Development Database

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The database is available in html format at http://woodstock.wesleyan.edu/acsocsci/jmcguire. Visitors can manipulate the database with an interactive mapper designed by Hendrik Meij, Wesleyan's application technology specialist.

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The 156 variables in the database are listed below. They pertain to population, fertility, infant mortality, life expectancy, income distribution, per capita GDP, literacy, schooling, democracy, labor union strength, land tenure, labor force participation, free-market orientation, social insurance program experience, and income poverty, female-to-male population ratio, maternal mortality, female life expectancy, female labor force participation, female literacy, female schooling, proportion of women in parliament, and female wages as a proportion of male wages.

The 173 countries in the database are Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Rep, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Congo (ex-Zaire), Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hong Kong (pre-97), Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Korea, Demo. People's, Korea, Republic of, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, FYR of, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand. Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Taiwan, China, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

Several variables are measured at multiple points in time, some beginning as before 1900, and many beginning in 1960. A sample consisting of six of the 156 variables in the database appears at the end of this document.

Annotations to the data and a short citation are given at the foot the column corresponding to each variable. Sources are cited fully at http://woodstock.wesleyan.edu/acsocsci/jmcguire/data/sources.html

Indicator, Date, Form of indicator, Content of indicator, Female or both sexes

- 1. ILO Region, 1997, Level, Region, Both Sexes
- 2. Indlzd Cap,1997,Dummy,Region,Both Sexes
- 3. Sov Bloc,1997,Dummy,Region,Both Sexes
- 4. Mid East, 1997, Dummy, Region, Both Sexes
- 5. Africa, 1997, Dummy, Region, Both Sexes
- 6. Lat Am, 1997, Dummy, Region, Both Sexes
- 7. Carib,1997,Dummy,Region,Both Sexes
- 8. So Asia,1997, Dummy, Region, Both Sexes
- 9. Ea Asia,1997,Dummy,Region,Both Sexes
- 10. SE Asia, 1997, Dummy, Region, Both Sexes
- 11. Com Asia,1997,Dummy,Region,Both Sexes
- 12. Pacific, 1997, Dummy, Region, Both Sexes
- 13. Developing Capitalist, 1997, Dummy, Database, Both Sexes
- 14. Middle-Income Developing Capitalist, 1997, Dummy, Database, Both Sexes
- 15. Sixteen East Asian and Latin American countries analyzed in McGuire and Campos 1997,1997, Dummy, Database, Both Sexes
- 16. Former or Current Socialist,1997, Dummy, Database, Both Sexes
- 17. Autocracy, average level 1960-1994, Polity III,1960-1994, Level, Democracy, Both Sexes
- 18. Democracy, average level 1960-1994, Polity III, 1960-1994, Level, Democracy, Both Sexes
- 19. Political and civil liberties, average of yearly Freedom House scores 1973-1992, 1973-1992, Level, Democracy, Both sexes
- 20. Population (Total),1996,Level,Demography,Both sexes
- 21. Population growth, annual rate 1980-1996,1980 to 1996, Change, Demography, Both sexes
- 22. Total fertility rate, 1960, UNICEF 1998,1960, Level, Demography, Female
- 23. Total fertility rate, 1980,1980,Level,Demography,Female
- 24. Total fertility rate, 1996,1996,Level,Demography,Female
- 25. Total fertility rate, average of 1960 and 1996,1960-1996,Level,Demography,Female
