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Structure of V-Dem Indices, Components, and Indicators

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1 Structure of Aggregation

1.1 V-Dem Democracy Indices and Indicators

Democracy Index Name	Mid-Level Democracy and Governance Index Name	Lower-Level Democracy and Governance Index Name	Indicator Name	Tag	Uniquend Score*
Electoral demo	peracy index			v2x_polyarchy	
	Additive polyarch	y index		v2x_api	
	Multiplicative pol			v2x_mpi	
		Freedom of expres			
		and alternative so	urces of information index Freedom of academic and cultural ex-	v2x_freexp_altinf v2clacfree	0.358
			pression	vzciaciree	0.558
			Freedom of discussion for men	v2cldiscm	0.291
			Freedom of discussion for women	v2cldiscw	0.291
			Media bias	v2mebias	0.316
			Government censorship effort—Media	v2mecenefm	0.334
			Print/broadcast media critical	v2mecrit	0.293
			Harassment of journalists	v2meharjrn	0.354
			Print/broadcast media perspectives	v2merange	0.313
		Encodern of come :	Media self-censorship	v2meslfcen	0.329
		r reedom of associ	ation index (thick) CSO entry and exit	v2x_frassoc_thick v2cseeorgs	0.384
			CSO repression	v2cseeorgs v2csreprss	$0.384 \\ 0.454$
			Elections multiparty	v2elmulpar	0.434
			Barriers to parties	v2psbars	0.286
			Opposition parties autonomy	v2psoppaut	0.022
			Party ban	v2psparban	0.423
		Share of population	on with suffrage	v2x_suffr	
			Percent of population with suffrage	v2elsuffrage	
		Clean elections in		v2xel_frefair	0.400
			EMB autonomy	v2elembaut	0.486
			EMB capacity Election free and fair	v2elembcap v2elfrfair	$0.52 \\ 0.306$
			Election government intimidation	v2elintim	0.300 0.349
			Election other voting irregularities	v2elirreg	0.345
			Election other electoral violence	v2elpeace	0.642
			Election voter registry	v2elrgstry	0.435
			Election vote buying	v2elvotbuy	0.556
		Elected officials in	dex	v2x_elecoff	
			HOG selection by legislature in prac- tice	v2exaphogp	
			HOS selection by legislature in practice	v2exaphos	
			Chief executive appointment by upper chamber	v2exapup	
			Chief executive appointment by upper chamber implicit approval	v2exapupap	
			HOS appoints cabinet in practice	v2exdfcbhs	
			HOS dismisses ministers in practice	v2exdfdmhs	
			HOG dismisses ministers in practice	v2exdfdshg	
			HOG appoints cabinet in practice	v2exdjcbhg	
			HOS = HOG?	v2exhoshog	
			HOS appointment in practice	v2expathhs	
			HOG appointment in practice Relative power of the HOS	v2expathhg v2ex_hosw	
			Legislature bicameral	v2lgbicam	
			Upper chamber elected	v2lgelecup	
			Lower chamber elected	v2lgello	
			Percentage of indirectly elected legisla- tors lower chamber	v2lginello	
			Percentage of indirectly elected legisla-	v2lginelup	
			tors upper chamber	0 1	



Democracy Index Name	Mid-Level Democracy and Governance Index Name	Lower-Level Democracy and Governance Index Name	Indicator Name	Tag	Uniqueness Score*
Liberal democ	racy inder			v2x_libdem	
	Electoral democra	cv index		v2x_polyarchy	
	Liberal component	v		v2x_liberal	
	PP		e law and individual liberty index	v2xcl_rol	
			Access to justice for men	v2clacjstm	0.254
			Access to justice for women	v2clacjstw	0.254
			Freedom of foreign movement	v2clfmove	0.444
			Freedom from political killings	v2clkill	0.458
			Property rights for men	v2clprptym	0.459
			Property rights for women	v2clprptyw	0.459
			Freedom of religion	v2clrelig	0.591
			Freedom from forced labor for men	v2clslavem	0.512
			Freedom from forced labor for women	v2clslavef	0.512
			Freedom of domestic movement for men	v2cldmovem	0.423
			Freedom of domestic movement for women	v2cldmovew	0.423
			Rigorous and impartial public admin- istration	v2clrspct	0.505
			Freedom from torture	v2cltort	0.391
			Transparent laws with predictable en- forcement	v2cltrnslw	0.396
		Judicial constraint	s on the executive index	v2x_jucon	
			Executive respects constitution	v2exrescon	0.547
			Compliance with judiciary	v2jucomp	0.336
			Compliance with high court	v2juhccomp	0.341
			High court independence	v2juhcind	0.416
			Lower court independence	v2juncind	0.411
		Legislative constra	ints on the executive index	v2xlg_legcon	
			Legislature investigates in practice	v2lginvstp	0.284
			Legislature opposition parties	v2lgoppart	0.434
			Executive oversight	v2lgotovst	0.373
			Legislature questions officials in prac- tice	v2lgqstexp	0.526

