

TABLE 6.2

Modernization Theory and the Survival Story: A Summary of the Evidence

Modernization theory and survival story

1. Democracy is more common in rich countries than poor countries: YES
2. Transitions to dictatorship become less likely as income increases: YES

Modernization theory

- 3a. Transitions to democracy become more likely as income increases: YES
- 4a. Regime transitions may or may not become less likely as countries become richer: YES

Survival story

- 3b. Transitions to democracy are unaffected by increases in income: NO
- 4b. Regime transitions become less likely as countries become richer: NO