

Ethnic Representation

Introduction

- Representation in Parliaments
 - Wider research project: Ethnicity, Gender, Language, Religion, Issues/Policies
 - Today: Ethnicity
 - Research in Progress
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Overview & Delimitation

- Overview
 - Definitions
 - Prior Research
 - Hypotheses
 - Results
 - Discussion, Questions
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Definitions

Representation

- Symbolic Representation
- Ideological Representation

Ethnicity

Parliament, Citizens

Measurement

- Proportion of ethnicities in population

$$\Pi_{Z,i}$$

- Proportion of ethnicities in parliament

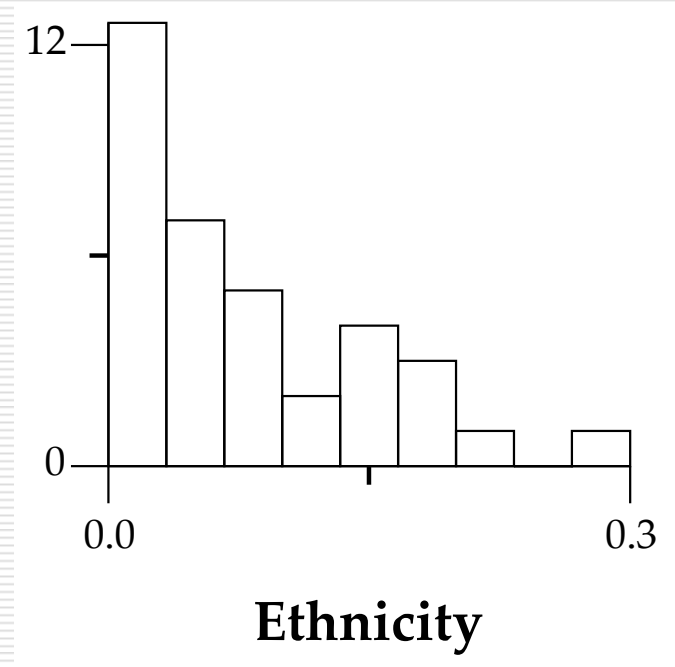
$$\Pi_{R,i}$$

- Ethnic Representation Score

$$\frac{\sum |\Pi_{Z,i} - \Pi_{R,i}|}{2}$$

Data

- ❑ Collected
- ❑ Many countries no data
- ❑ Alonso, S. & Ruiz, R.
(2005)
- ❑ N=36



Prior Research

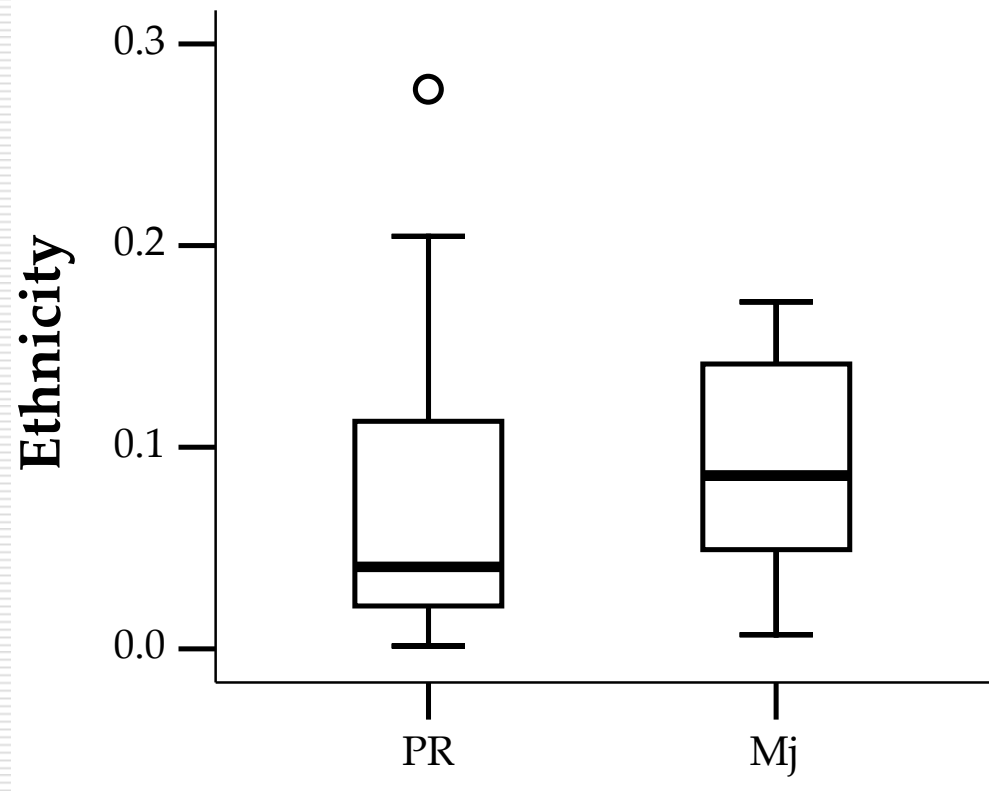
- Single countries
 - Symbolic representation: gender, age, education, job sector/class
 - Findings
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Hypotheses