$Participatory\ democracy\ index$			$v2x_partipdem$	
Electoral democra			v2x_polyarchy	
Participatory com	ponent index		v2x_partip	
	Civil society partie	÷	$v2x_cspart$	
		CSO consultation	v2cscnsult	0.427
		CSO womens participation	v2csgender	0.668
		CSO participatory environment	v2csprtcpt	0.411
		Candidate selection, National/local	v2pscnslnl	0.797
	Direct popular vot		v2xdd_dd	
		Initiatives administrative threshold	v2ddadmci	
		Referendums administrative threshold	v2ddadmrf	
		Initiatives approval threshold	v2ddapprci	
		Referendums approval threshold	v2ddapprrf	
		Initiatives permitted	v2ddlexci	
		Referendums permitted	v2ddlexrf	
		Initiatives signature-gathering period	v2ddsigdci	
		Referendums signature-gathering pe- riod	v2ddsigdrf	
		Initiatives signature-gathering time limit	v2ddsiglci	
		Initiatives signatures $\%$	v2ddsigpci	
		Referendums signatures %	v2ddsigprf	
		Initiatives participation threshold	v2ddpartci	
		Referendums participation threshold	v2ddpartrf	
		Initiatives super majority	v2ddspmci	
		Referendums super majority	v2ddspmrf	
		Popular initiative credible threat	v2ddthreci	
		Occurrence of citizen-initiative this	v2ddyrci	
		year		



Democracy Index Name	Mid-Level Democracy and Governance Index Name	Lower-Level Democracy and Governance Index Name	Indicator Name	Tag	Uniqueness Score*
			Obligatory referendum administrative	v2ddadmor	
			threshold		
			Plebiscite administrative threshold	v2ddadmpl	
			Obligatory referendum approval threshold	v2ddappor	
			Plebiscite approval threshold	v2ddapprpl	
			Constitutional changes popular vote	v2ddlexor	
			Plebiscite permitted	v2ddlexpl	
			Obligatory referendum participation threshold	v2ddpartor	
			Plebiscite participation threshold	v2ddpartpl	
			Obligatory referendum super majority	v2ddspmor	
			Plebiscite super majority	v2ddspmpl	
			Obligatory referendum credible threat	v2ddthreor	
			Plebiscite credible threat	v2ddthrepl	
			Popular referendum credible threat	v2ddthrerf	
			Occurrence of obligatory referendum this year	v2ddyror	
			Occurrence of plebiscite this year	v2ddyrpl	
			Occurrence of referendum this year	v2ddyrrf	
		Local government	index	v2xel_locelec	
			Local government elected	v2ellocelc	
			Local government exists	v2ellocgov	
			Local offices relative power	v2ellocpwr	
		Regional governm		v2xel_regelec	
			Regional government exists	v2elreggov	
			Regional offices relative power	v2elrgpwr	
Delihenstine de			Regional government elected	v2elsrgel v2x_delibdem	
Deliberative de	Electoral democra	ev index		v2x_denodem v2x_polyarchy	
	Deliberative comp			v2xdl_delib	
	r		Common good	v2dlcommon	0.6
			Range of consultation	v2dlconslt	0.245
			Respect counterarguments	v2dlcountr	0.33
			Engaged society	v2dlengage	0.238
			Reasoned justification	v2dlreason	0.34
Egalitarian der	mocracy index			v2x_egaldem	
	Electoral democra			v2x_polyarchy	
	Egalitarian compo	onent index		v2x_egal	
		Equal access index		v2xeg_eqaccess	
			Power distributed by gender	v2pepwrgen	0.565
			Power distributed by socioeconomic position	v2pepwrses	0.46
			Power distributed by social group	v2pepwrsoc	0.48
		Equal distribution	of resources index	v2xeg_eqdr	
			Particularistic or Public good	v2dlencmps	0.649
			Means-tested vs. universalistic policy	v2dlunivl	0.677
			Educational equality	v2peedueq	0.275
		Emerilar ():	Health equality	v2pehealth	0.191
		Equal protection i		v2xeg_eqprotec	0.901
			Social class equality in respect for civil liberties	v2clacjust	0.201
			Weaker civil liberties population	v2clsnlpct	0.902
			Social group equality in respect for civil liberties	v2clsocgrp	0.545

* Unmodeled Variance. Uniqueness is the variance that is 'unique' to the variable and not shared with other variables.



