



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>				v2x_polyarchy	
			Additive polyarchy index	v2x_api	
			Multiplicative polyarchy index	v2x_mpi	
			Freedom of expression and alternative sources of information index	v2x_freexp_altinf	
			Government censorship effort—Media	v2mecenefm	0.302
			Harassment of journalists	v2meharjrn	0.354
			Media self-censorship	v2meslfcen	0.344
			Media bias	v2mebias	0.298
			Print/broadcast media perspectives	v2merange	0.297
			Print/broadcast media critical	v2mecrit	0.281
			Freedom of discussion for men	v2cldiscm	0.290
			Freedom of discussion for women	v2cldiscw	0.290
			Freedom of academic and cultural expression	v2clacfree	0.363
			Freedom of association index (thick)	v2x_frassoc_thick	
			Party ban	v2psparban	0.383
			Barriers to parties	v2psbars	0.273
			Opposition parties autonomy	v2psoppaut	0.023
			Elections multiparty	v2elmulpar	0.043
			CSO entry and exit	v2cseeorgs	0.370
			CSO repression	v2csreprss	0.413
			Share of population with suffrage	v2x_suffr	
			Percent of population with suffrage	v2elsuffrage	
			Clean elections index	v2xel_frefair	
			EMB autonomy	v2elembaut	0.437
			EMB capacity	v2elembcap	0.520
			Election voter registry	v2elrgstry	0.441
			Election vote buying	v2elvotbuy	0.549
			Election other voting irregularities	v2elirreg	0.333
			Election government intimidation	v2elintim	0.367
			Election other electoral violence	v2elpeace	0.652
			Election free and fair	v2elfrfair	0.304
			Elected officials index	v2x_elecoff	
			Legislature bicameral	v2lgbicam	
			Lower chamber elected	v2lgello	
			Upper chamber elected	v2lgelecup	
			Percentage of indirectly elected legislators lower chamber	v2lginello	
			Percentage of indirectly elected legislators upper chamber	v2lginelup	
			HOS appointment in practice	v2expathhs	
			HOG appointment in practice	v2expathhg	
			HOS selection by legislature in practice	v2exaphos	
			HOG selection by legislature in practice	v2exaphogp	
			HOS appoints cabinet in practice	v2exdfcbhs	
			HOG appoints cabinet in practice	v2exdjcbhg	
			HOS dismisses ministers in practice	v2exdfdmhs	
			HOG dismisses ministers in practice	v2exdfdshg	
			HOS = HOG?	v2exhoshog	
			Chief executive appointment by upper chamber	v2exapup	
			Chief executive appointment by upper chamber implicit approval	v2exapupap	
			HOS = HOG?	v2exhoshog	
			Chief executive appointment by upper chamber	v2exapup	
			Chief executive appointment by upper chamber implicit approval	v2exapupap	

