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| **UN** | United Nations |
| **WB** | World Bank |
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**1.1.1 *Motivation Related to Existing Literature***

**1.1.1.1** *Relation to existing theoretical literature*

**2. CHAPTER 2**

**2.1 Chapter 2: Data, Method and Analysis**

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**2.2 Analysis of the Data**

**2.2.1 *Exploratory Analysis***

**2.2.1.1** *Descriptive statistics*

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**2.2.2 *Confirmatory Analysis***

**2.2.2.1** *Initial hypotheses*

**2.2.2.2** *Findings*

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(For the second table in subsection 1.2)

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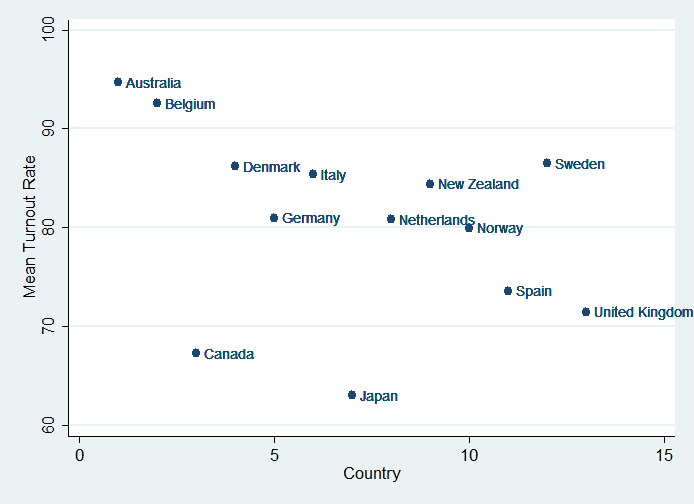
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**Table 1.2.2 Descriptive Statistics for Control Variables**

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|  | **DCFS** | **DCP** | **DCPS** | **GDPPCGR** | **INF** |
| **Mean** | 57.29 | 40.72 | 44.25 | 2.15 | 39.37 |
| **Max** | 357.32 | 312.12 | 312.12 | 36.98 | 7481.69 |
| **Min** | -79.09 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -47.81 | -9.83 |
| **Std. Dev.** | 53.87 | 37.13 | 42.54 | 4.87 | 317.17 |
| **Obs** | 2425 | 2425 | 2425 | 2425 | 2425 |
|  | **INV** | **MS** | **POP** | **SCHSECOND** |  |
| **Mean** | 18647.35 | 52.28 | 1.54 | 69.70 |  |
| **Max** | 64717.00 | 256.93 | 7.77 | 162.61 |  |
| **Min** | -236428.00 | 1.62 | -6.18 | 4.56 |  |
| **Std. Dev.** | 12840.48 | 38.15 | 1.40 | 30.90 |  |
| **Obs** | 2425 | 2425 | 2425 | 2425 |  |

**Figure 2.1 Mean Turnout Rates in Advanced Democracies (1966 - 2013)**



**Graph 3.1.1 Annual GDP Growth Rates Between Years: 2005 - 2015**

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**Graph 3.1.1 Annual GDP Growth Rates Between Years: 1995 - 2005**

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**Table 1.2.2 Percentage of Households Owning Vehicles by District (Part 1 of 3)**

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