Democracy Indices Created Using V- Dem Data Name	Lower-Level Democracy and Governance Index Name	Indicator Name	Tag	Uniqueness Score*
Regimes of the Worl	d inder		v2x_regime	
legines of the non		Access to justice for men	v2clacjstm_osp	
		Access to justice for women Transparent laws with predictable enforce- ment	v2clacjstw_osp v2cltrnslw_osp	
		Election free and fair	v2elfrfair_osp	
		Legislative election free and fair	v2elfrfair_osp_leg	
		Executive election free and fair	v2elfrfair_osp_ex	
		Elections multiparty	v2elmulpar_osp	
		Executive elections multiparty	v2elmulpar_osp_ex	
		Legislative elections multiparty Relative power of the HOS	v2elmulpar_osp_leg v2ex_hosw	
		HOS appointed by legislature	v2ex_legconhos	
	Electoral regime inde		v2x_elecreg	
	Executive electoral re	egime index	v2xex_elecreg	
	Legislative electoral r		v2xlg_elecreg	
	Electoral democracy		v2x_polyarchy	
	Liberal component in	ldex	v2x_liberal	
Accountability index	**		$v2x_accountability$	
	Vertical accountabilit		v2x_veracc	
		HOS appointed by legislature	v2ex_legconhos	
		Relative power of the HOS Electoral regime index	v2ex_hosw v2x_elecreg	
		EMB autonomy	v2elembaut	
		EMB capacity	v2elembcap	
		Election free and fair	v2elfrfair	
		Election government intimidation	v2elintim	
		Election other voting irregularities	v2elirreg	
		Elections multiparty Election voter registry	v2elmulpar v2elrgstry	
		Percentage of population with suffrage	v2elsuffrage	
		HOG selection by legislature in practice	v2exaphogp	
		HOG appointment in practice	v2expathhg	
		HOS appointment in practice	v2expathhs	
		Barriers to parties	v2psbars	
		Opposition parties autonomy Party ban	v2psoppaut v2psparban	
	Diagonal accountabil		v2psparban v2x_diagacc	
	accounter accounter of	Freedom of academic and cultural expres-	v2xludgace v2clacfree	
		sion		
		Freedom of discussion for men	v2cldiscm	
		Freedom of discussion for women CSO entry and exit	v2cldiscw v2cseeorgs	
		CSO entry and exit CSO participatory environment	v2cspetcpt	
		CSO repression	v2csreprss	
		Engaged society	v2dlengage	
		Media bias	v2mebias	
		Internet censorship effort	v2mecenefi	
		Government censorship effort—Media Print/broadcast media critical	v2mecenefm v2mecrit	
		Harassment of journalists	v2meharjrn	
		Print/broadcast media perspectives	v2merange	
		Media self-censorship	v2meslfcen	
	Horizontal accountab	0	v2x_horacc	
		Executive respects constitution	v2exrescon	
		Compliance with judiciary High court independence	v2jucomp v2juhcind	
		Compliance with high court	v2juhccomp	
		Lower court independence	v2juncind	
		Legislature bicameral	v2lgbicam	
		Legislature investigates in practice	v2lginvstp	
		Executive oversight	v2lgotovst	

1.2 Indices Created Using V-Dem Data



Democracy Indices Created Using V- Dem Data Name	Lower-Level Democracy and Governance Index Name	Indicator Name	Tag	Uniqueness Score*
Confidence dimensio	n index		v2x_ex_confidence	
0		HOS = HOG	v2exhoshog	
		HOS appointment in practice HOG appointment in practice	v2expathhs v2expathhg	
		HOS removal by legislature in practice	v2exremhsp_ord	
		(Ordinal version) HOS removal by the ruling party or party leadership body in a one-party system in practice (Mean)	v2exrmhsol_2_mean	
		practice (Mean) HOS removal by a royal council in practice (Mean)	v2exrmhsol_3_mean	
		HOS removal by the military in practice (Mean)	v2exrmhsol_3_mean	
		Relative power of the HOS	v2ex_hosw	
Direct election dimen	nsion index		v2x_ex_direlect	
		HOS = HOG	v2exhoshog	
		HOS appointment in practice	v2expathhs	
		HOG appointment in practice	v2expathhg	
		HOS removal by legislature in practice (Ordinal version)	v2exremhsp_ord	
		HOS removal by the ruling party or party leadership body in a one-party system in practice (Mean)	v2exrmhsol_2_mean	
		HOS removal by a royal council in practice (Mean)	v2exrmhsol_3_mean	
		HOS removal by the military in practice (Mean)	v2exrmhsol_3_mean	
		Relative power of the HOS	v2ex_hosw	
Hereditary dimension	n index		v2x_ex_hereditary	
		HOS = HOG	v2exhoshog	
		HOS appointment in practice	v2expathhs	
		HOG appointment in practice HOS removal by legislature in practice	v2expathhg v2exremhsp_ord	
		(Ordinal version)	v2extennisp_ord	
		HOS removal by the ruling party or party leadership body in a one-party system in	v2exrmhsol_2_mean	
		practice (Mean) HOS removal by a royal council in practice	v2exrmhsol_3_mean	
		(Mean) HOS removal by the military in practice (Mean)	v2exrmhsol_3_mean	
		Relative power of the HOS	v2ex_hosw	
Military dimension i	index		v2x_ex_military	
		HOS = HOG	v2exhoshog	
		HOS appointment in practice	v2expathhs	
		HOG appointment in practice HOS removal by legislature in practice	v2expathhg v2exremhsp_ord	
		(Ordinal version) HOS removal by the ruling party or party leadership body in a one-party system in practice (Mean)	v2exrmhsol_2_mean	
		HOS removal by a royal council in practice (Mean)	v2exrmhsol_3_mean	
		HOS removal by the military in practice (Mean)	v2exrmhsol_3_mean	
		Relative power of the HOS	v2ex_hosw	