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<i>Liberal democracy index</i>				v2x_libdem	
			Electoral democracy index	v2x_polyarchy	
			Liberal component index	v2x_liberal	
			Equality before the law and individual liberty index	v2xcl_rol	
			Rigorous and impartial public administration	v2clrspct	0.497
			Transparent laws with predictable enforcement	v2cltrnslw	0.370
			Access to justice for men	v2clacjstm	0.247
			Access to justice for women	v2clacjstw	0.247
			Property rights for men	v2clprptym	0.452
			Property rights for women	v2clprptyw	0.452
			Freedom from torture	v2cltort	0.389
			Freedom from political killings	v2clkill	0.423
			Freedom from forced labor for men	v2clslavem	0.511
			Freedom from forced labor for women	v2clslavew	0.511
			Freedom of religion	v2clrelig	0.543
			Freedom of foreign movement	v2clfmov	0.413
			Freedom of domestic movement for men	v2cldmovm	0.406
			Freedom of domestic movement for women	v2cldmovw	0.406
			Judicial constraints on the executive index	v2x_jucon	
			Executive respects constitution	v2exrescon	0.572
			Compliance with judiciary	v2jucomp	0.321
			Compliance with high court	v2juhccomp	0.349
			High court independence	v2juhcind	0.382
			Lower court independence	v2juncind	0.404
			Legislative constraints on the executive index	v2xlg_legcon	
			Legislature questions officials in practice	v2lgqstexp	0.502
			Executive oversight	v2lgotovst	0.346
			Legislature investigates in practice	v2lginvstp	0.243
			Legislature opposition parties	v2lgoppart	0.385
<i>Participatory democracy index</i>				v2x_partipdem	
			Electoral democracy index	v2x_polyarchy	
			Participatory component index	v2x_partip	
			Civil society participation index	v2x_cspart	
			Candidate selection, National/local	v2pscnslnl	0.799
			CSO consultation	v2cscnsult	0.389
			CSO participatory environment	v2csprtpt	0.396
			CSO womens participation	v2csgender	0.625
			Direct popular vote index	v2xdd_dd	
			Initiatives permitted	v2ddlexci	
			Initiatives signatures %	v2ddsigpci	
			Initiatives signature-gathering time limit	v2ddsiglci	
			Initiatives signature-gathering period	v2ddsigdci	
			Initiatives participation threshold	v2ddpartci	
			Initiatives approval threshold	v2ddapprci	
			Initiatives administrative threshold	v2ddadmci	
			Initiatives super majority	v2ddspmc	
			Occurrence of citizen-initiative this year	v2ddyrci	
			Referendums permitted	v2ddlexrf	
			Referendums signatures %	v2ddsigprf	
			Referendums signature-gathering period	v2ddsigrf	
			Referendums participation threshold	v2ddpartrf	
			Referendums approval threshold	v2ddapprf	
			Referendums super majority	v2ddspmr	
			Referendums administrative threshold	v2ddadmrf	
			Occurrence of referendum this year	v2ddyrrf	

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			Plebiscite permitted	v2ddlexpl	
			Plebiscite participation threshold	v2ddpartpl	
			Plebiscite approval threshold	v2ddapprpl	
			Plebiscite super majority	v2ddspmpl	
			Plebiscite administrative threshold	v2ddadmpl	
			Occurrence of plebiscite this year	v2ddyprpl	
			Constitutional changes popular vote	v2ddlexor	
			Obligatory referendum participation threshold	v2ddpartor	
			Obligatory referendum approval threshold	v2ddappor	
			Obligatory referendum super majority	v2ddspmor	
			Obligatory referendum administrative threshold	v2ddadmor	
			Occurrence of obligatory referendum this year	v2ddyror	
			Obligatory referendum credible threat	v2ddthreor	
			Popular referencum credible threat	v2ddthrefr	
			Plebiscite credible threat	v2ddthrepl	
		Local government index		v2xel_locelec	
			Local government elected	v2ellocelc	
			Local offices relative power	v2ellocpwr	
			Local government exists	v2ellocgov	
		Regional government index		v2xel_regelec	
			Regional government elected	v2elsgel	
			Regional offices relative power	v2elrgpwr	
			Regional government exists	v2elreggov	
<i>Deliberative democracy index</i>					
		Electoral democracy index		v2x_polyarchy	
		Deliberative component index		v2xdl_delib	
			Reasoned justification	v2dlreason	0.333
			Common good	v2dlcommon	0.586
			Respect counterarguments	v2dlcountr	0.335
			Range of consultation	v2dlconstl	0.252
			Engaged society	v2dlengage	0.235
<i>Egalitarian democracy index</i>					
		Electoral democracy index		v2x_polyarchy	
		Egalitarian component index		v2x_egal	
		Equal protection index		v2xeg_eqprotec	
			Social class equality in respect for civil liberties	v2clacjust	0.216
			Social group equality in respect for civil liberties	v2clsocgrp	0.538
			Weaker civil liberties population	v2clsnlpct	0.865
		Equal access index		v2eg_eqaccess	
			Power distributed by gender	v2pepwrngen	0.510
			Power distributed by socioeconomic position	v2pepwrses	0.460
			Power distributed by social group	v2pepwrsoc	0.459
		Equal distribution of resources index		v2xeg_eqdr	
			Means-tested vs. universalistic policy	v2dlunivl	0.668
			Particularistic or Public good	v2dlencmps	0.642
			Educational equality	v2peedueq	0.248
			Health equality	v2pehealth	0.186

