



Structure of V-Dem Indices, Components, and Indicators

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Democracy Indices Names	Mid-Level Democracy and Governance Indices Names	Lower-Level Democracy and Governance Indices Names	Names Indicators	v2_tag Indices and Indicators
Electoral Democracy Index				v2x_polyarchy
Expanded freedom of expression index				v2x_freexp_thick
			Government censorship effort - Media	v2mecenefm
			Government censorship effort - Internet	v2mecenefi
			Harassment of journalists	v2meharjrn
			Media self-censorship	v2meslfcen
			Media bias	v2mebias
			Print/broadcast media critical	v2mecrit
			Print/broadcast media perspectives	v2merange
			Freedom of discussion for men	v2cldiscm
			Freedom of discussion for women	v2cldiscw
			Freedom of academic and cultural expression	v2clacfree
Alternative source information index				v2xme_altinf
			Media bias	v2mebias
			Print/broadcast media critical	v2mecrit
			Print/broadcast media perspectives	v2merange
Freedom of association index (thick)				v2x_frassoc_thick
			Party Ban	v2psparban
			Barriers to parties	v2psbars
			Opposition parties autonomy	v2psoppaut
			Elections multiparty	v2elmulpar
			CSO entry and exit	v2cseeorgs
			CSO repression	v2csreprss
Share of population with suffrage				v2x_suffr
			Percent of population with suffrage	v2elsuffrage
Clean elections index				v2xel_frefair
			EMB autonomy	v2elembaut
			EMB capacity	v2elembcap
			Election voter registry	v2elrgstry
			Election vote buying	v2elvotbuy
			Election other voting irregularities	v2elirreg
			Election government intimidation	v2elintim

	Election other electoral violence	v2elpeace
	Election free and fair	v2elfrfair
Elected executive index (de jure)		v2x_accex
	Lower chamber elected	v2lgello
	Upper chamber elected	v2lgelecup
	Legislature dominant chamber	v2lgdomchm
	HOS selection by legislature in practice	v2exaphos
	HOS appointment in practice	v2expathhs
	HOG selection by legislature in practice	v2exaphogp
	HOG appointment in practice	v2expathhg
	HOS appoints cabinet in practice	v2exdfcbhs
	HOG appoints cabinet in practice	v2exdjcbhg
	HOS dismisses ministers in practice	v2exdfdmhs
	HOG dismisses ministers in practice	v2exdfdshg
	HOS appoints cabinet in practice	v2exdfcbhs
Liberal Democracy Index		v2x_libdem
Electoral Democracy Index		v2x_polyarchy
Liberal Component Index		v2x_liberal
	Equality before the law and individual liberty index	v2xcl_rol
	Rigorous and impartial public administration	v2clrspct
	Transparent laws with predictable enforcement	v2cltrnslw
	Access to justice for men	v2clacjstm
	Access to justice for women	v2clacjstw
	Property rights for men	v2clprptym
	Property rights for women	v2clprptyw
	Freedom from torture	v2cltort
	Freedom from political killings	v2clkill
	Freedom from forced labor for men	v2clslavem
	Freedom from forced labor for women	v2clslavwf
	Freedom of religion	v2clrelig
	Freedom of foreign movement	v2clfmovw
	Freedom of domestic movement for men	v2cldmovem
	Freedom of domestic movement for women	v2cldmovew
Judicial constraints on the executive index		v2x_jucon

