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*
Electoral democracy index				v2x_polyarchy	
	Additive polyarchy index			v2x_api	
	Multiplicative polyarchy index			v2x_mpi	
		Freedom of expression and alternative sources of information index		v2x_freexp_altinf	
			Government censorship effort—Media	v2mecenefm	0.327
			Harassment of journalists	v2meharjrn	0.362
			Media self-censorship	v2meslfcen	0.338
			Media bias	v2mebias	0.319
			Print/broadcast media perspectives	v2merange	0.314
			Print/broadcast media critical	v2mecrit	0.296
			Freedom of discussion for men	v2cldiscm	0.306
			Freedom of discussion for women	v2cldiscw	0.06
			Freedom of academic and cultural expression	v2clacfree	0.37
		Freedom of association index (thick)		v2x_frassoc_thick	
			Party ban	v2psparban	0.42
			Barriers to parties	v2psbars	0.287
			Opposition parties autonomy	v2psoppaut	0.023
			Elections multiparty	v2elmulpar	0.044
			CSO entry and exit	v2cseeorgs	0.396
			CSO repression	v2csreprss	0.46
		Share of population with suffrage		v2x_suffr	
			Percent of population with suffrage	v2elsuffrage	
		Clean elections index		v2xel_frefair	
			EMB autonomy	v2elembaut	0.491
			EMB capacity	v2elembcap	0.519
			Election voter registry	v2elrgstry	0.444
			Election vote buying	v2elvotbuy	0.557
			Election other voting irregularities	v2elirreg	0.331
			Election government intimidation	v2elintim	0.356
			Election other electoral violence	v2elpeace	0.642
			Election free and fair	v2elfrfair	0.314
		Elected officials index		v2x_elecoff	
			Legislature bicameral	v2lgbicam	
			Lower chamber elected	v2lgello	
			Upper chamber elected	v2lgelecup	
			Percentage of indirectly elected legislators lower chamber	v2lginello	
			Percentage of indirectly elected legislators upper chamber	v2lginelup	
			HOS appointment in practice	v2expathhs	
			HOG appointment in practice	v2expathhg	
			HOS selection by legislature in practice	v2exaphos	
			HOG selection by legislature in practice	v2exaphogp	
			HOS appoints cabinet in practice	v2exdfcbhs	
			HOG appoints cabinet in practice	v2exdjcbhg	
			HOS dismisses ministers in practice	v2exdfdmhs	
			HOG dismisses ministers in practice	v2exdfdshg	
			HOS = HOG?	v2exhoshog	
			Chief executive appointment by upper chamber	v2exapup	
			Chief executive appointment by upper chamber implicit approval	v2exapupap	
			HOS = HOG?	v2exhoshog	
			Chief executive appointment by upper chamber	v2exapup	
			Chief executive appointment by upper chamber implicit approval	v2exapupap	

