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1 Notes

This document lists (a) every country in the envisioned V-Dem database, (b) the numeric country code assigned to each coded country (in parentheses following the country name), (c) the identities of each polity that comprises a country’s history; (d) the year coverage for which we have collected data or plan to collect data; and (e) the borders of each country, wherever this might be unclear.

Many dates are approximate due to the inconclusive nature of country histories. Note that changes in sovereignty often occur by stages, and marking these stages with specific dates can be challenging.

Coding periods do not include the “start year” of a coding gap but do include the “end year” of a coding gap. For example, Germany is coded 1789–1945 and 1949–2023, which means that the years 1945, 1946, 1947, and 1948 are not coded.

The assignment of country codes, and hence of a continuous “country” in the V-Dem dataset, is somewhat arbitrary. For example, we treat Russia and the Soviet Union as the same entity, even though the geographic shape and population of that entity changes. However, since we list the polities that comprise a continuous country over time, we believe that it should be clear to users (and more importantly to our coders) what the specific geographic boundaries of that unit entail at any point in time. Furthermore, users may also disaggregate these entities following the dates provided in each entry.

1.1 “Country”

A V-Dem country is a political unit enjoying at least some degree of functional and/or formal sovereignty.

Generally, wherever countries are formally sovereign (in international law) they are treated as countries in V-Dem. However, the recognized sovereignty of a country in international law is sometimes more extensive than the definition of a country in V-Dem. For example, China claims formal sovereignty over Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan (according to the PRC), while we regard these entities as separate countries because they enjoy a good deal of autonomy and their polities work differently than the PRC’s.

It is important to note that judgments concerning which territories that qualify as countries should not be interpreted as judgments about sovereign claims to disputed territories. V-Dem does not take a position on whether Taiwan is part of China, whether the Western Sahara belongs to Morocco, or whether Somaliland should be recognized as an independent state. Our decisions are based on criteria specific to this project, as explained herein.

In determining V-Dem countries, the following criteria are considered:

- Formal (legal) sovereignty, or at least claims to sovereignty (*e.g.*, present-day Somaliland, Hungary within the Austro-Hungarian Empire).
- Continuity with a contemporary nation-state.
- Defined borders (even if imprecise or under dispute).
- A capital, *e.g.*, a single locus of claimed sovereignty.
- A person or body that exercises executive powers — *e.g.*, a head of state and/or head of government.
- Self-rule, at least with respect to domestic affairs.
- A distinct governing style and/or quality of democracy relative to surrounding territories.
- A distinct constitution from the surrounding territories or the wider polity the country might be subservient to.

- Lacking (equal) representation at the central level of the wider polity it might be subservient to.

This means that fully sovereign nation-states as well as colonies and protectorates and semi-autonomous administrative districts may qualify as V-Dem countries if they are an "effective governance unit." Indeed, most overseas holdings of an empire are considered as countries prior to independence. It would make no sense to arrive at a single coding for the entire British Empire since there was enormous variation in governance styles across these territories — not to mention between the metropole and its colonies. That said, anyone wishing to ascertain a single score for the British Empire (or portions thereof) along some dimension of democracy may arrive at such a score by aggregating the scores of component entities. V-Dem countries are modular.

That said, anyone wishing to ascertain a single score for the British Empire (or portions thereof) along some dimension of democracy may arrive at such a score by aggregating the scores of component entities. Along the same lines, anyone wishing to assign a single score for a unit comprising Israel, the West Bank and Gaza, which under our rules are coded as separate entities, may aggregate the separate scores for the three of them (perhaps weighted by population). V-Dem countries are modular, and one of our key principles is disaggregation. If we had attempted to code the entire British empire, or Israel including the West Bank and Gaza, as single units, useful variation would have been lost; by instead coding the smaller units separately, we retain this variation while allowing interested users to aggregate their scores as they see fit.

By the same token, some contiguous empires were administered in a fairly centralized fashion. Thus, the Dutch East Indies, Ruanda-Urundi, the Russian Empire, and the USSR are coded as single countries. Countries that were once part of these empires are not considered countries until their independence. Thus, Kazakhstan is understood as part of the Russian Empire (1900–1917) and then as part of the Soviet system (1917–1990). It is coded independently only from 1990. (This on-set date is chosen under the assumption that Kazakhstan was beginning to enjoy some degree of autonomy prior to full independence in 1991.) A continuous time-series measuring various aspects of democracy in Kazakhstan across the 20th century may be generated by concatenating these scores — for the Russian Empire (1900–1917), for Soviet Russia (1917–1990), and for independent Kazakhstan (1990–).

We generally code regions of an empire separately if they are governed differently from the rest of the empire or federation. Thus, Yemen is coded as a separate country from the Ottoman Empire from 1918 and onwards (though not from 1850–1918 where there was more direct rule, and Yemen is included under the "Türkiye coding") and Egypt is coded independently (as a "country") throughout the Ottoman period. Ottoman holdings in Europe and Anatolia, in contrast, are not coded independently, but included under "Türkiye". This judgment hinges on the extent to which a given territory is thought to fulfill the requirements of an "effective governance unit," as described above.

Note that the coding of a country begins at a point in time when it is judged to have become an effective governance unit or has gained international recognition — whichever comes first. Separation from a larger unit (*e.g.*, an empire) may result in a small temporal overlap between the end of one unit and the beginning of another. Thus, former Soviet republics are coded from 1990 even though the USSR endures formally until 1991.

As a general rule, territories occupied during wartime are not included in the coding for any country unit; neither for the occupied, nor for the occupying country. Thus, for example, areas conquered and occupied by Germany during (and in the years leading up to) WWI and WWII are not included in the country unit for Germany. Also, the Crimea or other occupied territories of Ukraine are not included in the coding unit for Russia or Ukraine post-2014, nor are Area C or areas of the West Bank and Gaza occupied by Israel during war-time included in the country unit for Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza. Any exceptions to this rule will be specified in the country-history specifications or notes for the individual country units.

Where present-day countries were formerly joined as part of a larger unit we sometimes ask country experts for both countries to code the previous entity. This occurs for the following units: Rwanda-

Urundi (1916–1962; Rwanda, Burundi), Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland/Central African Federation (1953–1963; Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe). This means that we have twice the normal complement of coders for these units. (Of course, not all of them may be able to code these historical entities, so this may not result in a large number of completed surveys.) This practice is not, however, followed for pre-1900 coding, where, for example, only the Guatemalan coder was assigned the task of coding the United Provinces of Central America (1823–1838).

2 Africa

2.1 Central Africa

2.1.1 Cameroon (108)

Coded: 1961–

History: German colony of Kamerun (1900–1919); Cameroon under dual League of Nations mandates [under France and Britain] (1919–1946); Cameroon [converted to UN trusteeships] (1946–1960); Republic of Cameroon [French portion] [independent state] (1960); Republic of Cameroon and British Cameroon (1960–1961); Federal Republic of Cameroon [independent state] [Republic of Cameroon merged with southern part of British Cameroons] (1961); Republic of Cameroon (1961–1972); United Republic of Cameroon (1972–1984); Republic of Cameroon (1984–).

2.1.2 Central African Republic (71)

Coded: 1920–

History: Oubangui-Chari established as French administration [also known as Ubangi-Shari] (1903); Oubangui-Chari as part of the French Congo (1903–1906); Oubangui-Chari merged with Chad (1906); Oubangui-Chari as part of the French Congo (1906–1910); Oubangi-Chari-Tchad as part of the French Equatorial Africa [successor of French Congo] (1910–1911); Oubangi-Chari-Tchad [part of French Equatorial Africa] under German occupation in its western part (1911–1914); Oubangi-Chari-Tchad [part of French Equatorial Africa] [reoccupied by France] (1914–1920); Oubangi-Chari [autonomous unit, separated from Tchad] (1920); Oubangi-Chari [part of French Equatorial Africa] (1920–1946); Oubangi-Chari [overseas territory of the French Union] (1946–1958); Central African Republic [self-rule within the French Community] (1958–1960); Central African Republic [independent state] (1960–1976); Central African Empire (1976–1979); Central African Republic (1979–).

2.1.3 Chad (109)

Coded: 1920–

History: Territoire Militaire des Pays et Protectorats du Tchad (1900–1910); Oubangi-Chari-Tchad [Territoire Militaire des Pays et Protectorats du Tchad joins French Equatorial Africa] (1910–1914); Oubangi-Chari-Tchad [territory's pacification of present-day state complete] (1914); Oubangi-Chari-Tchad [part of French Equatorial Africa] (1914–1920); Tchad [part of French Equatorial Africa] (1920–1946); Tchad [overseas territory of France] (1946–1958); Chad as a member of the Union of Central African Republics [self-rule within the French Community] (1958–1960); Republic of Chad [independent state] (1960–).

2.1.4 Democratic Republic of the Congo (111)

Coded: 1900–

History: Congo Free State [property of King Leopold of Belgium] (1900–1908); Belgian colony of Belgian Congo (1908–1960); Republic of Congo [independent state] [also known as Congo-Leopoldville] (1960–1965); Democratic Republic of Congo (1965–1971); Republic of Zaire (1971–1997); Democratic Republic of the Congo (1997–).

2.1.5 Equatorial Guinea (160)

Coded: 1900–

History: Colony of Rio Muni, Colony of Elobey, Annobon and Corisco, and Island of Bioko [autonomous from one another] [under Spanish rule] (1900–1926); Colony of Spanish Guinea (1926–1959); Provinces of the Spanish Equatorial Region (1959–1963); Equatorial Guinea [autonomous community] (1963–1968); Republic of Equatorial Guinea [independent state] (1968–).

2.1.6 Gabon (116)

Coded: 1910–

History: Gabon under French sphere of influence (1900–1910); Gabon as part of the French Equatorial Africa (1910–1958); Gabon as a member of the Union of Central African Republics (1958–1960); Gabonese Republic [independent state] (1960–).

2.1.7 Republic of the Congo (112)

Coded: 1903–

History: Middle Congo (1903–1910); Middle Congo (1903–1910); Middle Congo as part of the French Equatorial Africa (1910–1934); Middle Congo under direct administration of the governor-general of French Equatorial Africa (1934); Middle Congo as part of the French Equatorial Africa (1934–1958); Middle Congo as a member of the newly formed Union of Central African Republics (1958–1958); Congo Republic as a member of the newly formed Union of Central African Republics (1958–1960); Congo Republic [independent state] (1960); Congo Republic (1960–1970); People’s Republic of the Congo (1970–1991); Republic of the Congo (also known as Congo-Brazzaville) (1991–).

2.1.8 Sao Tome and Principe (196)

Coded: 1900–

History: Portuguese colony (1900–1975); Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe [independent state] (1975–).

2.2 East/Horn of Africa

2.2.1 Burundi (69)

Coded: 1916–

History: Part of German East Africa (1900–1916); Ruandi-Urundi (1916–1962); Republic of Burundi [independent state] (1962–).

Note: During the Ruandi-Urundi period (1916–1961), this refers to the entire territory, not only the present-day boundaries of Burundi.

2.2.2 Comoros (153)

Coded: 1900–1914; 1946–

History: French Protectorate of the Comoros (1900–1912); Mayotte and Dependencies (1912–1914); Comoros subordinated to Madagascar (1914–1946); Comoros as a French overseas territory (1946–1975); Union of the Comoros [independent state] (1975–).

2.2.3 Djibouti (113)

Coded: 1900–

History: French colony of French Somaliland (1900–1967); Territoire Francais des Afars et des Issas (1967–1977); Republic of Djibouti [independent state], (1977–).

2.2.4 Eritrea (115)

Coded: 1900–

History: Italian colony (1900–1936); Eritrea as a province of Italian East Africa (1936–1941); Eritrea under British occupation [administered under the terms of a UN mandate] (1941–1951); Federation of Ethiopia and Eritrea (1952–1962); Eritrea as a territory within Ethiopia (1962–1993); State of Eritrea [independent state] (1993–).

Note: Coded as a separate unit, even during periods of rule by Italy and Ethiopia.

2.2.5 Ethiopia (38)

Coded: 1789–

History: Empire of Ethiopia (1789–1936); Empire of Ethiopia under Italian occupation (1936–1941); Empire of Ethiopia (1941–1974); Socialist Ethiopia (1974–1991); Socialist Ethiopia [transition phase] (1991–1995); Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (1995–).

Note: Does not include Harar (1875–1884). Includes Shewa (1889–1920); Eritrea (1952–1993).

2.2.6 Kenya (40)

Coded: 1900–

History: East Africa Protectorate (1900–1920); British colony of Kenya (1920–1963); Republic of Kenya [independent state] (1963–).

2.2.7 Malawi (87)

Coded: 1900–

History: British colony of Nyasaland (1900–1953); Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland/Central African Federation [consolidated with Rhodesia (North and South)] (1953–1963); British colony of Nyasaland (1963–1964); Republic of Malawi [independent state] (1964–).

Note: During the period of the Federation (1953–1963) the Federation as a whole is coded, not just the Nyasaland portion of the Federation.

2.2.8 Mauritius (180)

Coded: 1900–

History: Mauritius as a British colony (1900–1968); Republic of Mauritius [independent state] (1968–).

2.2.9 Rwanda (129)

Coded: 1916–

History: Part of German East Africa (1900–1916); Ruanda-Urundi (1916–1962); Republic of Rwanda [independent state] (1962–).

Note: During the Ruandi-Urundi period, the coding unit includes the entire territory, not simply the present-day boundaries of Rwanda.

2.2.10 Seychelles (199)

Coded: 1903–

History: Seychelles as a British crown colony (1903–1976); Republic of the Seychelles [independent state within the Commonwealth] (1976–).

2.2.11 Somalia (130)

Coded: 1900–

History: Somalia under formal Italian control over most of the territory [except British Somaliland] (1900–1910); Somalia under effective (more or less) Italian control (1910–1941); Somalia under British occupation (1941–1950); UN Trust Territory of Somalia under Italian administration (1950–1960); Somali Republic [unites Somaliland with the Trust Territory of Somalia] (1960–1969); Somali Democratic Republic (1969–1991); Somali Democratic Republic [civil war] (1991–2004); Transitional Federal Government [civil war] (2004–2012); Federal Government of Somalia [civil war] (2012–).

Note: Includes Puntland but not Somaliland from 1900–1960 and 1991–.

2.2.12 Somaliland (139)

Coded: 1900–1960, 1991–

History: Somaliland under British protectorate (1900–1940); Somaliland under Italian occupation (1940–1941); Somaliland under British protectorate (1941–1960); State of Somaliland [independent state for less than a week] (1960); part of Somali Republic (1960–1969); part of Somali Democratic Republic (1969–1991); Republic of Somaliland [independent state] (1991–).

2.2.13 South Sudan (32)

Coded: 2011–

History: Sudan (1900–2011); Republic of South Sudan [independent state] (2011–).

2.2.14 Sudan (33)

Coded: 1900–

History: British colony under auspices of Anglo-Egyptian condominium (1900–1956); Republic of the Sudan [independent state] (1956–).

Note: Excludes South Sudan from the date of its independence (2011).

