



Dear all,

This is the latest news from the QoG Institute.

LAUNCH OF THE QOG STANDARD DATASET

Today, a new version of the QoG standard datasets has been posted on our [webpage](#). In the new version, 15May13, we have completely updated the data and added some new features to the codebook.

The Time-Series dataset with global coverage now spans the time period 1946–2012 and the cross-section year in the Cross-Section dataset has been moved from 2002 to 2009 (or the closest year available). Also, we now provide an additional separate dataset containing the year of measurement (YoM) for all the Cross-Section variables.

Each variable in the dataset has been fully revised. Hence, there might be changes made to the data not only for the last years available but to all years, as the original sources have corrected errors in their data in quite a number of cases. Also, we have used a more strict approach to the units of analysis. We no longer include data for some country-years for which we previously provided data (e.g. we no longer have data for the united Germany before the reunification).

Regarding the codebook, for each variable we have added a bar graph showing the coverage in the Time-Series dataset and a map showing the coverage in the Cross-Section dataset.

Due to the complete update we have lost some variables as they are no longer provided by the original sources. However, for the Cross-Section dataset some of the dropped variables are a result of the use of a narrower time-period when composing the Cross-Section dataset. In order to make it more suitable for contemporary analyses, the data included now refers to the year 2009 with a span of +/-3 years.

You will find detailed information about all the changes we have made in the introduction of the codebook which you find, together with the data, on our webpage:

<http://www.qog.pol.gu.se/data/datadownloads/qogstandarddata/>

/Dr. Stefan Dahlberg, Dataset Manager

NEW ARTICLES

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[Indignation or Resignation: The Implications of Transparency for Societal Accountability](#) by Bauhr, Monika & Marcia Grimes (Governance)

[Why Bureaucratic Stability Matters for the Implementation of Democratic Governance Programs](#) by Cornell Agnes (Governance)

NEW WORKING PAPERS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

28th of May, Practitioners Conference Stockholm (ONLY IN SWEDISH)

On May 28, QoG presents its latest research findings during a half day's conference in Stockholm. The main focus will be the QoG database and the accompanying data visualization tool.

Click [here](#) for more information

Best regards,
The QoG Team