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Liberal democracy index				v2x_libdem	
	Electoral democracy index			v2x_polyarchy	
	Liberal component index			v2x_liberal	
		Equality before the law and individual liberty index		v2xcl_rol	
			Rigorous and impartial public administration	v2clrspct	0.516
			Transparent laws with predictable enforcement	v2cltrnslw	0.402
			Access to justice for men	v2clacjstm	0.257
			Access to justice for women	v2clacjstw	0.257
			Property rights for men	v2clprptym	0.452
			Property rights for women	v2clprptyw	0.452
			Freedom from torture	v2cltort	0.402
			Freedom from political killings	v2clkill	0.468
			Freedom from forced labor for men	v2clslavem	0.505
			Freedom from forced labor for women	v2clslavef	0.505
			Freedom of religion	v2clrelig	0.594
			Freedom of foreign movement	v2clfmove	0.456
			Freedom of domestic movement for men	v2cldmovem	0.423
			Freedom of domestic movement for women	v2cldmovew	0.423
		Judicial constraints on the executive index		v2x_jucon	
			Executive respects constitution	v2exrescon	0.561
			Compliance with judiciary	v2jucomp	0.344
			Compliance with high court	v2juhccomp	0.355
			High court independence	v2juhcind	0.421
			Lower court independence	v2juncind	0.423
		Legislative constraints on the executive index		v2xlg_legcon	
			Legislature questions officials in practice	v2lgqstexp	0.524
			Executive oversight	v2lgotovst	0.38
			Legislature investigates in practice	v2lginvstp	0.275
			Legislature opposition parties	v2lgoppart	0.437
Participatory democracy index				v2x_partipdem	
	Electoral democracy index			v2x_polyarchy	
	Participatory component index			v2x_partip	
		Civil society participation index		v2x_cspart	
			Candidate selection, National/local	v2pscnslnl	0.809
			CSO consultation	v2cscnsult	0.425
			CSO participatory environment	v2csprtcpt	0.435
			CSO womens participation	v2csgender	0.676
		Direct popular vote index		v2xdd_dd	
			Initiatives permitted	v2ddlexci	
			Initiatives signatures %	v2ddsigpci	
			Initiatives signature-gathering time limit	v2ddsiglci	
			Initiatives signature-gathering period	v2ddsigdci	
			Initiatives participation threshold	v2ddpartci	
			Initiatives approval threshold	v2ddapprci	
			Initiatives administrative threshold	v2ddadmci	
			Initiatives super majority	v2ddspmci	
			Popular initiative credible threat	v2ddthreci	
			Occurrence of citizen-initiative this year	v2ddyrci	
			Referendums permitted	v2ddlexrf	
			Referendums signatures %	v2ddsigprf	
			Referendums signature-gathering period	v2ddsigdrf	
			Referendums participation threshold	v2ddpartrf	
			Referendums approval threshold	v2ddapprrf	
			Referendums super majority	v2ddspmrf	
			Referendums administrative threshold	v2ddadmrf	

Democracy Index Name	Mid-Level Democracy and Governance Index Name	Lower-Level Democracy and Governance Index Name	Indicator Name	Tag	Uniqueness Score*
			Occurrence of referendum this year	v2ddyrrf	
			Popular referendum credible threat	v2ddthrerf	
			Constitutional changes popular vote	v2ddlexor	
			Obligatory referendum participation threshold	v2ddpartor	
			Obligatory referendum approval threshold	v2ddappor	
			Obligatory referendum super majority	v2ddspmor	
			Obligatory referendum administrative threshold	v2ddadmor	
			Obligatory referendum credible threat	v2ddthreor	
			Occurrence of obligatory referendum this year	v2ddyror	
			Plebiscite permitted	v2ddlexpl	
			Plebiscite participation threshold	v2ddpartpl	
			Plebiscite approval threshold	v2ddapprpl	
			Plebiscite super majority	v2ddspmpl	
			Plebiscite administrative threshold	v2ddadmpl	
			Occurrence of plebiscite this year	v2ddyrpl	
			Plebiscite credible threat	v2ddthrepl	
		Local government index		v2xel_locelec	
			Local government elected	v2ellocelc	
			Local offices relative power	v2ellocpwr	
			Local government exists	v2ellocgov	
		Regional government index		v2xel_regelec	
			Regional government elected	v2elsrgel	
			Regional offices relative power	v2elrgpwr	
			Regional government exists	v2elreggov	
Deliberative democracy index				v2x_delibdem	
	Electoral democracy index			v2x_polyarchy	
	Deliberative component index			v2xdl_delib	
			Reasoned justification	v2dlreason	0.338
			Common good	v2dlcommon	0.584
			Respect counterarguments	v2dlcountr	0.332
			Range of consultation	v2dlconslt	0.248
			Engaged society	v2dlengage	0.238
Egalitarian democracy index				v2x_egaldem	
	Electoral democracy index			v2x_polyarchy	
	Egalitarian component index			v2x_egal	
		Equal protection index		v2xeg_eqprotec	
			Social class equality in respect for civil liberties	v2clacjust	0.184
			Social group equality in respect for civil liberties	v2clsocgrp	0.553
			Weaker civil liberties population	v2clsnlpct	0.886
		Equal access index		v2xeg_eqaccess	
			Power distributed by gender	v2pepwrgen	0.563
			Power distributed by socioeconomic position	v2pepwrses	0.451
			Power distributed by social group	v2pepwrsoc	0.481
		Equal distribution of resources index		v2xeg_eqdr	
			Means-tested vs. universalistic policy	v2dlunivl	0.669
			Particularistic or Public good	v2dlencmps	0.649
			Educational equality	v2peedueq	0.273
			Health equality	v2pehealth	0.201