2.2.15 Tanzania (47)

Coded: 1914–

History: Part of German East Africa (1900–1914); Tanganyika and Zanzibar [governed separately] under British League of Nations mandate (1914–1961); Tanganyika [independent state] and Zanzibar under British League of Nations mandate (1961–1964); Tanzania [Zanzibar joins Tanganyika][independent state] (1964–).

Note: Includes Tanganyika (1914–1963) and mainland Tanzania (1964–), not Zanzibar/Pemba.

2.2.16 Uganda (50)

Coded: 1900–

History: Uganda as a British protectorate (1900–1914); Uganda as a British protectorate [final shape achieved] (1914); Uganda as a British protectorate (1914–1962); Republic of Uganda [independent state within the Commonwealth] (1962–).

2.2.17 Zanzibar (236)

Coded: 1856–

History: Sultanate of Zanzibar [independent] (1856–1885); Sultanate of Zanzibar under German protectorate (1885–1890); Sultanate of Zanzibar under British protectorate (1890–1963); Sultanate of Zanzibar [independent] (1963–1964); People’s Republic of Zanzibar and Pemba (1964); People’s Republic of Zanzibar and Pemba [joins Tanganyika to form Tanzania as a semi-autonomous region] (1964).

Note: Coded separately from mainland Tanzania from 1964 to the present. Includes coastal area of Kenya and Tanzania (1856–1895).

2.3 Southern Africa

2.3.1 Angola (104)

Coded: 1900–

History: Portuguese Angola [colony, borders fixed and administration extended into the hinterland] (1900–1951); Overseas Province of Angola (1951–1975); Republic of Angola [independent state] (1975–).

2.3.2 Botswana (68)

Coded: 1900–

History: Bechuanaland Protectorate (1900–1966); Republic of Botswana [independent state] (1966–).

2.3.3 Lesotho (85)

Coded: 1900–

History: British Protectorate of Basutoland (1900–1966); Kingdom of Lesotho [independent state] (1966–).

2.3.4 Madagascar (125)

Coded: 1817–

History: Kingdom of Imerina (1817–1896); Kingdom of Imerina under French Protectorate (1896–1897); French colony of Madagascar (1897–1958); Malagasy Republic [self-rule within the French Community] (1958–1960); Republic of Madagascar [independent state] (1960–).

2.3.5 Namibia (127)

Coded: 1900–

History: German Southwest Africa (1900–1915); Southwest Africa as a South African colony (1915–1989); Republic of Namibia [independent state] (1990–).countryunit/countryunit.tex

2.3.6 Mozambique (57)

Coded: 1900–

History: Portuguese colony (1900–1975); Independent state (1975–).

2.3.7 South Africa (8)

Coded: 1900–

History: South Africa as a British colony (1900–1910); Union of South Africa (1910–1931); Union of South Africa [independent state] (1931–1961); Union of South Africa [exits the Commonwealth] (1961); Republic of South Africa (1961–).

Note: Includes only territories formally within the boundaries of the country, not territories that South Africa exercised influence or colonial dominion over.

2.3.8 Eswatini (132)

Coded: 1900–

History: Swaziland under British protectorate (1900–1968); Kingdom of Swaziland [independent state] (1968–2017); Kingdom of Eswatini [independent state] (2018–).

2.3.9 Zambia (61)

Coded: 1911–

History: North-Eastern Rhodesia and North-Western Rhodesia [British colonies] (1900–1911); Colony of Northern Rhodesia [North-Eastern Rhodesia and North-Western Rhodesia merged] (1911–1923); Colony of Northern Rhodesia [significant self-rule] (1923); Colony of Northern Rhodesia (1923–1953); Colony of Northern Rhodesia [concolidated with Nyasaland and Southern Rhodesia into the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland/Central African Federation] (1953–1963); Colony of Northern Rhodesia (1963–1964); Republic of Zambia [independent state] (1964–).

Note: During the period of the Federation (1953–1963), the Federation as a whole is included, not just the Northern Rhodesian portion of the Federation.

2.3.10 Zimbabwe (62)

Coded: 1900–

History: British colony of Southern Rhodesia (1900–1923); British Colony of Southern Rhodesia [self-governing] (1923–1953); British Colony of Southern Rhodesia [consolidated with Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia into the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland/Central African Federation] (1953–1964); Rhodesia [independent state] (1964); Rhodesia (1964–1979); Zimbabwe Rhodesia (1979–1980); Republic of Zimbabwe (1980–).

Note: During the period of the Federation (1953–1963), the Federation as a whole is included, not just the Southern Rhodesian portion of the Federation.

2.4 West Africa

2.4.1 Benin (52)

Coded: 1900–

History: French Dahomey [colony within French West Africa] (1900–1958); Republic of Dahomey [autonomous] (1958–1960); Republic of Benin [independent state] (1960–).

2.4.2 Burkina Faso (54)

Coded: 1919–1932, 1947–

History: Colonial territory of Upper Volta [part of French West Africa][formed from territories previously belonging to Upper Senegal, Niger and Ivory Coast] (1919–1932); Colonial territory of Upper Volta [dissolved][territories administered by Ivory Coast, French Sudan, and Niger] (1932–1947); Colonial territory of Upper Volta [reconstituted][part of the French Union with previous boundaries] (1947); Colonial territory of Upper Volta (1947–1958); Republic of Upper Volta [self-governing within the French Community] (1958–1960); Republic of Upper Volta [independent state] (1960–1984); Burkina Faso (1984–).

2.4.3 Cape Verde (70)

Coded: 1900–

History: Colony of Portugal (1900–1951); overseas province of Portugal (1951–1975); Republic of Cabo Verde [independent state] (1975–).

2.4.4 Ivory Coast (64)

Coded: 1900–

History: Ivory Coast as a French colony (1900–1904); Ivory Coast [part of French West Africa] (1904–1958); Ivory Coast [member of French Community] (1958–1960); Republic of Côte d’Ivoire [independent state] (1960–).

2.4.5 Ghana (7)

Coded: 1902–

History: Gold Coast Colony (1900–1902); Gold Coast Colony [consisting of the coastal regions] (1902–1919); Gold Coast Colony [joined by part of German Togoland] (1919); Gold Coast Colony [conquered territory of Asante, Northern territories protectorates ruled by a single governor] (1919–1946); Gold Coast Colony (1946–1956); Gold Coast Colony [joined by British Togoland and protectorates] (1956); Gold Coast Colony (1956–1957); Republic of Ghana (1957–).

2.4.6 Guinea (63)

Coded: 1900–

History: French Guinea [part of French West Africa] (1900–1958); Republic of Guinea [independent state] (1958–).

Note: While the borders of French Guinea were evolving over time, its boundaries were more or less corresponding to those of present-day Guinea after WWI.

2.4.7 Guinea-Bissau (119)

Coded: 1900–

History: Colony of Portuguese Guinea (1900–1973); Republic of Guinea-Bissau [independent state] (1973–).

2.4.8 Liberia (86)

Coded: 1821–

History: Cape Mesurado Colony (1821–1824); Colony of Liberia (1824–1839); Commonwealth of Liberia (1839–1847); Republic of Liberia (1847–).

2.4.9 Mali (28)

Coded: 1900–

History: French Sudan/Sudanese Republic (1900–1958); Mali Federation (1958–1960); Republic of Mali (1960–).

Note: During the Mali Federation, only Mali is included.

2.4.10 Mauritania (65)

Coded: 1904–

History: Mauritania as a French colony (1900–1904); Mauritania as a French colony [boundaries established] (1904–1912); Mauritania as a French colony [fully pacified] (1912); Mauritania as a French colony (1912–1920); Mauritania [member of French West Africa] (1920–1958); Republic of Mauritania [within the French Community] (1958–1960); Islamic Republic of Mauritania [independent state] (1960–).

2.4.11 Niger (60)

Coded: 1922–

History: Niger under French influence (1900–1922); Niger as a French colony (1922–1958); Niger [self-rule within French Community] (1958–1960); Republic of Niger [independent state] (1960–).

2.4.12 Nigeria (45)

Coded: 1914–

History: Protectorate of Northern Nigeria and the Niger Coast Protectorate/ Protectorate of Southern Nigeria [divided] (1900–1914); Colony and Protectorate of Nigeria [unified] (1914–1960); Federal Republic of Nigeria [independent state] (1960–).

2.4.13 Senegal (31)

Coded: 1904–

History: French colony of Senegal (1904–1959); Mali Federation (1959–1960); Senegal [independent state] (1960–1982); Senegambia (1982–1989); Republic of Senegal (1989–).

Note: Includes Senegal only, not the larger federations of which it was, briefly, a part (Mali Federation and Senegambia). Note that during the period of French control an important distinction existed between the four communes (where many inhabitants were full French citizens) and the rest of the colony. In answering questions, the status of the entire territory should be considered, including the communes and the other regions.

2.4.14 Sierra Leone (95)

Coded: 1900–

History: Sierra Leone British colony (1900–1924); Sierra Leone Colony and Protectorate [each with separate legislatures] (1924–1953); Sierra Leone Colony and Protectorate [self-rule] (1953–1961); Republic of Sierra Leone [independent state] (1961–).

2.4.15 The Gambia (117)

Coded: 1900–

History: British Crown Colony of the Gambia (1900–1965); The Gambia [independent state] (1965); The Gambia [republic within the Commonwealth] (1965–1970); Republic of the Gambia (1970–).

Note: During the confederation of Senegambia (1982–1989) only Gambia is coded.

2.4.16 Togo (134)

Coded: 1916–

History: German protectorate (1900–1905); German colony of Togoland (1905–1916); Togoland under French and British administration [split into two League of Nations mandates] (1916–1946); Togoland under French and British administration [U.N. Trust Territories] (1946–1956); British Togoland joins Gold Coast, French Togoland continues a U.N. Trust Territory (1956–1959); British Togoland [joined with Gold Coast], French Togoland [autonomous republic within the French Union] (1959–1960); Togolese Republic [independent state] (1960–).

Note: Includes only the French colony of Togoland (not the British colony) prior to independence.

3 Americas

3.1 Caribbean

3.1.1 Barbados (147)

Coded: 1900–

History: Barbados as a British colony (1900–1966); Barbados [independent state] (1966–).

3.1.2 Cuba (155)

Coded: 1789–

History: Spanish Captaincy-general of Cuba (1789–1898); US colony of Cuba (1898–1902); Republic of Cuba (1902–).

Note: In the early decades of the 20th century, the US intervened militarily in Cuba at different points in time. For the years 1900–1901, Cuba is coded by Historical V-Dem only.

3.1.3 Dominican Republic (114)

Coded: 1789–1822; 1844–

History: Spanish colony of Santo Domingo (1789–1801); Spanish colony of Santo Domingo under Haitian occupation (1801–1802); Colony of Santo Domingo under French administration (1802–1809); Colony of Santo Domingo under Spanish rule (1809–1822); Colony of Santo Domingo [annexed to Haiti] (1822–1844); Dominican Republic [independent state] (1844); Dominican Republic (1844–1861); Spanish Colony of Santo Domingo (1861–1863); Dominican Republic (1863–1916); Dominican Republic under US occupation (1916–1924); Dominican Republic (1924–1965); Dominican Republic under US occupation (1965–1966); Dominican Republic (1966–).

Note: Excludes Puerto Rico (also) during periods as the Spanish Colony of Santo Domingo.

3.1.4 Guyana (166)

Coded: 1900–

History: Guyana as a British colony (1900–1966); Guyana [independent state within the Commonwealth] (1966–1970); Co-operative Republic of Guyana (1970–).

3.1.5 Haiti (26)

Coded: 1789–

History: Colony of Saint-Domingue (1789–1804); Empire of Haiti (1804–1806); Republic of Haiti [South] (1806–1820); Republic of Haiti [incorporates North Haiti] (1820); Republic of Haiti (1820–1822); Republic of Haiti [incorporates Santo-Domingo/Dominican Republic] (1822–1844); Republic of Haiti after Dominican Republic secedes (1844–1849); Second Empire of Haiti (1849–1858); Republic of Haiti (1858–1914); Republic of Haiti under US occupation and protectorate (1914–1936); Republic of Haiti (1936–).

3.1.6 Jamaica (120)

Coded: 1900–

History: Jamaica as a British colony (1900–1962); Jamaica [independent state] (1962–).

3.1.7 Suriname (4)

Coded: 1900–

History: Suriname as a Dutch colony (1900–1941); Suriname as a Dutch colony under US occupation (1941); Suriname as a Dutch colony (1941–1954); Suriname [Dutch colony with self-rule] (1954–1975); Republic of Suriname [independent state] (1975–).

3.1.8 Trinidad and Tobago (135)

Coded: 1900–

History: Trinidad and Tobago as a British colony (1900–1958); West Indies Federation (1958–1962); Trinidad and Tobago [independent state, member of the Commonwealth] (1962–1978); Republic of Trinidad and Tobago [independent state, member of the Commonwealth] (1978–).

Note: Includes only Trinidad/Tobago during period of federation (1958–1962).

3.2 Central America

3.2.1 Costa Rica (73)

Coded: 1838–

History: State of Costa Rica (1838–1844); Free State of Costa Rica (1844–1847); State of Costa Rica (1847–1848); Republic of Costa Rica (1848–).

3.2.2 El Salvador (22)

Coded: 1838–

History: State of Salvador [nominally part of the Central American Republic] (1838–1840); State of Salvador (1840–1859); Republic of Salvador (1859–1898); Republic of El Salvador (1898–).

3.2.3 Guatemala (78)

Coded: 1789–1822; 1823–

History: Captaincy-general of Guatemala [subordinated to New Spain] (1789–1821); United Provinces of Central America (1821–1822); United Provinces of Central America incorporated into Mexico (1822–1823); United Provinces of Central America (1823–1838); Republic of Guatemala (1838–).

Note: Includes Chiapas and Yucatan (1789–1822); Costa Rica; Guatemala; Honduras; Nicaragua; and El Salvador (1789–1838).

3.2.4 Honduras (27)

Coded: 1838–

History: State of Honduras (1838–1865); Republic of Honduras (1865–1907); Republic of Honduras under US occupation or protectorate (1907); Republic of Honduras (1907–1911); Republic of Honduras under US occupation or protectorate (1911–1919); Republic of Honduras (1919–1924); Republic of Honduras under US occupation or protectorate (1924–1925); Republic of Honduras (1925–).

3.2.5 Nicaragua (59)

Coded: 1838–

History: State of Nicaragua (1838–1854); Republic of Nicaragua (1854–1909); Republic of Nicaragua under US Protectorate (1909–1910); Republic of Nicaragua under US occupation (1910); Republic of Nicaragua under US protectorate (1910–1912); Republic of Nicaragua under US occupation (1912–1913); Republic of Nicaragua under US Protectorate (1913–1920); Republic of Nicaragua (1920–).

3.2.6 Panama (92)

Coded: 1903–

History: Province of Colombia (1900–1903); Republic of Panama [independent state though under influence of United States, which had special rights to the canal zone] (1903–1979); Republic of Panama [independent state] (1979–1989); Republic of Panama under US incursion (1989); Republic of Panama [independent state] (1989–).

3.3 North America

3.3.1 Canada (66)

Coded: 1841–

History: United Province of Canada (1841–1867); Dominion of Canada (1867–).

