



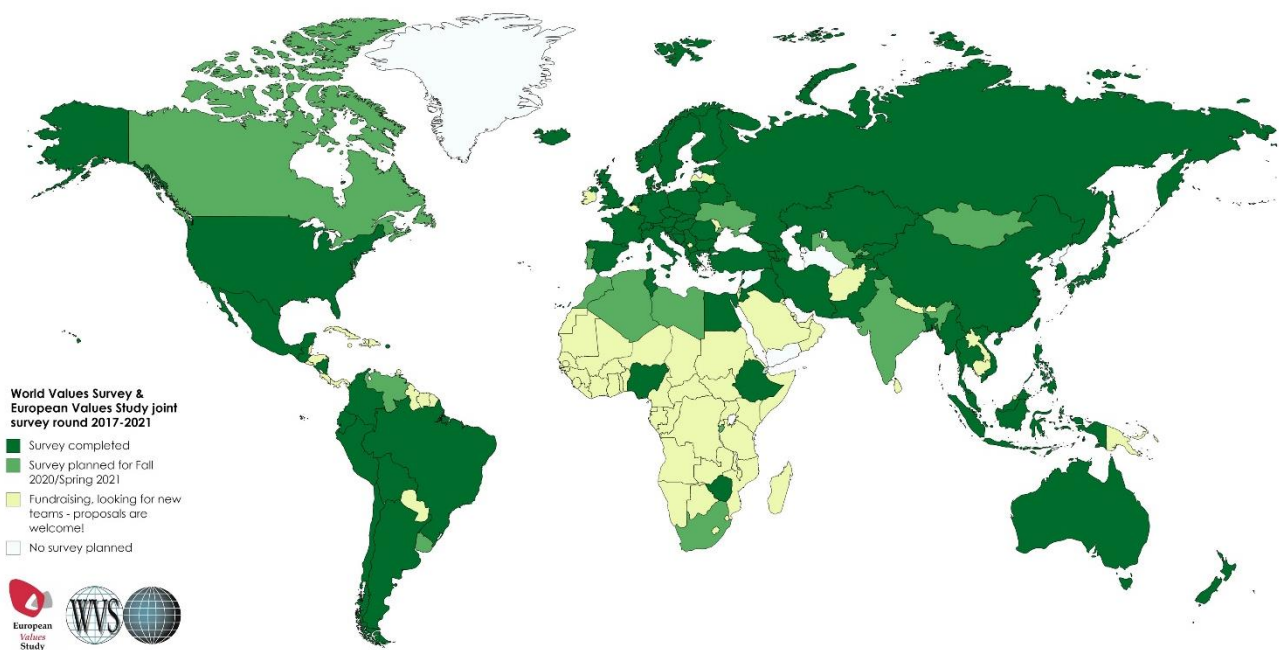
First release of the new World Values Survey 7 dataset, 2017-20 (WVS-7 V1.0)

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The [World Values Survey Association](http://www.worldvaluessurvey.org) announces the first release of the brand-new World Values Survey dataset (WVS-7, V1.0). Fieldwork for this 7th wave was conducted from mid-2017 to early-2020.

This includes 77 countries and societies on all inhabited continents around the globe, ranging from Andorra, Argentina and Australia to the United States, Vietnam and Zimbabwe, as well as surveys conducted in collaboration with the [European Values Study](http://www.eurobarometer.eu). In total, over 129,000 respondents were interviewed for this wave. Geographic coverage has also been expanded to several new countries included for the first time, such as Bolivia, Greece, Myanmar, Nicaragua, and Tajikistan.



All countries surveyed in WVS-7 employ nationwide random probability representative sample designs with the sample size from 1000 to 3200 respondents. More information and further updates are available at the project's [web-site](http://www.worldvaluessurvey.org), [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/worldvaluessurvey), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/worldvaluessurvey) and [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/worldvaluessurvey) profiles.

What does the World Values Survey monitor?

The WVS seeks to help scientists and policy makers understand changes in the beliefs, values and motivations of people throughout the world.

Established four decades ago, over the years thousands of political scientists, sociologists, social psychologists, anthropologists and economists have used these data to analyse such topics as economic

development, democratization, religion, gender equality, social capital, and subjective well-being. These data have also been widely employed by government officials, policy analysts, journalists, and students, and international agencies have used the dataset to monitor economic and human development.

What does the 7th wave include?

The latest wave of the WVS builds upon the long series of previous surveys conducted since the early-1980s, with the integrated dataset pooling all 7 waves. The core items facilitate the comparison of longitudinal trends and cultural change over four decades, such as on happiness and well-being, post-materialism, and social capital. New items have also been added to this wave on several issues, including online political participation via social media, social trust, and attitudes towards migration.

The WVS-7 dataset includes over 300 indicators, based on the common WVS-7 questionnaire which is standardized across all countries. Macro-level variables for each nation are also included, like the global region, per capita GDP and level of democracy. The WVS-7 questionnaire covers 14 themes:

- Social values attitudes & stereotypes (45 items);
- Societal well-being (11 items);
- Social capital, trust and organizational membership (49 items);
- Economic values (6 items);
- Corruption (9 items);
- Migration (10 items);
- Post-materialist index (6 items);
- Science & technology (6 items);
- Religious values (12 items);
- Security (21 items);
- Ethical values & norms (23 items);
- Political interest and political participation (36 items);
- Political culture and political regimes (25 items);
- Demography (31 items).

How is the WVS funded?

The survey is conducted by the global network of national Principle Investigators in each country and the work has been generously supported of a wide range of funders, including academies of science, universities, local and international businesses, NGOs and survey research foundations. WWSA expresses gratitude to the core funders in this round, including the University of Stockholm, Sweden; the TrustGov Project at the University of Southampton, UK; the Electoral Integrity Project at the University of Sydney, Australia; the University of Melbourne, Australia; the Institute for Future Studies, Sweden; the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, USA; the World Bank; and the Inter-American Development Bank. As a result of this support, the dataset can be freely distributed to users such as scholars and students, policy analysts and data journalists without any charge.

Where can I download the data?

The WVS-7 V1.0 dataset is available for download in SPSS, Stata, SAS, and R data formats with the Questionnaire, Codebook, and Technical information from www.worldvaluessurvey.org.

In addition, users can generate tables, graphics and data visualizations from the online analysis at the website, without needing any statistical software.

The website also includes links to a special series of video presentations developed by PIs and the WWSA Executive and WWSA Advisory Committee for the launch, which examine several major comparative themes, experiences with WVS and analyse countries.

Who are the WVSA?

The World Values Survey Association is governed by the Executive Committee, the Scientific Advisory Committee, and the General Assembly, under the terms of the Constitution.

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