Democracy Indices Created Using V- Dem Data Name	Lower-Level Democracy a Governance Ind Name	Indicator Name nd ex	Tag	Uniqueness Score*
Ruling party dimens	ion inder		v2x_ex_party	
itaning party attricts	on muca	HOS = HOG	v2exhoshog	
		HOS appointment in practice	v2expathhs	
		HOG appointment in practice	v2expathhg	
		HOS removal by legislature in practice (Ordinal version) HOS removal by the ruling party or party	v2exremhsp_ord v2exrmhsol_2_mean	
		leadership body in a one-party system in practice (Mean)	v2oximisor2=moun	
		HOS removal by a royal council in practice (Mean)	v2exrmhsol_3_mean	
		HOS removal by the military in practice (Mean) Relative power of the HOS	v2exrmhsol_3_mean v2ex_hosw	
		Relative power of the HOS	v2ex_nosw	
$Neo patrimonial\ rule$	index		v2x_neopat	
		Particularistic or public goods	v2dlencmps	0.722
		EMB autonomy	v2elembaut	0.651
		Election vote buying	v2elvotbuy	0.591
		Executive bribery and corrupt exchanges	v2exbribe	0.575
		Executive embezzlement and theft	v2exembez	0.517
		Executive respects constitution	v2exrescon	0.437
		Compliance with judiciary	v2jucomp	0.397
		Judicial corruption decision	v2jucorrdc	0.613
		Compliance with high court	v2juhccomp	0.448
		High court independence	v2juhcind	0.468
		Lower court independence	v2juncind	0.484
		Legislature corrupt activities	v2lgcrrpt	0.669
		Legislature controls resources	v2lgfunds	0.761
		Legislature investigates in practice	v2lginvstp	0.533
		Executive oversight	v2lgotovst	0.523
		Party linkages	v2psprlnks	0.763
Clientelism index			v2xnp_client	
		Particularistic or public goods	v2dlencmps	0.69
		Election vote buying	v2elvotbuy	0.421
		Party linkages	v2psprlnks	0.534
Presidentialism inde	r		v2xnp_pres	
		EMB autonomy	v2elembaut	0.541
		Executive respects constitution	v2exrescon	0.499
		Compliance with judiciary	v2jucomp	0.376
		Compliance with high court	v2juhccomp	0.401
			v2juhcind	0.418
		High court independence		
		High court independence Lower court independence	v2juncind	0.427
			0	2.704
		Lower court independence	v2juncind	
		Lower court independence Legislature controls resources	v2juncind v2lgfunds	2.704
Regime corruption in	ndex	Lower court independence Legislature controls resources Legislature investigates in practice	v2juncind v2lgfunds v2lginvstp v2lgotovst	$2.704 \\ 2.418$
Regime corruption in	adex	Lower court independence Legislature controls resources Legislature investigates in practice	v2juncind v2lgfunds v2lginvstp	$2.704 \\ 2.418$
Regime corruption in	dex	Lower court independence Legislature controls resources Legislature investigates in practice Executive oversight	v2juncind v2lgfunds v2lginvstp v2lgotovst v2xnp_regcorr	2.704 2.418 0.511
Regime corruption in	udex	Lower court independence Legislature controls resources Legislature investigates in practice Executive oversight Executive bribery and corrupt exchanges	v2juncind v2lgfunds v2lginvstp v2lgotovst v2xnp_regcorr v2exbribe	2.704 2.418 0.511 0.274
Regime corruption in	ndex	Lower court independence Legislature controls resources Legislature investigates in practice Executive oversight Executive bribery and corrupt exchanges Executive embezzlement and theft	v2juncind v2lgfunds v2lginvstp v2lgotovst v2xnp_regcorr v2exbribe v2exembez	2.704 2.418 0.511 0.274 0.302
	ndex	Lower court independence Legislature controls resources Legislature investigates in practice Executive oversight Executive bribery and corrupt exchanges Executive embezzlement and theft Judicial corruption decision	v2juncind v2lgfunds v2lginvstp v2lgotovst v2xnp_regcorr v2exbribe v2exembez v2jucorrdc v2lgcrrpt	2.704 2.418 0.511 0.274 0.302 0.508
Regime corruption in Civil liberties index		Lower court independence Legislature controls resources Legislature investigates in practice Executive oversight Executive bribery and corrupt exchanges Executive embezzlement and theft Judicial corruption decision Legislature corrupt activities	v2juncind v2lgfunds v2lginvstp v2lgotovst v2xnp_regcorr v2exbribe v2exembez v2jucorrdc v2lgcrrpt v2x_civlib	2.704 2.418 0.511 0.274 0.302 0.508
Regime corruption in Civil liberties index	ndex Physical violence	Lower court independence Legislature controls resources Legislature investigates in practice Executive oversight Executive bribery and corrupt exchanges Executive embezzlement and theft Judicial corruption decision Legislature corrupt activities	v2juncind v2lgfunds v2lginvstp v2lgotovst v2xnp_regcorr v2exbribe v2exembez v2jucorrdc v2lgcrrpt	2.704 2.418 0.511 0.274 0.302 0.508