Note: Includes New Brunswick and Nova Scotia (1867–1920); Manitoba and the Northwest territories (1870–1920); Prince Edward Island (1873–1920); Newfoundland (1907–1920).

3.3.2 Mexico (3)

Coded: 1789–

History: Viceroyalty of New Spain (1789–1821); Mexican Empire (1821–1823); Provisional Government (1823–1824); United States of Mexico (1824–1835); Mexican Republic [Including Texas] (1835–1836); Mexican Republic (1835–1846); United Mexican States (1846–1848); United Mexican States [“Mexican cession” territory ceded to the US] (1848); United Mexican States (1848–1853); United Mexican States [“Gadsden purchase” territory ceded to the US] (1853); United Mexican States (1853–1863); Second Mexican Empire (1863–1867); United Mexican States (1867–).

Note: Does not include Yucatan (1841–1848).

3.3.3 United States of America (20)

Coded: 1789–

History: United States of America (1789–1803); United States of America [incorporates the Louisiana Territory] (1803); United States of America (1803–1821); United States of America [incorporates Florida] (1821); United States of America (1821–1846); United States of America [incorporates Texas and Oregon Territory] (1846); United States of America (1846–1848); United States of America [Mexican Cession lands] (1848); United States of America (1848–1853); United States of America [Gadsden Purchase] (1853); United States of America (1853–1867); United States of America [incorporates Alaska] (1867); United States of America (1867–1898); United States of America [incorporates Hawaii] (1898); United States of America (1898–).

Note: Does not include the Confederate States of America between 1861 and 1865 (coded separately). Includes all states and the District of Columbia. Does not include overseas territories (*e.g.*, American Samoa) unless and until they become states (*e.g.*, Alaska in 1959).

3.4 South America

3.4.1 Argentina (37)

Coded: 1789–

History: Viceroyalty of Rio de la Plata (1789–1810); United Provinces of Rio de la Plata (1810–1811); United Provinces of Rio de la Plata [Paraguay secedes] (1811); United Provinces of Rio de la Plata (1811–1820); United Provinces of Rio de la Plata [Uruguay annexed to Brazil] (1820–1825); United Provinces of Rio de la Plata [Bolivia secedes] (1825); United Provinces of Rio de la Plata (1825–1831); Argentine Confederation (1831–1852); Argentine Confederation [Buenos Aires secedes] (1852–1861); Argentine Nation/Republic (1861–).

Note: Thus, the unit includes Argentina (1789–1820); Bolivia [Upper Peru] (1789–1816); Paraguay (1789–1811); and Uruguay (1782–1820). Does not include Buenos Aires (1852–1861).

3.4.2 Bolivia (25)

Coded: 1825–

History: Bolivar Republic (1825–1826); Bolivia (1826–1836); Bolivia [part of the Peru-Bolivia Confederation] (1836–1839); Bolivia (1839–1867); Bolivia [incorporates Acre] (1867); Bolivia (1867–1868); Republic of Bolivia (1868–1883); Republic of Bolivia [Pacific coastline lost to Chile] (1883); Republic of Bolivia (1883–1899); Republic of Bolivia [Acre independent] (1899–1900); Republic of Bolivia [Acre returns to Bolivia] (1900–1904); Republic of Bolivia [Acre sold to Brazil] (1904); Republic of Bolivia (1904–2009); Plurinational State of Bolivia (2009–).

Note: Pacific coastline lost to Chile in 1883; Acre independent from Bolivia in 1899–1900; Acre sold to Brazil in 1904, and the coding of the unit reflects this.

3.4.3 Brazil (19)

Coded: 1789–

History: Viceroyalty of Brazil (1789–1814); Kingdom of Brazil [part of the United Kingdom of Portugal, Brazil and the Algarves] (1815–1820); Kingdom of Brazil [incorporates Uruguay] (1820–1822);

Empire of Brazil (1822); Empire of Brazil [Uruguay incorporated] (1822–1825); Empire of Brazil (1825–1889); Republic of the United States of Brazil (1889–1904); Republic of the United States of Brazil [incorporates Acre] (1904); Republic of the United States of Brazil (1904–1968); Federative Republic of Brazil (1968–).

Note: Incorporates Acre from 1904 onwards. Incorporates Uruguay from 1820–1825.

3.4.4 Chile (72)

Coded: 1789–

History: Captaincy General of Chile (1789–1818); Republic of Chile (1818–1883); Republic of Chile [incorporates Bolivian Pacific Coast] (1883); Republic of Chile (1883–1888); Republic of Chile [incorporates Easter Island] (1888); Republic of Chile (1888–).

3.4.5 Colombia (15)

Coded: 1789–

History: Viceroyalty of New Granada (1789–1811); Federated Provinces of New Grenada (1811–1812); United Provinces of New Grenada (1812–1819); Republic of Colombia [Gran Colombia] (1819–1903); Republic of Colombia [Panama secedes] (1903); Republic of Colombia (1903–).

Note: Includes present-day Columbia (1789–); Panama (1789–1903); Venezuela (1819–1830); Ecuador (1789–1830).

3.4.6 Ecuador (75)

Coded: 1830–

History: State of Ecuador (1830–1832); State of Ecuador [Galapagos Islands annexed] (1832); State of Ecuador (1832–1835); Republic of Ecuador (1835–).

3.4.7 Paraguay (189)

Coded: 1811–

History: Intendancy of Paraguay [part of Rio de la Plata] (1789–1813); Republic of Paraguay (1813–1869); Republic of Paraguay under Argentinian and Brazilian occupation (1869–1876); Republic of Paraguay (1876–).

3.4.8 Peru (30)

Coded: 1789–

History: Viceroyalty of Peru (1789–1821); State of Peru (1821–1822); Peruvian Republic (1822–1836); part of the Peru-Bolivia Confederation (1836–1838); Republic of Peru (1838–1881); Republic of Peru under Chilean occupation (1881–1883); Republic of Peru (1883–).

Note: Tarapaca, Arica, and Tacna were annexed to Chile (1883). Tacna was later returned to Peru (1929).

3.4.9 Uruguay (102)

Coded: 1825–

History: Provincia Oriental del Río de la Plata [formally under Argentine Confederation] (1825–1828); State of Montevideo (1828–1829); Eastern State of Uruguay (1829); Oriental Republic of Uruguay (1829–).

3.4.10 Venezuela (51)

Coded: 1789–1819; 1830–

History: Captaincy General of Venezuela (1789–1811); United States of Venezuela (1811–1812); Captaincy General of Venezuela (1812–1813); United States of Venezuela (1813–1814); Captaincy General of Venezuela (1814–1816); Republic of Venezuela (1816–1819); Republic of Venezuela [incorporated into Gran Colombia] (1819–1830); Republic of Venezuela (1830–1864); United States of Venezuela (1864–1953); Republic of Venezuela (1953–2000); Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (2000–).

4 Asia

4.1 Caucasus

4.1.1 Armenia (105)

Coded: 1990–

History: Ottoman Empire (1900–1918); Transcaucasian Democratic Federative Republic (1918); Democratic Republic of Armenia, including Eastern Armenia (1918–1922); part of Transcaucasian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic (1922–1936); Armenia Soviet Socialist Republic (1936–1991); Republic of Armenia [independent state] (1991–).

4.1.2 Azerbaijan (106)

Coded: 1990–

History: Russian Empire (1900–1917); Transcaucasian Democratic Federative Republic (1917–1918); Azerbaijan Democratic Republic (1918–1920); Azerbaijan Democratic Republic under Soviet rule (1920–1922); part of Transcaucasian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic (1922–1936); Azerbaijan Soviet Socialist Republic (1936–1991); Republic of Azerbaijan [independent state] (1991–).

Note: Does not include the break-away region Nagorno-Karabakh, that existed from 1992 to 2023. Between 1992 and 1993, Armenian forces also seized control of seven Azeri districts, which remained under Armenian and Nagorno-Karabakh control until they were reabsorbed into Azerbaijan in 2020.

4.1.3 Georgia (118)

Coded: 1990–

History: Russian Empire (1900–1917); Transcaucasian Democratic Federative Republic (1917–1918); Democratic Republic of Georgia (1918–1921); Democratic Republic of Georgia under Soviet rule (1921–1922); part of Transcaucasian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic (1922–1936); Georgia Soviet Socialist Republic (1936–1991); Republic of Georgia [independent state] (1991–).

Note: Includes autonomous Adjara. Does not include the break-away regions of Tskhinvali (so called South Ossetia) after 1991 and Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia after 1993.

4.2 Central Asia

4.2.1 Kazakhstan (121)

Coded: 1990–

History: Russian Empire (1900–1917); Kazakh Soviet Socialist Republic under Soviet rule (1917–1991); Republic of Kazakhstan [independent state] (1991–).

4.2.2 Kyrgyzstan (122)

Coded: 1990–

History: Russian Empire (1900–1917); Kirghiz Soviet Socialist Republic under Soviet rule (1917–1991); Kyrgyz Republic [independent state] (1991–).

4.2.3 Tajikistan (133)

Coded: 1990–

History: Russian Empire (1900–1917); Tajik Soviet Socialist Republic under Soviet rule (1917–1991); Republic of Tajikistan [independent state] (1991–).

4.2.4 Turkmenistan (136)

Coded: 1990–

History: Russian Empire (1900–1917); Turkmen Soviet Socialist Republic under Soviet rule (1917–1991); Turkmenistan [independent state] (1991–).

4.2.5 Uzbekistan (140)

Coded: 1789–1920; 1990–

History: Emirate of Bukhara (1789–1873); Emirate of Bukhara as a Russian protectorate (1873–1920); Bukharan People’s Soviet Republic [Soviet state] (1920–1924); divided between Uzbek S.S.R and Turkmen S.S.R, within the Soviet Union (1924–1990); State sovereignty (1990–1991); Republic of Uzbekistan [independent state] (1991–).

4.3 East Asia

4.3.1 China (110)

Coded: 1789–

History: Great Qing Empire (1789–1900); Great Qing Empire with Tientsin and Beijing under Austro-Hungarian, British, German, French, Italian, Japanese, Russian and US occupation (1900–1901); Great Qing Empire (1901–1911); Republic of China [Warlord China] (1911–1928); Republic of China [Nationalist China] (1928–1949); People’s Republic of China (1949–).

Note: Includes Mongolia to (1789–1911). Includes Tibet (1789–1913), does not include Tibet between 1913 and 1950 (coded separately). Does not include Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macau (coded separately). Does not include Manchukuo between 1932 and 1945 (coded separately).

4.3.2 Hong Kong (167)

Coded: 1900–

History: Hong Kong as a British colony (1900–1941); Hong Kong under Japanese occupation (1941–1945); Hong Kong as a British colony (1945–1997); Hong Kong as a special administrative region of China (1997–).

4.3.3 Japan (9)

Coded: 1789–

History: Tokugawa Japan (1789–1868); Empire of Japan (1868–1945); Empire of Japan under US occupation (1945–1947); State of Japan (1947); State of Japan under US occupation (1947–1952); State of Japan (1952–).

Note: Includes Ryukyu [Okinawa] islands (1879–1920), and Southern Sakhalin (1905–1920). Does not include Taiwan nor Korea (coded separately). Does not include territories outside of current-day Japan that were occupied in the early-mid 20th century.

4.3.4 South Korea (42)

Coded: 1789–

History: Kingdom of Great Joseon (1789–1897); Great Korean Empire (1897–1905); Korea as a Japanese protectorate (1905–1910); Korea under Japanese occupation (1910–1945); Korea under US occupation (1945–1948); Republic of Korea (1948–).

Note: Includes the entire Korean peninsula until 1945.

4.3.5 Mongolia (89)

Coded: 1911–

History: Bogd Khaan State [independent state] (1911); Bogd Khaan State (1911–1919); Bogd Khaan State under Chinese occupation (1919–1921); Bogd Khaan State (1921–1924); Mongolian People’s Republic [declared] (1924); Mongolian People’s Republic (1924–1946); Mongolian People’s Republic [independence recognized by China] (1946); Mongolian People’s Republic (1946–1992); Mongolia (1992–).

4.3.6 North Korea (41)

Coded: 1945–

History: North Korea under Soviet occupation (1945–1948); Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (1948–).

4.3.7 Taiwan (48)

Coded: 1900–

History: Taiwan under Japanese occupation (1900–1945); Republic of China [headquartered in the mainland] (1945–1949); Republic of China [headquartered in Taiwan] (1949–).

Note: From 1945–1949, comprises the island of Taiwan only, not the KMT government on the mainland. HOS/HOG: Chen Yi (ROC military commander) (1945–1949); Chiang Kai-shek (1949–).

4.4 South Asia

4.4.1 Afghanistan (36)

Coded: 1789–

History: Emirate of Afghanistan (1789–1839); Emirate of Afghanistan under British protectorate and occupation (1839–1842); Emirate of Afghanistan (1842–1879); Emirate of Afghanistan under British occupation (1879); Emirate of Afghanistan under British occupation and sphere of influence (1879–1880); Emirate of Afghanistan under British sphere of influence (1880–1919); Emirate of Afghanistan (1919–1926); Kingdom of Afghanistan (1926–1973); Republic of Afghanistan (1973–1978); Democratic Republic of Afghanistan (1978–1979); Democratic Republic of Afghanistan under Russian occupation (1979–1989); Democratic Republic of Afghanistan (1989–1992); Islamic State of Afghanistan (1992–1996); Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan (1996–2001); Afghan Transitional Administration under US occupation (2001–2004); Islamic Republic of Afghanistan under US occupation (2004–2014); Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (2014–).

Note: The territory of the emirate changes throughout the coding timeline, including at times large parts of present day Pakistan and Iran. Please include all provinces and territories that are under the sovereignty of Kabul.

4.4.2 Bangladesh (24)

Coded: 1971–

History: British India (1900–1947); Pakistan (1947–1971); People’s Republic of Bangladesh [independent state] (1971–).

4.4.3 Bhutan (53)

Coded: 1900–

History: Princely state of British India (1910–1949); Kingdom of Bhutan as a quasi-protectorate of India [foreign policy coordinated with India] (1949–2007); Kingdom of Bhutan (2007–).

4.4.4 India (39)

Coded: 1789–

History: British India [territories directly administered by the British East India Company] (1789–1858); Empire of India [colony under Britain] (1858–1947); Republic of India [independent state] (1947–).

Note: Between 1789 and 1858, we refer ONLY to the territories administered by the British East India Company (*e.g.*, Assam, Arcot, Bengal, Bihar, Northwestern Provinces etc). This does not include sovereign or autonomous territories not administered by the East India Company (*e.g.*, Awadh, Mysore, the Marathas, the Sikh Empire, etc). Between 1858 and 1947, all of modern India, Pakistan and Bangladesh are coded together as a single entity. Does not include Burma/Myanmar (coded separately). India during the period of British rule includes both directly ruled states and indirectly ruled (Princely) states. After 1947 includes Jammu and Kashmir, but does not include Azad Kashmir, nor Gilgit–Baltistan.

4.4.5 Maldives (88)

Coded: 1900–

History: Maldivian Islands as a British protectorate (1900–1965); Republic of Maldives [independent state] (1965–).

