Case Study Instructions

The case study is designed with three goals in mind: 1) to learn more about a (partial) democratic transition in a country of interest to you, 2) to test your knowledge of and ability to apply the theories discussed in the readings and lectures, and 3) to teach you the basics of process tracing.

Requirements

- Select a country that has undergone a transition to, or partial transition toward, democracy since 1990.
- Provide a summary of the democratization, or partial democratization, process in that country.
 - This section should include references to 3+ academic sources (peer-reviewed journal articles, books published by a university press).
- Provide a discussion outlining any changes in the country's Polity2, Freedom House, and Democracy-Dictatorship scores during the transition process.
 - Include a graph showing the transition years according to each measure. I will provide the graphs.
- Explain which theory or theories help to understand why democratization took place in your chosen country. Does your transition case go against the predictions of any theories we discussed?

Format Instructions

Papers must be:

- Typed
- Double spaced
- 12pt Times New Roman font
- Approximately 6 pages of text

Citations

All sources, including assigned readings, must be properly cited both in the text and in a bibliography at the end of the case study. You are welcome to use any commonly used citation style such as APA, MLA, or Chicago style. All I ask is that you correctly and consistently use the style of your choice. As in your reaction papers, direct quotations should be used sparingly and only when using your own words would cause the information to lose its meaning. Here are some citation examples using APA:

As Bates (2008) describes, shocks to public revenue are more important for state failure than private incomes.

The banning of party competition meant that "political sycophancy replaced constituency service as the best strategy for those with ambitions for office" (Bates, 2008, p.43).

Bates, R. (2008). When things fell apart. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press.