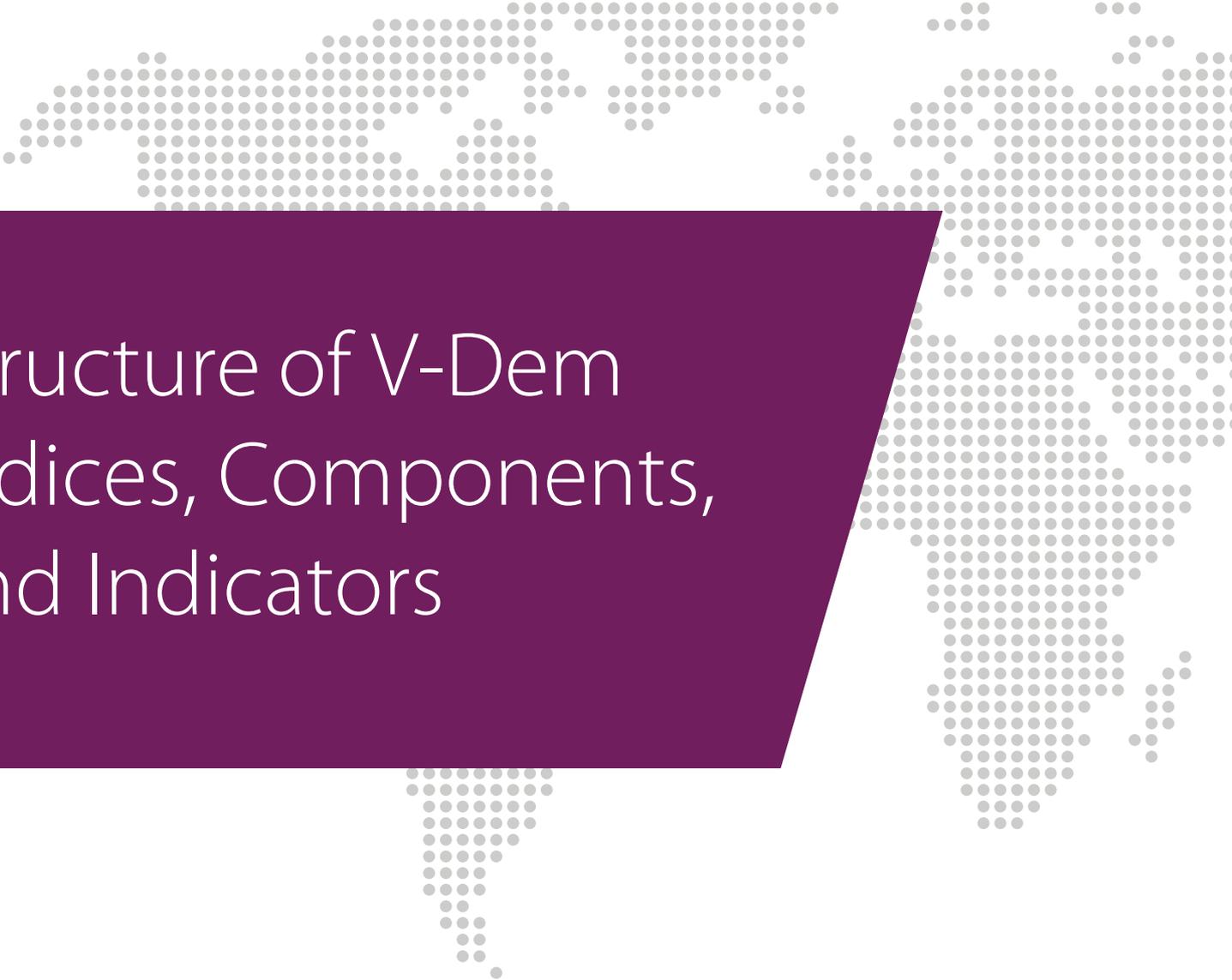# Structure of V-Dem Indices, Components, and Indicators