4.4.6 Nepal (58)

Coded: 1789–

History: Kingdom of Nepal (1789–1818); Kingdom of Nepal under British protectorate [de facto] (1818–1947); Kingdom of Nepal (1947–2008); Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal (2008–).

Note: Includes Sikkim (1789–1817).

4.4.7 Pakistan (29)

Coded: 1947–

History: British India (1900–1947); Dominion of Pakistan [independent state] (1947–1956); Islamic Republic of Pakistan [independent state] (1956–)

Note: Includes East Pakistan until the independence of Bangladesh (1971). After 1947 includes Azad Kashmir and Gilgit–Baltistan, but does not include Jammu and Kashmir.

4.4.8 Sri Lanka (131)

Coded: 1900–

History: British Colony of Ceylon (1900–1948); Dominion of Ceylon [independent state] (1948–1972); Republic of Sri Lanka (1972–1978); Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (1978–).

4.5 Southeast Asia

4.5.1 Burma/Myanmar (10)

Coded: 1789–

History: Kingdom of Burma [under Konbaung Dynasty] (1789–1824); Kingdom of Burma [Lower Burma annexed by Britain] (1824); Kingdom of Burma (Upper Burma) [under Konbaung Dynasty] (1824–1885); Burma [Upper and Lower Burma united, part/province British India, i.e. British colony] (1885–1942); Burma under Japanese occupation (1942–1945); Burma (1945–1948); Republic of the Union of Myanmar [independent state] (1948–).

Note: Between 1824 and 1885, Burma does NOT include Lower (British-ruled) Burma.

4.5.2 Cambodia (55)

Coded: 1900–

History: Kingdom of Cambodia under French protectorate [part of French Indochina] (1900–1941); Kingdom of Cambodia under Japanese occupation (1941–1945); Kingdom of Cambodia (1945–1953); Kingdom of Cambodia [independent state] (1953); Kingdom of Cambodia (1953–1975); Democratic Kampuchea (1975–1978); Democratic Kampuchea under Vietnamese occupation (1978–1979); People's Republic of Kampuchea (1979); People's Republic of Kampuchea under Vietnamese occupation (1979–1990); Kingdom of Cambodia (1990); Kingdom of Cambodia under Vietnamese occupation (1990–1993); Kingdom of Cambodia (1993–).

Note: Cambodia coded separately from the rest of French Indochina.

4.5.3 Indonesia (56)

Coded: 1800–

History: Dutch East Indies [under Dutch East India Company] (1789–1801); Dutch East Indies Colony (1801–1811); Dutch East Indies Colony under British occupation (1811–1816); Dutch East Indies (1816–1942); Dutch East Indies under Japanese occupation (1942–1945); Dutch East Indies [independent state] (1945); Dutch East Indies (1945–1949); Republic of Indonesia [independence recognized by the Netherlands] (1949); Republic of Indonesia (1949–1963); Republic of Indonesia [incorporates West New Guinea] (1963); Republic of Indonesia (1963–).

4.5.4 Laos (123)

Coded: 1900–

History: Laos under French protectorate [part of French Indochina] (1900–1945); Laos under Japanese occupation (1945); Laos under French protectorate (1945–1950); Laos [self-rule from France as an

associated state within the French Union] (1950–1953); Kingdom of Laos [independent state] (1953–1975); Lao People’s Democratic Republic (1975–).

Note: Laos coded separately from the rest of French Indochina.

4.5.5 Malaysia (177)

Coded: 1900–

History: Federated Malay States [ruled directly by Britain] and Unfederated Malay States [under British influence] (1900–1942); Federated Malay States and Unfederated Malay States under Japanese occupation (1942–1945); Malayan Union/Federation of Malaya (1945–1957); Malayan Union [independent state] (1957) Federation of Malaysia (1957–1963); Malaysia (1963–).

Note: Does not include Singapore (coded separately). Includes Sabah and Sarawak only after 1963.

4.5.6 Philippines (46)

Coded: 1900–

History: Philippines under US protectorate (1900–1935); Philippines within US commonwealth (1935–1942); Philippines under Japanese occupation (1942–1944); Philippines within US commonwealth (1944–1946); Republic of the Philippines [independent state] (1946–).

4.5.7 Thailand (49)

Coded: 1789–

History: Kingdom of Krung Thep (1789–1856); Kingdom of Siam (1856–1907); Kingdom of Siam [cedes Battambang, Siem Reap, and Srisophon to French Indochina (Cambodia) and west-bank Champasak and Xainyaburi to France (Laos)] (1907); Kingdom of Siam (1907–1909); Kingdom of Siam [cedes Perlis, Kedah, Kelantan and Terengganu to Britain] (1909); Kingdom of Siam (1909–1939); Kingdom of Thailand (1939–1945); Siam (1945–1949); Kingdom of Thailand (1949–).

4.5.8 Timor-Leste (74)

Coded: 1900–

History: Portuguese colony of East Timor (1900–1975); Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste [unilateral declaration of independent state by FRETILIN (Revolutionary Front for an Independent East Timor)] (1975); Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste under Indonesian occupation (1975–1999); Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste under UN administration (1999–2002); Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste [independent state] (2002–).

4.5.9 Singapore (200)

Coded: 1867–

History: Straits Settlements (1867–1942); British Crown Colony of Singapore under Japanese occupation (1942–1945); British Crown Colony of Singapore (1945–1959); British Crown Colony of Singapore [self-governing member of British Commonwealth] (1959–1963); part of Federation of Malaysia (1963–1965); Republic of Singapore [independent state] (1965–).

Note: Includes Malacca, Binding and Penang until 1946.

4.5.10 Republic of Vietnam (35)

Coded: 1802–1975.

History: Dai Viet Quoc (1802–1804); Viet Nam Quoc (1804–1839); Dai Nam Quoc (1839–1862); Dai Nam Quoc [Cochinchina ceded to France] (1862); Dai Nam Quoc (1862–1874); Dai Nam Quoc and French Protectorate of Tonkin (1874–1882); French protectorates of Annam and Tonkin (1882–1887); part of French Indochina [including Tonkin, Annam, and Cochinchina (but not Cambodia, Laos, or Kouang-Tcheou-Wan)] (1887–1945); French Indochina under Japanese occupation (1945); French Indochina (1945–1949); State of Vietnam (1949–1955); Republic of Vietnam (also known as South Vietnam) (1955–1975).

Note: During the Union of French Indochina, please code only Annam, Tonkin and Cochinchina. Does not include Cambodia and Laos. For the years 1900–1901, Vietnam is coded by Historical V-Dem only.

4.5.11 Vietnam (34)

Coded: 1945–

History: Democratic Republic of Vietnam (*i.e.* North Vietnam) [declared] (1945); Democratic Republic of Vietnam (1945–1949); Democratic Republic of Vietnam [independent state] (1949–1975); Socialist Republic of Vietnam (1976–).

Note: From 1976, the polity also includes areas formerly belonging to Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam).

5 Europe

5.1 Balkans

5.1.1 Albania (12)

Coded: 1912–

History: Ottoman Empire (1900–1912); Proclaimed independent state (1912–1914); Principality of Albania [independent state] (1914), Principality of Albania under Austro-Hungarian occupation (1914–1916); Principality of Albania under Austro-Hungarian and French occupation (1916–1918); Principality of Albania under French occupation (1918–1920); Principality of Albania (1920–1925); Albanian Republic (1925–1928); Albanian Kingdom (1928–1939); Albanian Kingdom under Italian occupation (1939–1943); Albanian Kingdom under German occupation (1943–1944); People’s Republic of Albania (1944–1976); People’s Socialist Republic of Albania (1976–1991); Republic of Albania (1991–).

5.1.2 Bosnia and Herzegovina (150)

Coded: 1992–

History: Ottoman Empire (1900–1907); Austria/Austro-Hungarian Empire [ruled directly by Vienna but not part of either Austria or Hungary] (1907–1918); Kingdom of Yugoslavia (1918–1941); Kingdom of Yugoslavia under German and Croat occupation (1941–1945); Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (1945–1992); Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina (1992); Republic of Bosnia Herzegovina on war for independence (1992–1995); Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina [independent state though not recognized by all countries] (1995–).

5.1.3 Bulgaria (152)

Coded: 1878–

History: Danube Vilayet under Russian occupation (1877–1878); Principality of Bulgaria (1878–1885); Principality of Bulgaria [incorporates Eastern Rumelia] (1885); Principality of Bulgaria (1885–1908); Kingdom of Bulgaria (1908–1913); Kingdom of Bulgaria [without southern Dobruja] [incorporates Western Thrace] (1913–1916); Kingdom of Bulgaria [incorporates southern Dobruja] (1916–1918); Kingdom of Bulgaria [incorporates northern Dobruja] (1918–1919); Kingdom of Bulgaria (1919–1946); Bulgarian People’s Republic (1946–1990); Republic of Bulgaria (1990–).

Note: Includes Western Thrace 1913–1918. Does not include territories temporarily annexed during World War II.

5.1.4 Kosovo (43)

Coded: 1999–

History: Ottoman Empire (1900–1912); province of Serbia (1912–1918); Kingdom of Yugoslavia (1918–1941); Kingdom of Yugoslavia under Italian occupation (1941–1943); Kingdom of Yugoslavia under Italian and German occupation (1943–1944); Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (1944–1992); State Union of Serbia and Montenegro (1992–1999); Kosovo autonomous region under UN administration (1999–2008); Republic of Kosovo [self-declared independent state under European Union supervision] (2008–).

5.1.5 North Macedonia (176)

Coded: 1991–

History: Ottoman Empire (1900–1912); province of Serbia/Yugoslavia (1912–1992); Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia [independent state] (1991–2018); Republic of North Macedonia (2019–).

5.1.6 Montenegro (183)

Coded: 1789–1918; 1998–

History: Prince-Bishopric of Montenegro (1789–1852); Principality of Montenegro (1852–1910); Kingdom of Montenegro (1910–1913); Kingdom of Montenegro partitions Sanjak of Novi Pazar with Serbia (1913); Kingdom of Montenegro (1913–1915); Kingdom of Montenegro [Shkodër annexed] (1915–1916); Kingdom of Montenegro (1916); Kingdom of Montenegro under Austro-Hungarian occupation

(1916–1918); Kingdom of Montenegro under Serbian occupation (1918); Kingdom of Montenegro unified with Serbia (1918); Kingdom of Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes/Kingdom of Yugoslavia (1918–1941); Kingdom of Yugoslavia under Italian occupation (1941–1943); Kingdom of Yugoslavia under German occupation (1943–1945); Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (1945–1992); Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (1992–2003); State Union of Serbia and Montenegro (2003–2006); Montenegro [independent state] (2006–).

5.1.7 Romania (190)

Coded: 1789–

History: Principality of Wallachia under Ottoman suzerainty under Austrian occupation (1789–1791); Principality of Wallachia under Ottoman suzerainty (1791–1807); Principality of Wallachia under Russian occupation (1807–1812); Principality of Wallachia under Ottoman suzerainty (1812–1821); Principality of Wallachia under direct Ottoman rule (1821–1822); Principality of Wallachia under Ottoman suzerainty (1822–1828); Principality of Wallachia under Russian occupation (1828–1829); Principality of Wallachia under Russian occupation [incorporation of the Ottoman Rayas north of the Danube] (1829); Principality of Wallachia under Russian occupation (1829–1834); Principality of Wallachia as a Russian protectorate (1834–1853); Principality of Wallachia under Russian occupation (1853–1854); Principality of Wallachia as a Russian protectorate (1854); Principality of Wallachia under Austrian occupation (1854–1856); Principality of Wallachia under Ottoman suzerainty (1856–1859); Principality of Wallachia under Ottoman suzerainty [personal union with Moldavia] (1859–1861); Principality of Wallachia [personal union with Moldavia] (1861–1862); United Romanian Principalities (1862–1866); Romania (1866–1878); Romania [incorporation of northern Dobruja] [after three districts in southern Bessarabia ceded to Russia] (1878–1881); Kingdom of Romania (1881–1913); Kingdom of Romania [southern Dobruja annexed] (1913–1916); Kingdom of Romania under Central Powers occupation (1916); Kingdom of Romania (1916–1918); Kingdom of Romania [loses Dobruja to Bulgaria] [incorporates Bessarabia] (1918); Kingdom of Romania (1918–1919); Kingdom of Romania [incorporates Dobruja, Bukovina and Transylvania] (1919); Kingdom of Romania (1919–1944); Kingdom of Romania under Soviet occupation (1944–1947); People’s Republic of Romania (1947–1965); Socialist Republic of Romania (1965–1989); Romania (1989–).

Note: Includes only Wallachia between 1789 and 1862. Between 1900 and 1918 includes only pre-World War I territory. Includes Southern Dobruja 1913–1940, Bessarabia 1918–1940 and 1941–1944. Does not include Northern Transylvania 1940–1947. Does not include territories to the East annexed during World War II.

5.1.8 Serbia (198)

Coded: 1804–1813; 1815–

History: Serbia [under First Serbian Uprising] (1804–1813); direct Ottoman rule (1813–1815); Principality of Serbia under Ottoman suzerainty (1815–1867); Principality of Serbia after evacuation of Kalemegdan fortress in Belgrade by the Ottomans (1867); Principality of Serbia under Ottoman suzerainty (1867–1878); Principality of Serbia [incorporates Nish] (1878); Principality of Serbia under Ottoman suzerainty (1878–1882); Kingdom of Serbia (1882–1915); Kingdom of Serbia under Central Powers occupation (1915–1918); Kingdom of Serbia unified with Montenegro (1918); Kingdom of Serbia unified with the State of Slovenes, Croats and Serbs (1918); Kingdom of Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes/Kingdom of Yugoslavia (1918–1941); Kingdom of Yugoslavia under German occupation (1941–1945); Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (1945–1992); Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (1992–2003); State Union of Serbia and Montenegro (2003–2006); Republic of Serbia (2006–).

Note: Only includes the Territory of the Military Commander in Serbia between 1941 and 1944. Includes Slovenia up to 1989, Croatia up to 1991, Macedonia up to 1991, Bosnia and Herzegovina up to 1992, and Kosovo up to 1999. Between 1998 and 2006 refers only to the Republic of Serbia – constituent country of Yugoslavia and then the State Union. Montenegro is coded separately for this period.

5.2 East-Central Europe

5.2.1 Belarus (107)

Coded: 1990–

History: Russian Empire (1900–1918); German Empire (1918); Belarusian People’s Republic (1918–1921); Poland [western part of the country] and Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic [eastern part of the country] (1921–1939); Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic (1939–1941); Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic under German occupation (1941–1944); Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic (1944–1991); Republic of Belarus [independent state] (1991–).

5.2.2 Croatia (154)

Coded: 1941–1945, 1991–

History: Hungary/Austro-Hungarian Empire (1900–1918); Kingdom of Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes/Kingdom of Yugoslavia (1918–1941); formally independent state of Croatia [actually a Nazi puppet state, with German occupation] (1941–1945); Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (1945–1991); Republic of Croatia (1991); Republic of Croatia on war for independence (1991–1995); Republic of Croatia [independent state] (1995–).

Note: During 1941 to 1945 it refers to the territory of the Croatia State, not the present day territory of Croatia. Includes Serbian Krajina and Eastern Slavonia 1991–1998.

