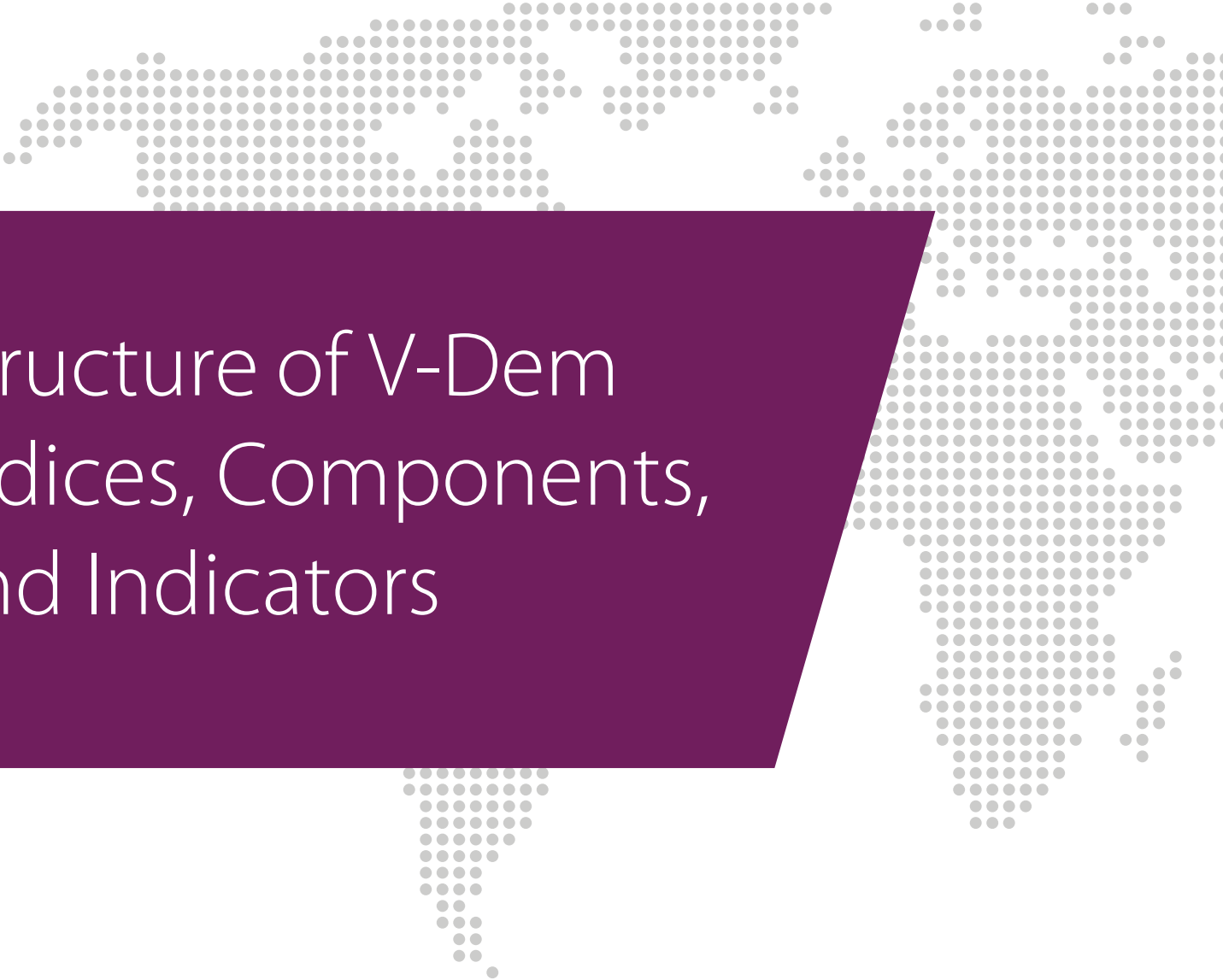


# V-Dem

VARIETIES OF DEMOCRACY



## 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	Uniqueness Score*
<i>Electoral democracy index</i>				v2x_polyarchy	
			Additive polyarchy index	v2x_api	
			Multiplicative polyarchy index	v2x_mpi	
			Freedom of expression and alternative sources of information index	v2x_freexp_altinf	
			Freedom of academic and cultural expression	v2clacfree	0.358
			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
			Media self-censorship	v2meslfcen	0.329
			Freedom of association index (thick)	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
			Share of population with suffrage	v2x_suffr	
			Percent of population with suffrage	v2elsuffrage	
			Clean elections index	v2xel_frefair	
			EMB autonomy	v2elembaut	0.486
			EMB capacity	v2elembcap	0.52
			Election free and fair	v2elfrfair	0.306
			Election government intimidation	v2elintim	0.349
			Election other voting irregularities	v2elirreg	0.327
			Election other electoral violence	v2elpeace	0.642
			Election voter registry	v2elrgstry	0.435
			Election vote buying	v2elvotbuy	0.556
			Elected officials index	v2x_elecoeff	
			HOG selection by legislature in practice	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	v2expathhg	
			Relative power of the HOS	v2ex_hosw	
			Legislature bicameral	v2lgbicam	
			Upper chamber elected	v2lgelecup	
			Lower chamber elected	v2lgello	
			Percentage of indirectly elected legislators lower chamber	v2lginello	
			Percentage of indirectly elected legislators upper chamber	v2lginelup	

Democracy Index Name	Mid-Level Democracy and Governance Index Name	Lower-Level Democracy and Governance Index Name	Indicator Name	Tag	Uniqueness Score*
<i>Liberal democracy index</i>				v2x_libdem	
			Electoral democracy index	v2x_polyarchy	
			Liberal component index	v2x_liberal	
			Equality before the 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	v2clfmov	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	v2clreli	0.591
			Freedom from forced labor for men	v2clslavem	0.512
			Freedom from forced labor for women	v2clslavew	0.512
			Freedom of domestic movement for men	v2cldmovem	0.423
			Freedom of domestic movement for women	v2cldmovew	0.423
			Rigorous and impartial public administration	v2clrspct	0.505
			Freedom from torture	v2cltort	0.391