- Electoral Formula
 - Quotas
 - Freedom
 - Development
 - Attitudes
 - Cultural Heterogeneity
 - Age of Democracy
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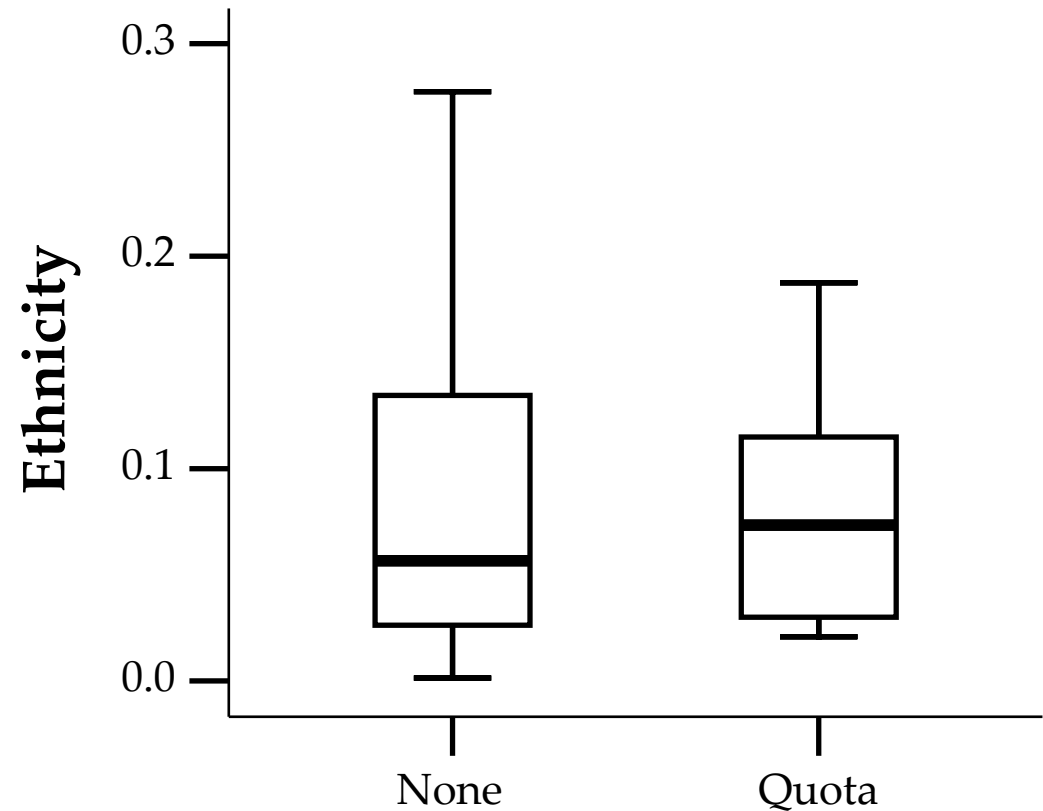
Electoral Formula

