Codebook for Zambia Chiefdom Data Set for CP Article

Note: The units in the data sets are chiefdoms. The data comes from the Zambian 2000 census, the Zambian 2001 and 2006 parliamentary election results and the author’s survey of chiefs (2007).

district:

String variable indicating name of district in which chiefdom falls

constcode:

Numeric code for the constituency the chiefdom falls within. In the few cases where a chiefdom straddles two constituencies, this is the constituency in which the majority of the chiefdom falls.

chiefcode:

Three-number chiefdom code

incumbvote06:

Proportion of the vote won by the party of the incumbent MP in the 2006 parliamentary election (If the MP ran for re-election, this is the proportion of the vote he or she won; if the incumbent MP did not run for re-election, this is the proportion of the vote won by their party’s candidate).

betterconnections:

Dichotomous variable indicating whether the incumbent candidate had known the chief longer than their major competitor. From author’s survey of chiefs (2007).

incumbvote01:

Proportion of the vote won by the winning candidate in the 2001 parliamentary election

incumbcand:

Dichotomous variable indicating whether the incumbent MP contested the election

MMD01:

Dichotomous variable indicating whether the MP elected in 2001 was from the Movement from Multiparty Democracy (MMD), the party that won the election

UPND01:

Dichotomous variable indicating whether the MP elected in 2001 was from the United Party for National Development (UPND), the largest opposition party

numcandidates:
The number of candidates who contested the local parliamentary election in 2006

**experienceincumbent:**

The number of years the candidate of the incumbent MP’s party had been in office. In cases where the incumbent MP contested the election, this is the number of years they had held the position of MP. In cases where the incumbent MP did not contest the election, this is the number of years their replacement had served as MP.

**localincumbent:**

A dichotomous variable indicating whether the candidate of the incumbent MP’s party is from the chiefdom. From author’s survey of chiefs (2007).

**localoppcandidate:**

A dichotomous variable indicating whether the major competitor of the local incumbent is from the chiefdom. From author’s survey of chiefs (2007).

**chiefland:**

Dichotomous variable indicating whether the chief in power in 2007 approved the sale of land at least one time per year. From author’s survey of chiefs (2007).

**propononaligned:**

Proportion of individuals in the chiefdom who belong to ethnic parties that were not aligned with the leader of one of the major political parties in the 2006 election (i.e. not Tonga speaking or Bemba speaking).

**authority100plusheadmen:**

Dichotomous variable indicating whether or not the chief has at least 100 headmen with whom he meets on a regularly scheduled basis. From author’s survey of chiefs (2007).

**propononalignedXauthority100plusheadmen:**

Interaction between propononaligned and authority100plusheadmen.

**popdensity:**

Average population density (in people per kilometer squared)

**logdist:**

Log of the distance of the centroid of the chiefdom from the capital city (in kilometers).
yearchiefinstalled:
The year in which the chief in power in 2007 was installed. From author’s survey of chiefs (2007).

numberheadmen:
Number of headmen in the chiefdom. From author’s survey of chiefs (2007).

regularmeetings:
Dichotomous variable indicating whether or not the chief regularly held meetings with his headmen (1=yes; 2=no). From author’s survey of chiefs (2007).

population:
Number of people living in the chiefdom

bembaspeaking:
Proportion of the population speaking Bemba as first language.

tongaspeaking:
Proportion of the population speaking Tonga as first language.