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1 Structure of Aggregation

1.1 V-Dem High-Level Democracy Indices

Democracy Index Name	Mid-Level Index Name	Lower-Level Index Name	Indicator Name	Tag	Uniqueness Score*
Electoral democracy index				v2x_polyarchy	
	Additive polyarchy index			v2x_api	
	Multiplicative polyarchy index			v2x_mpi	
		Elected officials index**		v2x_elecoff	
			Chief executive appointment by upper chamber	v2exapup	
			Chief executive appointment by upper chamber implicit approval	v2exapupap	
			HOG appointment in practice	v2expathhg	
			HOG appoints cabinet in practice	v2exdjcbhg	
			HOG selection by legislature in practice	v2exaphogp	
			HOG directly elected	v2ex_elechog	
			HOG dismisses ministers in practice	v2exdfdshg	
			HOG selection by legislature in practice	v2exaphogp	
			HOS = HOG	v2exhoshog	
			HOS appointment in practice	v2expathhs	
			HOS appoints cabinet in practice	v2exdfcbhs	
			HOS directly elected	v2ex_elechos	
			HOS dismisses ministers in practice	v2exdfdmhs	
			HOS selection by legislature in practice	v2exaphos	
			Legislature bicameral	v2lgbicam	
			Legislature directly elected	v2xex_elecleg	
			Lower chamber elected	v2lgello	
			Percentage of indirectly elected legislators lower chamber	v2lginello	
			Percentage of indirectly elected legislators upper chamber	v2lginelup	
			Relative power of the HOS	v2ex_hosw	
			Upper chamber elected	v2lgelecup	
		Clean elections index		v2xel_frefair	
			EMB autonomy	v2elembaut	0.484
			EMB capacity	v2elembcap	0.529
			Election free and fair	v2elfrfair	0.304
			Election government intimidation	v2elintim	0.348
			Election other electoral violence	v2elpeace	0.640
			Election other voting irregularities	v2elirreg	0.325
			Election voter registry	v2elrgstry	0.433
			Election vote buying	v2elvotbuy	0.554
			Electoral Regime Index	v2x_elecreg	
		Freedom of expression and alternative sources of information index		v2x_freexp_altinf	
			Freedom of academic and cultural expression	v2clacfree	0.355
			Freedom of discussion	v2xcl_disc	0.290
			Government censorship effort - Media	v2mecenefm	0.334
			Harassment of journalists	v2meharjrn	0.351
			Media bias	v2mebias	0.313
			Media self-censorship	v2meslfcen	0.331
			Print/broadcast media critical	v2mecrit	0.291
			Print/broadcast media perspectives	v2merange	0.311
		Freedom of association index (thick)		v2x_frassoc_thick	
			Barriers to parties	v2psbars	0.285
			CSO entry and exit	v2cseeorgs	0.385
			CSO repression	v2csreprss	0.452
			Elections multiparty	v2elmulpar	0.043
			Electoral Regime Index	v2x_elecreg	
			Opposition parties autonomy	v2psoppaut	0.023
			Party ban	v2psparban	0.422
		Share of population with suffrage		v2x_suffr	
			Percent of population with suffrage	v2elsuffrage	

Democracy Index Name	Mid-Level Index Name	Lower-Level Index Name	Indicator Name	Tag	Uniqueness Score*
Liberal democracy index				v2x_libdem	
	Electoral democracy index			v2x_polyarchy	
	Liberal component index			v2x_liberal	
			Legislature bicameral	v2lgbicam	
		Equality before the law and individual liberty index		v2xcl_rol	
			Access to justice	v2xcl_acjst	0.257
			Freedom from forced labor	v2xcl_slave	0.515
			Freedom from political killings	v2clkill	0.456
			Freedom from torture	v2cltort	0.385
			Freedom of domestic movement	v2xcl_dmove	0.423
			Freedom of foreign movement	v2clfmove	0.441
			Freedom of religion	v2clrelig	0.593
			Property rights	v2xcl_prpty	0.463
			Rigorous and impartial public administration	v2clrspct	0.503
			Transparent laws with predictable enforcement	v2cltrnslw	0.399
		Judicial constraints on the executive index		v2x_jucon	
			Compliance with high court	v2juhccomp	0.338
			Compliance with judiciary	v2jucomp	0.335
			Executive respects constitution	v2exrescon	0.549
			High court independence	v2juhcind	0.407
			Lower court independence	v2juncind	0.397
		Legislative constraints on the executive index		v2xlg_legcon	
			Executive oversight	v2lgotovst	0.372
			Legislature investigates in practice	v2lginvstp	0.274
			Legislature opposition parties	v2lgoppart	0.439
			Legislature questions officials in practice	v2lgqstexp	0.523
Participatory democracy index				v2x_partipdem	
	Electoral democracy index			v2x_polyarchy	
	Participatory component index			v2x_partip	
		Civil society participation index		v2x_cspart	
			CSO consultation	v2cscnsult	0.417
			CSO participatory environment	v2csprtcpt	0.417
			CSO women's participation	v2csgender	0.663
			Candidate selection, National/local	v2pscnslnl	0.797
		Direct popular vote index**		v2xdd_dd	
			Enforcement of constitutional changes popular vote	v2ddlexor	
			Initiatives administrative threshold	v2ddadmci	
			Initiatives approval threshold	v2ddapprci	
			Initiatives participation threshold	v2ddpartci	
			Initiatives permitted	v2ddlexci	
			Initiatives signature-gathering period	v2ddsigdci	
			Initiatives signature-gathering time limit	v2ddsiglci	
			Initiatives signatures %	v2ddsigpci	
			Initiatives super majority	v2ddspmci	
			Obligatory referendum administrative threshold	v2ddadmor	
			Obligatory referendum approval threshold	v2ddappor	
			Obligatory referendum credible threat	v2ddthreor	
			Obligatory referendum participation threshold	v2ddpartor	
			Obligatory referendum super majority	v2ddspmor	
			Occurrence of citizen-initiative this year	v2ddyrci	
			Occurrence of obligatory referendum this year	v2ddyror	
			Occurrence of plebiscite this year	v2ddyrpl	
			Occurrence of referendum this year	v2ddyrrf	
			Plebiscite administrative threshold	v2ddadmpl	
			Plebiscite approval threshold	v2ddapprpl	
			Plebiscite credible threat	v2ddthrepl	
			Plebiscite participation threshold	v2ddpartpl	
			Plebiscite permitted	v2ddlexpl	
			Plebiscite super majority	v2ddspmpl	
			Popular initiative credible threat	v2ddthreci	
			Popular referendum credible threat	v2ddthrerf	
			Referendums administrative threshold	v2ddadmrf	
			Referendums approval threshold	v2ddapprrf	
			Referendums participation threshold	v2ddpartrf	

