

# The Representation of Ethnic Groups in National Legislatures

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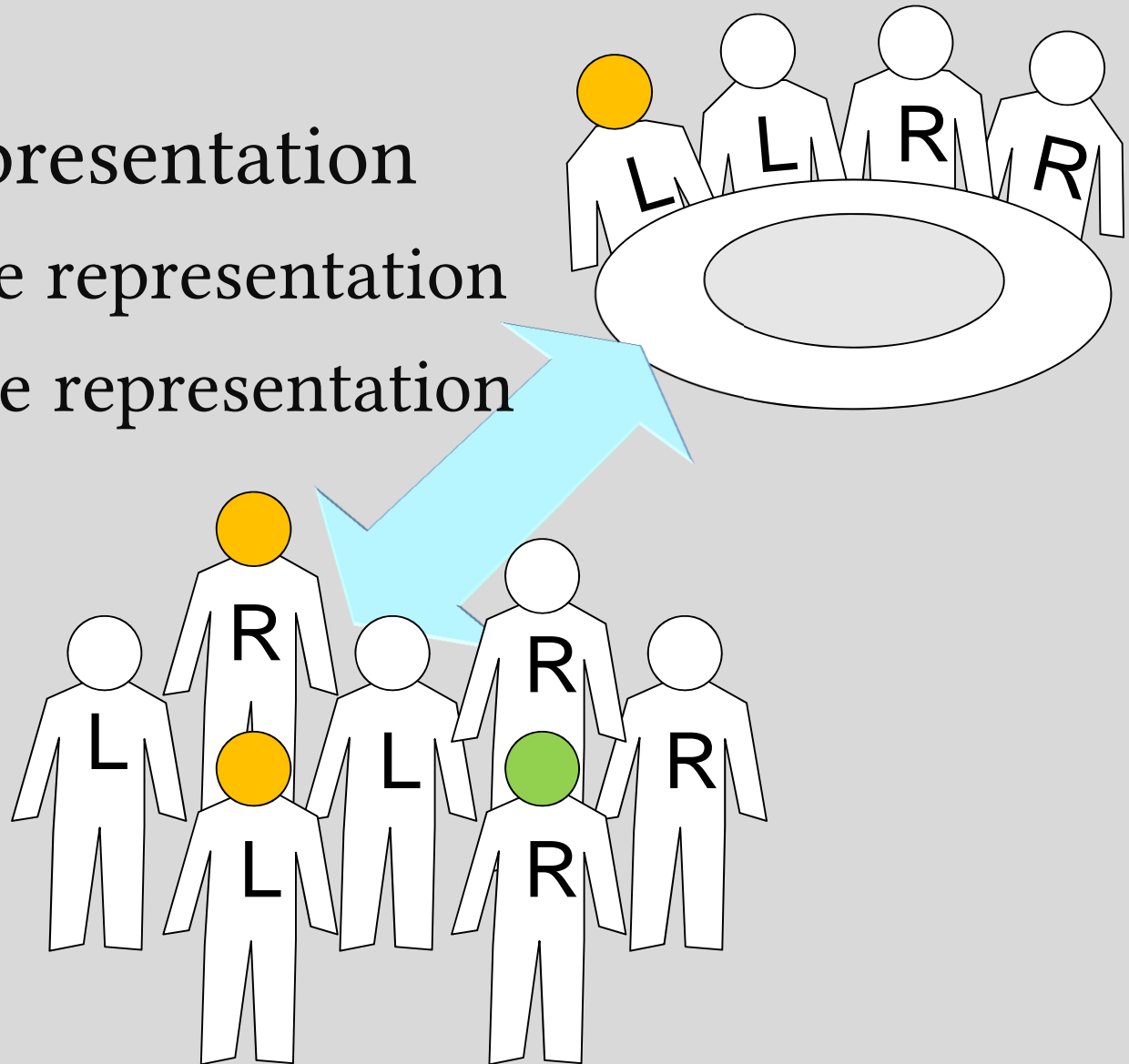
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# Overview

- Definitions
- Previous research
- Data & measurement
- Results
- Conclusion

# Definitions

- Political representation
  - Descriptive representation
  - Substantive representation
- Ethnicity
- National legislature



# Previous Research

- Single country
- Local level
- Small numbers
- Single variables
- Assumption: all minorities the same
- Feeling represented

