*People Living in Democracies and Autocracies, World*: Design Document

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**Overview**

The dataset is about the number of people living in countries run by various types of governments from autocracies to democracies between 1800 and 2021.

**Dataset Name:** *People Living in Democracies and Autocracies, World*

**Primary Data Type:** Text

**Data Content:** Shaded line graph

**Funding:** Donations

**Objective:**

Determine an accurate representation of the democracies and other forms of government around the world and visualize them.

**Version:**

Current version is updated for 2021, prior version was in 2018.

**Sources:**

<https://v-dem.net/vdemds.html>

Classifications of different forms of government from Luhrmann et al. (2018)

**Annotations:**

Labeled by number of people, years, and type of government.

**Data Quality:**

Metrics are validated through clearly defined definitions for each type of government.

**Expected Characteristics:**

Over time the number of people living in democratic states will increase.

**Acceptable and Unacceptable Conjunctional Datasets:**

A dataset that shows countries and their government type would be acceptable but a dataset that shows number of pets by country would not be.

**Privacy Handling:**

Personal information will be kept private and not used in the research.

**Maintenance:**

If the dataset is lost then a new one will have to be collected, which should not be too difficult given that most of the data itself is publicly available.

**Sharing:**

The dataset will likely be shared publicly and accessed through a private connection perhaps through the cloud.

**Caveats:**

The data and its results could be replicated easily by others and perhaps replicas could be made and adjusted to spread misinformation.

**Data Ethics:**

If personal data is collected for some reason with this data set, then it should be addressed and thrown out if personal permission was not granted by everyone.

**Work Estimates:**

It should not take too much time or money to collect the data since most of it should be publicly available through census information and public records.

https://ourworldindata.org/grapher/people-living-in-democracies-autocracies?country=~OWID\_WRL