Democracy Index Name	Mid-Level Index Name	Lower-Level Index Name	Indicator Name	Tag	Uniqueness Score*
			Referendums permitted	v2ddlexrf	
			Referendums signature-gathering period	v2ddsigdrf	
			Referendums signatures %	v2ddsigprf	
			Referendums super majority	v2ddspmrf	
		Local government index		v2xel_locelec	
			Local government elected	v2ellocelc	
			Local government exists	v2ellocgov	
			Local offices relative power	v2ellocpwr	
		Regional government index		v2xel_regelec	
			Regional government elected	v2elsrgel	
			Regional government exists	v2elreggov	
			Regional offices relative power	v2elrgpwr	
Deliberative democracy index				v2x_delibdem	
	Electoral democracy index			v2x_polyarchy	
	Deliberative component index			v2xdl_delib	
			Common good	v2dlcommon	0.596
			Engaged society	v2dlengage	0.241
			Range of consultation	v2dlconslt	0.246
			Reasoned justification	v2dlreason	0.338
			Respect counterarguments	v2dlcountr	0.330
Egalitarian democracy index				v2x_egaldem	
	Electoral democracy index			v2x_polyarchy	
	Egalitarian component index			v2x_egal	
		Equal access index		v2xeg_eqaccess	
			Power distributed by gender	v2pepwrgen	0.574
			Power distributed by social group	v2pepwrsoc	0.479
			Power distributed by socioeconomic position	v2pepwrses	0.454
		Equal distribution of resources index		v2xeg_eqdr	
			Educational equality	v2peedueq	0.276
			Health equality	v2pehealth	0.194
			Means-tested vs. universalistic policy	v2dlunivl	0.678
			Particularistic or Public good	v2dlencmps	0.646
		Equal protection index		v2xeg_eqprotec	
			Social class equality in respect for civil liberties	v2clacjust	0.194
			Social group equality in respect for civil liberties	v2clsocgrp	0.548
			Weaker civil liberties population	v2clsnlpct	0.903

*Unmodeled Variance. Uniqueness is the variance that is 'unique' to the variable and not shared with other variables.

** This index does not use the standard our standard BFA modeling approach, therefore we do not report uniqueness scores here. Additional details regarding model fit can be found in the index's Codebook entry and on the V-Dem GitHub page V-Dem Institute GitHub.

1.2 Indices Created Using V-Dem Data

Index Name	Component Name	Tag	Uniqueness Score*
*Regimes of the World index**		v2x_regime	
	Access to justice for men (Original Scale Version)	v2clacjstm_osp	
	Access to justice for women (Original Scale Version)	v2clacjstw_osp	
	Electoral democracy index	v2x_polyarchy	
	Election free and fair (Original Scale Version)	v2elfrfair_osp	
	Elections multiparty (Original Scale Version)	v2elmulpar_osp	
	Electoral regime index	v2x_elecreg	
	Election type	v2eltype	
	Executive electoral regime index	v2xex_elecreg	
	HOG selection by legislature in practice	v2exaphogp	
	HOG appointment in practice	v2expathhg	
	HOS appointed by legislature	v2ex_legconhos	
	HOS appointment in practice	v2expathhs	
	Legislative electoral regime index	v2xlg_elecreg	
	Liberal component index	v2x_liberal	
	Relative power of the HOS	v2ex_hosw	
	Transparent laws with predictable enforcement (Original Scale Version)	v2cltrnslw_osp	
*Accountability index**		v2x_accountability	
	Barriers to parties	v2psbars	
	CSO entry and exit	v2csessorgs	
	CSO participatory environment	v2csprtcpt	
	CSO repression	v2csreprss	
	Compliance with high court	v2juhccomp	
	Compliance with judiciary	v2jucomp	
	EMB autonomy	v2elembaut	
	EMB capacity	v2elembcap	
	Election free and fair	v2elfrfair	
	Election government intimidation	v2elintim	
	Election other voting irregularities	v2elirreg	
	Elections voter registry	v2elrgstry	
	Elections multiparty	v2elmulpar	
	Executive oversight	v2lgotovst	
	Electoral regime index	v2x_elecreg	
	Executive respects constitution	v2exrescon	
	Freedom of academic and cultural expression	v2clacfree	
	Freedom of discussion for men	v2cldiscm	
	Freedom of discussion for women	v2cldiscw	
	Government censorship effort - Media	v2mecenefm	
	HOG appointment in practice	v2expathhg	
	HOG selection by legislature in practice	v2exaphogp	
	HOS appointment by legislature	v2ex_legconhos	
	HOS appointment in practice	v2expathhs	
	Harassment of journalists	v2meharjrn	
	High court independence	v2juhcind	
	Internet censorship effort	v2mecenefi	
	Legislature bicameral	v2lgbicam	
	Legislature investigates in practice	v2lginvstp	
	Legislature questions officials in practice	v2lgqstexp	
	Legislative electoral regime index	v2xlg_elecreg	
	Lower court independence	v2juncind	
	Media bias	v2mebias	
	Media self-censorship	v2meslfcen	
	Opposition parties autonomy	v2psoppaut	
	Party Ban	v2psparban	
	Percentage of population with suffrage	v2elsuffrage	
	Print/broadcast media critical	v2mecrit	
	Print/broadcast media perspectives	v2merange	
	Relative power of the HOS	v2ex_hosw	
	Share of population with suffrage	v2x_suffr	