*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*
Regimes of the World index			v2x_regime	
		Elections multiparty	v2elmulpar_osp	
		Executive elections multiparty	v2elmulpar_osp_ex	
		Legislative elections multiparty	v2elmulpar_osp_leg	
		Election free and fair	v2elfrfair_osp	
		Legislative election free and fair	v2elfrfair_osp_leg	
		Executive election free and fair	v2elfrfair_osp_ex	
		HOS appointed by legislature	v2ex_legconhos	
		Relative power of the HOS	v2ex_hosw	
		Access to justice for men	v2clacjstm_osp	
		Access to justice for women	v2clacjstw_osp	
		Transparent laws with predictable enforcement	v2cltrnslw_osp	
	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	
*Accountability index**			v2x_accountability	
	Vertical accountability index		v2x_veracc	
		Electoral regime index	v2x_elecreg	
		HOS appointed by legislature	v2ex_legconhos	
		Relative power of the HOS	v2ex_hosw	
		EMB autonomy	v2elembaut	
		EMB capacity	v2elembcap	
		Election voter registry	v2elrgstry	
		Election other voting irregularities	v2elirreg	
		Election government intimidation	v2elintim	
		Elections multiparty	v2elmulpar	
		Election free and fair	v2elfrfair	
		Percentage of population with suffrage	v2elsuffrage	
		HOS appointment in practice	v2expathhs	
		HOG appointment in practice	v2expathhg	
		HOG selection by legislature in practice	v2exaphogp	
		Party ban	v2psparban	
		Barriers to parties	v2psbars	
		Opposition parties autonomy	v2psoppaut	
	Diagonal accountability index		v2x_diagacc	
		Government censorship effort—Media	v2mecenefm	
		Internet censorship effort	v2mecenefi	
		Harassment of journalists	v2meharjrn	
		Print/broadcast media critical	v2mecrit	
		Media bias	v2mebias	
		Print/broadcast media perspectives	v2merange	
		Media self-censorship	v2meslfcen	
		CSO participatory environment	v2csprtcpt	
		CSO entry and exit	v2cseeorgs	
		CSO repression	v2csreprss	
		Freedom of discussion for men	v2cldiscm	
		Freedom of discussion for women	v2cldiscw	
		Freedom of academic and cultural expression	v2clacfree	
		Engaged society	v2dlengage	
	Horizontal accountability index		v2x_horacc	
		High court independence	v2juhcind	
		Lower court independence	v2juncind	
		Compliance with high court	v2juhccomp	
		Compliance with judiciary	v2jucomp	
		Executive respects constitution	v2exrescon	
		Executive oversight	v2lgotovst	
		Legislature investigates in practice	v2lginvstp	
		Legislature bicameral	v2lgbicam	

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Confidence dimension index			v2x_ex_confidence	
		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	
		HOS = HOG	v2exhoshog	
		Relative power of the HOS	v2ex_hosw	
Direct election dimension index			v2x_ex_direlect	
		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	
		HOS = HOG	v2exhoshog	
		Relative power of the HOS	v2ex_hosw	
Hereditary dimension index			v2x_ex_hereditary	
		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	
		HOS = HOG	v2exhoshog	
		Relative power of the HOS	v2ex_hosw	
Military dimension index			v2x_ex_military	
		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	
		HOS = HOG	v2exhoshog	
		Relative power of the HOS	v2ex_hosw	