			Transparent laws with predictable enforcement	v2cltrnslw	0.396
			Judicial constraints on the executive index	v2x_juon	
			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 constraints 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 practice	v2lgqstexp	0.526
<i>Participatory democracy index</i>				v2x_partipdem	
			Electoral democracy index	v2x_polyarchy	
			Participatory component index	v2x_partip	
			Civil society participation index	v2x_cspart	
			CSO consultation	v2cscsult	0.427
			CSO womens participation	v2csgender	0.668
			CSO participatory environment	v2csprtcpt	0.411
			Candidate selection, National/local	v2pscnslnl	0.797
			Direct popular vote index	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	v2ddsigdc	
			Referendums signature-gathering period	v2ddsigdrf	
			Initiatives signature-gathering time limit	v2ddsiglci	
			Initiatives signatures %	v2ddsigpci	
			Referendums signatures %	v2ddsigprf	
			Initiatives participation threshold	v2ddpartci	
			Referendums participation threshold	v2ddpartrf	
			Initiatives super majority	v2ddspmc	
			Referendums super majority	v2ddspmr	
			Popular initiative credible threat	v2ddthrec	
			Occurrence of citizen-initiative this year	v2ddyrci	

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 threshold	v2ddadmor	
			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	v2ddyrrpl	
			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 government index		v2xel_regelec	
			Regional government exists	v2elreggov	
			Regional offices relative power	v2elrgpwr	
			Regional government elected	v2elsrgel	
<i>Deliberative democracy index</i>				v2x_delibdem	
		Electoral democracy index		v2x_polyarchy	
		Deliberative component index		v2xdl_delib	
			Common good	v2dlcommon	0.6
			Range of consultation	v2dlconst	0.245
			Respect counterarguments	v2dlcountr	0.33
			Engaged society	v2dlengage	0.238
			Reasoned justification	v2dlreason	0.34
<i>Egalitarian democracy index</i>				v2x_egaldem	
		Electoral democracy index		v2x_polyarchy	
		Egalitarian component index		v2x_egal	
		Equal access index		v2xeg_eqaccess	
			Power distributed by gender	v2pepwrngen	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
			Health equality	v2pehealth	0.191
		Equal protection index		v2xeg_eqprotec	
			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.

