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Dear Dr. Smith:

Thank you for your email and providing further comments on our revised manuscript submission to BMC Public Health. Below, please find a description of the revisions made to address the helpful comments provided by Dr. Walsh.

**Minor Essential Revisions**
1. We have modified the text in the “Methods” section to describe why Cuba is listed under the heading of a conservative dictatorship. We believe this will make the distinction between a country’s self-identified political tradition and perception to external states more clear.

2. We agree with Dr. Walsh that the distinction between historical and current political tradition can be made more clear for Spain, Portugal and Greece. The text in the “Methods” section has been modified to make it clear that these countries were historically dictatorships, but are no longer dictatorships.

**Discretionary Revisions**
1. We agree with Dr. Walsh that referencing the UNICEF data earlier in the text will help with the country selection rationale. We have modified the “Methods” section to make reference to the UNICEF data, which are further described in the limitations section.

Thank you for your interest in our manuscript. We have addressed all suggestions for revision by the reviewers, and look forward to a positive response.

Best regards,

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