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Ruling party dimension index			v2x_ex_party	
		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	
		HOS = HOG	v2exhoshog	
		Relative power of the HOS	v2ex_hosw	
Neopatrimonial rule index			v2x_neopat	
	Clientelism index		v2xnp_client	
		Election vote buying	v2elvotbuy	0.417
		Particularistic or public goods	v2dlencmps	0.694
		Party linkages	v2psprlnks	0.557
	Presidentialism index		v2xnp_pres	
		Executive respects constitution	v2exrescon	0.505
		Executive oversight	v2lgotovst	0.523
		Legislature controls resources	v2lgfunds	2.65
		Legislature investigates in practice	v2lginvstp	2.783
		High court independence	v2juhcind	0.412
		Lower court independence	v2juncind	0.438
		Compliance with high court	v2juhccomp	0.413
		Compliance with judiciary	v2jucomp	0.387
		EMB autonomy	v2elembaut	0.541
	Regime corruption index		v2xnp_regcorr	
		Executive embezzlement and theft	v2exembez	0.318
		Executive bribery and corrupt exchanges	v2exbribe	0.27
		Legislature corrupt activities	v2lgcrrpt	0.496
		Judicial corruption decision	v2jucorrdc	0.525
Civil liberties index			v2x_civlib	
	Physical violence index		v2x_clphy	
		Freedom from political killings	v2clkill	
		Freedom from torture	v2cltort	
	Political civil liberties index		v2x_clpol	
		Government censorship effort—Media	v2mecenefm	0.357
		Harassment of journalists	v2meharjrn	0.393
		Media self-censorship	v2meslfcen	0.404
		Freedom of discussion for men	v2cldiscm	0.253
		Freedom of discussion for women	v2cldiscw	0.253
		Party ban	v2psparban	0.568
		Barriers to parties	v2psbars	0.458
		Opposition parties autonomy	v2psoppaut	0.446
		CSO entry and exit	v2cseeorgs	0.313
		CSO repression	v2csreprss	0.337
	Private civil liberties index		v2x_clpriv	
		Freedom from forced labor for men	v2clslavem	0.47
		Freedom from forced labor for women	v2clslavef	0.47
		Property rights for men	v2clprptym	0.389
		Property rights for women	v2clprptyw	0.389
		Freedom of foreign movement	v2clfmove	0.413
		Freedom of domestic movement for men	v2cldmovem	0.28
		Freedom of domestic movement for women	v2cldmovew	0.28
		Freedom of religion	v2clrelig	0.526
		Religious organization repression	v2csrlgrep	0.57

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Exclusion by Socio-Economic Group			v2xpe_exlecon	
		Power distributed by socio-economic position	2pepwrses	0.613
		Social class equality in respect for civil liberty	v2clacjust	0.473
		Access to public services distributed by socio-economic position	v2peapsecon	0.35
		Access to state jobs by socio-economic position	v2peasjsoecon	0.276
		Access to state business opportunities by socio-economic position	v2peasbecon	0.334
Exclusion by Gender index			v2xpe_exlgender	
		Power distributed by gender	v2pepwrgen	0.452
		Gender equality in respect for civil liberties	v2clgencl	0.337
		Access to public services distributed by gender	v2peapsgen	0.452
		Access to state jobs by gender	v2peasjgen	0.238
		Access to state business opportunities by gender	v2peasbgen	0.258
Exclusion by Urban-Rural Location index			v2xpe_exlgeo	
		Power distributed by urban-rural location	v2pepwrgeo	0.61
		Urban-rural location equality in respect for civil liberties	v2clgeocl	0.407
		Access to public services distributed by urban-rural location	v2peapsgeo	0.32
		Access to state jobs by urban-rural location	v2peasjgeo	0.352
		Access to state business opportunities by urban-rural location	v2peasbegeo	0.285
Exclusion by Political Group index			v2xpe_exlpol	
		Political group equality in respect for civil liberties	v2clpolcl	0.539
		Access to public services distributed by political group	v2peapspol	0.448
		Access to state jobs by political group	v2peasjpol	0.247
		Access to state business opportunities by political group	v2peasbepol	0.32
Exclusion by Social Group index			v2xpe_exlsocgr	
		Power distributed by social group	v2pepwrsoc	0.526
		Social group equality in respect for civil liberties	v2clsocgrp	0.52
		Access to public services distributed by social group	v2peapssoc	0.408
		Access to state jobs by social group	v2peasjsoc	0.304
		Access to state business opportunities by social group	v2peasbsoc	0.305
Political corruption index			v2x_corr	
		Legislature corrupt activities	v2lgcrrpt	
		Judicial corruption decision	v2jucorrdc	
	Executive corruption index		v2x_execorr	
		Executive bribery and corrupt exchanges	v2exbribe	
		Executive embezzlement and theft	v2exembez	
	Public sector corruption index		v2x_pubcorr	
		Public sector corrupt exchanges	v2excrptps	
		Public sector theft	v2exthftps	