- PR — majoritarian
- Mean is better under PR



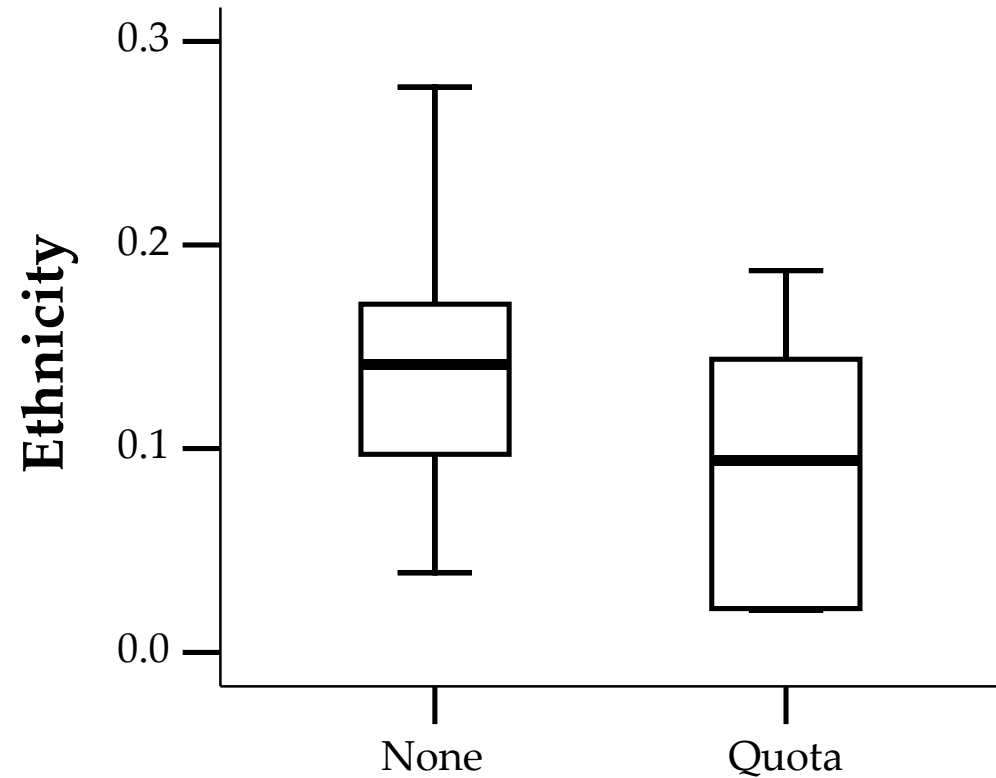
Quotas

- Direct result expected
- Failure?