Index Name	Component Name	Tag	Uniqueness Score*
*Vertical accountability index***		v2x_veracc	
	Barriers to parties	v2psbars	
	EMB autonomy	v2elembaut	
	EMB capacity	v2elembcap	
	Election free and fair	v2elfrfair	
	Election government intimidation	v2elintim	
	Election other voting irregularities	v2elirreg	
	Election voter registry	v2elrgstry	
	Elections multiparty	v2elmulpar	
	Electoral regime index	v2x_elecreg	
	HOG appointment in practice	v2expathhg	
	HOG selection by legislature in practice	v2exaphogp	
	HOS appointed by legislature	v2ex_legconhos	
	HOS appointment in practice	v2expathhs	
	Opposition parties autonomy	v2psoppaut	
	Party ban	v2psparban	
	Relative power of the HOS	v2ex_hosw	
	Share of population with suffrage	v2x_suffr	
*Diagonal accountability index***		v2x_diagacc	
	CSO entry and exit	v2cseeorgs	
	CSO participatory environment	v2csprtcpt	
	CSO repression	v2csreprss	
	Engaged society	v2dlengage	
	Freedom of academic and cultural expression	v2clacfree	
	Freedom of discussion for men	v2cldiscm	
	Freedom of discussion for women	v2cldiscw	
	Government censorship effort - Media	v2mecenefm	
	Harassment of journalists	v2meharjrn	
	Internet censorship effort	v2mecenefi	
	Media bias	v2mebias	
	Media self-censorship	v2meslfcen	
	Print/broadcast media critical	v2mecrit	
	Print/broadcast media perspectives	v2merange	
*Horizontal accountability index***		v2x_horacc	
	Compliance with high court	v2juhccomp	
	Compliance with judiciary	v2jucomp	
	Executive oversight	v2lgotovst	
	Executive respects constitution	v2exrescon	
	High court independence	v2juhcind	
	Legislature bicameral	v2lgbicam	
	Legislature investigates in practice	v2lginvstp	
	Legislature questions officials in practice	v2lgqstexp	
	Lower court independence	v2juncind	
*Confidence dimension index***		v2x_ex_confidence	
	HOG appointment in practice	v2expathhg	
	HOS = HOG	v2exhoshog	
	HOS appointment in practice	v2expathhs	
	HOS removal by legislature in practice (Ordinal version)	v2exremhsp_ord	
	HOS removal by party (Mean)	v2exrmhsol_2_mean	
	HOS removal by royal council in practice (Mean)	v2exrmhsol_3_mean	
	HOS removal by military in practice (Mean)	v2exrmhsol_4_mean	
	Relative power of the HOS	v2ex_hosw	
*Direct election dimension index***		v2x_ex_direlect	
	HOG appointment in practice	v2expathhg	
	HOS = HOG	v2exhoshog	
	HOS appointment in practice	v2expathhs	
	HOS removal by legislature in practice (Ordinal version)	v2exremhsp_ord	
	HOS removal by party (Mean)	v2exrmhsol_2_mean	
	HOS removal by royal council in practice (Mean)	v2exrmhsol_3_mean	
	HOS removal by military (Mean)	v2exrmhsol_4_mean	
	Relative power of the HOS	v2ex_hosw	

Index Name	Component Name	Tag	Uniqueness Score*
*Hereditary dimension index***		v2x_ex_hereditary	
	HOG appointment in practice	v2expathhg	
	HOS = HOG	v2exhoshog	
	HOS appointment in practice	v2expathhs	
	HOS removal by legislature in practice (Ordinal version)	v2exremhsp_ord	
	HOS removal by party (Mean)	v2exrmhsol_2_mean	
	HOS removal by royal council in practice (Mean)	v2exrmhsol_3_mean	
	HOS removal by military in practice (Mean)	v2exrmhsol_4_mean	
	Relative power of the HOS	v2ex_hosw	
*Military dimension index***		v2x_ex_military	
	HOG appointment in practice	v2expathhg	
	HOG directly elected	v2ex_elechog	
	HOG removal by legislature in practice	v2exremhog	
	HOG removal by party (Mean)	v2exrmhgnp_2_mean	
	HOG removal by a royal council (Mean)	v2exrmhgnp_3_mean	
	HOG removal by military (Mean)	v2exrmhgnp_4_mean	
	HOS = HOG	v2exhoshog	
	HOS appointment in practice	v2expathhs	
	HOS directly elected	v2ex_elechos	
	HOS removal by legislature in practice (Ordinal version)	v2exremhsp_ord	
	HOS removal by party (Mean)	v2exrmhsol_2_mean	
	HOS removal by royal council (Mean)	v2exrmhsol_3_mean	
	HOS removal by military (Mean)	v2exrmhsol_4_mean	
	Relative power of the HOG	v2ex_hogw	
	Relative power of the HOS	v2ex_hosw	
*Ruling party dimension index***		v2x_ex_party	
	HOG appointment in practice	v2expathhg	
	HOS = HOG	v2exhoshog	
	HOS appointment in practice	v2expathhs	
	HOS removal by legislature in practice (Ordinal version)	v2exremhsp_ord	
	HOS removal by party (Mean)	v2exrmhsol_2_mean	
	HOS removal by royal council in practice (Mean)	v2exrmhsol_3_mean	
	HOS removal by military in practice (Mean)	v2exrmhsol_4_mean	
	Relative power of the HOS	v2ex_hosw	
Neopatrimonial rule index		v2x_neopat	
	Compliance with high court	v2juhccomp	0.450
	Compliance with judiciary	v2jucomp	0.393
	EMB autonomy	v2elembaut	0.656
	Election vote buying	v2elvotbuy	0.590
	Executive bribery and corrupt exchanges	v2exbribe	0.560
	Executive embezzlement and theft	v2exembez	0.510
	Executive oversight	v2lgotovst	0.522
	Executive respects constitution	v2exrescon	0.437
	High court independence	v2juhcind	0.463
	Judicial corruption decision	v2jucorrdc	0.601
	Legislature controls resources	v2lgfunds	0.762
	Legislature corrupt activities	v2lgcrrpt	0.655
	Legislature investigates in practice	v2lginvstp	0.532
	Lower court independence	v2juncind	0.477
	Particularistic or public goods	v2dlencmps	0.721
	Party linkages	v2psprlnks	0.753
Clientelism index		v2xnp_client	
	Election vote buying	v2elvotbuy	0.423
	Electoral regime index	v2x_elecreg	
	Particularistic or public goods	v2dlencmps	0.683
	Party linkages	v2psprlnks	0.516