## 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*
<i>Regimes of the World index</i>			v2x_regime	
		Access to justice for men	v2clacjstm_osp	
		Access to justice for women	v2clacjstw_osp	
		Transparent laws with predictable enforcement	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	v2elmulpar_osp_leg	
		Relative power of the HOS	v2ex_hosw	
		HOS appointed by legislature	v2ex_legconhos	
	Electoral regime index		v2x_elecreg	
	Executive electoral regime index		v2xex_elecreg	
	Legislative electoral regime index		v2xlg_elecreg	
	Electoral democracy index		v2x_polyarchy	
	Liberal component index		v2x_liberal	
<i>Accountability index**</i>			v2x_accountability	
	Vertical accountability index		v2x_veracc	
		HOS appointed by legislature	v2ex_legconhos	
		Relative power of the HOS	v2ex_hosw	
		Electoral regime index	v2x_elecreg	
		EMB autonomy	v2elembaut	
		EMB capacity	v2elembcap	
		Election free and fair	v2elfrfair	
		Election government intimidation	v2elintim	
		Election other voting irregularities	v2elirreg	
		Elections multiparty	v2elmulpar	
		Election voter registry	v2elrgstry	
		Percentage of population with suffrage	v2elsuffrage	
		HOG selection by legislature in practice	v2exaphogp	
		HOG appointment in practice	v2expathhg	
		HOS appointment in practice	v2expathhhs	
		Barriers to parties	v2psbars	
		Opposition parties autonomy	v2psoppaut	
		Party ban	v2psparban	
	Diagonal accountability index		v2x_diagacc	
		Freedom of academic and cultural expression	v2clacfree	
		Freedom of discussion for men	v2cldiscm	
		Freedom of discussion for women	v2cldiscw	
		CSO entry and exit	v2cseeorgs	
		CSO participatory environment	v2csprtcpt	
		CSO repression	v2csreprss	
		Engaged society	v2dlengage	
		Media bias	v2mecbias	
		Internet censorship effort	v2mecenefi	
		Government censorship effort—Media	v2mecenefm	
		Print/broadcast media critical	v2mecrit	
		Harassment of journalists	v2meharjrn	
		Print/broadcast media perspectives	v2merange	
		Media self-censorship	v2meslfcen	
	Horizontal accountability index		v2x_horacc	
		Executive respects constitution	v2exrescon	
		Compliance with judiciary	v2jucomp	
		High court independence	v2juhcind	
		Compliance with high court	v2juhccomp	
		Lower court independence	v2juncind	
		Legislature bicameral	v2lgbicam	
		Legislature investigates in practice	v2lginvstp	
		Executive oversight	v2lgotovst	

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

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<i>Ruling party dimension index</i>				
		HOS = HOG	v2x_ex_party	
		HOS appointment in practice	v2exhoshog	
		HOG appointment in practice	v2expathhs	
		HOS removal by legislature in practice (Ordinal version)	v2expathhg	
		HOS removal by the ruling party or party leadership body in a one-party system in practice (Mean)	v2exremhsp_ord	
		HOS removal by a royal council in practice (Mean)	v2exrmhsol_2_mean	
		HOS removal by the military in practice (Mean)	v2exrmhsol_3_mean	
		Relative power of the HOS	v2exrmhsol_3_mean	
			v2ex_hosw	
<i>Neopatrimonial rule index</i>				
		Particularistic or public goods	v2x_neopat	
		EMB autonomy	v2dlencmps	0.722
		Election vote buying	v2elembaut	0.651
		Executive bribery and corrupt exchanges	v2elvotbuy	0.591
		Executive embezzlement and theft	v2exbribe	0.575
		Executive respects constitution	v2exembez	0.517
		Compliance with judiciary	v2exrescon	0.437
		Judicial corruption decision	v2jucomp	0.397
		Compliance with high court	v2jucorrdc	0.613
		High court independence	v2juhccomp	0.448
		Lower court independence	v2juhcind	0.468
		Legislature corrupt activities	v2juncind	0.484
		Legislature controls resources	v2lgcrrpt	0.669
		Legislature investigates in practice	v2lgfunds	0.761
		Executive oversight	v2lginvstp	0.533
		Party linkages	v2lgotovst	0.523
			v2psprlnks	0.763
<i>Clientelism index</i>				
		Particularistic or public goods	v2xnp_client	
		Election vote buying	v2dlencmps	0.69
		Party linkages	v2elvotbuy	0.421
			v2psprlnks	0.534
<i>Presidentialism index</i>				
		EMB autonomy	v2xnp_pres	
		Executive respects constitution	v2elembaut	0.541
		Compliance with judiciary	v2exrescon	0.499
		Compliance with high court	v2jucomp	0.376
		High court independence	v2juhccomp	0.401
		Lower court independence	v2juhcind	0.418
		Legislature controls resources	v2juncind	0.427
		Legislature investigates in practice	v2lgfunds	2.704
		Executive oversight	v2lginvstp	2.418
			v2lgotovst	0.511
<i>Regime corruption index</i>				
		Executive bribery and corrupt exchanges	v2xnp_regcorr	
		Executive embezzlement and theft	v2exbribe	0.274
		Judicial corruption decision	v2exembez	0.302
		Legislature corrupt activities	v2jucorrdc	0.508
			v2lgcrrpt	0.471
<i>Civil liberties index</i>				
	Physical violence index	Freedom from political killings	v2x_civlib	
		Freedom from torture	v2x_clphy	
			v2clkill	
			v2cltort	