5.2.3 Czechia (157)

Coded: 1918–

History: Hungary/Austro-Hungarian Empire (1900–1918); Czechoslovakia (1918–1939); Czechoslovakia under German occupation (1939–1945); Czechoslovakia (1945–1948); Czechoslovakia Socialist Republic as part of Soviet bloc (1948–1989); Czechoslovakia (1989–1990); Czecho-Slovakia (1990–1992); Czech Republic (1992–).

Note: Includes only the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia between 1939 and 1945.

5.2.4 German Democratic Republic (137)

Coded: 1949–1990.

History: German empire (1900–1918); Weimar Republic (1918–1933); Third Reich (1933–1945); Third Reich under Russian occupation (1945–1949); German Democratic Republic (1949–1990); German Democratic Republic reunited with Federal Republic of Germany (1990).

5.2.5 Estonia (161)

Coded: 1918–1940, 1990–

History: Russian Empire (1900–1918); Estonian War of Independence [changing territorial control] (1918–1920); Russian Empire (1900–1918); Republic of Estonia [independent state] (1920–1940); Estonian Soviet Socialist Republic (1940–1941); Estonian Soviet Socialist Republic under German occupation (1941–1944); Estonian Soviet Socialist Republic (1944–1991); Republic of Estonia [independent state] (1991–).

5.2.6 Hungary (210)

Coded: 1789–

History: Kingdom of Hungary as an Austrian crownland (1789–1867); Hungarian ”half” of the Habsburg Empire [Transleithania] (1867–1918); Hungarian Democratic Republic (1918); Hungarian Soviet Republic (1918–1919); Hungarian Soviet Republic under Romanian occupation (1919–1920); Kingdom of Hungary (1920–1944); Kingdom of Hungary under German occupation (1944–1945); Kingdom of Hungary (1945–1946); Second Hungarian People Republic under Soviet guidance (1946–1989); Republic of Hungary [independent from Russian influence] (1989–2011); Hungary (2011–).

Note: Includes the Banat of Temeschwar (1789–1918); Slovakia (1789–1918), Transylvania (1867–1918) and Croatia (1867–1918). Does not include territories temporarily annexed during World War II. For the years 1900–1917, Hungary is coded by Historical V-Dem only.

5.2.7 Latvia (84)

Coded: 1920–1940, 1990–

History: Russian Empire (1900–1918); Republic of Latvia [independence declared] (1918–1920); Republic of Latvia after Russian and German forces were repelled (1920); Republic of Latvia [independent state] (1920–1940); Latvian Soviet Socialist Republic (1940–1941); Latvian Soviet Socialist Republic under German occupation (1941–1944); Latvian Soviet Socialist Republic (1944–1991); Republic of Latvia [independent state] (1991–).

5.2.8 Lithuania (173)

Coded: 1918–1940, 1990–

History: Russian Empire (1900–1918); Republic of Lithuania [independent state] (1918–1940); Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic (1940–1941); Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic under German occupation (1941–1944); Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic (1944–1990); Republic of Lithuania [independent state] (1990–).

5.2.9 Moldova (126)

Coded: 1990–

History: Russian Empire (1900–1918); Greater Romania (1918–1940); annexed by Soviet Union (1940–1941); re-incorporated into Romania (1941–1944); Moldavian Soviet Socialist Republic (1944–1991); Republic of Moldova [independent state] (1991–).

Note: Includes semi-autonomous region of Gagauzia. Does not include Transnistria (coded separately).

5.2.10 Poland (17)

Coded: 1789–1795; 1807–1867; 1918–1939, 1944–

History: Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth (1789–1793); second partition of Poland (1793); Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth (1793–1795); third Partition of Poland (1795); Duchy of Warsaw (1807–1815); Congress Poland [personal union with Russia] (1815–1832); Congress Poland [incorporated into the Russian Empire] (1832–1867); autonomy retracted (1867); Second Polish Commonwealth (1918–1939); Second Polish Commonwealth partitioned by the USSR and Germany (1939–1941); Second Polish Commonwealth under German occupation (1941–1944); Republic of Poland (1944–1952); People’s Republic of Poland (1952–1990); Third Polish Commonwealth (1990–).

Note: For the years 1900–1917, Poland is coded by Historical V-Dem only.

5.2.11 Russia (11)

Coded: 1789–

History: Russian Empire (1789–1917); Russia (1917–1918); Russian Socialist Federative Republic (USSR) (1918–1991); Russian Federation (1991–).

Note: Includes Estonia (1789–1918); Latvia (1789–1918); Lithuania (1795–1918); Belarus (1789–1920); Eastern Ukraine (1789–1918); Western Ukraine (1794–1918); Kazakhstan (1789–1920); Kokand/Fergana (1865–1920); Sakhalin Island (1876–1920). Includes Poland (1795–1807, 1867–1918). Does not include the Grand Duchy of Finland (1809–1917); does not include Afghanistan during the 1979–1989 occupation. Contemporary Russia is a much smaller region than the USSR, since after 1991 it no longer included Belarus, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, the Ukraine, the Baltic republics, and the central Asian republics. Crimea and other occupied territories of Ukraine (*e.g.*, in Luhansk and Donetsk) should not be included in the post-2014 period. At each point in time, coders should be mindful of the territory that Russia/USSR contained and make sure that their answers reflect that territory, no more and no less.

5.2.12 Slovakia (201)

Coded: 1939–1945, 1993–

History: Hungary/Austro-Hungarian Empire (1900–1918) [this refers to the Hungarian part of the

Empire, which was ruled separately from the Austrian part]; Czechoslovakia (1918–1939); Slovak Republic (1939–1945); Slovak Republic under German occupation (1944–1945); Czecho-Slovakia (1945–1992); Slovak Republic [independent state] (1993–).

5.2.13 Slovenia (202)

Coded: 1989–

History: Austria/Austro-Hungarian Empire (1900–1918); Kingdom of Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes/Kingdom of Yugoslavia (1918–1941); Kingdom of Yugoslavia under German occupation (1941–1945); Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (1945–1992); Republic of Slovenia [independent state] (1991–).

5.2.14 Ukraine (100)

Coded: 1990–

History: Russian and Austro-Hungarian empires (1900–1917); divided between Poland, Romania, Czechoslovakia, USSR (1917–1919); Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic (1919–1941); Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic under German occupation (1941–1944); Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic (1944–1991); Ukraine (1991–).

Note: Does not include the Crimean Peninsula after the annexation by the Russian Federation in 2014. Nor does it include the Russian-occupied territories (in a given year) in Luhansk or Donetsk after 2014 or in other parts of the country after 2022.

5.3 Nordic Countries

5.3.1 Denmark (158)

Coded: 1789–

History: Kingdom of Denmark-Norway (1789–1814); Norway is ceded to Sweden (1814); Kingdom of Denmark (1815–1920); Kingdom of Denmark incorporates northern Schleswig (1920); Kingdom of Denmark (1920–).

Note: Does not include Norway nor Schleswig-Holstein. Does include Greenland and the Faroe Islands from 1789–1899, but not from 1900 onwards. Does include Iceland from 1843–1899, but not from 1900 onwards. For the Historical V-Dem coding, the coder was instructed to include also Faroe Islands, Greenland and Iceland from 1900–1920.

5.3.2 Finland (163)

Coded: 1809–

History: Part of the Kingdom of Sweden (1789–1809); Grand Duchy of Finland [autonomous] [personal union with Russia] (1809–1917); Finnish State (1917–1918); Kingdom of Finland (1918–1919); Republic of Finland (1919–).

Note: During the Finnish Civil War of early 1918, do not code the Finnish Soviet Republic.

5.3.3 Iceland (168)

Coded: 1900–

History: Kingdom of Denmark (1900–1904); autonomous within Kingdom of Denmark (1904–1918); Kingdom of Iceland [independent state] [personal union with Denmark] (1918–1940); Kingdom of Iceland under Allied occupation (1940–1944); Republic of Iceland (1944–).

5.3.4 Norway (186)

Coded: 1789–

History: Part of the Kingdom of Denmark-Norway (1789–1814); Kingdom of Norway [personal union with Sweden] (1814–1905); Kingdom of Norway [independent state] (1905–).

5.3.5 Sweden (5)

Coded: 1789–

History: Kingdom of Sweden (1789–1809); Kingdom of Sweden [Finland and Åland annexed by Russia]

(1809); Kingdom of Sweden (1809–).
Note: Does not include Saint Barthélemy.

5.4 Southern Europe

5.4.1 Cyprus (156)

Coded: 1900–

History: Ottoman Empire [not ruled directly] under British sphere of influence (1900–1918); Cyprus under British sphere of influence (1918–1925); Cyprus as a British crown colony (1925–1960); Republic of Cyprus [independent state] (1960–1974); Republic of Cyprus [northern part occupied by Turkey] (1974–).

Note: During the period of division (1974–), does not include the areas that are not under the effective control of the Republic of Cyprus.

5.4.2 Greece (164)

Coded: 1822–

History: Greece (1822–1827); Hellenic State (1827–1833); Kingdom of Greece (1833–1864); Kingdom of Greece [incorporates Ionian Islands] (1864); Kingdom of Greece (1864–1881); Kingdom of Greece [incorporates Thessaly] (1881); Kingdom of Greece (1881–1913); Kingdom of Greece [incorporates Crete, Macedonia and Epirus] (1913); Kingdom of Greece (1913–1914); Kingdom of Greece [incorporates Aegean Islands except for Rhodes and Dodecanese] (1914); Kingdom of Greece (1914–1919); Kingdom of Greece [incorporates Smyrna] (1919–1922); Kingdom of Greece (1922–1924); Second Hellenic Republic (Greek Republic) (1924–1935); Kingdom of Greece (1935–1941); Greek State under Axis powers occupation (1941–1944); Kingdom of Greece [restored] (1944–1973); Third Hellenic Republic (Greek Republic) (1973–).

Note: During the "national schism" of 1916–1917 we code the government in Athens as the government of Greece until the abdication of King Konstantinos I in 1917. The period 1941–1944 is characterized by first Italian and then German occupation and is officially referred to as the Greek State.

5.4.3 Italy (82)

Coded: 1861–

History: Kingdom of Italy (1861–1866); Kingdom of Italy [incorporates Venice] (1866); Kingdom of Italy (1866–1870); Kingdom of Italy [incorporates Papal States] (1870); Kingdom of Italy (1870–1918); Kingdom of Italy [incorporates Tyrol and Trieste] (1918); Kingdom of Italy (1918–1946); Italian Republic (1946–).

Note: Does not include other areas conquered and occupied during (and in the years leading up to) WWI and WWII.

5.4.4 Malta (178)

Coded: 1900–

History: British Crown Colony of Malta (1900–1964); Republic of Malta [independent state] (1964–).

5.4.5 Modena (351)

Coded: 1789–1797; 1814–1859

History: Duchy of Modena and Reggio (1789–1796); part of Cispadane Republic (1796–1797); part of the Cisalpine Republic (1797–1802); part of the Italian Republic (1802–1805); part of the Napoleonic Kingdom of Italy (1805–1814); Duchy of Modena and Reggio (1814–1848); Duchy of Modena and Reggio administered by Piedmont-Sardinia (1848–1849); Duchy of Modena and Reggio (1849–1859); Duchy of Modena and Reggio [incorporates Massa and Carrara] (1859); part of the United Provinces of Central Italy (1859–1860); annexed by Piedmont-Sardinia (1860).

5.4.6 Papal States (361)

Coded: 1789–1809; 1814–1870

History: Papal States (1789–1798); the Roman Republic (1798–1800); Papal States (1800–1809); Papal States annexed by France (1809–1814); Papal States (1814–1849); the Roman Republic (1849); Papal States (1849–1860); Papal States [Romagna, Umbria, the Marches, Benevento and Pontecorvo annexed by Sardinia] (1860); Papal States (1860–1870).

Note: Between 1860 and 1870, only includes the region of Lazio.

5.4.7 Parma (352)

Coded: 1789–1802; 1814–1859

History: Duchy of Parma and Piacenza (1789–1802); Duchy of Parma and Piacenza administered by France (1802–1808); Duchy of Parma and Piacenza annexed by France (1808–1814); Duchy of Parma and Piacenza (1814–1859); Duchy of Parma and Piacenza administered by Piedmont-Sardinia (1859–1860); Duchy of Parma and Piacenza annexed by Piedmont-Sardinia (1860).

5.4.8 Piedmont-Sardinia (373)

Coded: 1789–1861

History: Kingdom of Piedmont-Sardinia (1789–1793); Kingdom of Piedmont-Sardinia, but with Savoy and Nice annexed by France (1793–1800); Piedmont under French occupation (1800–1802); Piedmont annexed by France (1802–1814); annexation of Savoy and Nice by France ends (1814); Kingdom of Piedmont-Sardinia (1814–1859); Kingdom of Piedmont-Sardinia [incorporates Lombardy] (1859); Kingdom of Piedmont-Sardinia (1859–1960); Kingdom of Piedmont-Sardinia [incorporates Parma, Modena, Tuscany, Romagna, Umbria, the Marches and the Two Sicilies] cedes Savoy and Nice to France (1860); Kingdom of Piedmont-Sardinia (1860–1861).

5.4.9 Portugal (21)

Coded: 1789–

History: Kingdom of Portugal (1789–1807); Kingdom of Portugal under French occupation (1807–1808); Kingdom of Portugal (1808–1910); Portuguese Republic (1910–).

Note: The Kingdom of Portugal was also known as the Kingdom of Portugal and the Algarves, and from 1815–1822 as the United Kingdom of Portugal, Brazil and the Algarves, but the coding includes only the European possessions of Portugal.

5.4.10 Spain (96)

Coded: 1789–

History: Kingdom of Spain (1789–1808); Kingdom of Spain under French occupation (1808–1812); Catalonia annexed by France (1812–1813); Kingdom of Spain under French occupation (1813); Kingdom of Spain (1813–1873); Spanish Republic (1873); Kingdom of Spain (1873–1931); Second Spanish Republic (1931–1939); Spanish State (1939–1975); Kingdom of Spain (1975–).

Note: Only includes the European possessions of Spain and the Canary Islands. Does not include Catalonia 1812–1813. The Second Spanish Republic is coded until the end of the Civil War in 1939.

5.4.11 Tuscany (354)

Coded: 1789–1807; 1814–1861

History: Grand Duchy of Tuscany (1789–1799); Etruscan Republic under French occupation (1799); Grand Duchy of Tuscany (1799–1801); Kingdom of Etruria (1801–1807); Kingdom of Etruria annexed to France (1807–1814); Grand Duchy of Tuscany (1814–1847); Grand Duchy of Tuscany [incorporates Lucca] (1847); Grand Duchy of Tuscany (1847–1859); Grand Duchy of Tuscany joins Modena, Parma and Piacenza to form United Provinces of Central Italy (1859–1860); annexed by Piedmont-Sardinia (1860–1861).

5.4.12 Two Sicilies (356)

Coded: 1789–1860

History: Kingdom of Naples (1789–1816); united with Sicily to form the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies (1816–1848); Kingdom of Sicily breaks away (1848–1849); Kingdom of the Two Sicilies (1849–1860); Two Sicilies annexed by Piedmont-Sardinia (1860).