- 26. Average annual rate of fertility reduction,1960 to 1980, Change, Demography, Female
- 27. Average annual rate of fertility reduction,1980 to 1996, Change, Demography, Female
- 28. Total fertility rate, change from 1960 to 1996,1980 to 1996, Change, Demography, Female
- 29. Urban population, 1960,1960,Level,Demography,Both sexes
- 30. Urban population, 1990,1990,Level,Demography,Both sexes
- 31. Urban population, average of 1960 and 1990,1960-1990,Level,Demography,Both sexes
- 32. Urban population, change from 1960 to 1990,1960 to 1990,Change,Demography,Both sexes
- 33. Adult Literacy Rate,1994,Level,Education,Both sexes
- 34. Average schooling years in the total population over age 25, 1960,1960,Level,Education,Both sexes
- 35. Average schooling years in the total population over age 25, 1985,1985,Level,Education,Both sexes
- 36. Average schooling years in the total population over age 25, average of 1960 & 1985,1960-1985,Level,Education,Both sexes
- 37. Average schooling years in the total population over age 25, Chg 1960 to 1985,1960 to 1985, Change, Education, Both sexes
- 38. Labor force, 1996,1996,Level,Employment,Both sexes
- 39. Labor force annual growth, 1980-1996,1980 to 1996, Change, Employment, Both sexes
- 40. Labor force participation, total, 1980,1980,Level,Employment,Both sexes
- 41. Labor force participation, total, 1996,1996,Level,Employment,Both sexes
- 42. Labor force participation, male, 1980,1980,Level,Employment,Male
- 43. Labor force participation, male, 1996,1996,Level,Employment,Male
- 44. Labor force participation, female, 1980,1980,Level,Employment,Female
- 45. Labor force participation, female, 1996,1996,Level,Employment,Female
- 46. GDP per capita in 1990 as mult. of 1960, 1990 Geary-Khamis dollars, Maddison data, 1960 to 1990, Change, Income, Both sexes
- 47. GDP per capita in 1990 as mult. of 1960, Penn World Tables (PPP, 1985 Int'l \$US,1960 to 1990, Change, Income, Both sexes
- 48. Real GDP per capita (PPP) in 1994 as multiple of 1960, UNDP data, 1960 to 1994, Change, Income, Both sexes
- 49. GDP per capita in 1820 in 1990 Geary-Khamis dollars, Maddison data,1820,Level,Income,Both Sexes
- 50. GDP per capita in 1870 in 1990 Geary-Khamis dollars, Maddison data,1870,Level,Income,Both Sexes
- 51. GDP per capita in 1900 in 1990 Geary-Khamis dollars, Maddison data,1900,Level,Income,Both Sexes
- 52. GDP per capita in 1960 in 1990 Geary-Khamis dollars, Maddison data,1960,Level,Income,Both sexes
- 53. GDP per capita in 1990 in 1990 Geary-Khamis dollars, Maddison data, 1990, Level, Income, Both sexes
- 54. GDP per capita in 1960 from Penn World Tables 5.4 (PPP, 1985 Int'l US Dollars, chain index),1960,Level,Income,Both sexes
- 55. GDP per capita in 1990 from Penn World Tables 5.4 (PPP, 1985 Int'l US Dollars, chain index),1990,Level,Income,Both sexes
- 56. GDP per capita, avg of 1960 & 1990, Penn World Tables (PPP, 1985 Int'l US Dollars), 1960, 1990, Level, Income, Both sexes
- 57. Real GDP per capita (PPP), UNDP data, 1960,1960,Level,Income,Both sexes
- 58. Real GDP per capita (PPP), UNDP data, 1994,1994,Level,Income,Both sexes
- 59. GDP per capita, PPP (constant 1987 int'l \$), 1996,1996,Level,Income,Both sexes
- 60. GNP per capita (constant 1987 US\$), 1996,1996,Level,Income,Both sexes
- 61. GNP per capita, Atlas method (current US\$), 1996,1996,Level,Income,Both sexes
- 62. Average Gini Coefficient, 1947-1995, Deininger and Squire, 1947-1995, Inequality, Income, Both sexes
- 63. Average Gini Coefficient, 1947-1995, Deininger and Squire, adjusted for expend. data,1947-1995, Inequality, Income, Both sexes
- 64. Physicians per 100,000 population, circa 1990, Level, Infrastructure, Both sexes

