

**Figure 11.1** Pippa Norris's Data Page

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.hks.harvard.edu/fs/pnorris/Data/Data.htm>. The page content is organized into three main sections, each with a description and a list of download links.

<p><b>Democracy Crossnational Data, Release 3.0 Spring 2009</b></p> <p>This dataset is most suitable for <i>comparisons of 191 contemporary states</i>, with a limited number of lagged variables. It contains data on the social, economic and political characteristics of 191 nations with over 1000 variables.</p> <p>March 2009</p>	<p><a href="#">Codebook in PDF format</a></p> <p><a href="#">Data Stata SE version</a></p> <p><a href="#">Data SPSS Version</a></p> <p><a href="#">Data Excel 2007 version</a></p> <p><a href="#">Data csv version</a></p> <p><a href="#">Intro to using the dataset with Stata</a></p> <p><a href="#">Intro to using the dataset with SPSS</a></p>
<p><b>Democracy Timeseries Data Release 3.0, January 2009</b></p> <p>This dataset is in a country-year case format, suitable for <i>time-series</i> analysis. It contains data on the social, economic and political characteristics of 191 nations with over 600 variables from 1971 to 2007. It merges the indicators of democracy by Freedom House, Vanhanen, Polity IV, and Cheibub and Gandhi, plus selected institutional classifications and also socio-economic indicators from the World Bank. New variables including the KOF Globalization Index and the new Norris-Inglehart Cosmopolitan Index. Note that you should check the original codebooks for the meaning and definition of each of the variables. The period for each series also varies. Note that the Excel version is for Office 2007 only. This is the dataset used in the book, <i>Driving Democracy</i>.</p> <p>January 2009</p>	<p><a href="#">Codebook in PDF format</a></p> <p><a href="#">Data SPSS 17.0 portable version</a></p> <p><a href="#">Data Stata 8.0 SE version</a></p> <p><a href="#">Data Excel 2007 version</a></p> <p><a href="#">Intro to analyzing the data with Stata</a></p>
<p><b>The British Parliamentary Constituency database, 1992–2005. Release 1.3.</b></p> <p>The full dataset of election results and census data is now available for downloading.</p> <p>Note that release 1.3 (13 June 2005) corrects minor errors in the size of the electorates (and thus turnout) given in earlier releases.</p> <p><b>The British Parliamentary Constituency database, 1992–2001.</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Codebook in PDF format</a></p> <p><a href="#">Dataset in Excel format</a></p> <p><a href="#">Dataset in SPSS (.sav) format</a></p> <p><a href="#">Seats zipped files (contains the codebook, SPSS portable file, the Excel file)</a></p>

<sup>5</sup>This situation is changing. For example, in March 2013, ICPSR announced the release of new datasets in R format. See <http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/ICPSR/support/announcements/2013/03/icpsr-releases-new-datasets-in-r-format>

<sup>6</sup>The foreign package is another option for reading datasets written for other formats.