# Explanations (Hypotheses)

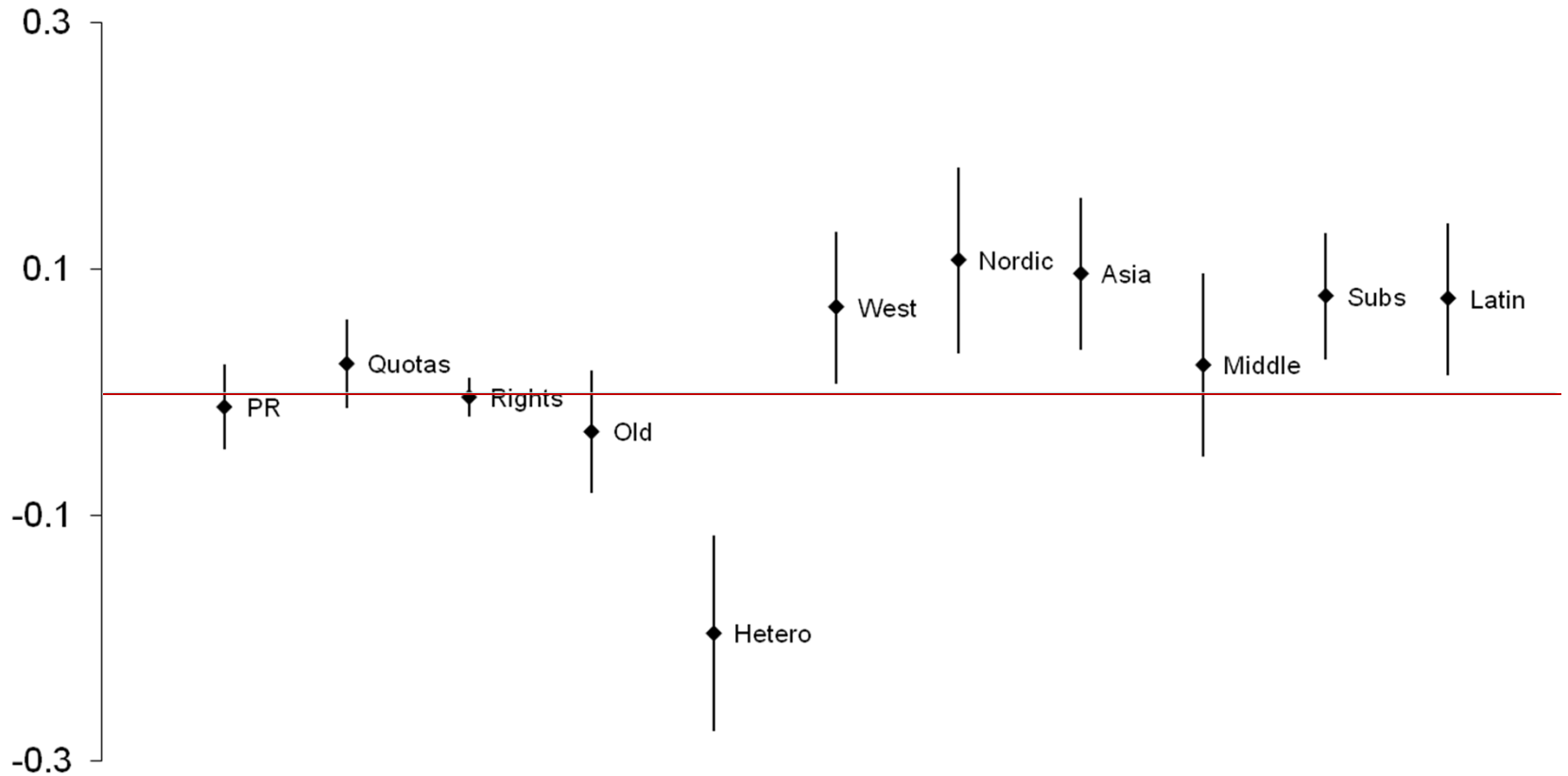
- Electoral system
  - Electoral formula
- Old democracy
- Political rights
- Quotas and reserved seats
- Attitudes
- Geographical concentration

# Data & Measurement

- 2006, free and partly free countries
- 101 countries, 115 countries
- Proportion in population and legislature compared:

$$ERS = 1 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \Pi_{Z,i} - \Pi_{R,i} \right|$$