Democracy Indices Created Using V-Dem Data Name	Lower-Level Democracy and Governance Index Name	Indicator Name	Tag	Uniqueness Score*
		<b>Political civil liberties index</b>	<b>v2x_clpol</b>	
		Freedom of academic and cultural expression	v2clacfree	0.327
		Freedom of discussion for men	v2cldiscm	0.241
		Freedom of discussion for women	v2cldiscw	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
		Party ban	v2psparban	0.566
		<b>Private civil liberties index</b>	<b>v2x_clpriv</b>	
		Freedom of domestic movement for men	v2cldmovem	0.277
		Freedom of domestic movement for women	v2cldmovew	0.277
		Freedom of foreign movement	v2clfmovw	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	v2csrlgrep	0.564
		Freedom from forced labor for men	v2clslavem	0.47
		Freedom from forced labor for women	v2clslavef	0.47
		<b>Exclusion by Socio-Economic Group</b>	<b>v2xpe_exlecon</b>	
		Social class equality in respect for civil liberty	v2clacjust	0.473
		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 position	v2peasjsoecon	0.276
		Power distributed by socio-economic position	2pepwrses	0.601
		<b>Exclusion by Gender index</b>	<b>v2xpe_exlgender</b>	
		Gender equality in respect for civil liberties	v2clgencl	0.333
		Access to public services distributed by gender	v2peapsgen	0.451
		Access to state business opportunities by gender	v2peasbgen	0.247
		Access to state jobs by gender	v2peasjgen	0.235
		Power distributed by gender	v2pepwrgen	0.443
		<b>Exclusion by Urban-Rural Location index</b>	<b>v2xpe_exlgeo</b>	
		Urban-rural location equality in respect for civil liberties	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 location	v2peasjgeo	0.372
		Power distributed by urban-rural location	v2pepwrggeo	0.604
		<b>Exclusion by Political Group index</b>	<b>v2xpe_exlpol</b>	
		Political group equality in respect for civil liberties	v2clpolcl	0.538
		Access to public services distributed by political 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



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		<i>Exclusion by Social Group index</i>		
		Social group equality in respect for civil liberties	v2xpe_exlsocgr v2clsocgrp	0.522
		Access to public services distributed by social group	v2peapssoc	0.409
		Access to state business opportunities by social group	v2peasbsoc	0.306
		Access to state jobs by social group	v2peasjsoc	0.298
		Power distributed by social group	v2pepwsoc	0.511
		<i>Political corruption index</i>		
		Legislature corrupt activities	v2x_corr v2lgcrrpt	
		Judicial corruption decision	v2jucorrdc	
	Executive corruption index	Executive bribery and corrupt exchanges	v2x_execorr v2exbribe	
		Executive embezzlement and theft	v2exembez	
	Public sector corruption index	Public sector corrupt exchanges	v2x_pubcorr v2excrptps	
		Public sector theft	v2exthftps	
		<i>Women political empowerment index</i>		
	Women civil liberties index	Access to justice for women	v2x_gender v2x_gencl v2clacjstw	0.373
		Freedom of domestic movement for women	v2cldmovew	0.422
		Property rights for women	v2clprptyw	0.392
		Freedom from forced labor for women	v2clslavf	0.432
	Women civil society participation index	Freedom of discussion for women	v2x_gencs v2cldiscw	0.672
		CSO womens participation	v2csgender	0.186
		Percent (%) female journalists	v2mefemjrn	0.585
	Women political participation index	Lower chamber female legislators	v2x_genpp v2lgfemleg	
		Power distributed by gender	v2pepwrge	
		<i>Rule of law index</i>		
		Access to justice for men	v2x_rule v2clacjstm	0.482
		Access to justice for women	v2clacjstw	0.482
		Rigorous and impartial public administration	v2clrspct	0.399
		Transparent laws with predictable enforcement	v2cltrnslw	0.481
		Executive bribery and corrupt exchanges	v2exbribe	0.507
		Public sector corrupt exchanges	v2excrptps	0.463
		Executive embezzlement and theft	v2exembez	0.429
		Executive respects constitution	v2exrescon	0.47
		Public sector theft	v2exthftps	0.459
		Judicial accountability	v2juacct	0.658
		Compliance with judiciary	v2jucomp	0.464
		Judicial corruption decision	v2jucorrdc	0.554
		Compliance with high court	v2juhccomp	0.513
		High court independence	v2juhcind	0.588
		Lower court independence	v2juncind	0.603
		<i>Citizen-initiated component of direct popular vote index</i>		
	Popular initiative index	Initiatives administrative threshold	v2xdd_cic v2xdd_i_ci v2ddadmci	
		Initiatives approval threshold	v2ddapprci	
		Initiatives permitted	v2ddlexci	
		Initiatives participation threshold	v2ddpartci	
		Initiatives signature-gathering period	v2ddsigidci	
		Initiatives signature-gathering time limit	v2ddsiglci	
		Initiatives signatures %	v2ddsigpci	
		Initiatives super majority	v2ddspmci	
		Popular initiative credible threat	v2ddthreci	
		Occurrence of citizen-initiative this year	v2ddyrci	