Index Name	Component Name	Tag	Uniqueness Score*
Presidentialism index		v2xnp_pres	
	Compliance with high court	v2juhccomp	0.394
	Compliance with judiciary	v2jucomp	0.364
	EMB autonomy	v2elembaut	0.550
	Executive oversight	v2lgotovst	0.514
	Executive respects constitution	v2exrescon	0.493
	High court independence	v2juhcind	0.407
	Legislature controls resources	v2lgfunds	3.052
	Legislature investigates in practice	v2lginvstp	2.527
	Lower court independence	v2juncind	0.420
Regime corruption index		v2xnp_regcorr	
	Executive bribery and corrupt exchanges	v2exbribe	0.268
	Executive embezzlement and theft	v2exembez	0.298
	Judicial corruption decision	v2jucorrdc	0.499
	Legislature corrupt activities	v2lgcrrpt	0.462
Civil liberties index		v2x_civlib	
	Physical violence index	v2x_clphy	
	Political civil liberties index	v2x_clpol	
	Private civil liberties index	v2x_clpriv	
Physical violence index		v2x_clphy	
	Freedom from political killings	v2clkill	
	Freedom from torture	v2cltort	
Political civil liberties index		v2x_clpol	
	Barriers to parties	v2psbars	0.453
	CSO entry and exit	v2cseeorgs	0.310
	CSO repression	v2csreprss	0.332
	Freedom of academic and cultural expression	v2clacfree	0.325
	Freedom of discussion	v2xcl_disc	0.240
	Government censorship effort - Media	v2mecenefm	0.359
	Harassment of journalists	v2meharjrn	0.382
	Media self-censorship	v2meslfcen	0.396
	Opposition parties autonomy	v2psoppaut	0.437
	Party ban	v2psparban	0.564
Private civil liberties index		v2x_clpriv	
	Freedom from forced labor	v2xcl_slave	0.472
	Freedom of domestic movement	v2xcl_dmove	0.275
	Freedom of foreign movement	v2clfmove	0.406
	Freedom of religion	v2clrelig	0.524
	Property rights	v2xcl_prpty	0.382
	Religious organization repression	v2csrlgrep	0.565
Exclusion by Socio-Economic Group		v2xpe_exlecon	
	Access to public services distributed by socio-economic position	v2peapsecon	0.364
	Access to state business opportunities by socio-economic position	v2peasbecon	0.324
	Access to state jobs by socio-economic position	v2peasjsoecon	0.276
	Power distributed by socio-economic position	2pepwrses	0.601
	Social class equality in respect for civil liberty	v2clacjust	0.473
Exclusion by Gender index		v2xpe_exlgender	
	Access to public services distributed by gender	v2peapsgen	0.451
	Access to state business opportunities by gender	v2peasbgen	0.247
	Access to state jobs by gender	v2peasjgen	0.235
	Gender equality in respect for civil liberties	v2clgencl	0.333
	Power distributed by gender	v2pepwrgen	0.443
Exclusion by Urban-Rural Location index		v2xpe_exlgeo	
	Access to public services distributed by urban-rural location	v2peapsgeo	0.296
	Access to state business opportunities by urban-rural location	v2peasbegeo	0.286
	Access to state jobs by urban-rural location	v2peasjgeo	0.372
	Power distributed by urban-rural location	v2pepwrgeo	0.604
	Urban-rural location equality in respect for civil liberties	v2clgeocl	0.408

