Some Comments on U.S. Holdings of Emerging Market Equities: A Security-Level Analysis

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1. Describe the data

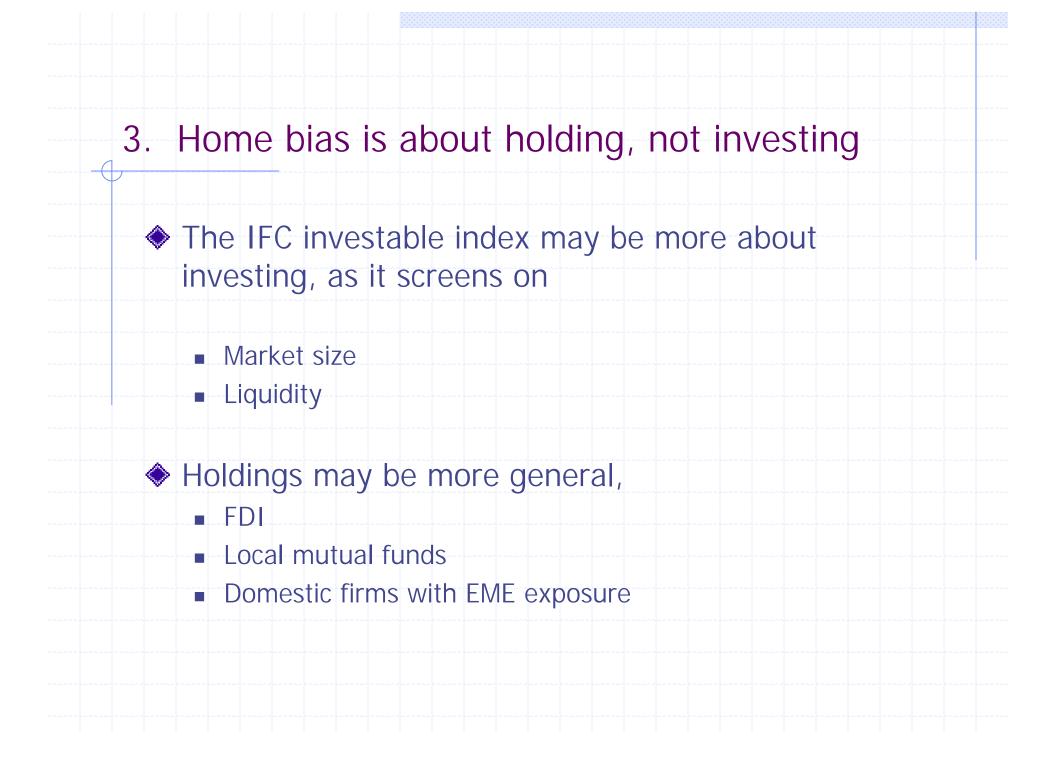
The security-level data are an important resource, but they may never wind up in the public domain

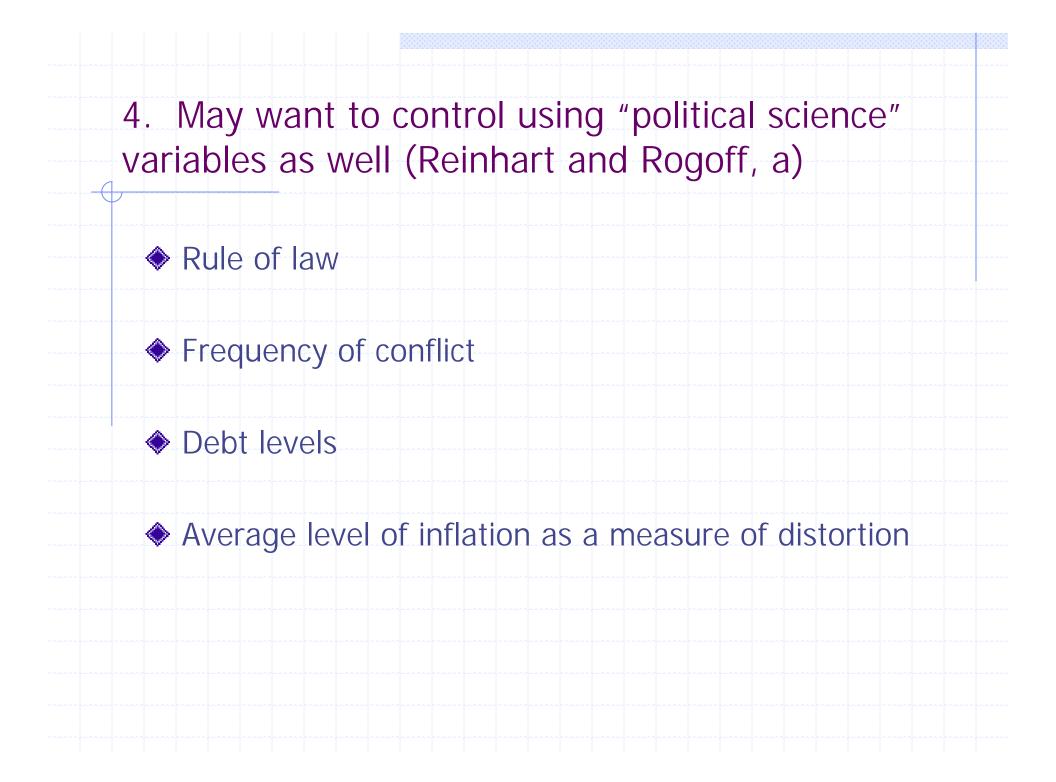
- Provide sufficient summary statistics not results only specific to the maintained hypothesis
- Tell us what's missing
 - Both from the perspective of the U.S. investor and the emerging market

2. Are there one or two observations per security?

The choice of 1997 to sample was an accident of fate
That may distort changes

Emphasize the panel dimension





5. Is it just the current level of controls that matter?



Capital market reforms are the prototypical case of time inconsistency



Argentina reformed but now discriminated

What happens going forward?

This raises the issue of the endogeneity of controls

6. Could some market prices be used as instruments as well?

Dual exchange rate premia (Reinhart and Rogoff, b)?

Debt spreads?