

Malaysia

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Before independence, Malaysia was a British colony. As such no SOLS change was coded in the first year. Based on our coding rules, we code Malaysia as a parliamentary democracy from independence in 1957 until 1968 (Bhopal 1999). Note that Cheibub et al. do not code Malaysia as democratic and Geddes codes Malaysia as a single-party regime under the United Malays National Organisation (UMNO) for the entire period under observation.. Fortunately, the SOLS coding is the same whether we treat Malaysia as a democracy initially or a single-party system because Rahman of the UNMO was in power from independence until 1970. There was a short interruption in 1958 when Razak briefly took power but he was also UNMO. Thus no SOLS changes are coded during the democratic period. And no SOLS changes are coded thereafter since Malaysia was clearly a single-party system after 1968 (Cahoon, 2010; Geddis, Department of State, 2011).

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