

Tracking Women's Political Empowerment and Suffrage (1900 -2000)

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Background

Women's Civil Liberties Index

- Freedom of domestic movement
- Freedom from forced labor
- Property rights
- Access to justice



Women's Civil Society Participation Index

- Freedom of discussion
- Participation in Civil Service Organizations
- Percentage of female journalists



Women's Political Participation Index

- Power distribution by gender
- Political position representation
- Presence in Legislature



Women's Political Empowerment Index

- A measurement which...
- considers **new countries**
 - adjusts with **central concepts** of women's rights
 - gives a **better representation** of the **Global South**.

Research Questions

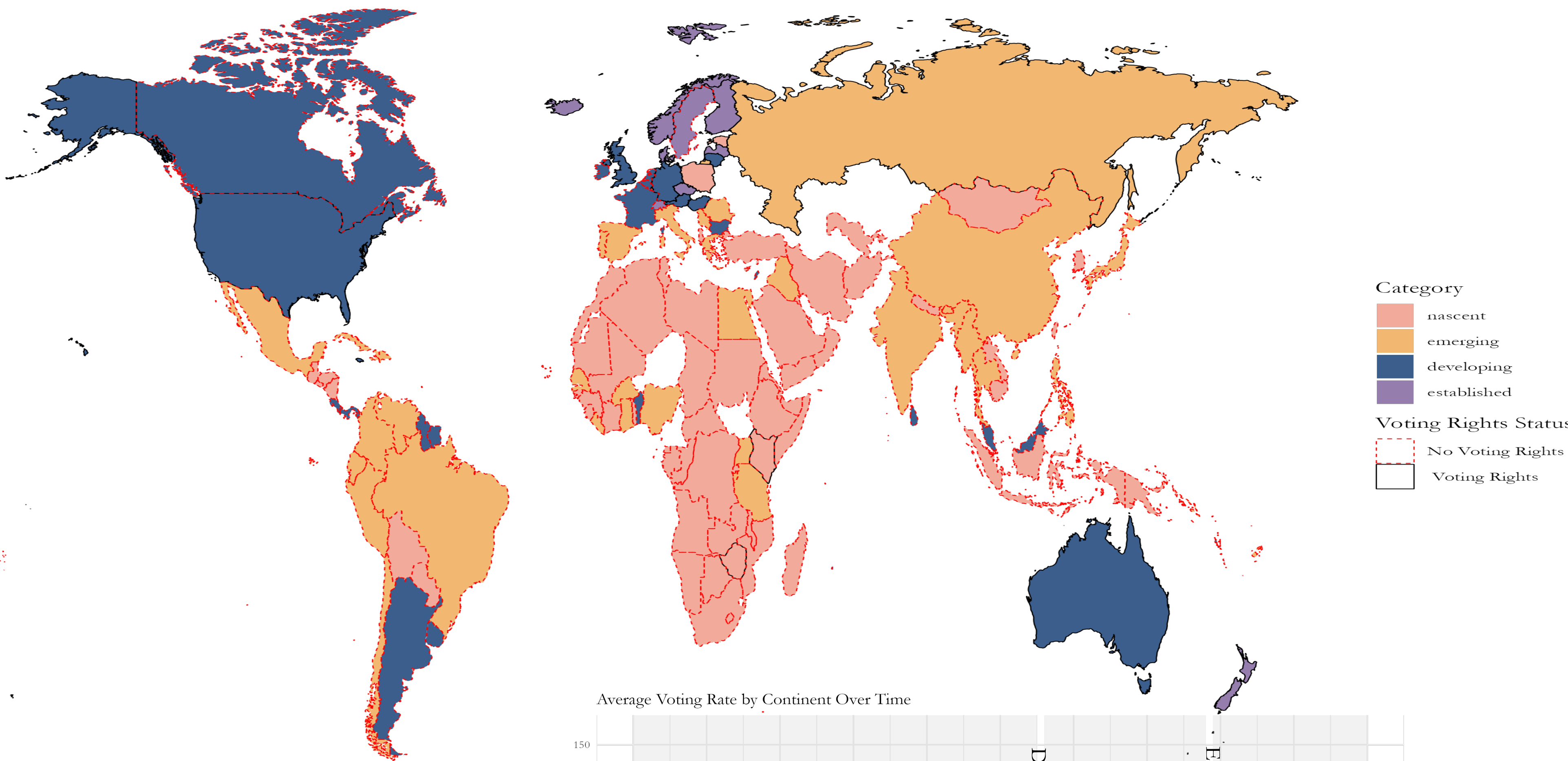
1. Can Empowerment be Categorized and Reflect the Development of the 20th Century?
2. How does Suffrage Impact Empowerment?
3. Are there Regional Patterns in Empowerment or Suffrage?