5.5 Western Europe

5.5.1 Austria (144)

Coded: 1789–1938; 1945–

History: Austrian hereditary lands (1789–1867); Austrian "half" of the Habsburg Empire - Cisleithania (1867–1918); Republic of German-Austria (1918–1919); Republic of Austria (1919–1938); German state of Ostmark (1938–1939); Ostmark as an integral part of Third Reich [dissolved into Reichsgaue] (1939–1945); Republic of Austria under Allied occupation (1945–1955); Republic of Austria (1955–).

Note: Between 1789 and 1867, includes only present-day Austria, Czechia, Slovenia, Italian Tyrol and Herzegovina. Between 1867 and 1918, includes present-day Austria, Czechia, Slovenia Italian Tyrol, and does not include Bosnia and Herzegovina. For the years 1900–1917, Austria is coded by Historical V-Dem only.

5.5.2 Baden (349)

Coded: 1789–1871

History: Margraviate of Baden (1789–1803); Electorate of Baden (1803–1806); Grand Duchy of Baden (1806–1871).

5.5.3 Bavaria (350)

Coded: 1789–1871

History: Electorate of Bavaria (1789–1803); Electorate of Bavaria [incorporates Palatinate] (1803); Electorate of Bavaria (1803–1806); Kingdom of Bavaria (1806–1871).

5.5.4 Belgium (148)

Coded: 1789–1795; 1830–

History: Austrian Netherlands (1789–1795); Austrian Netherlands annexed by France (1795–1814); Belgian Provinces under Allied administration (1814–1815); Belgian Provinces incorporated into the Kingdom of the Netherlands (1815–1830); Kingdom of Belgium (1830–1914); Kingdom of Belgium under German occupation (1914–1918); Kingdom of Belgium (1918–1940); Kingdom of Belgium under German occupation (1940–1944); Kingdom of Belgium (1944–)

Note: Only includes European possessions of Belgium.

5.5.5 Brunswick (363)

Coded: 1789–1807; 1813–1867

History: Duchy of Brunswick (1789–1807); Duchy of Brunswick incorporated into Kingdom of Westphalia (1807–1813); Duchy of Brunswick (1813–1867); part of North German Confederation (1867–1871).

5.5.6 France (76)

Coded: 1789–

History: Kingdom of France (1789–1792); French First Republic (1792–1804); French Empire (1804–1814; 1815); Kingdom of France (1815–1848); French Second Republic (1848–1852); French Empire (1852–1870); French Third Republic (1870–1940); French State ["Vichy regime"] (1940–1944); French Third Republic (1944–1947); French Fourth Republic (1947–1958); French Fifth Republic (1958–).

Note: Includes only the European possessions of France. This includes: Luxembourg and Belgium (1795–1814); Aachen (1797–1813); Salm-Salm, Salm-Grumbach, Mainz, Speyer, Trier (1801–1814); Kniphausen (1807–1814); Catalonia (1808–1813); The Netherlands Lübeck, Bremen, Oldenburg, Westphalian departments of Elbe-Inférieure, Nord, Weser, and Aller (1810–1813); and Hamburg

(1813–1814). Does not include Lorraine and Alsace (1871–1918). Does not include overseas departments and territories. Between 1940 and 1944, the Vichy regime is understood to be the government of France — not the Free French under De Gaulle.

5.5.7 Germany (77)

Coded: 1789–1945; 1949–

History: Kingdom of Prussia (1789–1812); Kingdom of Prussia under French occupation (1812–1813); Kingdom of Prussia (1813–1867); North German Confederation (1867–1871); German Empire (1871–1918); Weimar Republic (1918–1933); Third Reich (1933–1945); Third Reich under Allied occupation (1945–1949); Federal Republic of Germany (1949–).

Note: Covers the state of Prussia from 1789–1867, and the areas under the North German Confederation from 1867–1871. Includes Austria during the Anschluss (1938–1945). Does not include other areas conquered and occupied during (and in the years leading up to) WWI and WWII. East Germany is coded separately from 1949–1990.

5.5.8 Hamburg (362)

Coded: 1789–1810; 1813–1867

History: Free Imperial City of Hamburg (1789–1806); Free Imperial City of Hamburg under French occupation (1806–1813); Free Imperial City of Hamburg annexed by France (1813–1814); Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg (1814–1867); part of North German Confederation (1867–1871).

5.5.9 Hanover (357)

Coded: 1789–1810; 1813–1866

History: Electorate of Hanover (1789–1803); Electorate of Hanover under French occupation (1803–1805); Electorate of Hanover under Prussian occupation (1805–1806); Electorate of Hanover under French occupation (1806–1810); Electorate of Hanover incorporated into Kingdom of Westphalia (1810–1813); Electorate of Hanover (1813–1814); Kingdom of Hanover (1814–1866); annexed by Prussia (1866–1867); part of North German Confederation (1867–1871).

Note: Personal union with Great Britain (1714–1837).

5.5.10 Hesse-Darmstadt (359)

Coded: 1789–1871

History: Landgraviate of Hesse-Darmstadt (1789–1806); Grand Duchy of Hesse-Darmstadt (1806–1867); Grand Duchy of Hesse-Darmstadt as part of North German Confederation (1867–1871).

5.5.11 Hesse-Kassel (358)

Coded: 1789–1866

History: Landgraviate of Hesse-Kassel (1789–1803); Electorate of Hesse-Kassel (1803–1806); Electorate of Hesse-Kassel under French Occupation (1806–1807); Kingdom of Westphalia (1807–1810); departments of Elbe-Inférieure, Nord, Weser, and part of Aller are annexed to France (1810); Kingdom of Westphalia (1810–1813); Kingdom of Westphalia [dissolved] (1813); Electorate of Hesse-Kassel (1813–1866); Electorate of Hesse-Kassel incorporated into Prussia (1866–1867); Part of North German Confederation (1867–1871).

5.5.12 Ireland (81)

Coded: 1919–

History: Part of the United Kingdom (1900–1919); Ireland [independence declared] (1919); Ireland as part of the United Kingdom (1919–1923); Ireland [independence recognized] (1923–).

Note: Does not include Northern Ireland.

5.5.13 Luxembourg (174)

Coded: 1815–

History: Grand Duchy of Luxemburg [personal union with the Kingdom of the Netherlands] (1815);

Grand Duchy of Luxemburg [personal union with the Kingdom of the Netherlands] with Prussian soldiers stationed in Luxembourg City (1815–1830); Grand Duchy of Luxemburg [personal union with the Kingdom of the Netherlands] with Prussian soldiers stationed in Luxembourg City under Belgium occupation (1830–1831); Luxembourg province annexed by Belgium (1831); Grand Duchy of Luxemburg [personal union with the Kingdom of the Netherlands] with Prussian soldiers stationed in Luxembourg City under Belgium occupation (1831–1839); Grand Duchy of Luxemburg [personal union with the Kingdom of the Netherlands] with Prussian soldiers stationed in Luxembourg City (1839–1842); Grand Duchy of Luxemburg joins German customs union [Zollverein] (1842); Grand Duchy of Luxemburg [personal union with the Kingdom of the Netherlands] with Prussian soldiers stationed in Luxembourg City (1842–1867); Grand Duchy of Luxemburg [personal union with the Kingdom of the Netherlands] (1867–1890); Grand Duchy of Luxemburg (1890–1914); Grand Duchy of Luxemburg under German occupation (1914–1918); Grand Duchy of Luxemburg (1918–1919); Grand Duchy of Luxemburg leaves Zollverein (1919); Grand Duchy of Luxemburg (1919–1940); Grand Duchy of Luxemburg under German occupation (1940–1944); Grand Duchy of Luxemburg (1944–).

5.5.14 Mecklenburg-Schwerin (360)

Coded: 1789–1867

History: Duchy of Mecklenburg-Schwerin (1789–1815); Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg-Schwerin (1815–1867); part of North German Confederation (1867–1871).

5.5.15 Nassau (366)

Coded: 1806–1866

History: Principalities of Nassau-Weilburg and Nassau-Usingen united into the Duchy of Nassau (1806–1866); Duchy of Nassau annexed by Prussia (1866); part of North German Confederation (1867–1871).

5.5.16 Netherlands (91)

Coded: 1789–1810; 1813–

History: Republic of the United Netherlands (1789–1795); Republic of the United Netherlands under French occupation (1795–1796); Batavian Republic (1796); Batavian Republic under French occupation (1796–1805); Batavian Commonwealth (1805); Batavian Commonwealth under French occupation (1805–1806); Kingdom of Holland (1806); Kingdom of Holland under French occupation (1806–1810); Kingdom of Holland annexed by France (1810–1813); Republic of the United Netherlands (1813–1815); Kingdom of the Netherlands (1815–1940); Kingdom of the Netherlands under German occupation (1940–1945); Kingdom of the Netherlands (1945–).

Note: Only includes European possessions of the Netherlands. Does not include overseas colonies and protectorates. Between 1815 and 1830 also includes Belgium. Includes Boinare, Sint Eustatius and Saba after 2010.

5.5.17 Oldenburg (364)

Coded: 1789–1810; 1813–1867

History: Duchy of Oldenburg (1789–1810); Duchy of Oldenburg incorporated into France (1810–1813); Duchy of Oldenburg (1813–1829); Grand Duchy of Oldenburg (1829–1867); part of North German Confederation (1867–1871).

5.5.18 Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach (365)

Coded: 1809–1867

History: Duchies of Saxe-Weimar and Saxe-Eisenach enter a personal union (1809–1867); part of North German Confederation (1867–1871).

5.5.19 Saxony (353)

Coded: 1789–1867

History: Electorate of Saxony (1789–1806); Kingdom of Saxony (1806–1867); part of North German

Confederation (1867–1871).

5.5.20 Switzerland (6)

Coded: 1789–

History: Swiss Confederation [no central government] (1789–1798); Helvetic Republic under French occupation (1798–1803); Swiss Confederation (1803); Swiss Confederation under French occupation (1803–1814); Swiss Confederation (1814–).

5.5.21 United Kingdom (101)

Coded: 1789–

History: Great Britain (1789–1801); United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland (1801–1922); United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (1922–).

Note: Includes England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland (1801–). Includes Ireland (1801–1923). Does not include overseas colonies and protectorates.

5.5.22 Württemberg (355)

Coded: 1789–1871

History: Duchy of Württemberg (1789–1803); Electorate Württemberg (1803–1806); Kingdom of Württemberg (1806–1871).

6 Middle East and North Africa (MENA)

6.0.1 Algeria (103)

Coded: 1900–

History: French colony (1900–1962) [three departments of France, but should be coded as a single unit, *i.e.*, as single colony]; People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria [independent state] (1962–).

6.0.2 Bahrain (146)

Coded: 1900–

History: British protectorate (1900–1971); Kingdom of Bahrain [independent state] (1971–).

6.0.3 Egypt (13)

Coded: 1789–

History: Ottoman Eyalet of Egypt (1789–1799); Ottoman Eyalet of Egypt under French occupation (1799–1801); Ottoman Eyalet of Egypt under British occupation (1801–1803); Ottoman Eyalet of Egypt (1803–1805); Ottoman Eyalet [nominally under Ottoman suzerainty] (1805–1866); Khedivate of Egypt (1866); Khedivate of Egypt within Ottoman Eyalet (1866–1867); Khedivate of Egypt (1867–1882); Khedivate of Egypt under British occupation (1882–1900); part of Ottoman Empire (1900); part of Ottoman Empire under British influence (1900–1914); Sultanate of Egypt (1914); Sultanate of Egypt under British protectorate (1914–1922); Egyptian Kingdom [nominally an independent state] (1922); Egyptian Kingdom under British military presence (1922–1953); Republic of Egypt (1953–1954); Republic of Egypt after British military presence ends (1954); Republic of Egypt (1954–1958); Egypt [part of the United Arab Republic] (1958–1961); Arab Republic of Egypt (1961–1967); Arab Republic of Egypt under Israeli occupation of the Sinai Peninsula (1967–1982); Arab Republic of Egypt (1982–).

Note: Includes Hejaz, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine (1831–1841). Does not include Sudan (coded separately).

6.0.4 Iran (79)

Coded: 1789–

History: Persia (1789–1935); Iran (1935–1979); Islamic Republic of Iran (1979–).

Note: Does not include Khorasan (1789–1803). Includes Azerbaijan (1791–1813).

6.0.5 Iraq (80)

Coded: 1920–

History: Ottoman Empire (1900–1917); Ottoman Empire under British occupation (1917–1920); State of Iraq [British-led League of Nations Mandate territory] (1920–1932); the Kingdom of Iraq [independent state] (1932); the Kingdom of Iraq (1932–1941); the Kingdom of Iraq under British occupation (1941); the Kingdom of Iraq (1941–1958); Republic of Iraq (1958–2003); Republic of Iraq under US occupation (2003–2012); Republic of Iraq (2012–).

6.0.6 Israel (169)

Coded: 1948–

History: British-led League of Nations mandate (1922–1948); State of Israel [independent state] (1948–).

Note: Includes East Jerusalem and Golan Heights (1967–). Does not include Sinai Peninsula (occupied 1967–1982). Does not include South Lebanon (occupied 1978, 1982–2000, 2006). Does not include West Bank, nor Gaza (coded separately). This goes also for Area C or areas of the West Bank and Gaza occupied by Israel during war-time *i.e.*, they are not included in the coding of this country unit).

6.0.7 Jordan (83)

Coded: 1922–

History: Emirate of Transjordan (1922–1946); the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan [independent state] (1946–).

Note: Includes West Bank between 1950 and 1967.

6.0.8 Kuwait (171)

Coded: 1789–

History: Sheikhdome of Kuwait (1789–1871); Sheikhdome of Kuwait [under nominal Ottoman suzerainty] (1871–1899); Kuwait under informal protectorate of Britain (1899–1961); State of Kuwait [independent state] (1961–1990); State of Kuwait under Iraqi occupation (1990–1991); State of Kuwait (1991–).

6.0.9 Lebanon (44)

Coded: 1918–

History: Syrian province of the Ottoman Empire (1900–1918); Syrian province of the Ottoman Empire under French influence (1918–1920); State of Greater Lebanon (1920); State of Greater Lebanon under French influence (1920–1923); State of Greater Lebanon under French protectorate (1923–1926); Republic of Lebanon (1926); Republic of Lebanon under French protectorate (1926–1943); Republic of Lebanon [independent state] (1943); Republic of Lebanon under French influence (1943–1946); Republic of Lebanon after last French troops withdrawal (1946); Republic of Lebanon (1946–1991); Republic of Lebanon and occupied Southern Lebanon (1992–2000); Republic of Lebanon (2001–).

