

BOX 2.2 **A Note on Interpreting Statistical Findings—Multiple Regression Results**

Multiple regression analysis takes a single **dependent variable** (the characteristic of interest, such as support for democracy) and determines how a set of possible explanatory **independent variables** shapes it. The technique “models” the dependent variable on other variables by identifying these explanatory variables’ separate, independent contributions to the dependent variable. Many key multiple regression results are not shown in this printed volume to conserve space, but are available in the online supplement to this volume at <http://study.sagepub.com/booth1e>. These supplementary results contain further explanatory notes to facilitate their interpretation.