PNG Election Results Database

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What? how?

• Online and printed resource of election results from 1972 to 2012 (we hope!)
  • Available for analysis
  • Have already done this for Solomons

https://solomonislandselections.wordpress.com/
Why?

• Election Results are part of a nation’s history (and they will be lost!)
• Capturing trends and patterns
• Assisting research on how electoral politics work
• Learning about policy impacts
A (big) problem...

Getting reliable data for 2007 and 2012 in PNG
Candidate trends…
Much National Variation!
Southern Highlands Province – within province variation
what explains rising candidate numbers?
relationship between number of candidates and winner vote share all elections 1977-2012 (2007&2012 after prefs; limited data for 2012)
winner vote share (after preferences 2007&2012)
winner’s share of votes (first preferences 2007 & 2012)
Concluding:

• ongoing project

• the best research will be mixed methods (PNG researchers!)

• not just research but policy (and personal) choices

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candidate performance (first prefs 1977-2007)
average winner vote share (after prefs) 1977-2007 by province
winner vote share vs incumbent survival averaged all constituencies in province and across all years