- 65. Nurses per 100,000 population, circa 1990, Level, Infrastructure, Both sexes
- 66. Ratio of physicians to nurses, circa 1990, Level, Infrastructure, Both sexes
- 67. Union members, 1995, Level, Labor, Both sexes
- 68. Union members,1985,Level,Labor,Both sexes
- 69. Change in union membership,1985 to 1995, Change, Labor, Both sexes
- 70. Union members as % of non-agricultural labor force, 1995,1995,Level,Labor,Both sexes
- 71. Union members as % of wage and salary earners,1995,Level,Labor,Both sexes
- 72. Union members as % of formal sector wage earners,1995,Level,Labor,Both sexes
- 73. Union members as % of non-agricultural labor force,1985,Level,Labor,Both sexes
- 74. Union members as % of wage and salary earners,1985,Level,Labor,Both sexes
- 75. Union members as % of formal sector wage earners,1985,Level,Labor,Both sexes
- 76. Collective bargaining level over past ten years,1986-96,Level,Labor,Both sexes
- 77. Dominant collective bargaining level over past ten years, 1986-96, Level, Labor, Both sexes
- 78. National-sectoral level collective bargaining trend over past ten years,1986-1996,Change,Labor,Both sexes
- 79. Company-plant level collective bargaining trend over past ten years, 1986-1996, Change, Labor, Both sexes
- 80. Proportion of employees covered by collective bargaining agreements (%),1995,Level,Labor,Both sexes
- 81. Number of ILO conventions ratified as of June 1997, As of 1997, Level, Labor, Both sexes
- 82. Number of labor variables for which country has information, 1986-97, Level, Labor, Both sexes
- 83. Labor strength index: avg of z-scores on each labor indicator for which information exists, 1986-97, Level, Labor, Both sexes
- 84. Social insurance program experience 1960,1960,Level,Policy,Both sexes
- 85. Social insurance program experience 1967,1967,Level,Policy,Both sexes
- 86. Social insurance program experience 1973,1973,Level,Policy,Both sexes
- 87. Social insurance program experience 1973,,,,
- 88. Proportion of urban population in poverty,1980,Level,Poverty,Both sexes
- 89. Proportion of urban population in poverty,1990,Level,Poverty,Both sexes
- 90. Proportion of rural population in poverty,1980,Level,Poverty,Both sexes
- 91. Proportion of rural population in poverty,1990,Level,Poverty,Both sexes
- 92. Proportion of labor force in agriculture, 1960,1960,Level,Rural,Both sexes
- 93. Proportion of labor force in agriculture, 1990,1990,Level,Rural,Both sexes
- 94. Proportion of labor force in agriculture, average of 1960 and 1990,1960-1990,Level,Rural,Both sexes
- 95. Proportion of labor force in agriculture, change from 1960 to 1990,1960 to 1990, Change, Rural, Both sexes
- 96. Gini coefficient of land distribution,1970s and 80s,Inequality,Rural,Both sexes
- 97. Smallholder farmers' share in arable and permanent crop land (percent) 1988,1988,Inequality,Rural,Both sexes
- 98. Vanhanen family farm index (usually family farm area as a percent of total cultivated area),1970-1991,Level,Rural,Both sexes
- 99. Interaction between average % of labor force in agriculture and Vanhanen family farm index,1960-1990,Level,Rural,Both sexes
- 100. Life expectancy in 1960, UNDP data,1960,Level,Survival,Both sexes
- 101. Life expectancy in 1993, UNDP data, 1993, Level, Survival, Both sexes
- 102. Life expectancy expansion, percent increase 1960 to 1993, toward 85,1960 to 1993, Change, Survival, Both sexes
- 103. Life expectancy expansion, residual when ln of 1993 is regressed on ln of 1960 rate, 1960 to 1993, Change, Survival, Both sexes
- 104. Infant mortality (deaths before age 1 per 1000 live births), UNICEF 1998 data, 1960,1960,Level,Survival,Both sexes
- 105. Infant mortality (deaths before age 1 per 1000 live births), UNICEF 1998 data, 1996,1996,Level,Survival,Both sexes
- 106. Infant mortality (deaths before age 1 per 1000 live births), World Bank data, 1996,1996,Level,Survival,Both sexes
- 107. Infant mortality reduction, absolute 1960 to 1996,1960-1996, Change, Survival, Both sexes
- 108. Infant mortality reduction, percent 1960 to 1996, to min. of 0,1960-1996, Change, Survival, Both sexes
- 109. Infant mortality reduction, percent 1960 to 1996, to min. of 2,1960-1996, Change, Survival, Both sexes
- 110. Infant mortality reduction, percent 1960 to 1996, to min. of 4,1960-1996, Change, Survival, Both sexes
- 111. Infant mortality reduction, Kakwani imprv. index, 1960-1996, to min. of 0,1960 to 1996, Change, Survival, Both sexes
- 112. Infant mortality reduction, Kakwani imprv. index, 1960-1996, to min. of 2,1960 to 1996, Change, Survival, Both sexes
- 113. Infant mortality reduction, Kakwani imprv. index, 1960-1996, to min. of 4,1960 to 1996, Change, Survival, Both sexes
- 114. Infant mortality reduction, 1960 rate as multiple of 1996 rate, 1960-1996, Change, Survival, Both sexes
- 115. Infant mortality reduction, ln of 1960 rate minus ln of 1996 rate,1960-1996,Change,Survival,Both sexes
- 116. Residual when In of 1996 rate is regressed on In 1960 rate in 176-country dataset, 1960-1996, Change, Survival, Both sexes
- 117. Under-5 Mortality Rank, 1996, in 189-country UNICEF dataset, 1996, Rank, Survival, Both sexes
- 118. Under-5 Mortality,1960,Level,Survival,Both sexes
- 119. Under-5 Mortality,1980,Level,Survival,Both sexes
- 120. Under-5 Mortality,1996,Level,Survival,Both sexes
- 121. Average annual rate of U5MR reduction,1960-1980, Change, Survival, Both sexes
- 122. Average annual rate of U5MR reduction,1980-1996, Change, Survival, Both sexes
- 123. Capital city, As of 1997, Level, Geography, Both sexes
- 124. Latitude, As of 1997, Level, Geography, Both sexes
- 125. Economic Freedom 1993-95, Fraser Institute Is1 Scale,1993-95, Level, Policy, Both Sexes
- 126. Economic Freedom 1990, Fraser Institute Is1 Scale,1990,Level,Policy,Both Sexes
- 127. Economic Freedom 1985, Fraser Institute Is1 Scale, 1985, Level, Policy, Both Sexes
- 128. Economic Freedom 1980, Fraser Institute Is1 Scale,1980,Level,Policy,Both Sexes
- 129. Economic Freedom 1975, Fraser Institute Is1 Scale,1975,Level,Policy,Both Sexes
- 130. Economic Freedom Average, Fraser Institute Is1 Scale,1975-95, Level, Policy, Both Sexes