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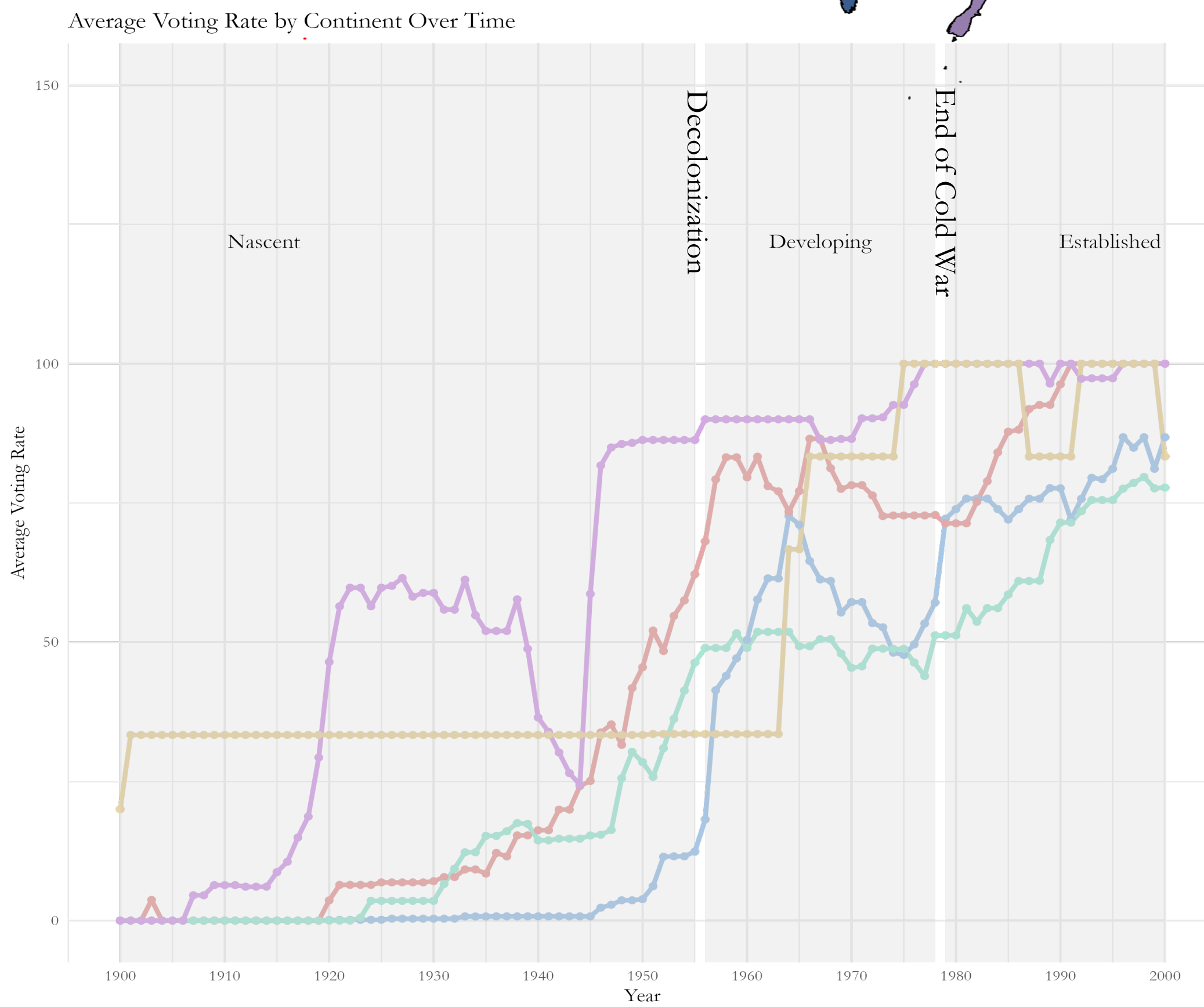
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Map 1. Empowerment and Voting in 1920

