

**TABLE 6.1**

## **Implications from Modernization Theory and the Survival Story**

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### **Modernization theory and survival story**

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

#### **Modernization theory**

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

#### **Survival story**

- 3b. Transitions to democracy are unaffected by increases in income.
- 4b. Regime transitions become less likely as countries become richer.
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