*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>			v2x_regime	
		Elections multiparty	v2elmulpar_osp	
		Executive elections multiparty	v2elmulpar_osp_ex	
		Legislative elections multiparty	v2elmulpar_osp_leg	
		Election free and fair	v2elfrfair_osp	
		Legislative election free and fair	v2elfrfair_osp_leg	
		Executive election free and fair	v2elfrfair_osp_ex	
		HOS appointed by legislature	v2ex_legconhos	
		Relative power of the HOS	v2ex_hosw	
		Access to justice for men	v2clacjstm_osp	
		Access to justice for women	v2clacjstw_osp	
		Transparent laws with predictable enforcement	v2cltrnslw_osp	
	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>			v2x_accountability	
	Vertical accountability index		vv2x_veracc	
		Electoral regime index	v2x_elecreg	
		HOS appointed by legislature	v2ex_legconhos	
		Relative power of the HOS	v2ex_hosw	
		EMB autonomy	v2elembaut	
		EMB capacity	v2elembcap	
		Election voter registry	v2elrgstry	
		Election other voting irregularities	v2elirreg	
		Election government intimidation	v2elintim	
		Elections multiparty	v2elmulpar	
		Election free and fair	v2elfrfair	
		Percentage of population with suffrage	v2elsuffrage	
		HOS appointment in practice	v2expathhs	
		HOG appointment in practice	v2expathhg	
		HOG selection by legislature in practice	v2exaphogp	
		Party ban	v2psparban	
		Barriers to parties	v2psbars	
		Opposition parties autonomy	v2psoppaut	
	Diagonal accountability index		v2x_diagacc	
		Government censorship effort — Media	v2mecenefm	
		Internet censorship effort	v2mecenefi	
		Harassment of journalists	v2meharjrn	
		Print/broadcast media critical	v2mecrit	
		Media bias	v2mebias	
		Print/broadcast media perspectives	v2merange	
		Media self-censorship	v2meslfcen	
		CSO participatory environment	v2csprtcpt	
		CSO entry and exit	v2cseeorgs	
		CSO repression	v2csreprss	
		Freedom of discussion for men	v2cldiscm	
		Freedom of discussion for women	v2cldiscw	
		Freedom of academic and cultural expression	v2clacfree	
		Engaged society	v2dlengage	
	Horizontal accountability index		v2x_horacc	
		High court independence	v2juhcind	
		Lower court independence	v2juncind	
		Compliance with high court	v2juhcomp	
		Compliance with judiciary	v2jucomp	
		Executive respects constitution	v2exrescon	
		Executive oversight	v2lgotovst	
		Legislature investigates in practice	v2lginvstp	
		Legislature bicameral	v2lgbicam	

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<i>Confidence dimension index</i>			v2x_ex_confidence	
		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	
		HOS = HOG	v2exhoshog	
		Relative power of the HOS	v2ex_hosw	
<i>Direct election dimension index</i>			v2x_ex_direlect	
		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	
		HOS = HOG	v2exhoshog	
		Relative power of the HOS	v2ex_hosw	
<i>Hereditary dimension index</i>			v2x_ex_hereditary	
		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	
		HOS = HOG	v2exhoshog	
		Relative power of the HOS	v2ex_hosw	
<i>Military dimension index</i>			v2x_ex_military	
		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	
		HOS = HOG	v2exhoshog	
		Relative power of the HOS	v2ex_hosw	

