Varieties of Democracy Dataset - Version 9 - Coder-Level

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Description

Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) is a new approach to conceptualizing and measuring democracy. We provide a multidimensional and disaggregated dataset that reflects the complexity of the concept of democracy as a system of rule that goes beyond the simple presence of elections. The V-Dem project distinguishes between five high-level principles of democracy: electoral, liberal, participatory, deliberative, and egalitarian, and collects data to measure these principles.

V-Dem draws on theoretical and methodological expertise from its worldwide team to produce data in the most objective and reliable way possible. Approximately half of the indicators in the V-Dem dataset are based on factual information obtainable from offcial documents such as constitutions and government records. The other half consists of evaluative indicators on topics like political practices and compliance with de jure rules. On such issues, typically five experts provide ratings.

V-Dem works closely with leading social science research methodologists and has developed a state of the art Bayesian Item Response Theory measurement model that, to the extent possible, minimizes coder error and addresses issues of comparability across countries and over time. V-Dem also draws on the team's academic expertise to develop theoretically informed techniques for aggregating indicators into mid- and high-level indices. In this sense, V-Dem is at the cutting edge of developing new and improved methods of social science measurement.

Language

[English](#)

Unit of analysis

[Geographic unit](#)

[Individual](#)

Population

Countries

Time Method

[Longitudinal: Panel: Continuous](#)

[Other](#)

Sampling procedure

[Other](#)

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Time period(s) investigated

1789-01-01 – 2018-12-31

Variables

1070

Number of individuals/objects

357661

Data format / data structure

[Numeric](#)

Data collection 1

- Time period(s) for data collection: 2019-01-01 – 2019-01-31
- Source of the data: Population group

Geographic spread

Geographic location: [North America](#), [Asia](#), [Africa](#), [Europe](#), [South America](#), [Oceania](#)

Geographic description: Geographical coverage is 202 countries.

Lowest geographic unit

Country

Highest geographic unit

Country

Responsible department/unit

V-Dem Institute

Identifiers

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Research area

[Government, political systems and organisations](#) (CESSDA Topic Classification)

[Political science (excluding public administration studies and globalisation studies)](#) (Standard för svensk

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Keywords

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