

**Table A.4** Alphabetical List of Variables in the World Dataset

<i>Variable Name</i>	<i>Description</i>
arda	Country numerical code
colony	Colony of what country? (CIA)
confidence	Confidence in institutions scale (World Values Survey)
country	Country/territory name (title case)
debt	Public debt as a percentage of GDP (CIA)
decent08	Democratic decentralization, 2008 (UN)
dem_economist	Full or part democracy (Economist, 2014)
dem_level4	Regime type (Economist 2014)
dem_other	Percentage of other democracies in region
dem_other5	Percentage of other democracies in region: 5 categories
dem_rank14	Democracy rank, lower scores more democratic (Economist 2014)
dem_score14	Democracy score, higher scores more democratic (Economist 2014)
democ	Is government a democracy? (Based on regime_type3)
democ_regime	Is regime a democracy? (1990)
democ_regime08	Is government a democracy? (may be redundant)
democ11	Democracy score, 2011 (UN)
district_size3	Average # of members per district (World Values Survey)
dnpp_3	Effective number of parliamentary parties
durable	Number of years since the last regime transition (Polity)
effectiveness	Government effectiveness scale (Kaufmann, 2002)
enpp3_democ	Effective number of parliamentary parties: 3 categories
enpp3_democ08	Effective number of parliamentary parties (World Values Survey)
eu	EU member state (yes/no)
fertility	Total fertility rate: Number children born per woman (CIA)
fhrate04_rev	Freedom House rating of democracy (reversed)
fhrate08_rev	Freedom House 1–7 scale reversed, rescaled 0–12
frac_eth	Ethnic fractionalization (combined linguistic and racial) (Alesina et al., 2003)
frac_eth2	Ethnic fractionalization (combined linguistic and racial) (binned)
frac_eth3	Level of ethnic fractionalization: 3 categories
free_business	Heritage Foundation rating: bus. freedom (2010)
free_corrupt	Heritage Foundation rating: corruption (2010)
free_finance	Heritage Foundation rating: financial freedom (2010)
free_fiscal	Heritage Foundation rating: fiscal freedom (2010)