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<i>Ruling party dimension index</i>			v2x_ex_party	
		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	
		HOS = HOG	v2exhoshog	
		Relative power of the HOS	v2ex_hosw	
<i>Neopatrimonial rule index</i>			v2x_neopat	
	Clientelism index		e_v2xnp_client	
		Election vote buying	v2elvotbuy	
		Particularistic or public goods	v2dlencmps	
		Party linkages	v2psprlnks	
	Presidentialism index		e_v2xnp_pres	
		Executive respects constitution	v2exrescon	
		Executive oversight	v2lgotovst	
		Legislature controls resources	v2lgfunds	
		Legislature investigates in practice	v2lginvstp	
		High court independence	v2juhcind	
		Lower court independence	v2juncind	
		Compliance with high court	v2juhccomp	
		Compliance with judiciary	v2jucomp	
		EMB autonomy	v2elembaut	
	Regime corruption index		e_v2xnp_regcorr	
		Executive embezzlement and theft	v2exembez	
		Executive bribery and corrupt exchanges	v2exbribe	
		Legislature corrupt activities	v2lgcrrpt	
		Judicial corruption decision	v2jucorrdc	
<i>Civil liberties index</i>			v2x_civlib	
	Physical violence index		v2x_clphy	
		Freedom from political killings	v2clkill	
		Freedom from torture	v2cltort	
	Political civil liberties index		v2x_clpol	
		Government censorship effort — Media	v2mecenefm	0.329
		Harassment of journalists	v2meharjrn	0.383
		Media self-censorship	v2meslfcen	0.396
		Freedom of discussion for men	v2cldiscm	0.236
		Freedom of discussion for women	v2cldiscw	0.236
		Party ban	v2psparban	0.510
		Barriers to parties	v2psbars	0.423
		Opposition parties autonomy	v2psoppaut	0.431
		CSO entry and exit	v2cseeorgs	0.298
		CSO repression	v2csreprss	0.317
	Private civil liberties index		v2x_clpriv	
		Freedom from forced labor for men	v2clslavem	0.472
		Freedom from forced labor for women	v2clslavef	0.472
		Property rights for men	v2clprptym	0.375
		Property rights for women	v2clprptyw	0.375
		Freedom of foreign movement	v2clfmov	0.361
		Freedom of domestic movement for men	v2cldmovm	0.271
		Freedom of domestic movement for women	v2cldmovw	0.271
		Freedom of religion	v2clrelig	0.478
		Religious organization repression	v2csrlgref	0.496

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<i>Exclusion by Socio-Economic Group</i>				
		Power distributed by socio-economic position	v2xpe_exlecon 2pepwrses	0.599
		Social class equality in respect for civil liberties	v2clacjust	0.458
		Access to public services distributed by socio-economic position	v2peapsecon	0.344
		Access to state jobs by socio-economic position	v2peasjsoecon	0.311
		Access to state business opportunities by socio-economic position	v2peasbecon	0.350
<i>Exclusion by Gender index</i>				
		Power distributed by gender	v2xpe_exlgender v2pepwrngen	0.417
		Gender equality in respect for civil liberties	v2clgencl	0.342
		Access to public services distributed by gender	v2peapsgen	0.391
		Access to state jobs by gender	v2peasjgen	0.246
		Access to state business opportunities by gender	v2peasbgen	0.258
<i>Exclusion by Urban-Rural Location index</i>				
		Power distributed by urban-rural location	v2xpe_exlgeo v2pepwrgeo	0.588
		Urban-rural location equality in respect for civil liberties	v2clgeocl	0.405
		Access to public services distributed by urban-rural location	v2peapsgeo	0.371
		Access to state jobs by urban-rural location	v2peasjgeo	0.307
		Access to state business opportunities by urban-rural location	v2peasbegeo	0.329
<i>Exclusion by Political Group index</i>				
		Political group equality in respect for civil liberties	v2xpe_exlpol v2clpolcl	0.501
		Access to public services distributed by political group	v2peapspol	0.486
		Access to state jobs by political group	v2peasjpol	0.261
		Access to state business opportunities by political group	v2peasbepol	0.394
<i>Exclusion by Social Group index</i>				
		Power distributed by social group	v2xpe_exlsocgr v2pepwrsoc	0.492
		Social group equality in respect for civil liberties	v2clsocgrp	0.517
		Access to public services distributed by social group	v2peapssoc	0.432
		Access to state jobs by social group	v2peasjsoc	0.316
		Access to state business opportunities by social group	v2peasbsoc	0.338
<i>Political corruption index</i>				
		Legislature corrupt activities	v2x_corr v2lgcrrpt	
		Judicial corruption decision	v2jucorrdc	
	Executive corruption index	Executive bribery and corrupt exchanges	v2x_execorr v2exbribe	
		Executive embezzlement and theft	v2exembez	
	Public sector corruption index	Public sector corrupt exchanges	v2x_pubcorr v2excrptps	
		Public sector theft	v2exthtps	

