

ABSTRACT

This study examines the effect of political accountability on the quality of government using panel data of 65 countries for the period 2012-2018. The 65 countries were then grouped into their respective classifications of developing and developed countries to see the different effects. To estimate panel data, OLS with fixed effect is used. However, to overcome possible endogeneity problems, the authors also estimated using the Generalized-Method of Moments. Explained through the level of democracy and the level of information. Interesting findings on the relationship of political accountability to the quality of government were found in almost all estimates. In a robust estimate, democracy hardly effects the quality of government. In contrast, the internet, as a measurement of the level of information, has a strong influence in developed countries, especially in the long-run. This study provides findings that can be explored in depth by future researchers. Moreover, the results of this study enrich the literature on government studies and relevant fields of study.

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