# Using Regional Differences

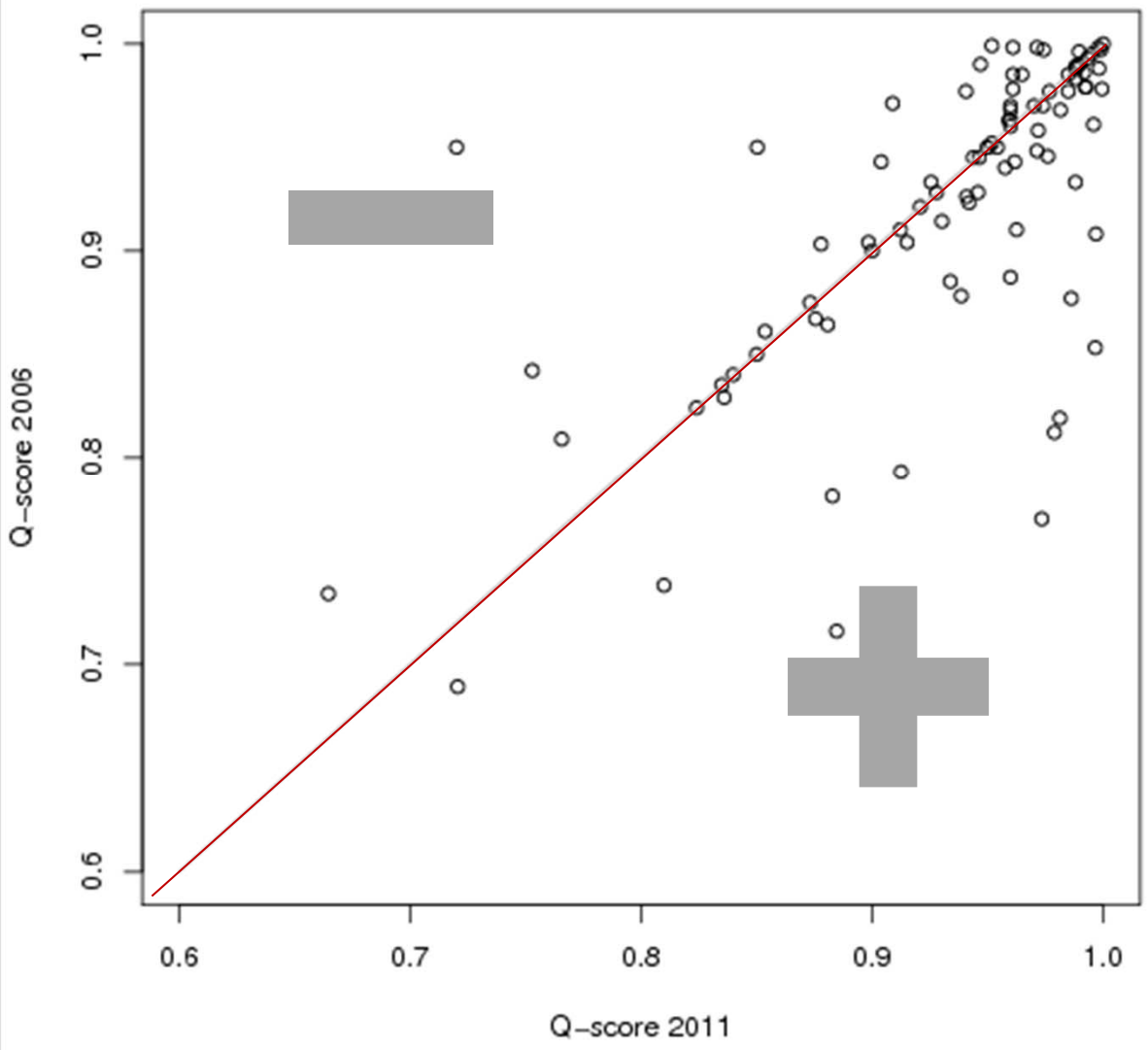


# Measured & Predicted Attitudes

	<i>B</i>	<i>SE</i>	<i>p-value</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>SE</i>	<i>p-value</i>
Constant	0.75	0.11	0.000 *	0.93	0.05	0.000 *
Electoral formula						
Mj/MMM						
PR/MMP	-0.03	0.03	0.238	0.00	0.02	0.881
Quotas						
No quotas						
Quotas	0.02	0.03	0.526	0.03	0.02	0.116
Political rights	0.02	0.02	0.183	0.01	0.01	0.275
Age of democracy	-0.03	0.03	0.324	0.03	0.03	0.203
Heterogeneity	-0.20	0.07	0.012 *	-0.27	0.05	0.000 *
<b>Attitudes</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.031 *</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.026 *</b>
<i>R</i> <sup>2</sup>	0.52			0.32		



Ethnic Group Representation 2006, 2011



Over Time

# Discussion

- Differences between countries
- Attitudes
- Quotas
  - Implementation
- Electoral engineering
  - Strong elites