Index Name	Component Name	Tag	Uniqueness Score*
Exclusion by Political Group index		v2xpe_exlpol	
	Access to public services distributed by political group	v2peapspol	0.442
	Access to state business opportunities by political group	v2peasbepol	0.311
	Access to state jobs by political group	v2peasjpol	0.251
	Political group equality in respect for civil liberties	v2clpolcl	0.538
Exclusion by Social Group index		v2xpe_exlsocgr	
	Access to public services distributed by social group	v2peapssoc	0.409
	Access to state business opportunities by social group	v2peasbsoc	0.306
	Access to state jobs by social group	v2peasjsoc	0.298
	Power distributed by social group	v2pepwrsoc	0.511
	Social group equality in respect for civil liberties	v2clsocgrp	0.522
*Political corruption index**		v2x_corr	
	Executive corruption index	v2x_execorr	
	Judicial corruption decision	v2jucorrdc	
	Legislature corrupt activities	v2lgcrrpt	
	Public sector corruption index	v2x_pubcorr	
Executive corruption index		v2x_execorr	
	Executive bribery and corrupt exchanges	v2exbribe	
	Executive embezzlement and theft	v2exembez	
Public sector corruption index		v2x_pubcorr	
	Public sector corrupt exchanges	v2excrptps	
	Public sector theft	v2exthftps	
*Women political empowerment index**		v2x_gender	
	Women civil liberties index	v2x_gencl	
	Women civil society participation index	v2x_gencs	
	Women political participation index	v2x_genpp	
Women civil liberties index		v2x_gencl	
	Access to justice for women	v2clacjstw	0.387
	Freedom from forced labor for women	v2clslavef	0.432
	Freedom of domestic movement for women	v2cldmovew	0.417
	Property rights for women	v2clprptyw	0.402
Women civil society participation index		v2x_gencs	
	CSO womens participation	v2csgender	0.183
	Freedom of discussion for women	v2cldiscw	0.668
	Percent female journalists	v2mefemjrn	0.594
*Women political participation index**		v2x_genpp	
	Legislature bicameral	v2lgbicam	
	Lower chamber female legislators	v2lgfemleg	
	Power distributed by gender	v2pepwrgen	
Rule of law index		v2x_rule	
	Access to justice	v2xcl_acjst	0.481
	Compliance with high court	v2juhccomp	0.518
	Compliance with judiciary	v2jucomp	0.455
	Executive bribery and corrupt exchanges	v2exbribe	0.495
	Executive embezzlement and theft	v2exembez	0.426
	Executive respects constitution	v2exrescon	0.471
	High court independence	v2juhcind	0.577
	Judicial accountability	v2juaccnt	0.667
	Judicial corruption decision	v2jucorrdc	0.543
	Lower court independence	v2juncind	0.593
	Public sector corrupt exchanges	v2excrptps	0.460
	Public sector theft	v2exthftps	0.455
	Rigorous and impartial public administration	v2clrspct	0.401
	Transparent laws with predictable enforcement	v2cltrnslw	0.482
Access to justice		v2xcl_acjst	
	Access to justice for men	v2clacjstm	
	Access to justice for women	v2clacjstw	

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Property rights		v2xcl_prpty	
	Property rights for men	v2clprptym	
	Property rights for women	v2clprptyw	
Popular initiative index**		v2xdd_i_ci	
	Initiatives administrative threshold	v2ddadmci	
	Initiatives approval threshold	v2ddapprci	
	Initiatives participation threshold	v2ddpartci	
	Initiatives permitted	v2ddlexci	
	Initiatives signature-gathering period	v2ddsigdci	
	Initiatives signature-gathering time limit	v2ddsiglci	
	Initiatives signatures %	v2ddsigpci	
	Initiatives super majority	v2ddspmci	
	Occurrence of citizen-initiative this year	v2ddyrci	
	Popular initiative credible threat	v2ddthreci	
Popular referendum index**		v2xdd_i_rf	
	Occurrence of referendum this year	v2ddyrrf	
	Popular referendum credible threat	v2ddthrerf	
	Referendums administrative threshold	v2ddadmrf	
	Referendums approval threshold	v2ddapprrf	
	Referendums participation threshold	v2ddpartrf	
	Referendums permitted	v2ddlexrf	
	Referendums signature-gathering period	v2ddsigdrf	
	Referendums signatures %	v2ddsigprf	
	Referendums super majority	v2ddspmrf	
Obligatory referendum index**		v2xdd_i_or	
	Enforcement of constitutional changes through popular vote	v2ddlexor	
	Obligatory referendum administrative threshold	v2ddadmor	
	Obligatory referendum approval threshold	v2ddappor	
	Obligatory referendum credible threat	v2ddthreor	
	Obligatory referendum participation threshold	v2ddpartor	
	Obligatory referendum super majority	v2ddspmor	
Plebiscite index**		v2xdd_i_pl	
	Occurrence of plebiscite this year	v2ddyrpl	
	Plebiscite administrative threshold	v2ddadmpl	
	Plebiscite approval threshold	v2ddapprpl	
	Plebiscite credible threat	v2ddthrepl	
	Plebiscite participation threshold	v2ddpartpl	
	Plebiscite permitted	v2ddlexpl	
	Plebiscite super majority	v2ddspmpl	
Citizen-initiated component of direct popular vote index**		v2xdd_cic	
	Popular initiative index	v2xdd_i_ci	
	Popular referendum index	v2xdd_i_rf	
Top-Down component of direct popular vote index**		v2xdd_toc	
	Obligatory referendum index	v2xdd_i_or	
	Plebiscite index	v2xdd_i_pl	
Core civil society index		v2xcs_ccsi	
	CSO entry and exit	v2cseeorgs	0.187
	CSO participatory environment	v2csprtcpt	0.519
	CSO repression	v2csreprss	0.332
Electoral regime index		v2x_elecreg	
	Chief executive no longer elected	v2x_hosinter	
	HOG directly elected	v2ex_elechog	
	HOS directly elected	v2ex_elechos	
	Legislative or constituent assembly election	v2xel_elecparl	
	Legislative or constituent assembly election aborted	v2x_legabort	
	Legislative closed down or aborted	v2xlg_leginter	
	Presidential election	v2xel_elecpres	
	Presidential election aborted	v2x_hosabort	