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		<b>Popular referendum index</b>	<b>v2xdd_i_rf</b>	
		Referendums administrative threshold	v2ddadmrf	
		Referendums approval threshold	v2ddapprf	
		Referendums permitted	v2ddlexrf	
		Referendums participation threshold	v2ddpartf	
		Referendums signature-gathering period	v2ddsigrf	
		Referendums signatures %	v2ddsigrpf	
		Referendums super majority	v2ddspmr	
		Popular referendum credible threat	v2ddthrerf	
		Occurrence of referendum this year	v2ddyrrf	
		<b>Top-Down component of direct popular vote index</b>	<b>v2xdd_toc</b>	
		<b>Plebiscite index</b>	<b>v2xdd_i_pl</b>	
		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	v2ddyrrpl	
		<b>Obligatory referendum index</b>	<b>v2xdd_i_or</b>	
		Obligatory referendum administrative threshold	v2ddadmor	
		Obligatory referendum approval threshold	v2ddappor	
		Enforcement of Constitutional changes through popular vote	v2ddlexor	
		Obligatory referendum participation threshold	v2ddpartor	
		Obligatory referendum super majority	v2ddspmor	
		Obligatory referendum credible threat	v2ddthreor	
		<b>Core civil society index</b>	<b>v2xcs_ccsi</b>	
		CSO entry and exit	v2cseeorgs	0.195
		CSO participatory environment	v2csprtcpt	0.519
		CSO repression	v2csreprss	0.336
		<b>Electoral regime index</b>	<b>v2x_elecreg</b>	
		<b>Legislative or constituent assembly election</b>	<b>v2xel_elecparl</b>	
		Election type	v2eltype_0	
		Election type	v2eltype_1	
		Election type	v2eltype_4	
		Election type	v2eltype_5	
		<b>Legislature closed down or aborted</b>	<b>v2xlg_leginter</b>	
		Legislature bicameral	v2lgbicam	
		<b>Presidential election</b>	<b>v2xel_elecpres</b>	
		Election type	v2eltype_6	
		Election type	v2eltype_7	
		<b>Chief executive no longer elected</b>	<b>v2x_hosinter</b>	
		HOS = HOG?	v2exhoshog	
		HOG appointment in practice	v2expathhg	
		HOS appointment in practice	v2expathhs	
		<b>Presidential election aborted</b>	<b>v2x_hosabort</b>	
		HOG directly elected	v2ex_elechog	
		HOS directly elected	v2ex_elechos	
		Presidential election	v2xel_elecpres	
		<b>Legislative or constituent assembly election aborted</b>	<b>v2x_legabort</b>	
		Legislature bicameral	v2lgbicam	
		Legislative or constituent assembly election	v2xel_elecparl	
		<b>Executive electoral regime index</b>	<b>v2xex_elecreg</b>	
		<b>Presidential election</b>	<b>v2xel_elecpres</b>	
		Election type	v2eltype_6	
		Election type	v2eltype_7	