- 131. UNDP Gender Development index.1994.Level.Mixed.Female
- 132. Females per 100 Males,1990,Inequality,Survival,Female
- 133. Female Life Expectancy, 1994, Level, Survival, Female
- 134. index of Female Life Expectancy (1970 = 100),1994,Change,Survival,Female
- 135. index of Female Life Expectancy (Male = 100),1990,Inequality,Survival,Female
- 136. Pct. of Births Attended by Trained Health Personnel, 1990-96, Level, Health Care, Female
- 137. Maternal Deaths per 100,000 births,1990,Level,Survival,Female
- 138. Total Fertility Rate, 1994, Level, Demographic, Female
- 139. Total Fertility Rate (1970 = 100),1970 to 1994, Change, Demographic, Female
- 140. Percent of Females Literate, 1994, Level, Education, Female
- 141. Percent of Males Literate, 1994, Level, Education, Male
- 142. index of Females Literate (1970 = 100) ,1992, Change, Education, Female
- 143. Female Secondary Gross Enrollment, 1990, Level, Education, Female
- 144. Female Secondary Gross Enrollment, 1970, Level, Education, Female
- 145. Female Secondary Gross Enrollment (1970 = 100),1990,Change,Education,Female
- 146. Female Secondary Gross Enrollment (male = 100),1990,Inequality,Education,Female
- 147. UNDP Gender Empwrment Measure,1990s, Level, Mixed, Female
- 148. Female Child Economically Active Rate (Age 10-14),1970,Level,Employment,Female
- 149. Female Child Economically Active Rate (Age 10-14),1990,Level,Employment,Female
- 150. Female Labor Force Participation (Age 15+), 1970,1970,Level,Employment,Female
- 151. Female Labor Force Participation (Age 15+), 1990,1990,Level,Employment,Female
- 152. Female Labor Force Participation (Male =100),1990,Inequality,Employment,Female
- 153. Female Share of Earned Income,1994,Inequality,Income,Female
- 154. Female share of lower-house (or unicameral) legislative seats as of 5 February 1999,1999,Inequality,Employment,Female
- 155. UNDP Development index rank 1995,,,,
- 156. UNDP Development index rank 1997,,,,