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Women political empowerment index			v2x_gender	
	Women civil liberties index		v2x_gencl	
		Freedom of domestic movement for women	v2cldmovew	0.444
		Freedom from forced labor for women	v2clslavef	0.437
		Property rights for women	v2clprptyw	0.4
		Access to justice for women	v2clacjstw	0.373
	Women civil society participation index		v2x_gencs	
		Freedom of discussion for women	v2cldiscw	0.662
		CSO womens participation	v2csgender	0.202
		Percent (%) female journalists	v2mefemjrn	0.579
	Women political participation index		v2x_genpp	
		Power distributed by gender	v2pepwrgen	
		Lower chamber female legislators	v2lgfemleg	
Rule of law index			v2x_rule	
		Compliance with high court	v2juhccomp	0.535
		Compliance with judiciary	v2jucomp	0.476
		High court independence	v2juhcind	0.59
		Lower court independence	v2juncind	0.617
		Executive respects constitution	v2exrescon	0.48
		Rigorous and impartial public administration	v2clrspct	0.414
		Transparent laws with predictable enforcement	v2cltrnslw	0.5
		Judicial accountability	v2juaccnt	0.656
		Judicial corruption decision	v2jucorrdc	0.557
		Public sector corrupt exchanges	v2excrptps	0.467
		Public sector theft	v2exthftps	0.459
		Executive bribery and corrupt exchanges	v2exbribe	0.526
		Executive embezzlement and theft	v2exembez	0.433
		Access to justice for men	v2clacjstm	0.503
		Access to justice for women	v2clacjstw	0.503
Citizen-initiated component of direct popular vote index			v2xdd_cic	
	Popular initiative index		v2xdd_i_ci	
		Initiatives permitted	v2ddlexci	
		Initiatives signatures %	v2ddsigpci	
		Initiatives signature-gathering time limit	v2ddsiglci	
		Initiatives signature-gathering period	v2ddsigdci	
		Initiatives participation threshold	v2ddpartci	
		Initiatives approval threshold	v2ddapprci	
		Initiatives super majority	v2ddspmci	
		Initiatives administrative threshold	v2ddadmci	
		Occurrence of citizen-initiative this year	v2ddyrci	
		Popular initiative credible threat	v2ddthreci	
	Popular referendum index		v2xdd_i_rf	
		Referendums permitted	v2ddlexrf	
		Referendums signatures %	v2ddsigprf	
		Referendums signature-gathering period	v2ddsigdrf	
		Referendums participation threshold	v2ddpartrf	
		Referendums approval threshold	v2ddapprrf	
		Referendums super majority	v2ddspmrf	
		Referendums administrative threshold	v2ddadmrf	
		Occurrence of referendum this year	v2ddyrrf	
		Popular referendum credible threat	v2ddthrerf	
Top-Down component of direct popular vote index			v2xdd_toc	
	Plebiscite index		v2xdd_i_pl	
		Plebiscite permitted	v2ddlexpl	
		Plebiscite participation threshold	v2ddpartpl	
		Plebiscite approval threshold	v2ddapprpl	
		Plebiscite super majority	v2ddspmpl	
		Plebiscite administrative threshold	v2ddadmpl	
		Occurrence of plebiscite this year	v2ddyrpl	
		Plebiscite credible threat	v2ddthrepl	