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T	Political civil libertie	s indox	v2x_clpol	
1	ontical civil libertie	Freedom of academic and cultural expres-	v2clacfree	0.327
		sion	0.11	0.041
		Freedom of discussion for men Freedom of discussion for women	v2cldiscm v2cldiscw	$0.241 \\ 0.241$
		CSO entry and exit	v2cseeorgs	0.311
		CSO repression	v2csreprss	0.334
		Government censorship effort—Media	v2mecenefm	0.361
		Harassment of journalists	v2meharjrn	0.385
		Media self-censorship	v2meslfcen	0.394
		Barriers to parties	v2psbars	0.458
		Opposition parties autonomy	v2psoppaut	0.441
I	Private civil liberties	Party ban index	v2psparban v2x_clpriv	0.566
1	Trate civil indertiles	Freedom of domestic movement for men	v2x_clpnv v2cldmovem	0.277
		Freedom of domestic movement for men	v2cldmovew	0.277
		Freedom of foreign movement	v2clfmove	0.405
		Property rights for men	v2clprptym	0.38
		Property rights for women	v2clprptyw	0.38
		Freedom of religion	v2clrelig	0.524
		Religious organization repression Freedom from forced labor for men	v2csrlgrep v2clslavem	$0.564 \\ 0.47$
		Freedom from forced labor for men	v2clslavef	0.47
		Treading from forced labor for women	v Zeisiavei	0.11
Exclusion by Socio-Eco	onomic Group		v2xpe_exlecon	
		Social class equality in respect for civil lib-	v2clacjust	0.473
		erty Access to public services distributed by socio-economic position	v2peapsecon	0.364
		Access to state business opportunities by socio-economic position	v2peasbecon	0.324
		Access to state jobs by socio-economic po- sition	v2peasjsoecon	0.276
		Power distributed by socio-economic posi- tion	2pepwrses	0.601
Exclusion by Gender in	ndex		v2xpe_exlgender	
		Gender equality in respect for civil liberties	v2clgencl	0.333
		Access to public services distributed by gender Access to state business opportunities by	v2peapsgen v2peasbgen	0.451 0.247
		gender	* 2 heappen	0.241
		Access to state jobs by gender	v2peasjgen	0.235
		Power distributed by gender	v2pepwrgen	0.443
Exclusion by Urban-Ru	aral Location index	Urban-rural location equality in respect for civil liberties	v2xpe_exlgeo v2clgeocl	0.408
		Access to public services distributed by urban-rural location	v2peapsgeo	0.296
		Access to state business opportunities by urban-rural location	v2peasbegeo	0.286
		Access to state jobs by urban-rural loca- tion	v2peasjgeo	0.372
		Power distributed by urban-rural location	v2pepwrgeo	0.604
Exclusion by Political	Group index		v2xpe_exlpol	
		Political group equality in respect for civil liberties	v2clpolcl	0.538
		Access to public services distributed by po- litical group	v2peapspol	0.442
		Access to state business opportunities by political group	v2peasbepol	0.311
		Access to state jobs by political group	v2peasjpol	0.251