SAMPLE of 6 of the 156 variables in the database

Туре	Democracy	Labor	Rural	Survival	Policy	Survival
Level vs. Chg.	Level	Level	Level	Change	Level	Inequality
M/F vs. F	Both sexes	Both sexes	Both sexes	Both sexes	Both Sexes	Female
Indicator	Political and civil liberties, average of yearly Freedom House scores 1973-1992.	Union members as % of wage and salary earners	farm index	Infant mortality decline, percent 1960 to 1996, to min. of 0	Economic Freedom 1993- 95, Fraser Institute Is1 Scale	Females per 100 Males
Date	1973-1992	1995	1970-1991	1960-1996	1993-95	1990
Afghanistan			65	23.3%		94
Albania			30	69.6%		94
Algeria	2.13		35	77.6%	2.1	100
Angola			42	18.3%		103
Argentina	4.78	38.7	22	63.3%	6.3	102
Armenia			40	34.2%		104
Australia		35.2	67	70.0%	6.8	100
[155 countries omitted]						
United Kingdom		32.9	56	73.9%	7.0	105
United States		14.2	54	69.2%	7.6	105
Uruguay	4.20		27	58.3%	6.1	103
Uzbekistan			5	45.2%		102
Vanuatu			50	70.9%		92
Venezuela	6.32	17.1	15	54.7%	4.5	98
Viet Nam			30	77.6%		104
Yemen			66	66.1%		108
Yugoslavia	2.47		75	78.2%		
Zambia	3.00		50	11.1%	3.6	103
Zimbabwe	3.13		30	55.0%	3.5	102
Notes	Both types of liberties combined	Alternate Years: '90 Gha, Nig; '91 Bra, Mex, Pan, Per, India, Sri; '93 Can, Chi, Uru, Bul, Ger (E&W), Ire, Rom; '94 Mor, Tun, Bol, Hon, Gua, HK, Pak, Den, Ice, Ita, Malta, Spa, Swe, Swi; '96 Jap, Rus			Ratings for Haiti based on only 10 of 15 components of index (Gwartney, Lawson, and Block, 53).	
Source	Bhalla 1997: 231-34	ILO 1997: 237- 238	Vanhanen 1997: 215-219	Calculated from UNICEF 1998: Table 1; except Taiwan, from DGBAS 1975: 36 (for '60) and DGBAS 1996: 26 (for '95), and Hong Kong (for 1995), from UNICEF 1997: Table 1.		UNDP 1993: 152-153, 196; for Taiwan, DGBAS 1996: 11