

Figure 11.2 Downloading and Importing an SPSS Dataset

Democracy Crossnational Data, Release 3.0 Spring 2009

This dataset is most suitable for *comparisons of 191 contemporary states*, with a limited number of lagged variables. It contains data on the social, economic and political characteristics of 191 nations with over 1000 variables.

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1. Rightclick on the dataset link and click “Save link as.”

2. Navigate to the working directory you are using to run R. If you don't know the working directory, type 'getwd ()' at the R prompt.

3. Abbreviate long dataset names, if necessary. Here “Democracy Crossnational Data Spring 2009” has been abbreviated to “Democ.data.” Click Save.

File name: Democ.data

Save as type: SPSS Statistics Data Document

Note: SPSS datasets use the extension, “.sav.” So Democ.data's full name is “Democ.data.sav.” Stata datasets use the extension, “.dta.”

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R Console

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> Norris.data=spss.get ("Democ.data.sav")
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4. At the R prompt, or in the script editor, use the spss.get function to create a new object: 'Norris.data= spss.get (“Democ.data.sav”)'. Be sure to type the dataset's full name, including the extension, enclosed in single or double quotes.