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Executive electoral regime index		v2xex_elecreg	
	Chief executive no longer elected	v2x_hosinter	
	HOG directly elected	v2ex_elechog	
	Presidential election	v2xel_elecpres	
	Presidential election aborted	v2x_hosabort	
Legislative electoral regime index		v2xlg_elecreg	
	Legislative or constituent assembly election	v2xel_elecparl	
	Legislative or constituent assembly election aborted	v2x_legabort	
	Legislature closed down or aborted	v2xlg_leginter	
*Electoral component index***		v2x_EDcomp_thick	
	Clean elections index	v2xel_frefair	
	Elected officials index	v2x_elecoff	
	Freedom of association index (thick)	v2x_frassoc_thick	
	Share of population with suffrage	v2x_suffr	
Freedom of expression index		v2x_freexp	
	Freedom of academic and cultural expression	v2clacfree	0.297
	Freedom of disccusion	v2xcl_disc	0.231
	Government censorship effort - Media	v2mecenefm	0.330
	Harassment of journalists	v2meharjrn	0.354
	Media self-censorship	v2meslfcen	0.381
Presidential election aborted		v2x_hosabort	
	HOG directly elected	v2ex_elechog	
	HOS directly elected	v2ex_elechos	
	Presidential election	v2xel_elecpres	
Chief executive no longer elected		v2x_hosinter	
	HOG appointment in practice	v2expathhg	
	HOS = HOG?	v2exhoshog	
	HOS appointment in practice	v2expathhs	
Legislative or constituent assembly election aborted		v2x_legabort	
	Legislative or constituent assembly election	v2xel_elecparl	
	Legislature bicameral	v2lgbicam	
Freedom of discussion		v2xcl_disc	
	Freedom of discussion for men	v2cldiscm	
	Freedom of discussion for women	v2cldiscw	
Freedom of domestic movement		v2xcl_dmove	
	Freedom of domestic movement for men	v2cldmovem	
	Freedom of domestic movement for women	v2cldmovew	
Freedom from forced labor		v2xcl_slave	
	Freedom from forced labor for men	v2clslavem	
	Freedom from forced labor for women	v2clslavef	
Legislative or constituent assembly election		v2xel_elecparl	
	Election type (Legislative, lower, sole, or both chambers, first or only round)	v2eltype_0	
	Election type (Legislative, lowever, sole, or both chambers, second round)	v2eltype_1	
	Election type (Constituent assembly, first or only round)	v2eltype_4	
	Election type (Constituent assembly, second round)	v2eltype_5	
Presidential election		v2xel_elecpres	
	Election type (Presidential, first or only round)	v2eltype_6	
	Election type (Presidential, second round)	v2eltype_7	
Legislature directly elected		v2xex_elecleg	
	Chief executive appointment by upper chamber	v2exapup	
	Chief executive appointment by upper chamber implicit approval	v2exapupap	
	Lower chamber directly elected	v2lgello	
	Percentage of indirectly elected legislators lower chamber	v2lginello	
	Percentage of indirectly elected legislators upper chamber	v2lginelup	
	Upper chamber direclty elected	v2lgelecup	

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Legislature closed down or aborted		v2xlg_leginter	
	Legislature bicameral	v2lgbicam	
	Lower chamber elected	v2lgello	
Alternative sources of information index		v2xme_altinf	
	Media bias	v2mebias	0.280
	Print/broadcast media critical	v2mecrit	0.257
	Print/broadcast media perspectives	v2merange	0.251
*Party institutionalization index**		v2xps_party	
	Distinct party platforms	v2psplats	
	Legislative party cohesion	v2pscohesv	
	Lower chamber elected	v2lgello	
	Party branches	v2psprbrch	
	Party linkages	v2psprlnks	
	Party organizations	v2psorgs	
*Divided party control of legislature index**		v2x_divparctrl	
	National party control	v2psnatpar	
	National party control (Ordinal version)	v2psnatpar_ord	
*Division of power index**		v2x_feduni	
	Local government elected	v2ellocelc	
	Local government exists	v2ellocgov	
	Local offices relative power	v2ellocpwr	
	Regional government elected	v2elsrgel	
	Regional government exists	v2elreggov	
	Regional offices relative power	v2elrgpwr	
Academic Freedom Index		v2xca_academ	
	Campus integrity	v2casurv	0.298
	Freedom of academic and cultural expression	v2clacfree	0.372
	Freedom of academic exchange and dissemination	v2cafexch	0.176
	Freedom to research and teach	v2cafres	1.175
	Institutional autonomy	v2cainsaut	0.318
*Electoral Integrity Index**		v2x_electoral_in- tegrity	
	Barriers to parties	v2psbars	
	CSO participatory environment	v2csprtcpt	
	Candidate restriction by ethnicity, race, religion, or language	v2elrstrct	
	EMB autonomy	v2elembaut	
	EMB capacity	v2elembcap	
	Election VAP turnout	v2elvaptrn	
	Election domestic election monitors	v2eldommon	
	Election government intimidation	v2elintim	
	Election international monitors	v2elintmon	
	Election other electoral violence	v2elpeace	
	Election turnout	v2eltrnout	
	Election voter registry	v2elrgstry	
	Election multiparty	v2elmulpar	
	Engaged society	v2dlengage	
	Freedom of expression and alternatives sources of infromation index	v2x_freexp_altinf	
	Freedom of peaceful assembly	v2caassemb	
	Party ban	v2psparban	
	Party dissemination of false infromation domestic	v2smpardom	
	Party linkages	v2psprlnks	
	Pluralism in the curriculum	v2edplural	
	Political education, primary school	v2edpoledprim	
	Political education, secondary school	v2edpoledsec	
	Power distributed by gender	v2pepwrgen	
	Power distributed by sexual orientation	v2pepwrort	
	Power distributed by social group	v2pepwrsoc	
	Power distributed by socioeconomic position	v2pepwrses	
	Reasoned justification	v2dlreason	
	Respect counterarguments	v2dlcountr	
	Rule of law index	v2x_rule	
	Suffrage	v2asuffrage	

