1. Indexed each database by country-year
2. Polity Edits
   1. -66: Changed to missing
   2. -77: Changed to zero
   3. -88: difference between two proximate measures distributed across values
   4. Combining complex country situations
3. Drop country year indexes for countries that did not exist at a given time
   1. 89 and 90 removed for 14 former soviet union countries:
      1. Armenia, Moldova, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Belarus, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Kazakhstan
   2. 89-10 South Sudan
   3. 89-90 Northern Macedonia
   4. 89-90 Slovenia
   5. 89 Namibia
   6. 89-01 Timor Leste
   7. 89-92 Slovakia