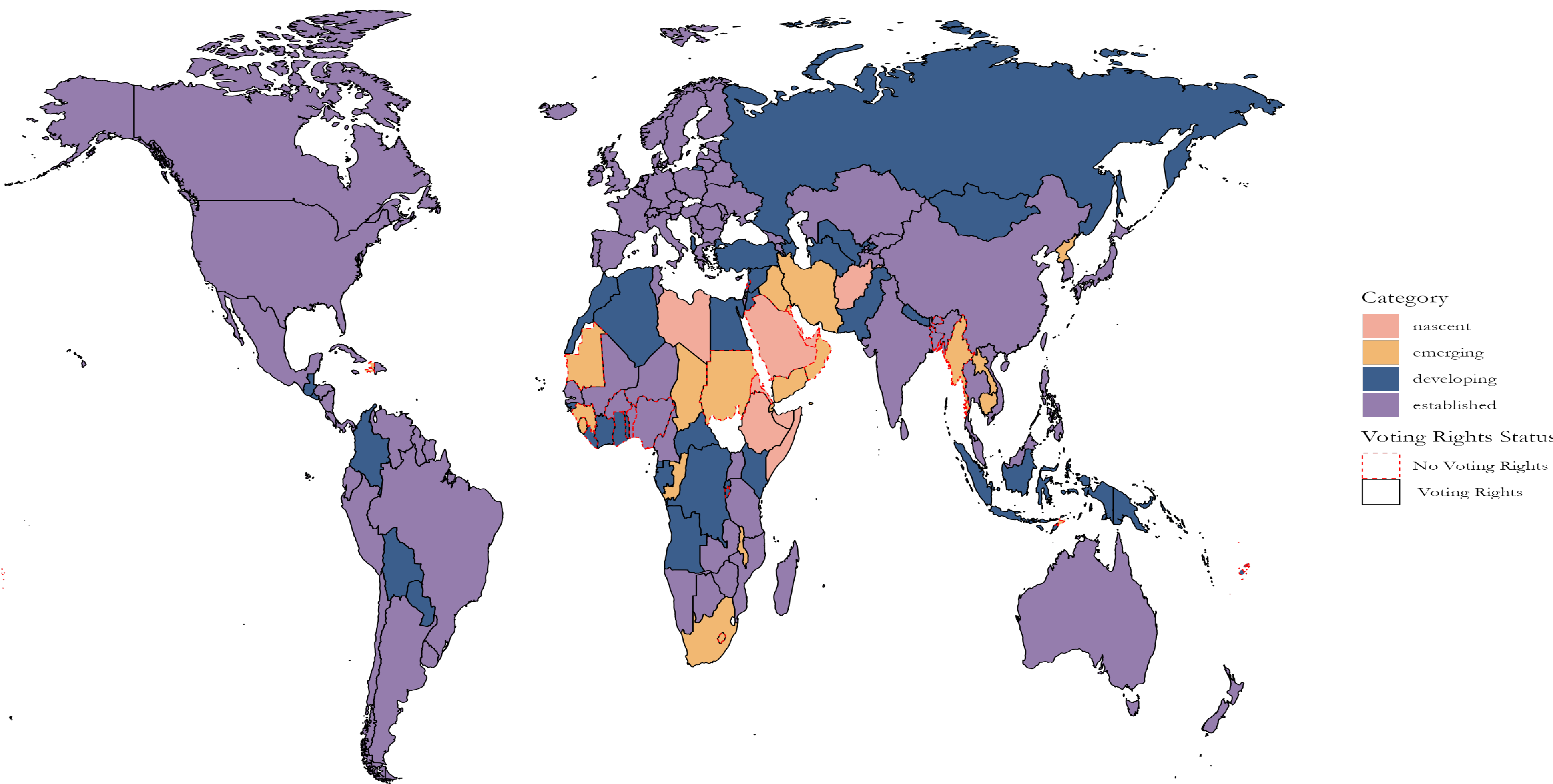
Empowerment and Voting Rights in 1920



Empowerment
through the Decades



Empowerment and Voting Rights in 1990



Map 2. Empowerment and Voting in 1990

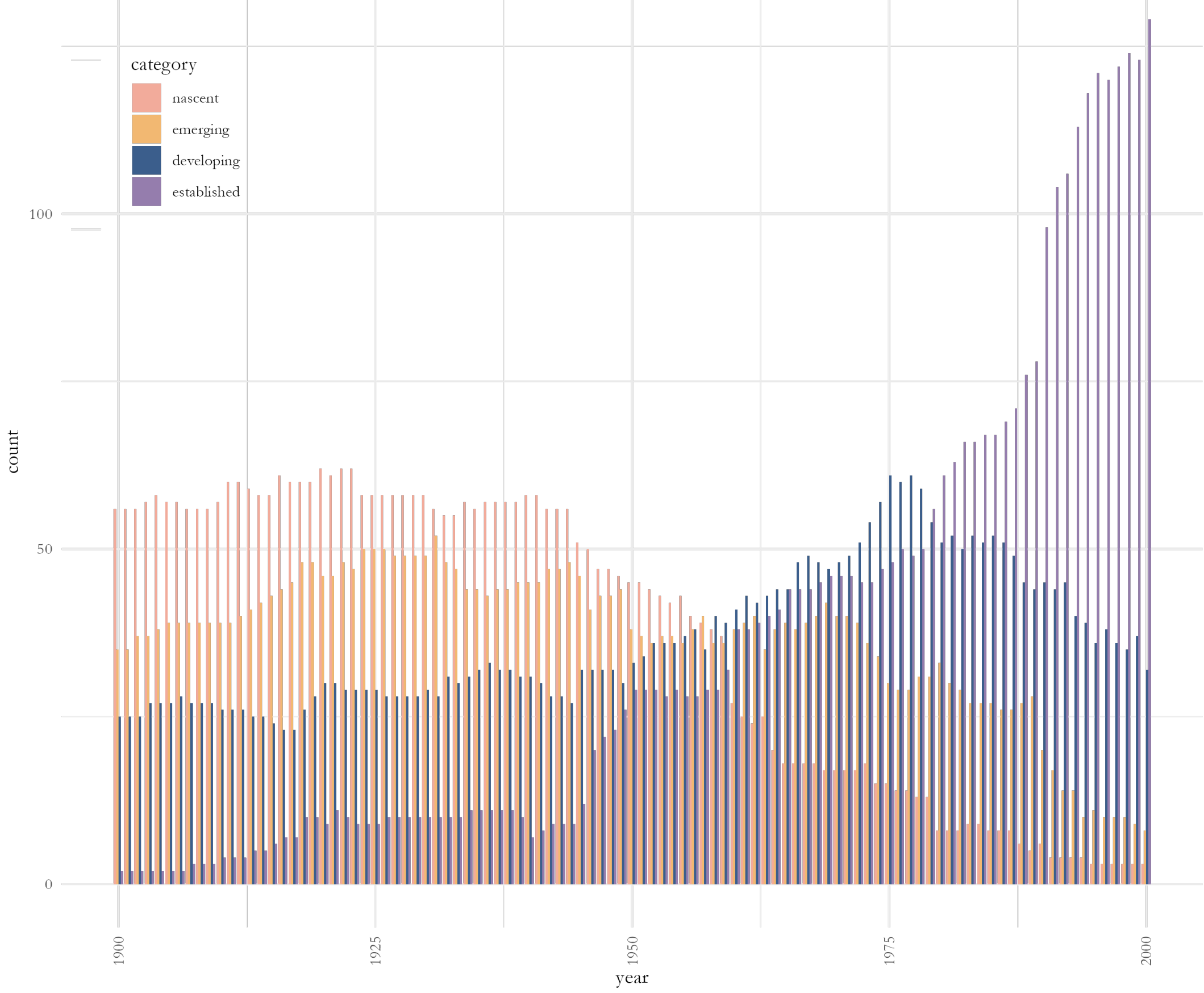
Methodology

Empowerment Categories

Category	Range
Nascent	$WPEI \leq 0.188$
Emerging	$0.188 \leq WPEI \leq 0.336$
Developing	$0.336 \leq WPEI \leq 0.546$
Established	$WPEI \geq 0.546$

Empowerment Periods

Period	Years
Nascent	1900 – 1955
Developing	1956 – 1978
Established	1979 - 2000



Empowerment Thresholds

	90%		80%		75%	
	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End
Nascent	1900	1944	1900	1946	1900	1948
Emerging	1918	1944	1914	1969	1905	1972
Developing	1974	1978	1967	1987	1966	1987
Established	1994	2000	1991	2000	1990	2000

*Emerging Period condensed due to overlap