

# The consequences of party systems

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Wealth and Heterogeneity are associated  
with *more* Fractionalization,  
Presidentialism and SMDP with *less*.

	Social environment in mid-1960s					Constitution Arrangements	
DV	Small Pop	Econ Dev	Heterogeneity			Pres.	Smdp
			Ethnic	Agri	Cath.		
Fractionalization	-.02	.33**	.45**	.59**	.22**	-.32**	-.67**

Development is associated with  
*Strong* Party-Group Linkages,  
 SMDP is associated with *Weak*

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			Ethnic	Agri	Cath.		
Party-Group Links	.03	.37**	.08	-.27	-.13	-.22	-.52**

Large and heterogeneous populations are associated with *more* Extremist voting support, Presidentialism and SMPD with *less*

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	Small Pop	Econ Dev	Heterogeneity			Pres.	Smdp
			Ethnic	Agri	Cath.		
Extremism	-.29**	.10	.27**	.62**	.04	-.14**	-.53**

Presidentialism and Heterogeneity are associated with *more* Volatility of party representation, Economic development with *less*.

DV	Social environment in mid-1960s					Constitution Arrangements	
	Small Pop	Econ Dev	Heterogeneity			Pres.	Smdp
			Ethnic	Agri	Cath.		
Volatility of Party Representation	-.06	-.33**	.14	.22*	-.08	.16*	.02

# Strong party-group links and compulsory laws encourage Turnout

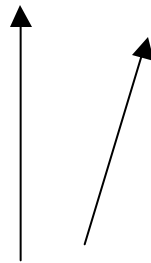
DV	Party-system			Environmental conditions			
	Multi-Party	Party-Group Links	Extremism	Small Population	Econ Dev.	Compulsory laws	Ethnic Homogeneity
Turnout	-.35	.68**	.12	.11	.03	.43**	

# Extremism inhibits Executive durability

DV	Party-system			Environmental conditions			
	Multi-Party	Party-Group Links	Extremism	Small Population	Econ Dev.	Compulsory laws	Ethnic Homogeneity

Executive durability

	-0.13	-0.19	-0.70**	-0.08	0.02
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Surprising!

# Fractionalization reduces the likelihood of Majority control of the legislature

DV	Party-system			Environmental conditions			
	Multi-Party	Party-Group Links	Extremism	Small Population	Econ Dev.	Compulsory laws	Ethnic Homogeneity
Majority control	-.62*	.34	.14	-.10	-.19		

# Large populations and extremism encourage Rioting, fractionalization discourages rioting

DV	Party-system			Environmental conditions			
	Multi-Party	Party-Group Links	Extremism	Large Population	Econ Dev.	Compulsory laws	Ethnic Homogeneity
Rioting							
1958-1967	-.36*	-.00	.35**	.72**	.21*		.06
1967-1976	-.24	-.15	.27*	.67**	.06		.02

# Why might large populations encourage rioting?

- Threshold model of participation.
  - People participate in large scale political events if they think a critical number ( $T$ ) of others will also participate.

Economic development and homogeneity are associated with fewer Violent political deaths, large populations, more

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Violent political deaths							
1958-1967	-.13	-.07	.07	.26*	-.32**		-.37**
1967-1976	-.29	-.01	.17	.18	-.53**		-.09

# Effect of Electoral system and Presidentialism

