

TABLE 6.1

Implications from Modernization Theory and the Survival Story

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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