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Deliberative Democracy Stock**		v2x_delibdem_stock	
	Deliberative democracy index	v2x_delibdem	
Egalitarian Democracy Stock**		v2xps_egaldem_stock	
	Egalitarian democracy index	v2x_egaldem	
Liberal Democracy Stock**		v2x_libdem_stock	
	Liberal democracy index	v2x_libdem	
Participatory Democracy Stock**		v2x_partipdem_stock	
	Participatory democracy index	v2x_participdem	
Electoral Democracy Stock**		v2x_polyarchy_stock	
	Electoral democracy index	v2x_polyarchy	

*Unmodeled Variance. Uniqueness is the variance that is 'unique' to the variable and not shared with other variables.

** This index does not use the standard our standard BFA modeling approach, therefore we do not report uniqueness scores here. Additional details regarding model fit can be found in the index's Codebook entry and on the V-Dem GitHub page V-Dem Institute GitHub.

1.3   Party Systems Indices

Index Name	Component Name	Tag
Party-System Democracy Index***		v2xpas_democracy
	Anti-Pluralist Index	v2xpa_antiplural
	Electoral Democracy Index	v2x_polyarchy
	Government support	v2pagovsup
	Seat share	v2paseatshare
Party-System Religion Index***		v2xpas_religion
	Government support	v2pagovsup
	Religious principle	v2parelig
	Seat share	v2paseatshare
Party-System Exclusion Index***		v2xpas_exclusion
	Cultural superiority	v2paculsup
	Government support	v2pagovsup
	Immigration	v2paimmig
	Seat share	v2paseatshare
	Working women	v2pawomlab
Party-System Left-Right Index***		v2xpas_economic
	Economic Left-Right scale	v2pariglef
	Government support	v2pagovsup
	Seat share	v2paseatshare

***All Party System indices are created using mostly components and indices from the V-Party dataset. Consult the V-Party codebook for details on their aggregation.

1.4 Varieties of Indoctrination Indices

Index Name	Component Name	Tag
Indoctrination potential in education		v2xed_ed_inpt
	Indoctrination coherence in education	v2xed_ed_inco
	Political education effort in education	v2xed_ed_poed
Political education effort in education		v2xed_ed_poed
	Ideology in history curriculum	v2edideol
	Political values in primary schools	v2edpoledrim
	Political values in secondary schools	v2edpoledsec
Indoctrination coherence in education		v2xed_ed_inco
	Centralization of the education system	v2xed_ed_cent
	Control over education agents	v2xed_ed_ctag
Centralization of the education system		v2xed_ed_cent
	Centralisation textbooks	v2edcentcurrlm
	Textbook approval	v2edcenttxbooks
Control over education agents		v2xed_ed_ctag
	History teacher autonomy	v2edteautonomy
	Political teacher firing	v2edtefire
	Political teacher hiring	v2edtehire
	Teacher union independence	v2edteunionindp
Indoctrination content in education		v2xed_ed_con
	Celebration of patriotic symbols	v2edscpatriotcb
	Discussion in history classes	v2edcritical
	Ideology model	v2edideolch_rec
	Patriotism in language curriculum	v2edpatriot
	Pluralism in the curriculum	v2edplural
	Political rights and duties	v2edpoledrights
Democratic indoctrination content in education		v2xed_ed_dmcon
	Discussion in history classes	v2edcritical
	Ideology model	v2edideolch_rec
	Pluralism in the curriculum	v2edplural
	Political rights and duties	v2edpoledrights
Patriotic indoctrination content in education		v2xed_ed_ptcon
	Celebration of patriotic symbols	v2edscpatriotcb
	Patriotism in language curriculum	v2edpatriot
Patriotic indoctrination content in education and the media		v2xed_ptcon
	Celebration of patriotic symbols	v2edscpatriotcb
	Media patriotism	v2medpatriot
	Patriotism in language curriculum	v2edpatriot
Indoctrination potential in education and the media		v2xedvd_inpt
	Indoctrination coherence (potential in the media)	v2xedvd_me_inco
	Indoctrination coherence in education	v2xed_ed_inco
	Political education effort in education	v2xed_ed_poed
Indoctrination coherence (potential) in the media		v2xedvd_me_inco
	Centralization of media control	v2xedvd_me_cent
	Control over media agents	v2xedvd_me_ctag
Centralization of media control		v2xedvd_me_cent
	Government censorship effort - Media	v2mecenefm
	Non-state owned media political	v2medpolnonstate
	Print/broadcast media perspectives	v2merange
	State-owned media political	v2medpolstate
Control over media agents		v2xedvd_me_ctag
	Broadcast media state-owned	v2medstatebroad
	Entertainment industry independence	v2medentrain
	Harassment of journalists	v2meharjrn
	Media self-censorship	v2meslfcen
	Print media state-owned	v2medstateprint