Democracy Indices Created Using V- Dem Data Name	Lower-Level Democracy and Governance Index Name	Indicator Name	Tag	Uniqueness Score*
Exclusion by Social	Crown inder		v2xpe_exlsocgr	
Exclusion by Social	Group maex	Social group equality in respect for civil	v2xpe_exisocgi v2clsocgrp	0.522
		liberties		
		Access to public services distributed by so- cial group	v2peapssoc	0.409
		Access to state business opportunities by social group	v2peasbsoc	0.306
		Access to state jobs by social group Power distributed by social group	v2peasjsoc v2pepwrsoc	$0.298 \\ 0.511$
		Fower distributed by social group	v2pepwisoc	0.511
Political corruption	index		v2x_corr	
1		Legislature corrupt activities	v2lgcrrpt	
		Judicial corruption decision	v2jucorrdc	
	Executive corruption		v2x_execorr	
		Executive bribery and corrupt exchanges	v2exbribe	
	DUI	Executive embezzlement and theft	v2exembez	
	Public sector corrupt		v2x_pubcorr	
		Public sector corrupt exchanges Public sector theft	v2excrptps v2exthftps	
Women political emp			v2x_gender	
	Women civil liberties		v2x_gencl	
		Access to justice for women	v2clacjstw	0.373
		Freedom of domestic movement for women	v2cldmovew	0.422
		Property rights for women	v2clprptyw	0.392
	Women sinil assister	Freedom from forced labor for women	v2clslavef	0.432
	Women civil society	Freedom of discussion for women	v2x_gencs v2cldiscw	0.672
		CSO womens participation	v2csgender	0.186
		Percent (%) female journalists	v2mefemjrn	0.585
	Women political part		v2x_genpp	0.000
	1 1	Lower chamber female legislators	v2lgfemleg	
		Power distributed by gender	v2pepwrgen	
Rule of law index			v2x_rule	
		Access to justice for men	v2clacjstm	0.482
		Access to justice for women	v2clacjstw	0.482
		Rigorous and impartial public administra- tion	v2clrspct	0.399
		Transparent laws with predictable enforce- ment	v2cltrnslw	0.481
		Executive bribery and corrupt exchanges	v2exbribe	0.507
		Public sector corrupt exchanges	v2excrptps v2exembez	$0.463 \\ 0.429$
		Executive embezzlement and thett	V ACACIHIUCA	0.429
		Executive embezzlement and theft Executive respects constitution	v?exrescon	0.47
		Executive respects constitution	v2exrescon v2exthftps	$0.47 \\ 0.459$
		Executive respects constitution Public sector theft	v2exthftps	$\begin{array}{c} 0.47 \\ 0.459 \\ 0.658 \end{array}$
		Executive respects constitution		0.459
		Executive respects constitution Public sector theft Judicial accountability	v2exthftps v2juaccnt v2jucomp v2jucorrdc	$0.459 \\ 0.658$
		Executive respects constitution Public sector theft Judicial accountability Compliance with judiciary Judicial corruption decision Compliance with high court	v2exthftps v2juaccnt v2jucomp	$\begin{array}{c} 0.459 \\ 0.658 \\ 0.464 \end{array}$
		Executive respects constitution Public sector theft Judicial accountability Compliance with judiciary Judicial corruption decision Compliance with high court High court independence	v2exthftps v2juaccnt v2jucomp v2jucorrdc v2juhccomp v2juhcind	$\begin{array}{c} 0.459 \\ 0.658 \\ 0.464 \\ 0.554 \\ 0.513 \\ 0.588 \end{array}$
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Citizen-initiated con		Executive respects constitution Public sector theft Judicial accountability Compliance with judiciary Judicial corruption decision Compliance with high court High court independence Lower court independence ar vote index lex Initiatives administrative threshold Initiatives approval threshold Initiatives permitted Initiatives signature-gathering period	v2exthftps v2juaccnt v2jucomp v2jucorrdc v2juhccomp v2juhcind v2juncind v2juncind v2xdd_cic v2xdd_i_ci v2ddadmci v2ddadmci v2ddapprci v2ddlexci v2ddpartci v2ddsigdci	$\begin{array}{c} 0.459 \\ 0.658 \\ 0.464 \\ 0.554 \\ 0.513 \\ 0.588 \end{array}$
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	Popular referendum	ndor	v2xdd_i_rf	
	Popular referendum	Referendums administrative threshold	v2xdd_l_fl v2ddadmrf	
		Referendums approval threshold	v2ddapprrf	
		Referendums permitted	v2ddlexrf	
		Referendums participation threshold	v2ddpartrf	
		Referendums signature-gathering period	v2ddsigdrf	
		Referendums signatures %	v2ddsigprf	
		Referendums super majority	v2ddspmrf	
		Popular referendum credible threat	v2ddthrerf	
		Occurrence of referendum this year	v2ddyrrf	
Top-Down componer	nt of direct popular vot	e index	v2xdd_toc	
	Plebiscite index		v2xdd_i_pl	
		Plebiscite administrative threshold	v2ddadmpl	
		Plebiscite approval threshold	v2ddapprpl	
		Plebiscite permitted	v2ddlexpl	
		Plebiscite participation threshold	v2ddpartpl	
		Plebiscite super majority	v2ddspmpl	
		Plebiscite credible threat	v2ddthrepl	
		Occurrence of plebiscite this year	v2ddyrpl	I
	Obligatory referendu		v2xdd_i_or	
		Obligatory referendum administrative threshold	v2ddadmor	
		Obligatory referendum approval threshold	v2ddappor	
		Enforcement of Constitutional changes	v2ddappol v2ddlexor	
		through popular vote	VZUUIEXOI	
		Obligatory referendum participation threshold	v2ddpartor	
		Obligatory referendum super majority	v2ddspmor	
		Obligatory referendum credible threat	v2ddthreor	
Core civil society in	dex		v2xcs_ccsi	
		CSO entry and exit	v2cseeorgs	0.195
		CSO participatory environment	v2csprtcpt	0.519
		CSO repression	v2csreprss	0.336
Electoral regime ind	ex		v2x_elecreg	
	Legislative or constit	uent assembly election	v2xel_elecparl	
		Election type	v2eltype_0	
		Election type	v2eltype_1	
		Election type	v2eltype_4	
	T 1.	Election type	v2eltype_5	
	Legislature closed do		v2xlg_leginter	
		Legislature bicameral	v2lgbicam	
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	Presidential election	Floation type	-	