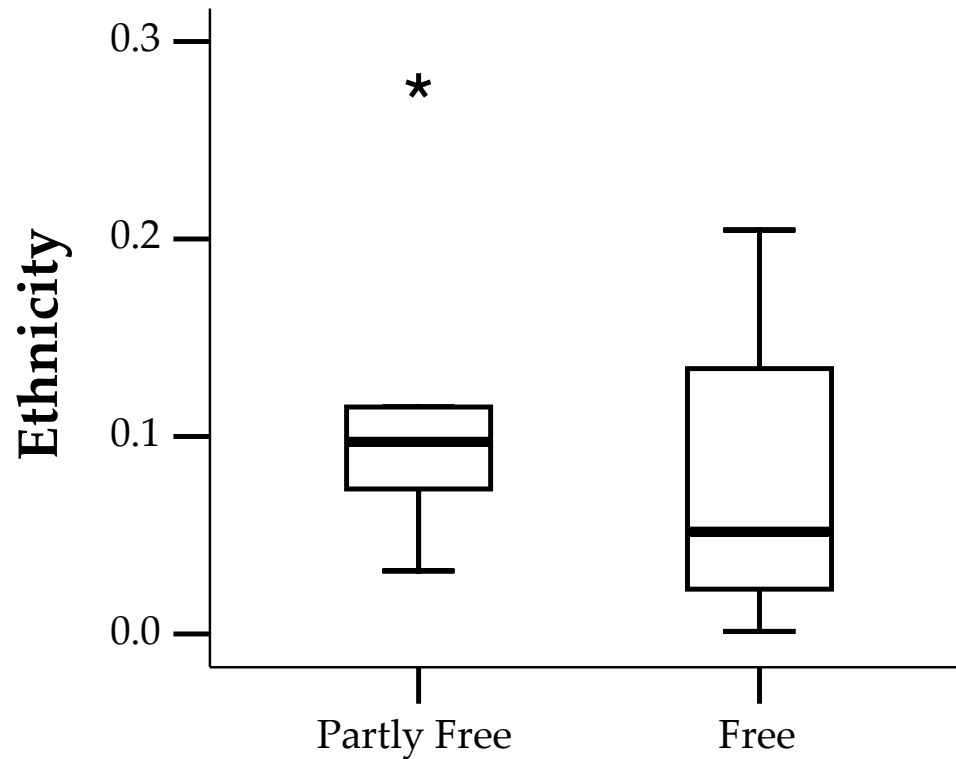
Quotas in Heterogeneous Societies

- Subset
- Quotas make a difference



Freedom

- Partly free
— free
- Mean is better for free countries

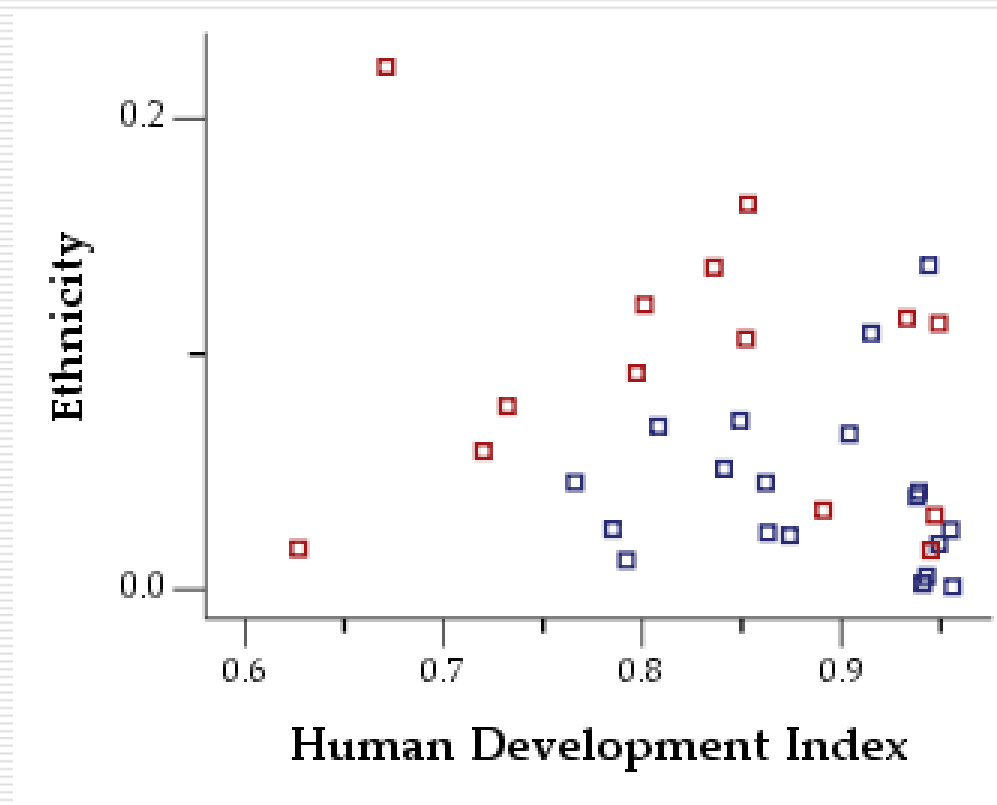


Development

- No coherent relationship

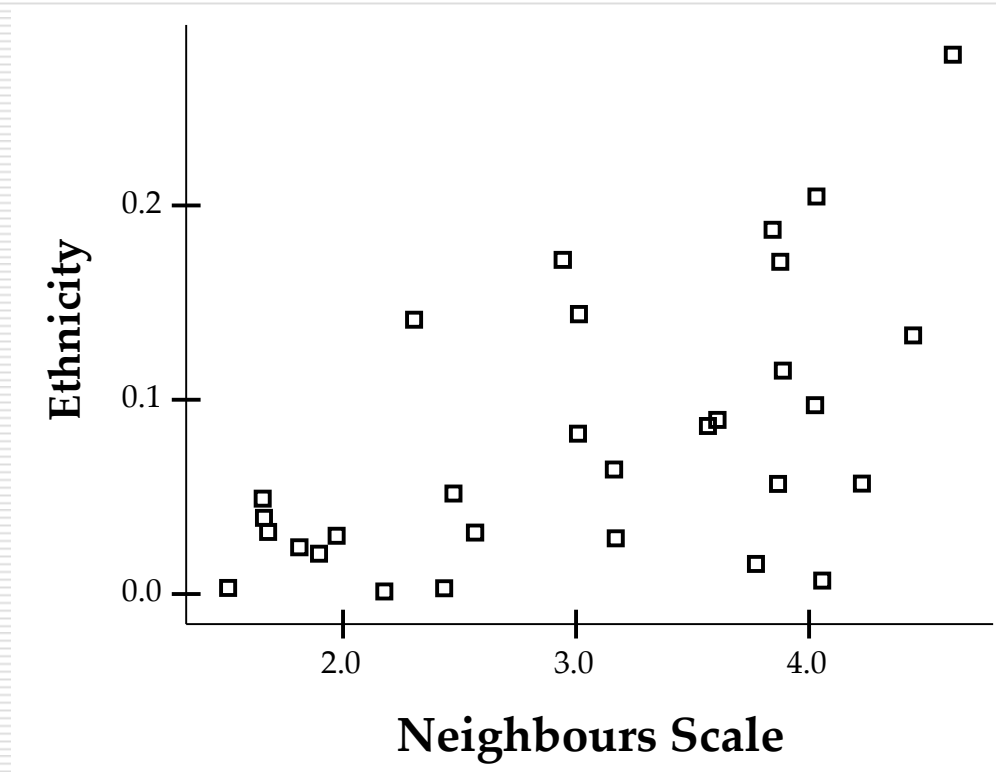
Homogenous

Heterogeneous



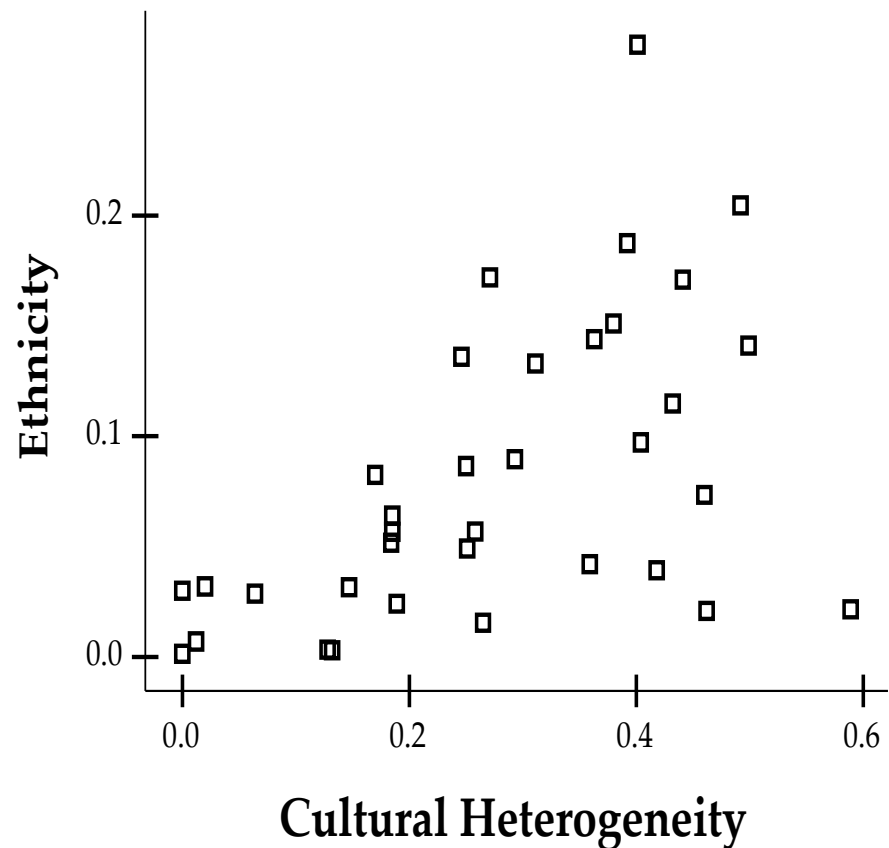
Egalitarian Attitudes

- WVS
- Neighbours
- $r=0.57$
- $p<0.01$



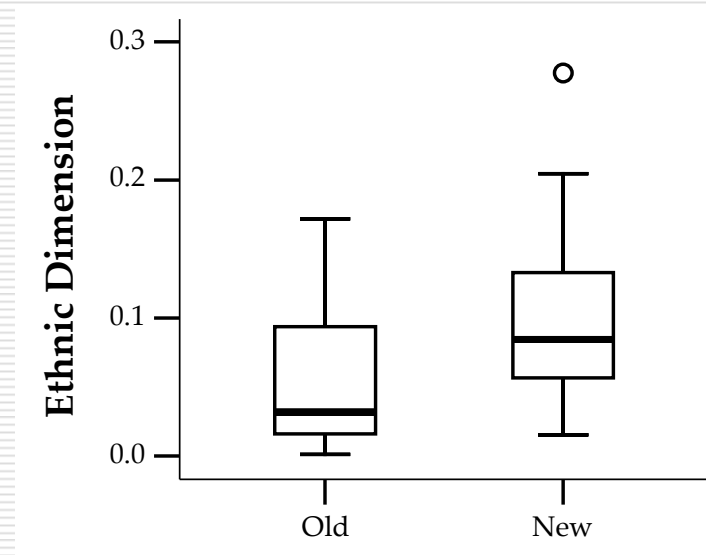
Heterogeneity

- $r=0.53$
- $p<0.01$
- Clustering:
tendency as
expected (sign)



Age of Democracy

- More experience
- $p < 0.05$



Multivariate Analysis I

	B	SE	Sig.
(Constant)	0.13	0.13	0.32
Quotas	-0.04	0.03	0.15
Electoral System (PR)	-0.02	0.02	0.44
Heterogeneity	0.22	0.07	0.01
HDI	-0.11	0.13	0.43

Multivariate Analysis II

	B	SE	Sig.
(Constant)	-0.09	0.04	0.03
Quotas	0.01	0.02	0.77
Electoral System (PR)	0.01	0.02	0.68
Heterogeneity	0.25	0.07	0.00
Attitudes	0.03	0.01	0.01

Discussion

- Difference between countries
 - Data
 - Attitudes
 - Changes over time
 - Policy: Possible changes
 - Other kinds of representation
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Questions—Provocative Statement

- “Small minorities are not and should not be legislators – it is not their function.”

Horwill, G. (1925) *Proportional Representation: Its Dangers and Defects*, London, Allen & Unwin, p.88.