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		Obligatory referendum index	v2xdd_i_or	
		Enforcement of Constitutional changes through popular vote	v2ddlexor	
		Obligatory referendum participation threshold	v2ddpartor	
		Obligatory referendum approval threshold	v2ddappor	
		Obligatory referendum super majority	v2ddspmor	
		Obligatory referendum administrative threshold	v2ddadmor	
		Obligatory referendum credible threat	v2ddthreor	
Core civil society index			v2xcs_ccsi	
		CSO participatory environment	v2csprtcpt	0.531
		CSO entry and exit	v2cseeorgs	0.196
		CSO repression	v2csreprss	0.337
Electoral regime index			v2x_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	
	Presidential election		v2xel_elecpres	
		Election type	v2eltype_6	
		Election type	v2eltype_7	
	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	
		HOS = HOG?	v2exhoshog	
		HOG appointment in practice	v2expathhg	
		HOS appointment in practice	v2expathhs	
		Presidential election	v2xel_elecpres	
	Legislative or constituent assembly election aborted		v2x_legabort	
		Legislature bicameral	v2lgbicam	
		Legislative or constituent assembly election	v2xel_elecparl	
Executive electoral regime index			v2xex_elecreg	
	Presidential election		v2xel_elecpres	
		Election type	v2eltype_6	
		Election type	v2eltype_7	
	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	
		HOS = HOG?	v2exhoshog	
		HOG appointment in practice	v2expathhg	
		HOS appointment in practice	v2expathhs	
		Presidential election	v2xel_elecpres	

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Legislative electoral regime index			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	
Electoral component index			v2x_EDcomp_thick	
	Freedom of association index (thick)		v2x_frassoc_thick	
		Party ban	v2psparban	0.42
		Barriers to parties	v2psbars	0.287
		Opposition parties autonomy	v2psoppaut	0.023
		Elections multiparty	v2elmulpar	0.044
		CSO entry and exit	v2cseeorgs	0.396
		CSO repression	v2csreprss	0.46
Legislature directly elected			v2xex_elecleg	
		Lower chamber directly elected	v2lgello	
		Upper chamber direclty elected	v2lgelecup	
		Percentage of indirectly elected legislators lower chamber	v2lginello	
		Percentage of indirectly elected legislators upper chamber	v2lginelup	
		Chief executive appointment by upper chamber	v2exapup	
		Chief executive appointment by upper chamber implicit approval	v2exapupap	
Freedom of expression index			v2x_freexp	
		Government censorship effort—Media	v2mecenefm	0.327
		Harassment of journalists	v2meharjrn	0.365
		Media self-censorship	v2meslfcen	0.387
		Freedom of discussion for men	v2cldiscm	0.243
		Freedom of discussion for women	v2cldiscw	0.243
		Freedom of academic and cultural expression	v2clacfree	0.308
Alternative sources of information index			v2xme_altinf	
		Media bias	v2mebias	0.287
		Print/broadcast media critical	v2mecrit	0.261
		Print/broadcast media perspectives	v2merange	0.259
Freedom of discussion			v2xcl_disc	
		Freedom of discussion for men	v2cldiscm	
		Freedom of discussion for women	v2cldiscw	
Access to justice			v2xcl_acjst	
		Access to justice for men	v2clacjstm	
		Access to justice for women	v2clacjstw	
Property rights			v2xcl_prpty	
		Property rights for men	v2clprptym	
		Property rights for women	v2clprptyw	
Freedom from forced labor			v2xcl_slave	
		Freedom from forced labor for men	v2clslavem	
		Freedom from forced labor for women	v2clslavef	

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Freedom of domestic movement			v2xcl_slave	
		Freedom of domestic movement for men	v2cldmovem	
		Freedom of domestic movement for women	v2cldmovew	
Party institutionalization index			v2xps_party	
		Party organizations	v2psorgs	
		Party branches	v2psprbrch	
		Party linkages	v2psprlnks	
		Distinct party platforms	v2psplats	
		Legislative party cohesion	v2pscohesv	
Divided party control of legislature index			v2x_divparctrl	
		National party control	v2psnatpar	
		National party control ordinal version	v2psnatpar_ord	
Division of power index			v2x_feduni	
		Local government exists	v2ellocgov	
		Regional government exists	v2elreggov	
		Local government elected	v2ellocelc	
		Regional government elected	v2elsrgel	
		Local offices relative power	v2ellocpwr	
		Regional offices relative power	v2elrgpwr	
Academic Freedom Index			v2xca_academ	
		Freedom to research and teach	v2cafres	0.18
		Freedom of academic exchange and dissemination	v2cafexch	0.178
		Institutional autonomy	v2cainsaut	0.336
		Campus integrity	v2casurv	0.304
		Freedom of academic and cultural expression	v2clacfree	0.376

*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.