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		Chief executive no longer elected	v2x_hosinter	
		HOS = HOG?	v2exhoshog	
		HOG appointment in practice	v2expathhg	
		HOS appointment in practice	v2expathhs	
		Presidential election aborted	v2x_hosabort	
		HOG directly elected	v2ex_elechog	
		HOS directly elected	v2ex_elechos	
		Presidential election	v2xel_elecpres	
		<i>Legislative electoral regime index</i>	v2xlg_elecreg	
		Legislative or constituent assembly election	v2xel_elecparl	
		Election type	v2eltype_0	
		Election type	v2eltype_1	
		Election type	v2eltype_4	
		Election type	v2eltype_5	
		Legislature closed down or aborted	v2xlg_leginter	
		Legislature bicameral	v2lgbicam	
		Legislative or constituent assembly election aborted	v2x_legabort	
		Legislature bicameral	v2lgbicam	
		Legislative or constituent assembly election	v2xel_elecparl	
		<i>Electoral component index</i>	v2x_EDcomp_thick	
		Freedom of association index (thick)	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
		<i>Legislature directly elected</i>	v2xex_elecleg	
		Chief executive appointment by upper chamber	v2exapup	
		Chief executive appointment by upper chamber implicit approval	v2exapupap	
		Lower chamber directly elected	v2lgello	
		Upper chamber directly elected	v2lgelecup	
		Percentage of indirectly elected legislators lower chamber	v2lginello	
		Percentage of indirectly elected legislators upper chamber	v2lginelup	
		<i>Freedom of expression index</i>	v2x_freexp	
		Freedom of academic and cultural expression	v2clacfree	0.299
		Freedom of discussion for men	v2cldiscm	0.233
		Freedom of discussion for women	v2cldiscw	0.233
		Government censorship effort—Media	v2mecenefm	0.329
		Harassment of journalists	v2meharjrn	0.356
		Media self-censorship	v2meslfcen	0.376
		<i>Alternative sources of information index</i>	v2xme_altinf	
		Media bias	v2mebias	0.284
		Print/broadcast media critical	v2mecrit	0.256
		Print/broadcast media perspectives	v2merange	0.254
		<i>Freedom of discussion</i>	v2xcl_disc	
		Freedom of discussion for men	v2cldiscm	
		Freedom of discussion for women	v2cldiscw	
		<i>Access to justice</i>	v2xcl_acjst	
		Access to justice for men	v2clacjstm	
		Access to justice for women	v2clacjstw	

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<i>Property rights</i>				
		Property rights for men	v2xcl_prpty v2clprptym	
		Property rights for women	v2clprptyw	
<i>Freedom from forced labor</i>				
		Freedom of domestic movement for men	v2xcl_slave v2cldmovem	
		Freedom of domestic movement for women	v2cldmovew	
<i>Freedom of domestic movement</i>				
		Freedom from forced labor for women	v2xcl_slave v2clslavef	
		Freedom from forced labor for men	v2clslavem	
<i>Party institutionalization index</i>				
		Legislative party cohesion	v2xps_party v2pscohesv	
		Distinct party platforms	v2psplats	
		Party organizations	v2psorgs	
		Party branches	v2psprbrch	
		Party linkages	v2psprlnks	
<i>Divided party control of legislature index</i>				
		National party control	v2x_divparctrl v2psnatpar	
		National party control ordinal version	v2psnatpar_ord	
<i>Division of power index</i>				
		Local government elected	v2x_feduni v2ellocelc	
		Local government exists	v2ellocgov	
		Local offices relative power	v2ellocpwr	
		Regional government exists	v2elreggov	
		Regional offices relative power	v2elrgpwr	
		Regional government elected	v2elsrgel	
<i>Academic Freedom Index</i>				
		Freedom of academic exchange and dissemination	v2xca_academ v2cafexch	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 expression	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*
<i>Party-System Democracy Index</i> ***			v2xpas_democracy	
	Anti-Pluralist Index		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	
<i>Party-System Religion Index</i>			v2xpas_religion	
		Government Support (as grouping)	v2pagovsup	
		Religious Principle	v2parelig	
		Seat share (as weights)	v2paseatshare	
<i>Party-System Exclusion Index</i>			v2xpas_exclusion	
		Cultural Superiority	v2paculsup	
		Government Support (as grouping)	v2pagovsup	
		Immigration	v2paimmig	
		Seat share (as weights)	v2paseatshare	
		Working women	v2pawomlab	
<i>Party-System Left-Right Index</i>			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.