6.0.10 Libya (124)

Coded: 1789–1834; 1911–1933; 1934–1942, 1951–

History: Sultanate of Tripoli (1789–1834); Ottoman Eyalet of Tripolitania (1835–1911); Ottoman Eyalet of Tripolitania under Italian occupation (1911); Italian protectorate of Tripolitania (1912–1918); Tripolitanian Republic (1918–1922); Italian colony of Tripolitania (1922–1933); Tripolitania united with Fezzan and Cyrenaica as the Italian colony of Libya (1934–1942); Tripolitania and Cyrenaica under British occupation [administered separately] (1942–1943); Tripolitania and Cyrenaica under British occupation [administered separately] and Fezzan occupied by France (1943–1950); Tripolitania, Cyrenaica and Fezzan under UN supervision [separate British and French administration, with a UN commissioner in Tripoli] (1950–1951); United Kingdom of Libya [consolidated as a unified independent state] (1951–1963); Libyan Kingdom (1963–1968); Libyan Arab Republic (1968–1973); Socialist People’s Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (1973–1986); Great Socialist People’s Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (1986–2011); Libya (2011–2012); State of Libya (2012–).

Note: Before 1934, only the present-day Libyan region of Tripolitania is coded. Tripolitania, Cyrenaica and Fezzan enjoy a large degree of autonomy up to 1963. For the years 1911–1933, Libya is coded by Historical V-Dem only.

6.0.11 Morocco (90)

Coded: 1789–

History: Kingdom of Morocco (1789–1900); Kingdom of Morocco under French and Spanish sphere of influence (1900–1907); Kingdom of Morocco under French occupation (1907–1910); northern Kingdom of Morocco under Spanish occupation (1910); Kingdom of Morocco under French occupation (1910–1912); Kingdom of Morocco under French protectorate [though not integrated into France to the degree that other French colonies were] (1912–1956); Kingdom of Morocco [independent state] (1956–).

Note: Does not include the Spanish protectorate (1912–1956) or the Western Sahara, but please note that for the Historical V-Dem coding the Spanish protectorate was included for 1912–1920. For the years 1900–1911, Morocco is coded by Historical V-Dem only.

6.0.12 Oman (187)

Coded: 1789–

History: Sultanate of Muscat (1789–1820); Sultanate of Muscat and Oman (1820–1920); Sultanate of Muscat (1920–1955); Sultanate of Muscat and Oman (1955–1970); Sultanate of Oman (1970–).

Note: Includes Zanzibar (1789–1855) and Gwadar (1792–1920). Imamate of Oman (1789–1820 and 1920–1955) is excluded from the coding.

6.0.13 Palestine/British Mandate (209)

Coded: 1918–1948.

6.0.14 Palestine/Gaza (138)

Coded: 1948–1967, 2007–

History: British mandate (1918–1948); Gaza Strip under Egyptian occupation (1948–1967); Gaza Strip under Israeli occupation [military rule] (1967–1981); Gaza Strip under Israeli occupation [civil administration] (1981–1994); most of Gaza Strip and the city of Jericho in the West Bank under Palestinian Authority rule [subsequently expanded to other territories] (1994–2007); Gaza Strip under Hamas control (2007–).

Note: This coding unit refers to the present-day territory of Gaza. It does not include areas in Gaza that Israel controls entirely in the present era, including areas under military occupation after 2023.

6.0.15 Palestine/West Bank (128)

Coded: 1948–1950; 1967–

History: British mandate (1918–1948); West Bank under Jordanian occupation [unrecognized annexation in 1950] (1948–1967); West Bank under Israeli occupation [military rule] (1967–1981); West Bank under Israeli occupation [civil administration] (1981–1994); the city of Jericho in the West Bank and most of the Gaza Strip under Palestinian Authority rule [subsequently expanded to other territories] (1994).

Note: For 1948–1967 and 2007–, this coding unit refers to West Bank only (Gaza is coded separately from when Hamas gains control in 2007). Between 1967 and 2007, this coding unit refers to the present-day territories of both Gaza and the West Bank. Note that East Jerusalem is not included in the coding unit, and, from 1994, neither are areas in the West Bank that Israel controls entirely (e.g., Area C).

6.0.16 South Yemen (23)

Coded: 1900–1990.

History: Aden, part of British India (1900–1937); British colony of Aden (1937–1963); Federation of South Arabia (1963–1967); People’s Republic of South Yemen (1967–1970); People’s Democratic Republic of Yemen (1970–1990).

Note: Up to 1963 only includes the city of Aden and its immediate surroundings. Between 1963 and 1967 does not include the Protectorate of South Arabia.

6.0.17 Syria (97)

Coded: 1918–1920; 1922–

History: Syrian province of the Ottoman Empire (1900–1918); Syrian province of the Ottoman Empire under British and French occupation (1918–1920); Arab Kingdom of Syria (1920); Arab Kingdom of Syria divided into separate “Levant States” by France (1920–1922); Syrian Federation (1922–1924); Syrian Federation under French protectorate (1923–1924); State of Syria (1924); State of Syria under French protectorate (1924–1930); Syrian Republic (1930); Syrian Republic under French protectorate (1930–1943); Syrian Republic [achieves independence] (1943); Syrian Republic under French protectorate (1943–1946); Syrian Republic [independence recognized, last French troops depart] (1946); Syrian Republic (1946–1958); part of United Arab Republic (1958–1961); Syrian Arab Republic (1961–).

Note: Between 1922 and 1924 only includes the State of Damascus, Alawite State and State of Aleppo. Does not include Jabal al Druze State. Between 1924 and 1930 only includes the State of Damascus

and State of Aleppo. Does not include Jabal al Druze State nor the Alawite State. Between 1958 and 1961 only code the Syrian part of the United Arab Republic. After 1967, do not include the Golan Heights.

6.0.18 Qatar (94)

Coded: 1900–

History: Unofficial British protectorate (1900–1916); British protectorate (1916–1971); State of Qatar [independent state] (1971–).

6.0.19 Saudi Arabia (197)

Coded: 1789–1818; 1822–

History: Al-Diriyah Emirate (1789–1818); Al-Diriyah Emirate under Egyptian occupation (1818–1822); Al-Diriyah Emirate [restored] (1822–1887); Al-Diriyah Emirate under Jebel Shammar occupation (1887–1902); Emirate of Nejd (1902–1913); Emirate of Nejd [incorporates al-Hasa] (1913); Emirate of Nejd (1913–1925); Emirate of Nejd [occupies and incorporates Hejaz] (1925); Emirate of Nejd (1925–1932); Nejd and Hejaz formally united as Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (1932–).

Note: For the years 1900–1931, Saudi Arabia is coded by Historical V-Dem only.

6.0.20 Tunisia (98)

Coded: 1789–

History: Beylik of Tunis [autonomous under nominal Ottoman suzerainty] (1789–1881); French protectorate of Tunisia (1881–1956); Tunisian Republic [independent state] (1956–).

6.0.21 Türkiye (99)

Coded: 1789–

History: Ottoman Empire (1789); Ottoman Empire [includes Hejaz, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, Serbia, Samos, Greece, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Eastern Rumelia and Crete] (1789–1804); Ottoman Empire [includes Hejaz, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, Samos, Greece, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Eastern Rumelia and Crete] (1804–1813); Ottoman Empire [includes Hejaz, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, Serbia, Samos, Greece, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Eastern Rumelia and Crete] (1813–1815); Ottoman Empire [includes Hejaz, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, Greece, Samos, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Eastern Rumelia and Crete] (1815–1821); Ottoman Empire [includes Hejaz, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, Greece, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Eastern Rumelia and Crete] (1821–1822); Ottoman Empire [includes Hejaz, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Eastern Rumelia, Crete] (1822–1830); Ottoman Empire [includes Bosnia, Bulgaria, Eastern Rumelia, Crete] (1830–1831); Ottoman Empire [includes Bosnia, Bulgaria, Eastern Rumelia, Crete, Iraq (Baghdad)] (1831–1841); Ottoman Empire [includes Hejaz, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Eastern Rumelia, Crete, Iraq (Baghdad)] (1841–1850); Ottoman Empire [includes Hejaz, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Eastern Rumelia, Crete, Iraq (Baghdad), Yemen (North)] (1850–1859); Ottoman Empire [includes Hejaz, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Eastern Rumelia, Crete, Iraq (Baghdad), Yemen (North), Baban (Kurdistan)] (1859–1878); Ottoman Empire [includes Hejaz, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, Eastern Rumelia, Crete, Iraq (Baghdad), Yemen (North), Baban (Kurdistan)] (1878–1885); Ottoman Empire [includes Hejaz, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, Crete, Iraq (Baghdad), Yemen (North), Baban (Kurdistan)] (1885–1897); Ottoman Empire [includes Hejaz, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, Iraq (Baghdad), Yemen (North), Baban (Kurdistan)] (1897–1918); Ottoman Empire [transition phase] (1918–1923); Republic of Turkey (1923–2022); Republic of Türkiye (2022–).

Note: Does not include Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, Cyprus, Kuwait nor Bahrain (coded separately).

6.0.22 United Arab Emirates (207)

Coded: 1971–

History: British sphere of influence (1900–1971); independent state formed from seven emirates: Abu Dhabi, Ajman, Dubai, Fujairah, Ras al-Khaimah, Sharjah, Umm al-Quwain (1971–).

6.0.23 Yemen (14)

Coded: 1789–1850; 1918–

History: Yemen (1789–1850); part of the Ottoman Empire [varying degrees of control/direct rule] (1850–1918); Mutawakkilite Kingdom of Yemen (1918–1962); the Yemen Arab Republic [“North Yemen”] (1962–1990); Republic of Yemen (1990–).

7 Oceania

7.0.1 Australia (67)

Coded: 1789–

History: British colony of New South Wales (1789–1901); Commonwealth of Australia (1901–).

7.0.2 Fiji (162)

Coded: 1900–

History: British colony (1900–1970); Dominion of Fiji [independent state] (1970–1987); Republic of Fiji (1987–1990); Sovereign Democratic Republic of Fiji (1990–1998); Republic of the Fiji Islands (1998–2011); Republic of Fiji (2011–).

7.0.3 New Zealand (185)

Coded: 1841–

History: New Zealand Colony (1841–1907); Dominion of New Zealand (1907–1953); Realm of New Zealand (1953–).

7.0.4 Papua New Guinea (93)

Coded: 1900–

History: British protectorate of British New Guinea (1900–1902); British New Guinea under the authority of the Commonwealth of Australia (1902–1906); Territory of Papua (1906); Territory of Papua under the authority of the Commonwealth of Australia (1906–1945); Territory of Papua after union with the Territory of New Guinea (1945); Territory of Papua and New Guinea under the authority of the Commonwealth of Australia (1945–1975); Independent State of Papua New Guinea (1975–).

7.0.5 Solomon Islands (203)

Coded: 1900–

History: Solomon Islands as a British colony or protectorate (1900–1942); Solomon Islands as a British colony under Japanese occupation (1942–1943); Solomon Islands as a British colony (1943–1976); Solomon Islands with self-rule within the Commonwealth (1976–1978); Solomon Islands [independent state] (1978–).

7.0.6 Vanuatu (206)

Coded: 1906–

History: Vanuatu under joint French and British control by British-French Condominium [separate governing systems] (1906–1980); Republic of Vanuatu [independent state] (1980–).

8 Other Political Units (Not coded)

8.1 Africa

8.1.1 Western Sahara

Years: 1900–

Status: Not coded

History: Spanish West Africa (1900–1976); Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic [proclaimed][area partitioned by Mauritania and Morocco] (1976); Western Sahara [partitioned] (1976–1979); Western Sahara [evacuated by Mauritania][former Mauritanian areas occupied by Morocco] (1979); Western Sahara [disputed sovereignty] (1979–).

8.2 Americas

8.2.1 Antigua and Barbuda

Years: 1900–

Status: Not coded

History: Antigua and Barbuda as a British colony (1900–1981); Antigua and Barbuda [independent state] (1981–).

8.2.2 Bahamas

Years: 1900–

Status: Not coded

History: Bahamas as a British colony (1900–1973); Commonwealth of the Bahamas [independent state] (1973–).

8.2.3 Dominica

Years: 1900–

Status: Not coded

History: Dominica as a British colony (1900–1958); West Indies Federation (1958–1962); British colony (1962–1967); Dominica [associated state of the UK with self-determination over domestic policy] (1967–1978); Dominica [independent state] (1978–).

Note: Includes only Dominica during period of federation (1958–1962).

8.2.4 Grenada

Years: 1900–

Status: Not coded

History: Grenada as a British colony (1900–1958); British colony under the West Indies Federation (1958–1962); Grenada as a British colony (1962–1967); Grenada [associated state of the UK with self-determination over domestic policy] (1967–1974); Grenada [independent state] (1974–1983); Grenada under US occupation (1983); Grenada [independent state] (1983–).

Note: Includes only Grenada during period of federation (1958–1962).

8.2.5 Saint Kitts and Nevis

Years: 1900–

Status: Not coded

History: Saint Kitts and Nevis as a British colony (1900–1967); Saint Kitts and Nevis [associated state of the UK with self-determination over domestic policy] (1967–1971); Saint Kitts and Nevis [Anguilla separates] (1971); Saint Kitts and Nevis (1971–1983); Saint Kitts and Nevis [independent state] (1983–).

8.2.6 Saint Lucia

Years: 1900–

Status: Not coded

History: Saint Lucia as a British colony (1900–1958); West Indies Federation (1958–1962); Saint Lucia as a British colony (1962–1967); Saint Lucia [associated state of the UK with self-determination over domestic policy] (1967–1979); Saint Lucia [independent state] (1979–).

Note: Includes only St Lucia during period of federation (1958–1962).

8.2.7 Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Years: 1900–

Status: Not coded

History: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines as a British colony (1900–1958); West Indies Federation (1958–1962); Saint Vincent and the Grenadines as a British colony (1962–1969); Saint Vincent and the Grenadines [associated state of the UK with self-determination over domestic policy] (1969–1979); Saint Vincent and the Grenadines [independent state] (1979–).

Note: Includes only St Vincent/Grenadines during period of federation (1958–1962).

8.2.8 Belize (149)

Years: 1900–

Status: Not coded

History: British colony of British Honduras (1900–1964); British colony of British Honduras [granted self-government] (1964); British colony of British Honduras (1964–1973); Belize (1973–1981); Belize [independent state] (1981–).

8.3 Asia

8.3.1 Abkhazia

Years: 1993–

Status: Not coded

History: Russian Empire (1900–1917); part of Georgia (1917–1921); under Soviet rule (1921–1922); part of Transcaucasian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic (1922–1936); part of Georgia Soviet Socialist Republic (1936–1990); declaration of sovereignty within USSR (1990); part of Georgia Soviet Socialist Republic (1990–1991); part of independent Republic of Georgia (1991–1992); declaration of independence (1992); part of independent Republic of Georgia (1992–1993); Republic of Abkhazia [semi-autonomous break-away region] (1993–).

Note: In 1993, the Russian-brokered ceasefire permitted the resurgence of self-rule. Short episodes of Georgian-Abkhaz violence did occur after 1993, but Abkhazia maintained autonomy. After the 2008 Russo-Georgian war, Abkhazia and so called South Ossetia was recognized by Russia and Nicaragua, and in 2009 by Venezuela.

8.3.2 Nagorno-Karabakh Republic

Years: 1992–

Status: Not coded

History: Russian Empire (1900–1917); autonomous part of Azerbaijan (1917–1920); Declared part of Armenia (1920); occupied by Soviet Russia [incorporated into Azerbaijan Soviet Socialist Republic] (1921–1991); part of independent Azerbaijan (1991–1992); Republic of Nagorno-Karabakh [semi-autonomous break-away region] (1992–).

