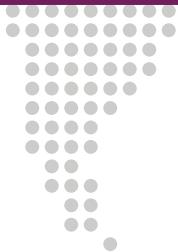




# Structure of V-Dem Indices, Components, and Indicators



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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>					
	Additive polyarchy index		v2x_polyarchy		
	Multiplicative polyarchy index		v2x_api		
		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 Print/broadcast media critical	v2mecenefm	0.334	
		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_elecoff		
		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	v2exdfdsdg		
		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>					
	Electoral democracy index		v2x_libdem		
	Liberal component index		v2x_polyarchy		
		Equality before the law and individual liberty index	v2x Liberal		
		Access to justice for men	v2xclacjstm	0.254	
		Access to justice for women	v2xclacjstw	0.254	
		Freedom of foreign movement	v2clfmove	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	v2clrelig	0.591	
		Freedom from forced labor for men	v2clslavem	0.512	
		Freedom from forced labor for women	v2clslavef	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_jucon		
		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>					
	Electoral democracy index		v2x_partipdem		
	Participatory component index		v2x_polyarchy		
		Civil society participation index	v2x_partip		
		CSO consultation	v2cscnsult	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	v2ddadmc		
		Referendums administrative threshold	v2ddadmrf		
		Initiatives approval threshold	v2ddappci		
		Referendums approval threshold	v2ddapprrf		
		Initiatives permitted	v2ddlexci		
		Referendums permitted	v2ddlexrf		
		Initiatives signature-gathering period	v2ddsigidci		
		Referendums signature-gathering period	v2ddsigidrf		
		Initiatives signature-gathering time limit	v2ddsiglci		
		Initiatives signatures %	v2ddsigpci		
		Referendums signatures %	v2ddsigprf		
		Initiatives participation threshold	v2ddpartci		
		Referendums participation threshold	v2ddpartrf		
		Initiatives super majority	v2ddspmci		
		Referendums super majority	v2ddspmr		
		Popular initiative credible threat	v2ddthreci		
		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	v2ddexpl	
			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	v2ddyrpl	
			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	v2dlconstl	0.245
			Respect counterarguments	v2dlcountr	0.33
			Engaged society	v2dlenage	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		v2pepwrgen	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>				
	Access to justice for men	v2x_regime		
	Access to justice for women	v2clacjstm_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>				
Vertical accountability index		v2x_accountability		
		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	v2expathhs	
		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	v2mebias	
		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	v2exhoshog	
	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	
	Relative power of the HOS		v2ex_hosw	
<i>Direct election dimension index</i>				
	HOS = HOG	v2x_ex_direlect	v2exhoshog	
	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	
	Relative power of the HOS		v2ex_hosw	
<i>Hereditary dimension index</i>				
	HOS = HOG	v2x_ex_hereditary	v2exhoshog	
	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	
	Relative power of the HOS		v2ex_hosw	
<i>Military dimension index</i>				
	HOS = HOG	v2x_ex_military	v2exhoshog	
	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	
	Relative power of the HOS		v2ex_hosw	

Democracy Indices Created Using V-Dem Data Name	Lower-Level Democracy and Governance Index Name	Indicator Name	Tag	Uniqueness Score*
<i>Ruling party dimension index</i>			v2x_ex_party	
	HOS = HOG	v2exhoshog		
	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		
	Relative power of the HOS	v2ex_hosw		
<i>Neopatrimonial rule index</i>		v2x_neopat		
	Particularistic or public goods	v2dlencmps	0.722	
	EMB autonomy	v2elembaut	0.651	
	Election vote buying	v2elvotbuy	0.591	
	Executive bribery and corrupt exchanges	v2exbribe	0.575	
	Executive embezzlement and theft	v2exembez	0.517	
	Executive respects constitution	v2exrescon	0.437	
	Compliance with judiciary	v2jucomp	0.397	
	Judicial corruption decision	v2jucorrdc	0.613	
	Compliance with high court	v2juhccomp	0.448	
	High court independence	v2juhcind	0.468	
	Lower court independence	v2juncind	0.484	
	Legislature corrupt activities	v2lgcrprt	0.669	
	Legislature controls resources	v2lgfunds	0.761	
	Legislature investigates in practice	v2lginvstp	0.533	
	Executive oversight	v2lgotovst	0.523	
	Party linkages	v2psprlnks	0.763	
<i>Clientelism index</i>		v2xnp_client		
	Particularistic or public goods	v2dlencmps	0.69	
	Election vote buying	v2elvotbuy	0.421	
	Party linkages	v2psprlnks	0.534	
<i>Presidentialism index</i>		v2xnp_pres		
	EMB autonomy	v2elembaut	0.541	
	Executive respects constitution	v2exrescon	0.499	
	Compliance with judiciary	v2jucomp	0.376	
	Compliance with high court	v2juhccomp	0.401	
	High court independence	v2juhcind	0.418	
	Lower court independence	v2juncind	0.427	
	Legislature controls resources	v2lgfunds	2.704	
	Legislature investigates in practice	v2lginvstp	2.418	
	Executive oversight	v2lgotovst	0.511	
<i>Regime corruption index</i>		v2xnp_reccorr		
	Executive bribery and corrupt exchanges	v2exbribe	0.274	
	Executive embezzlement and theft	v2exembez	0.302	
	Judicial corruption decision	v2jucorrdc	0.508	
	Legislature corrupt activities	v2lgcrprt	0.471	
<i>Civil liberties index</i>		v2x_civilib		
<i>Physical violence index</i>		v2x_clphy		
	Freedom from political killings	v2clkill		
	Freedom from torture	v2cltort		