	Presidential election	Election type	v2eltype_6	
		Election type	v2eltype_6 v2eltype_7	
	Presidential election Chief executive no lo	Election type nger elected	v2eltype_6 v2eltype_7 v2x_hosinter	
		Election type nger elected HOS = HOG?	v2eltype_6 v2eltype_7 v2x_hosinter v2exhoshog	
		Election type nger elected HOS = HOG? HOG appointment in practice	v2eltype_6 v2eltype_7 v2x_hosinter v2exhoshog v2expathhg	
		Election type nger elected HOS = HOG? HOG appointment in practice HOS appointment in practice	v2eltype_6 v2eltype_7 v2x_hosinter v2exhoshog	
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	Chief executive no lo	Election type nger elected HOS = HOG? HOG appointment in practice HOS appointment in practice aborted	v2eltype_6 v2eltype_7 v2x_hosinter v2exhoshog v2expathhg v2expathhs v2x_hosabort	
	Chief executive no lo	Election type nger elected HOS = HOG? HOG appointment in practice HOS appointment in practice aborted HOG directly elected	v2eltype_6 v2eltype_7 v2x_hosinter v2exhoshog v2expathhg v2expathhs v2x_hosabort v2ex_elechog	
	Chief executive no lo Presidential election	Election type nger elected HOS = HOG? HOG appointment in practice HOS appointment in practice aborted HOG directly elected HOS directly elected	v2eltype_6 v2eltype_7 v2x_hosinter v2exhoshog v2expathhg v2expathhs v2x_hosabort v2ex_elechog v2ex_elechos	
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	Chief executive no lo Presidential election	Election type nger elected HOS = HOG? HOG appointment in practice HOS appointment in practice aborted HOG directly elected HOS directly elected Presidential election uent assembly election aborted	v2eltype_6 v2eltype_7 v2x_hosinter v2exhoshog v2expathhg v2expathhs v2x_hosabort v2ex_elechog v2ex_elechos v2xel_elecpres v2x_legabort	
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	Chief executive no lo	*	v2x_hosinter	
		HOS = HOG?	v2exhoshog	
		HOG appointment in practice	v2expathhg	
		HOS appointment in practice	v2expathhs	
	Presidential election		v2x_hosabort	
		HOG directly elected	v2ex_elechog	
		HOS directly elected	v2ex_elechos	
		Presidential election	v2xel_elecpres	
Legislative electoral i	reaime index		v2xlg_elecreg	
	•	uent assembly election	v2xel_elecparl	
		Election type	v2eltype_0	
		Election type	v2eltype_1	
		Election type	v2eltype_4	
		Election type	v2eltype_5	
	Legislature closed do		v2xlg_leginter	
		Legislature bicameral	v2lgbicam	
	Legislative or constit	uent assembly election aborted	v2x_legabort	
		Legislature bicameral	v2lgbicam	
		Legislative or constituent assembly elec-	v2xel_elecparl	
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Electoral component			v2x_EDcomp_thick	
	Freedom of association		v2x_frassoc_thick	
		CSO entry and exit	v2cseeorgs	0.384
		CSO repression	v2csreprss	0.454
		Elections multiparty	v2elmulpar	0.043
		Barriers to parties	v2psbars	0.286
		Opposition parties autonomy	v2psoppaut	0.022
× • • • • • • •		Party ban	v2psparban	0.423
Legislature directly e	lected		v2xex_elecleg	
		Chief executive appointment by upper	v2exapup	
		chamber	0	
		Chief executive appointment by upper	v2exapupap	
		chamber implicit approval Lower chamber directly elected		
		5	v2lgello	
		Upper chamber directly elected	v2lgelecup	
		Percentage of indirectly elected legislators lower chamber	v2lginello	
		Percentage of indirectly elected legislators upper chamber	v2lginelup	
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Freedom of expressio	n index		v2x_freexp	0.000
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		Freedom of academic and cultural expres-	v2clacfree	0.200
		sion		
		sion Freedom of discussion for men	v2cldiscm	0.233
		sion Freedom of discussion for men Freedom of discussion for women	v2cldiscm v2cldiscw	$0.233 \\ 0.233$
		sion Freedom of discussion for men Freedom of discussion for women Government censorship effort—Media	v2cldiscm v2cldiscw v2mecenefm	0.233 0.233 0.329
		sion Freedom of discussion for men Freedom of discussion for women Government censorship effort—Media Harassment of journalists	v2cldiscm v2cldiscw v2mecenefm v2meharjrn	0.233 0.233 0.329 0.356
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Property rights		v2xcl_prpty	
	Property rights for men	v2clprptym	
	Property rights for women	v2clprptyw	
Freedom from forced labor		v2xcl_slave	
	Freedom of domestic movement for men	v2cldmovem	
	Freedom of domestic movement for women	v2cldmovew	
Freedom of domestic movement		v2xcl_slave	
	Freedom from forced labor for women	v2clslavef	
	Freedom from forced labor for men	v2clslavem	
Party institutionalization index		v2xps_party	
	Legislative party cohesion	v2pscohesv	
	Distinct party platforms	v2psplats	
	Party organizations	v2psorgs	
	Party branches	v2psprbrch	
	Party linkages	v2psprlnks	
Divided party control of legislature in		v2x_divparctrl	
	National party control	v2psnatpar	
	National party control ordinal version	v2psnatpar_ord	
Division of power index		v2x_feduni	
	Local government elected	v2ellocelc	
	Local government exists	v2ellocgov	
	Local offices relative power	v2ellocpwr	
	Regional government exists	v2elreggov	
	Regional offices relative power Regional government elected	v2elrgpwr v2elsrgel	
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Academic Freedom Index	Freedom of an domin and an and dis	v2xca_academ v2cafexch	0.176
	Freedom of academic exchange and dis- semination	v2caiexcn	0.176
	Freedom to research and teach	v2cafres	0.176
	Institutional autonomy	v2cainsaut	0.317
	Campus integrity	v2casurv	0.297
	Freedom of academic and cultural expres-	v2clacfree	0.372



