

Spirit of Capitalism in Ex-Communist Countries.

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DATA

24 countries, WVS 1995.

Ex-USSR countries	Ex-Yugoslavian countries	
Russia	Serbia	Bulgaria
Ukraine	Montenegro	Romania
Belarus	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Czech Republic
Moldova	Croatia	Slovakia
Estonia	Slovenia	Albania
Latvia	Macedonia	East Germany
Lithuania		Hungary
Georgia		Poland
Armenia		
Azerbaijan		

Commitment to Capitalism

- V126. Ownership on Business
10 points scale from More Private to More Government
- V127. Responsibility
10 points scale from State responsibility to Individual responsibility
- V128. Competition
10 points scale from Competition is good to Competition is harmful.

Anti-Capitalism Index

- Recoded V126 to V126_1, 10 points scale from 0 to 1
- Reversed V127 and Recoded to V127_1, 10 points scale from 0 to 1
- Recoded V128 to V128_1, 10 points scale from 0 to 1

$$\text{Anti_cap_index} = \text{V126_1} + \text{V127_1} + \text{V128_1}$$

Results of T-Test for 2 groups

- 1 subsample – People from Ex-Communist Countries in Europe, N=31049

Mean of anti_cap_index=1.47

- 2 subsample – People from Other countries, N=53741

Mean of anti_cap_index=1.27

t=42.4 , Sig. = 0

Theoretical Framework

- Luc Boltanski “The New Spirit of Capitalism”.

Spirit of Capitalism is the ideology that justifies people’s commitment to capitalism, and which renders this commitment attractive.

The quality of the commitment that one can expect depends not only on economic stimuli, but also on the possibility that the collective advantages that derive from capitalism.

The Dimensions of Spirit of Capitalism

- “Freedom of Choice”. The first dimension usually related to the different forms of “liberation” that capitalism offers.
- “Security”. The second set of arguments emphasizes the forms of security that is offered to those who are involved in capitalism.
- “Justice”. The third set of arguments explains how capitalism is coherent with sense of justice

Spirit of Capitalism

- Freedom of Choice

V66 – freedom of choice about control their life. 10 points scale from Not at all to Great Deal.

Recoded V66 to freed_index, 10 points scale from 0 to 1.

- Security.

Sec_index = conf_state (army, police, courts, parliament, government, political parties) .

- Justice.

Correlation coefficients between level of education and level of income.

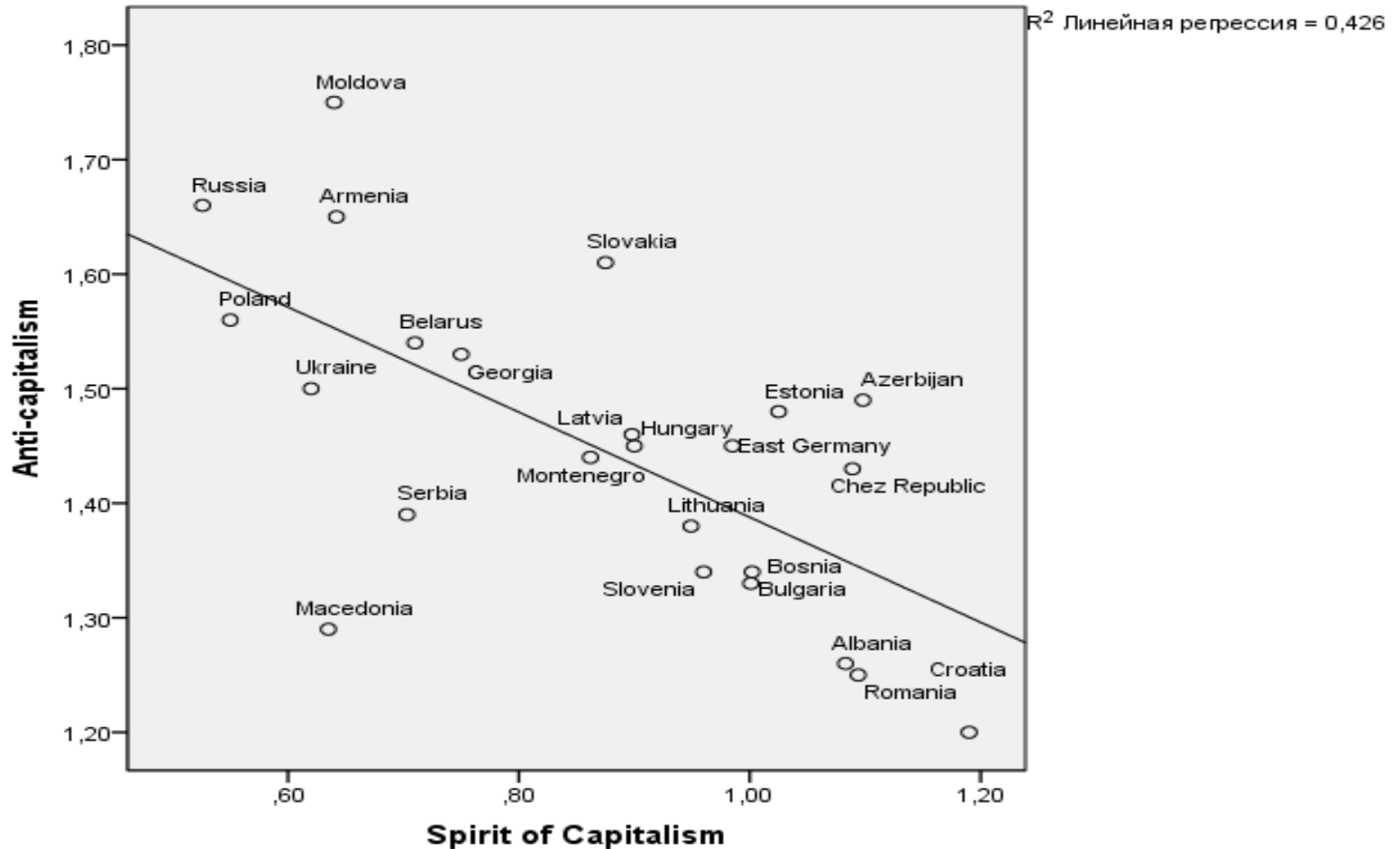
V151 – Rating: Previous Political System

V152 – Rating : Political System Today

Just_index = cor. coef. + (V152 - V151)

Spirit = freed_index + sec_index + just_index

Regression model 1



Historical Experience

USSR	Yugoslavia	Ottoman Empire	Austro-Hungarian Empire	Russian Empire
Russia	Serbia	Hungary	Hungary	Russia
Ukraine	Montenegro	Bulgaria	Bulgaria	Ukraine
Belarus	Bosnia	Romania	Lithuania	Belarus
Moldova	Croatia	Georgia	Ukraine	Moldova
Estonia	Slovenia	Armenia	Croatia	Estonia
Latvia	Macedonia	Azerbaijan	Bosnia	Latvia
Lithuania		Albania		Lithuania
Georgia		Serbia		Georgia
Armenia		Montenegro		Armenia
Azerbaijan		Slovenia		Azerbaijan
		Macedonia		Poland
		Bosnia		

Regression model 2.

Model	R	R-square	Adj. R-square	St. er.
2	0.75	0.56	0.52	0.096
Coefficients				
	Unstandardized	Standardized	t	Sig.
Constant	1.738		17.4	0.00
Spirit of capitalism	-0.38	-0.54	-3.6	0.02
Ex-soviet countries	0.109	0.38	2.6	0.018

Anti-capitalism sentiments

