

**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