Democracy Indices Created Using V- Party and V-Dem Data Name	Lower-Level Democracy and Governance Index Name	Indicator Name	Tag	Uniqueness Score*
Party-System Demo	cracy Inder***		v2xpas_democracy	
1 arty-system Demo	Anti-Pluralist Index		v2xpas_ueinoeracy v2xpa_antiplural	
		Minority rights	v2paminor	
		Political opponents	v2paopresp	
		Political pluralism	v2paplur	
		Seat share (as weights)	v2paseatshare	
		Rejection of political violence	v2paviol	
		Government Support (as grouping)	v2pagovsup	
		Electoral Democracy Index (from v13)	v2x_polyarchy	
Party-System Religio	on Index		v2xpas_religion	
		Government Support (as grouping)	v2pagovsup	
		Religious Principle	v2parelig	
		Seat share (as weights)	v2paseatshare	
Party-System Exclusion Index			v2xpas_exclusion	
		Cultural Superiority	v2paculsup	
		Government Support (as grouping)	v2pagovsup	
		Immigration	v2paimmig	
		Seat share (as weights)	v2paseatshare	
		Working women	v2pawomlab	
Party-System Left-Right Index			v2xpas_economic	
		Government Support (as grouping)	v2pagovsup	
		Left-Right Position	v2pariglef	
		Seat share (as weights)	v2paseatshare	

* Unmodeled Variance. Uniqueness is the variance that is 'unique' to the variable and not shared with other variables.

** Since the accountability indices do not use standard BFAs, we do not report uniqueness scores here. Details regarding model fit can be found in the methodological appendix of V-Dem Working Paper No. 58.

***All Party System indices are created using mostly components and indices from the V-Party dataset. Consult the V-Party codebook for details on their aggregation.