Note: A semi-constant state of conflict is present between 1988 and 1994. Political ties between N-K and Armenia are very tight and it is difficult to argue the extent to which N-K is truly self-governing.

8.3.3 Tskhinvali (so called South Ossetia)

Years: 1991–

Status: Not coded

History: Russian Empire (1900–1917); part of Georgia (1918–1921); Georgia under Soviet rule (1921–1922); autonomous oblast of Transcaucasian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic (1922–1936); part of Georgian Soviet Socialist Republic (1936–1991); war with Georgia (1991–1992); declaration of sovereignty within USSR (1991); Republic of South Ossetia [declaration of independence] (1991); Republic of South Ossetia [semi-autonomous break-away region] (1992–).

Note: After the 2008 Russo-Georgian war, Abkhazia and so called South Ossetia was recognized by Russia and Nicaragua, and in 2009 by Venezuela.

8.3.4 Macau (175)

Years: 1900–

Status: Not coded

History: Macau as a Portuguese colony (1900–1999); Macau as a special administrative region of China (1999–).

8.3.5 Manchukuo

Years: 1932–1945

Status: Not coded

8.3.6 Tibet

Years: 1913–1950

Status: Not coded

8.3.7 Brunei (151)

Years: 1900–

Status: Not coded

History: Brunei under British protectorate (1900–1941); Brunei under Japanese occupation (1941–1945); Brunei under British protectorate (1945–1984); State of Brunei Darussalam [independent state] (1984–).

8.4 Europe

8.4.1 Andorra (142)

Years: 1900–

Status: Not coded

8.4.2 Faroe Islands

Years: 1900–

Status: Not coded

History: Danish possession (1900–1948); Faroe Islands [self-government] (1948–).

8.4.3 Greenland

Years: 1900–

Status: Not coded

History: Danish possession (1900–1953); Greenland under US protectorate (1941–1945); Danish province (1953–1979); Greenland [self-government] (1979–2009); Greenland [expanded autonomy] (2009–).

8.4.4 Liechtenstein (172)

Years: 1900–

Status: Not coded

8.4.5 Northern Cyprus, Turkish Republic of

Years: 1974–

Status: Not coded

History: Ottoman Empire [not ruled directly], under British sphere of influence (1900–1918); Cyprus under British sphere of influence (1918–1925); Cyprus as a British crown colony (1925–1960); part of Cyprus (1960–1974); Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (1974–).

8.4.6 Monaco (182)

Years: 1900–

Status: Not coded

8.4.7 San Marino (195)

Years: 1900–

Status: Not coded

8.4.8 Transnistria

Years: 1990–

Status: Not coded

History: Russian Empire (1900–1917); part of Soviet Russia (1917–1919); occupied by “White” Russian forces under Denikin (1919–1920); part of Ukraine (1920–1941); annexed by Romania (1941–1944); part of Moldavian Soviet Socialist Republic within U.S.S.R. (1944–1991); Transnistria declares sovereignty (1990–1991); Transnistria declares independence (1991); Transnistria/ Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic [unrecognized autonomous state] (1991–).

8.4.9 Vatican City (208)

Years: 1900–

Status: Not coded

8.4.10 Åland

Years: 1900–

Status: Not coded

History: Part of the Grand Duchy of Finland, an autonomous component of the Russian Empire (until 1917); Part of Finland (1917–1922); Autonomous part of Finland (1922–).

8.5 Middle East and North Africa (MENA)

8.5.1 Cyrenaica

Years: 1900–1934, 1942–1951

Status: Not coded

History: Ottoman province (1900–1911); Italian colony (1911–1934); part of unified Italian colony of (1934–1942); under British occupation (1942–1951); incorporated into unified independent Kingdom of Libya (1951).

8.5.2 Fezzan

Years: 1900–1934, 1942–1951

Status: Not coded

History: Ottoman province (1900–1911); Italian colony (1911–1934); part of unified Italian colony of Libya (1934–1942); Italian colony of Libya under French occupation (1942–1951); incorporated into unified independent Kingdom of Libya (1951–).

Note: Loose Italian control (1911–1923).

8.6 Oceania

8.6.1 Federated States of Micronesia

Years: 1900–

Status: Not coded

History: German colony (1900–1914); Japanese colony (1914–1944); Federated States of Micronesia under US occupation and trusteeship (1944–1986); Federated States of Micronesia [independent state] (1986–).

8.6.2 Kiribati

Years: 1900–

Status: Not coded

History: British protectorate over Gilbert and Ellice Islands [administered by Western Pacific High Commission in Fiji] (1900–1916); Crown Colony of Gilbert and Ellice Islands (1916–1919); Crown Colony of Gilbert and Ellice Islands joined by Christmas Island/Kiritimati (1919); Crown Colony of Gilbert and Ellice Islands (1919–1937); Crown Colony of Gilbert and Ellice Islands joined by Phoenix Islands (1937); Crown Colony of Gilbert and Ellice Islands (1937–1941); Crown Colony of Gilbert and Ellice Islands under Japanese occupation (1941–1943); Crown Colony of Gilbert and Ellice Islands (1943–1971); Crown Colony of Gilbert and Ellice Islands with self-rule (1971–1975); Crown Colony of Gilbert and Ellice Islands with self-determination over domestic affairs (1975–1979); Kiribati [independent state] (1979–).

8.6.3 Marshall Islands

Years: 1900–

Status: Not coded

History: German protectorate [part of German New Guinea] (1900–1914); German protectorate under Japanese occupation (1914–1920); Japanese colony (1920–1944); Japanese colony under US occupation (1944–1979); Marshall Islands with self-rule (1979–1986); Marshall Islands [independent state] (1986–).

8.6.4 Nauru

Years: 1900–

Status: Not coded

History: Nauru as German colony (1900–1914); Nauru under Australian occupation (1914–1923); Nauru under League of Nations trustee mandate [held jointly by Australia, New Zealand, and UK] (1923–1942); Nauru under Japanese occupation (1942–1945); Nauru under Australian occupation (1945–1947); Nauru under UN trustee mandate [held jointly by Australia, New Zealand, and UK] (1947–1966); Republic of Nauru [self-governing] (1966–1968); Republic of Nauru [independent state] (1968–).

8.6.5 Palau

Years: 1900–

Status: Not coded

History: Palau as a German colony (1900–1914); Palau under Japanese occupation (1914–1944); Palau under US occupation (1944–1947); Palau as a US trust territory (1947–1994); Republic of Palau with self-rule (1978–1994); Republic of Palau [independent state] (1994–).

8.6.6 Samoa

Years: 1900–

Status: Not coded

History: German colony of German Samoa (1900–1914); Samoa under New Zealand mandate [territory granted by League of Nations] (1914–1962); Western Samoa [independent state] (1962–1997); Samoa (1997–).

8.6.7 Territory of New Guinea

Years: 1900–

Status: Not coded

History: German colony of German New Guinea [includes territories of Boku and Bouganville] (1900–1914); German New Guinea under Australian occupation (1914–1920); Territory of New Guinea under League of Nations mandate [governed by Australia] (1920–1942); Territory of New Guinea under Japanese occupation (1942–1945).

8.6.8 Tonga

Years: 1900–

Status: Not coded

History: British protectorate (1900–1901); part of the British Western Pacific Territories under a colonial High Commissioner residing in Fiji (1901–1952); Kingdom of Tonga under British protectorate (1952–1970); Kingdom of Tonga with self-rule within the Commonwealth (1970–1999); Kingdom of Tonga [independent state] (1999–).

8.6.9 Tuvalu

Years: 1900–

Status: Not coded

History: Part of Ellice Islands British protectorate [British Western Pacific Territories] (1900–1916); part of Gilbert and Ellice Islands colony (1916–1974); Tuvalu after separation from Gilbert Islands [British dependency status] (1974–1978); Tuvalu with self-rule within the Commonwealth (1978–2000); Tuvalu [independent state] (2000–).

9 Appendix A: List of countries

The following table contains all country units (and their year coverage) that are included in the V-Dem Dataset. Some countries are coded prior to independence, and some have gaps in their coding periods.

Name	ID	Coverage	Name	ID	Coverage
Afghanistan	36	1789–2025	Egypt	13	1789–2025
Albania	12	1912–2025	El Salvador	22	1838–2025
Algeria	103	1900–2025	Equatorial Guinea	160	1900–2025
Angola	104	1900–2025	Eritrea	115	1900–2025
Argentina	37	1789–2025	Estonia	161	1918–2025
Armenia	105	1990–2025	Eswatini	132	1900–2025
Australia	67	1789–2025	Ethiopia	38	1789–2025
Austria	144	1789–2025	Fiji	162	1900–2025
Azerbaijan	106	1990–2025	Finland	163	1809–2025
Baden	349	1789–1871	France	76	1789–2025
Bahrain	146	1900–2025	Gabon	116	1910–2025
Bangladesh	24	1971–2025	Georgia	118	1990–2025
Barbados	147	1900–2025	German Democratic Republic	137	1949–1990
Bavaria	350	1789–1871	Germany	77	1789–2025
Belarus	107	1990–2025	Ghana	7	1902–2025
Belgium	148	1789–2025	Greece	164	1822–2025
Benin	52	1900–2025	Guatemala	78	1789–2025
Bhutan	53	1900–2025	Guinea	63	1900–2025
Bolivia	25	1825–2025	Guinea-Bissau	119	1900–2025
Bosnia and Herzegovina	150	1992–2025	Guyana	166	1900–2025
Botswana	68	1900–2025	Haiti	26	1789–2025
Brazil	19	1789–2025	Hamburg	362	1789–1867
Brunswick	363	1789–1867	Hanover	357	1789–1866
Bulgaria	152	1878–2025	Hesse-Darmstadt	359	1789–1866
Burkina Faso	54	1919–2025	Hesse-Kassel	358	1789–1866
Burma/Myanmar	10	1789–2025	Honduras	27	1838–2025
Burundi	69	1916–2025	Hong Kong	167	1900–2025
Cambodia	55	1900–2025	Hungary	210	1789–2025
Cameroon	108	1961–2025	Iceland	168	1900–2025
Canada	66	1841–2025	India	39	1789–2025
Cape Verde	70	1900–2025	Indonesia	56	1800–2025
Central African Republic	71	1920–2025	Iran	79	1789–2025
Chad	109	1920–2025	Iraq	80	1920–2025
Chile	72	1789–2025	Ireland	81	1919–2025
China	110	1789–2025	Israel	169	1948–2025
Colombia	15	1789–2025	Italy	82	1861–2025
Comoros	153	1900–2025	Ivory Coast	64	1900–2025
Costa Rica	73	1838–2025	Jamaica	120	1900–2025
Croatia	154	1941–2025	Japan	9	1789–2025
Cuba	155	1789–2025	Jordan	83	1922–2025
Cyprus	156	1900–2025	Kazakhstan	121	1990–2025
Czechia	157	1918–2025	Kenya	40	1900–2025
Democratic Republic of the Congo	111	1900–2025	Kosovo	43	1999–2025
Denmark	158	1789–2025	Kuwait	171	1789–2025
Djibouti	113	1900–2025	Kyrgyzstan	122	1990–2025
Dominican Republic	114	1789–2025	Laos	123	1900–2025
Ecuador	75	1830–2025	Latvia	84	1920–2025

Name	ID	Coverage	Name	ID	Coverage
Lebanon	44	1918–2025	Sao Tome and Principe	196	1900–2025
Lesotho	85	1900–2025	Saudi Arabia	197	1789–2025
Liberia	86	1821–2025	Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach	365	1809–1867
Libya	124	1789–2025	Saxony	353	1789–1867
Lithuania	173	1918–2025	Senegal	31	1904–2025
Luxembourg	174	1815–2025	Serbia	198	1804–2025
Madagascar	125	1817–2025	Seychelles	199	1903–2025
Malawi	87	1900–2025	Sierra Leone	95	1900–2025
Malaysia	177	1900–2025	Singapore	200	1867–2025
Maldives	88	1900–2025	Slovakia	201	1939–2025
Mali	28	1900–2025	Slovenia	202	1989–2025
Malta	178	1900–2025	Solomon Islands	203	1900–2025
Mauritania	65	1904–2025	Somalia	130	1900–2025
Mauritius	180	1900–2025	Somaliland	139	1900–2025
Mecklenburg-Schwerin	360	1789–1867	South Africa	8	1900–2025
Mexico	3	1789–2025	South Korea	42	1789–2025
Modena	351	1789–1859	South Sudan	32	2011–2025
Moldova	126	1990–2025	South Yemen	23	1900–1990
Mongolia	89	1911–2025	Spain	96	1789–2025
Montenegro	183	1789–2025	Sri Lanka	131	1900–2025
Morocco	90	1789–2025	Sudan	33	1900–2025
Mozambique	57	1900–2025	Suriname	4	1900–2025
Namibia	127	1900–2025	Sweden	5	1789–2025
Nassau	366	1806–1866	Switzerland	6	1789–2025
Nepal	58	1789–2025	Syria	97	1918–2025
Netherlands	91	1789–2025	Taiwan	48	1900–2025
New Zealand	185	1841–2025	Tajikistan	133	1990–2025
Nicaragua	59	1838–2025	Tanzania	47	1914–2025
Niger	60	1922–2025	Thailand	49	1789–2025
Nigeria	45	1914–2025	The Gambia	117	1900–2025
North Korea	41	1945–2025	Timor-Leste	74	1900–2025
North Macedonia	176	1991–2025	Togo	134	1916–2025
Norway	186	1789–2025	Trinidad and Tobago	135	1900–2025
Oldenburg	364	1789–1867	Tunisia	98	1789–2025
Oman	187	1789–2025	Türkiye	99	1789–2025
Pakistan	29	1947–2025	Turkmenistan	136	1990–2025
Palestine/British Mandate	209	1918–1948	Tuscany	354	1789–1861
Palestine/Gaza	138	1948–2025	Two Sicilies	356	1789–1860
Palestine/West Bank	128	1948–2025	Uganda	50	1900–2025
Panama	92	1903–2025	Ukraine	100	1990–2025
Papal States	361	1789–1870	United Arab Emirates	207	1971–2025
Papua New Guinea	93	1900–2025	United Kingdom	101	1789–2025
Paraguay	189	1811–2025	United States of America	20	1789–2025
Parma	352	1789–1859	Uruguay	102	1825–2025
Peru	30	1789–2025	Uzbekistan	140	1789–2025
Philippines	46	1900–2025	Vanuatu	206	1906–2025
Piedmont-Sardinia	373	1789–1861	Venezuela	51	1789–2025
Poland	17	1789–2025	Vietnam	34	1945–2025
Portugal	21	1789–2025	Württemberg	355	1789–1871
Qatar	94	1900–2025	Yemen	14	1789–2025
Republic of the Congo	112	1903–2025	Zambia	61	1911–2025
Republic of Vietnam	35	1802–1975	Zanzibar	236	1856–2025
Romania	190	1789–2025	Zimbabwe	62	1900–2025
Russia	11	1789–2025	.	.	.
Rwanda	129	1916–2025	Total number of countries	202	