	Executive respects constitution	v2exrescon
	Compliance with judiciary	v2jucomp
	Compliance with high court	v2juhccomp
	High court independence	v2juhcind
	Lowercourtindependence	v2juncind
	Legislative constraints on the executive index	v2xlg_legcon
	Legislature questions officials in practice	v2lgqstexp
	Executive oversight	v2lgotovst
	Legislature investigates in practice	v2lginvstp
	Legislature opposition parties	v2lgoppart
Deliberative Democracy Index		v2x_delibdem
	Electoral Democracy Index	v2x_polyarchy
	Deliberative Component Index	v2xdl_delib
	Reasoned justification	v2dlreason
	Common good	v2dlcommon
	Respect counterarguments	v2dlcountr
	Range of consultation	v2dlconslt
	Engaged society	v2dlengage
Egalitarian democracy Index		v2x_egaldem
	Electoral Democracy Index	v2x_polyarchy
	Egalitarian Component Index	v2x_egal
	Equal protection index	v2xeg_eqprotec
	Access to justice for men	v2clacjstm
	Access to justice for women	v2clacjstw
	Social class equality in respect for civil liberties	v2clacjust
	Social group equality in respect for civil liberties	v2clsocgrp
	Weaker civil liberties population	v2clsnlpct
	Equal distribution of resources index	v2xeg_eqdr
	Power distributed by socioeconomic position	v2pepwrses
	Power distributed by social group	v2pepwrsoc
	Educational equality	v2peedueq
	Health equality	v2pehealth
	Power distributed by gender	v2pepwrgen
	Encompassing-ness	v2dlencmps
	Means-tested vs. universalistic	v2dlunivl

Participatory Democracy Index		v2x_partipdem
Electoral Democracy Index		v2x_polyarchy
Participatory Component Index		v2x_partip
	Civil society participation index	v2x_cspart
	Candidate selection-- National/local	v2pscnslnl
	CSO consultation	v2cscnsult
	CSO participatory environment	v2csprtcpt
	CSO womens participation	v2csgender
	Direct Popular Vote Index	v2xdd_dd
	Initiatives permitted	v2ddlegci
	Initiatives signatures %	v2ddsigcip
	Initiatives signature-gathering time limit	v2ddgrtlci
	Initiatives signature-gathering period	v2ddgrgpci
	Initiatives level	v2ddlevci
	Initiatives participation threshold	v2ddbndci
	Initiatives approval threshold	v2ddthreci
	Initiatives administrative threshold	v2dddlistci
	Initiatives super majority	v2ddsmpmji
	Occurrence of citizen-initiative this year	v2ddciniyr
	Local government index	v2xel_locelec
	Local government elected	v2ellocelc
	Local offices relative power	v2ellocpwr
	Local government exists	v2ellocgov
	Regional government index	v2xel_regelec
	Regional government elected	v2elsrgel
	Regional offices relative power	v2elrgpwr
	Regional government exists	v2elreggov
	Core Civil Society Index	v2xcs_ccsi
	CSO entry and exit	v2cseeorgs
	CSO repression	v2csreprss
	CSO participatory environment	v2csprtcpt
	Party Institutionalization index	v2xps_party
	Party organizations	v2psorgs
	Party Branches	v2psprbrch
	Party linkages	v2psprlnks
	Distinct party platforms	v2psplats

	Legislative party cohesion	v2pscohesv
Women political empowerment index		v2x_gender
	Women civil liberties index	v2x_gencl
	Freedom of domestic movement for women	v2cldmovew
	Freedom from forced labor for women	v2clslavef
	Property rights for women	v2clprptyw
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	Women civil society participation index	v2x_gencs
	Freedom of discussion for women	v2cldiscw
	CSO womens participation	v2csgender
	Percent (%) Female Journalists	v2mefemjrn
	Women political participation index	v2x_genpp
	Power distributed by gender	v2pepwrgen
	Lower chamber female legislators	v2lgefemleg
Electoral Regime Index		v2x_elecreg
	Legislative or constituent assembly election	v2xel_elecparl
	v2eltype	v2eltype_0
	v2eltype	v2eltype_1
	v2eltype	v2eltype_4
	v2eltype	v2eltype_5
	Legislature closed down or aborted	v2xlg_leginter
	Legislature bicameral	v2lgbicam
	Presidential election	v2xel_elecpres
	v2eltype	v2eltype_6
	v2eltype	v2eltype_7
	Chief executive no longer elected	v2x_hosinter
	HOS = HOG?	v2exhoshog
	HOG appointment in practice	v2expathhg
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Corruption index		v2x_corr
	Legislature corrupt activities	v2lgcrrpt
	Judicial corruption decision	v2jucorrdc
	Public sector corruption index	v2x_pubcorr
	Public sector corrupt exchanges	v2excrrpts
	Public sector theft	v2exthftps

Executive corruption index		v2x_execorr
	Executive bribery and corrupt exchanges	v2exbribe
	Executive embezzlement and theft	v2exembez
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