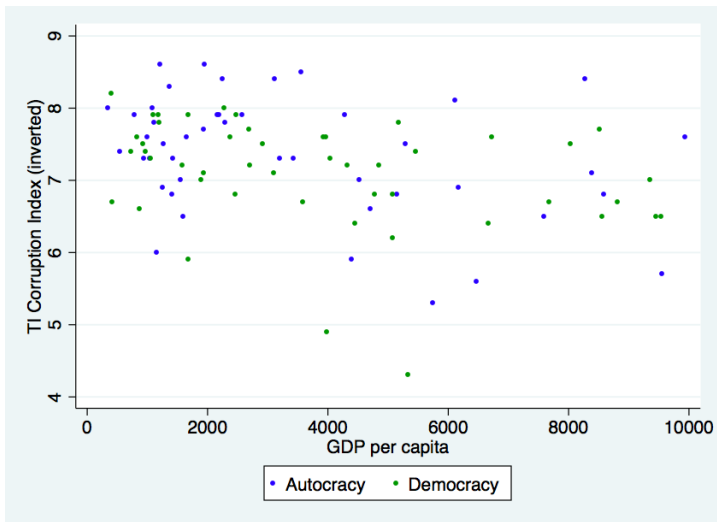


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Corruption and GDP in 157 Countries (2010)



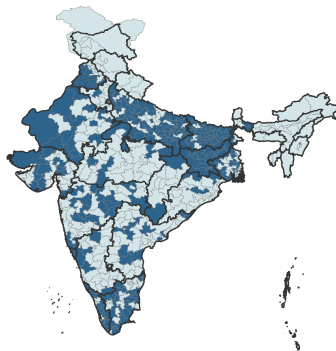
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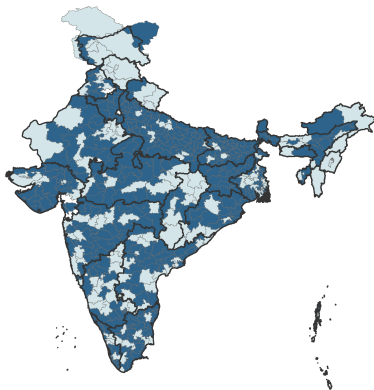
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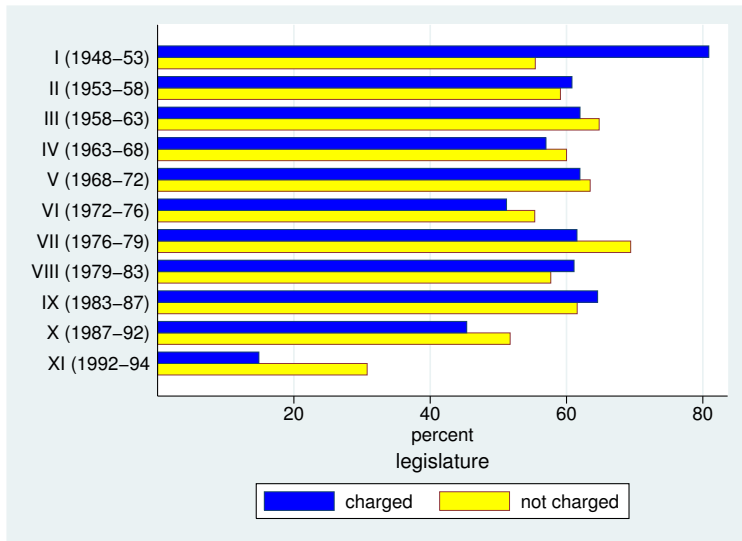
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- ▶ Use other actors or technologies to monitor politicians for malfeasance (Callen and Long).

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