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<i>Women political empowerment index</i>				
	Women civil liberties index		v2x_gender	
		Freedom of domestic movement for women	v2cldmovew	0.426
		Freedom from forced labor for women	v2clslavf	0.484
		Property rights for women	v2clprptyw	0.414
		Access to justice for women	v2clacjstw	0.372
	Women civil society participation index		v2x_gencs	
		Freedom of discussion for women	v2cldiscw	0.617
		CSO womens participation	v2csgender	0.207
		Percent (%) female journalists	v2mefemjrn	0.529
	Women political participation index		v2x_genpp	
		Power distributed by gender	v2pepwrgen	
		Lower chamber female legislators	v2lgfemleg	
<i>Rule of law index</i>				
		Compliance with high court	v2juhccomp	0.516
		Compliance with judiciary	v2jucomp	0.450
		High court independence	v2juhcind	0.547
		Lower court independence	v2juncind	0.623
		Executive respects constitution	v2exrescon	0.473
		Rigorous and impartial public administration	v2clrspct	0.383
		Transparent laws with predictable enforcement	v2cltrnslw	0.454
		Judicial accountability	v2juacct	0.652
		Judicial corruption decision	v2jucorrdc	0.527
		Public sector corrupt exchanges	v2excrptps	0.425
		Public sector theft	v2exthftps	0.426
		Executive bribery and corrupt exchanges	v2exbribe	0.509
		Executive embezzlement and theft	v2exembez	0.406
		Access to justice for men	v2clacjstm	0.493
		Access to justice for women	v2clacjstw	0.493
<i>Plebiscite index</i>				
		Plebiscite permitted	v2xdd_i_pl	
		Plebiscite participation threshold	v2ddlexpl	
		Plebiscite approval threshold	v2ddpartpl	
		Plebiscite super majority	v2ddapprpl	
		Plebiscite administrative threshold	v2ddspmpl	
		Plebiscite administrative threshold	v2ddadmpl	
		Occurrence of plebiscite this year	v2ddyrrpl	
		Plebiscite credible threat	v2ddthrepl	
<i>Citizen-initiated component of direct popular vote index</i>				
	Popular initiative index		v2xdd_cic	
	Popular referendum index		v2xdd_i_pi	
			v2xdd_i_rf	
<i>Obligatory referendum index</i>				
		Enforcement of Constitutional changes through popular vote	v2xdd_i_or	
		Obligatory referendum participation threshold	v2ddlexor	
		Obligatory referendum approval threshold	v2ddpartor	
		Obligatory referendum super majority	v2ddappor	
		Obligatory referendum administrative threshold	v2ddspmor	
		Obligatory referendum administrative threshold	v2ddadmor	
		Obligatory referendum credible threat	v2ddthreor	
<i>Popular initiative index</i>				
		Initiatives permitted	v2xdd_i_pi	
		Initiatives signatures %	v2ddlexci	
		Initiatives signature-gathering time limit	v2ddsigpci	
		Initiatives signature-gathering period	v2ddsigci	
		Initiatives participation threshold	v2ddpartci	
		Initiatives approval threshold	v2ddapprci	

Democracy Indices Created Using V-Dem Data Name	Lower-Level Democracy and Governance Index Name	Indicator Name	Tag	Uniqueness Score*
		Initiatives super majority	v2ddspmci	
		Initiatives administrative threshold	v2ddadmci	
		Occurrence of citizen-initiative this year	v2ddyrci	
		Popular initiative credible threat	v2ddthreci	
<i>Popular referendum index</i>			v2xdd_i_rf	
		Referendums permitted	v2ddllexrf	
		Referendums signatures %	v2ddsigrpf	
		Referendums signature-gathering period	v2ddsigrdf	
		Referendums participation threshold	v2ddpartrf	
		Referendums approval threshold	v2ddapprrf	
		Referendums super majority	v2ddspmrf	
		Referendums administrative threshold	v2ddadmrf	
		Occurrence of referendum this year	v2ddyrrf	
		Popular referendum credible threat	v2ddthrerf	
<i>Top-Down component of direct popular vote index</i>			v2xdd_toc	
		Plebiscite index	v2xdd_i_pl	
		Obligatory referendum index	v2xdd_i_or	
<i>Core civil society index</i>			v2xcs_ccsi	
		CSO participatory environment	v2csprtcpt	0.470
		CSO entry and exit	v2cseeorgs	0.201
		CSO repression	v2csreprss	0.308
<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	
		HOS = HOG?	v2exhoshog	
		HOG appointment in practice	v2expathhg	
		HOS appointment in practice	v2expathhs	
		Presidential election	v2xel_elecpres	
		Legislative or constituent assembly election aborted	v2x_legabort	
		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	
		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	
		HOS = HOG?	v2exhoshog	
		HOG appointment in practice	v2expathhg	
		HOS appointment in practice	v2expathhs	
		Presidential election	v2xel_elecpres	