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	Political civil liberties index	Freedom of academic and cultural expression	v2x_clpol 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
	Private civil liberties index		v2x_clpriv	
		Freedom of domestic movement for men	v2cldmovem	0.277
		Freedom of domestic movement for women	v2cldmovew	0.277
		Freedom of foreign movement	v2clfmove	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
<i>Exclusion by Socio-Economic Group</i>			v2xpe_exlecon	
		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
<i>Exclusion by Gender index</i>			v2xpe_exlgender	
		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
<i>Exclusion by Urban-Rural Location index</i>			v2xpe_exlgeo	
		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	v2pepwrgeo	0.604
<i>Exclusion by Political Group index</i>			v2xpe_exlpol	
		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	v2peasbpol	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	v2pepwrsoc	0.511
<i>Political corruption index</i>			v2x_corr	
		Legislature corrupt activities	v2lgcrprt	
		Judicial corruption decision	v2jucorrdc	
	<i>Executive corruption index</i>		v2x_execcorr	
		Executive bribery and corrupt exchanges	v2exbribe	
		Executive embezzlement and theft	v2exembez	
	<i>Public sector corruption index</i>		v2x_pubcorr	
		Public sector corrupt exchanges	v2excrptps	
		Public sector theft	v2exthftps	
<i>Women political empowerment index</i>			v2x_gender	
	<i>Women civil liberties index</i>		v2x_gencl	
		Access to justice for women	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	v2clsavagef	0.432
	<i>Women civil society participation index</i>		v2x_gencs	
		Freedom of discussion for women	v2cldiscw	0.672
		CSO womens participation	v2csgender	0.186
		Percent (%) female journalists	v2mefemjrn	0.585
	<i>Women political participation index</i>		v2x_genpp	
		Lower chamber female legislators	v2lgfemleg	
		Power distributed by gender	v2pepwrgen	
<i>Rule of law index</i>			v2x_rule	
		Access to justice for men	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	v2juacctnt	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>			v2xdd_cic	
	<i>Popular initiative index</i>		v2xdd_i_ci	
		Initiatives administrative threshold	v2ddadmcii	
		Initiatives approval threshold	v2ddapprci	
		Initiatives permitted	v2ddlexci	
		Initiatives participation threshold	v2ddpartci	
		Initiatives signature-gathering period	v2ddsigidci	
		Initiatives signature-gathering time limit	v2ddsigcli	
		Initiatives signatures %	v2ddsigpci	
		Initiatives super majority	v2ddspmcii	
		Popular initiative credible threat	v2ddthrecci	
		Occurrence of citizen-initiative this year	v2ddyrci	

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	Popular referendum index		v2xdd_i_rf	
	Referendums administrative threshold		v2ddadmr	
	Referendums approval threshold		v2ddapprf	
	Referendums permitted		v2ddlexrf	
	Referendums participation threshold		v2ddpartrf	
	Referendums signature-gathering period		v2ddsigdrf	
	Referendums signatures %		v2ddsigprf	
	Referendums super majority		v2ddspmr	
	Popular referendum credible threat		v2ddthrerf	
	Occurrence of referendum this year		v2ddyrrf	
	<i>Top-Down component of direct popular vote index</i>			
	Plebiscite index		v2xdd_toc	
	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		v2ddyrlp	
	Obligatory referendum index		v2xdd_i_or	
	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	
	<i>Core civil society index</i>		v2xcs_ccsi	
	CSO entry and exit		v2cseorgs	0.195
	CSO participatory environment		v2csprtcpt	0.519
	CSO repression		v2csreprss	0.336
	<i>Electoral regime index</i>		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	
	HOG directly elected		v2ex_elechog	
	HOS directly elected		v2ex_elechos	
	Presidential election		v2xel_elecpres	
	Legislative or constituent assembly election aborted		v2x_legabslt	
	Legislature bicameral		v2lgbicam	
	Legislative or constituent assembly election		v2xel_elecparl	
	<i>Executive electoral regime index</i>		v2xex_elecreg	
	Presidential election		v2xel_elecpres	
	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	v2ginello		
	Percentage of indirectly elected legislators upper chamber	v2ginelup		
<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_altnf		
	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>			v2xcl_prpty	
		Property rights for men	v2clrprtym	
		Property rights for women	v2clrprtyw	
<i>Freedom from forced labor</i>			v2xcl_slave	
		Freedom of domestic movement for men	v2cldmovem	
		Freedom of domestic movement for women	v2cldmovew	
<i>Freedom of domestic movement</i>			v2xcl_slave	
		Freedom from forced labor for women	v2clslovef	
		Freedom from forced labor for men	v2clsavem	
<i>Party institutionalization index</i>			v2xps_party	
		Legislative party cohesion	v2pscohesv	
		Distinct party platforms	v2psplats	
		Party organizations	v2psorgs	
		Party branches	v2psprbrch	
		Party linkages	v2psprlnks	
<i>Divided party control of legislature index</i>			v2x_divparctrl	
		National party control	v2psnatpar	
		National party control ordinal version	v2psnatpar_ord	
<i>Division of power index</i>			v2x_feduni	
		Local government elected	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>			v2xca_academ	
		Freedom of academic exchange and dissemination	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

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<i>Party-System Democracy Index***</i>			v2xpas_democracy	
	Anti-Pluralist Index	Minority rights	v2xpa_antiplural	
		Political opponents	v2paminor	
		Political pluralism	v2paopresp	
		Seat share (as weights)	v2paplur	
		Rejection of political violence	v2paseatshare	
		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.