

1) What the columns mean (short, precise)

- **country_iso3** – 3-letter country code.
 - **year** – calendar year.
 - **NY.GDP.MKTP.CD (GDP)** – GDP, current US\$.
 - **NY.GDP.COAL.RT.ZS (coal_rent_pct_gdp)** – Coal rents as % of GDP. “Rent” = value of coal output at world prices minus total production costs.
 - **coal_rent_usd** – Coal rents in US\$:
$$\text{coal_rent_usd} = (\text{coal_rent_pct_gdp}/100) \times \text{GDP}.$$
 - **fossil_fuel_subsidy_usd** – Explicit fossil-fuel subsidy in US\$ (currently 0 in the file; plug in SDG 12.c.1/IMF values when available).
 - **coal_electricity_share** – % of national electricity generated from coal (0–100).
 - **score_direct_subsidy / score_tariff_trade_protection / score_tax_privilege / score_dependency_conflict** – 0–100 scaled scores (one per composite).
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2) Country-year score formulas (how to compute each row)

All scores are clipped to **[0, 100]**.

A) Direct Subsidy Dependence (Score 1)

“How much of coal’s economic rent is covered by budget support?”

1. Compute coal rent in US\$:
$$\text{coal_rent_usd} = (\text{coal_rent_pct_gdp}/100) \times \text{GDP}.$$
2. Score:
$$\text{Score1} = \min(100, 100 \times \text{fossil_fuel_subsidy_usd} / \text{coal_rent_usd}).$$

If $\text{coal_rent_usd} \leq 0$ or missing \rightarrow Score1 = NA. With the current file (subsidy=0),

$Score1=0$.

B) Tariff & Trade Protection (Score 2, proxy)

“Reliance on coal in the power mix as a protection/advantage proxy.”

$Score2 = \text{coal_electricity_share}$ (already 0–100).

C) Tax Privilege (Score 3, proxy)

“Potential pre-tax rents that could be under-taxed.”

$Score3 = \min(100, 10 \times \text{coal_rent_pct_gdp})$.

D) Dependency on Conflict/War (Score 4)

In the supplied file: $Score4 = 0$ (no global, open conflict-linked series).

If you later add coal growth by year and a conflict flag:

- g_conf = average annual growth of coal_rent_usd in conflict years.
- g_peace = average annual growth in peace years.
- $Score4 = \max(0, \min(100, 10 \times g_conf / (|g_peace| + \epsilon)))$, with small ϵ (e.g., 0.5%) to avoid divide-by-zero.

3) Country headline scores (single number per country)

Pick **one** consistent rule:

- **Latest-year** headline: use the most recent non-missing year.
- **5-year average (recommended)**: mean of the last 5 available years (ignore missing).

Optionally weight each year by coal_rent_usd so years when coal matters more count more.

4) Global scores (per year and headline)

Use a coal-importance weighted average so large coal economies matter more.

For a given year t :

- Weight w_i , $w_{i,t}$, $w_{i,t} = \text{coal_rent_usd}$ for country i .
(For Score 2 you may use **total electricity generation** if you have it; otherwise keep coal_rent_usd .)

$$\text{GlobalScore}_t = \frac{\sum_i w_{i,t} \cdot \text{Score}_{i,t}}{\sum_i w_{i,t}} \quad \text{GlobalScore}_t = \sum_i w_{i,t} \cdot \text{Score}_{i,t}$$

Global headline = latest year with good coverage, or the mean of the last 5 yearly global scores.

Report **coverage** alongside (number of contributing countries and share of total weight).

5) Missing-data rules (use these consistently)

- If a score needs a denominator (e.g., coal_rent_usd) and it's ≤ 0 or missing \rightarrow **Score = NA** (exclude from averages).
 - Do **not** treat NA as zero when averaging countries; use weights of non-missing rows only.
 - Always cap outputs to **[0, 100]**.
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6) Tiny worked example (one row)

Suppose a country in 2021 has:

- GDP = 200 bn US\$, $\text{coal_rent_pct_gdp} = 2\% \rightarrow \text{coal_rent_usd} = 0.02 \times 200 \text{ bn} = 4 \text{ bn}$
- $\text{fossil_fuel_subsidy_usd} = 0.5 \text{ bn}$

- coal_electricity_share = 60%

Then:

- **Score1** = $\min(100, 100 \times 0.5 / 4) = 12.5$
- **Score2** = 60
- **Score3** = $\min(100, 10 \times 2) = 20$
- **Score4** = 0 (unless you compute conflict/peace growth)

7) What to substitute when better data arrive

- **Score 1:** replace fossil_fuel_subsidy_usd with SDG 12.c.1/IMF explicit subsidies → recompute (formula unchanged).
- **Score 2:** if you obtain tariff/NTB indices for coal or electricity imports, rescale those to 0–100 and use them directly (instead of the coal-electricity proxy).
- **Score 3:** if you obtain *effective tax rate vs statutory* for the coal sector, build the score from that gap and keep the 0–100 cap.
- **Score 4:** add conflict and coal-growth series, then use the stated growth-ratio formula.

One-page memory aid (order of operations)

1. Compute coal_rent_usd.
2. Score1 = $\min(100, 100 \times \text{subsidy} / \text{coal_rent_usd})$.
3. Score2 = coal_electricity_share.
4. Score3 = $\min(100, 10 \times \text{coal_rent_pct_gdp})$.
5. Score4 = 0 (or growth-ratio if conflict data exist).

6. Country headline = latest-year or 5-year mean.
7. Global = weight-average by coal_rent_usd (or electricity kWh for Score 2).
8. Cap to [0,100], exclude NA from averages, report coverage.