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<i>Legislative electoral regime index</i>				
		Legislative or constituent assembly election	v2xlg_elecparl	
		Election type	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>				
		Freedom of association index (thick)	v2x_EDcomp_thick	
		Party ban	v2x_frassoc_thick	
		Barriers to parties	v2psparban	0.383
		Opposition parties autonomy	v2psbars	0.273
		Elections multiparty	v2psoppaut	0.023
		CSO entry and exit	v2elmulpar	0.043
		CSO repression	v2cseeorgs	0.370
			v2csreprss	0.413
<i>Legislature directly elected</i>				
		Lower chamber directly elected	v2xex_elecleg	
		Upper chamber directly elected	v2lrello	
		Percentage of indirectly elected legislators lower chamber	v2lgelecup	
		Percentage of indirectly elected legislators upper chamber	v2lginello	
		Chief executive appointment by upper chamber	v2lginelup	
		Chief executive appointment by upper chamber implicit approval	v2exapup	
			v2exapupap	
<i>Freedom of expression index</i>				
		Government censorship effort — Media	v2x_freexp	
		Harassment of journalists	v2mecenefm	0.302
		Media self-censorship	v2meharjrn	0.357
		Freedom of discussion for men	v2meslfcen	0.380
		Freedom of discussion for women	v2cldiscm	0.232
		Freedom of academic and cultural expression	v2cldiscw	0.232
			v2clacfree	0.305
<i>Alternative sources of information index</i>				
		Media bias	v2xme_altinf	
		Print/broadcast media critical	v2mebias	0.275
		Print/broadcast media perspectives	v2mecrit	0.257
			v2merange	0.247
<i>Freedom of discussion</i>				
		Freedom of discussion for men	v2xcl_disc	
		Freedom of discussion for women	v2cldiscm	
			v2cldiscw	
<i>Access to justice</i>				
		Access to justice for men	v2xcl_acjst	
		Access to justice for women	v2clacjstm	
			v2clacjstw	
<i>Property rights</i>				
		Property rights for men	v2xcl_prpty	
		Property rights for women	v2clprptym	
			v2clprptyw	
<i>Freedom from forced labor</i>				
		Freedom from forced labor for men	v2xcl_slave	
		Freedom from forced labor for women	v2clslavem	
			v2clslavef	

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		<i>Freedom of domestic movement</i>		
		Freedom of domestic movement for men	v2xcl_slave v2cldmovem	
		Freedom of domestic movement for women	v2cldmovew	
		<i>Party institutionalization index</i>		
		Party organizations	v2xps_party v2psorgs	
		Party branches	v2psprbrch	
		Party linkages	v2psprlnks	
		Distinct party platforms	v2psplats	
		Legislative party cohesion	v2pscohesv	
		<i>Divided party control of legislature index</i>		
		National party control	v2x_divparctrl v2psnatpar	
		National party control ordinal version	v2psnatpar_ord	
		<i>Division of power index</i>		
		Local government exists	v2x_feduni v2ellocgov	
		Regional government exists	v2elreggov	
		Local government elected	v2ellocelc	
		Regional government elected	v2elsrgel	
		Local offices relative power	v2ellocpwr	
		Regional offices relative power	v2elrgpwr	
		<i>Academic Freedom Index</i>		
		Freedom to research and teach	v2xca_academ v2cafres	0.265
		Freedom of academic exchange and dissemination	v2cafexch	0.269
		Institutional autonomy	v2cainsaut	0.421
		Campus integrity	v2casurv	0.377
		Freedom of academic and cultural expression	v2clacfree	0.431

*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.