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World Values Studies key aggregates, waves 1-6
(Welzel replication file)
Description of Welzel Data for QoG

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| Culture Zones [CulZon] | **Meaning:** Culture zone scheme, attributing each country to one of ten distinct culture zones created on the basis of religious traditions, imperial/colonial legacies and ethno-linguistic composition.  
**Source:** Classification invented and developed in Welzel, Freedom Rising (2013: 23-34), [www.cambridge.org/welzel](http://www.cambridge.org/welzel) (Online Appendix, p. 8-11).  
**Coding:** 1 – “Reformed West” (Western European societies strongly affected by the Reformation); 2 – “New West” (overseas offshoots of Western Europe); 3 – “Old West” (mostly Catholic parts of Western Europe being core parts of the Roman Empire); 4 – “Returned West” (Catholic and Protestant parts of post-communist Europe returning to the EU); 5 – “Orthodox East” (Christian Orthodox or Islamic parts of the post-communist world, mostly parts of former USSR); 6 – “Indic East” (parts of South and South East Asia under the historic influence of Indian culture); 7 – “Islamic East” (regions of the Islamic world that have been parts of the Arab/Caliphate, Persian and Ottoman empires); 8 – “Sinic East” (parts of East Asia under the historic influence of Chinese culture); 9 – “Latin America” (Central and South America and the Caribbean); 10 – “Sub-Saharan Africa” (African countries South of the Sahara).  
**Remarks:** A cluster analysis asking to place countries into ten different clusters on the basis of religious traditions, imperial legacies and ethno-linguistic composition variables produces a ninety percent overlapping classification of countries. |
| Emancipative Values Index [EVI] | **Meaning:** “Protective-vs.-Emancipative Values” - 12-item index measuring a national culture’s emphasis on universal freedoms in the domains of (1) reproductive choice (acceptance of divorce, abortion, homosexuality), (2) gender equality (support of women’s equal access to education, jobs and power), (3) people’s voice (priorities for freedom of speech and people’s say in national, local and job affairs), and (4) personal autonomy (independence, imagination and non-obedience as desired child qualities).  
**Source:** Index invented and documented in Welzel, Freedom Rising (2013: 66-69), [www.cambridge.org/welzel](http://www.cambridge.org/welzel) (Online Appendix, p. 20-29), based on data from the World Values Surveys, all countries and time points.  
**Scaling:** Continuous scale, ranging from a theoretical minimum of 0 when the least emancipative position is taken on all 12 items, to a maximum of 1.0 when the most emancipative position is taken on all 12 items. Intermediate positions are given in fractions of 1.0. Country scores are population averages (arithmetic mean) on the 0-1 index.  
**Remarks:** The EVI is a conceptual refinement of Inglehart and Welzel’s (2005) “Survival-vs.-Self-expression Values.” Individual-level scores are normally distributed around the mean in each national sample. In the context of Freedom Rising’s human empowerment framework, emancipative values are interpreted as motivational empowerment. |
| Emancipative Values Index, short version [EVI_short] | **Meaning:** “Protective-vs.-Emancipative Values” (short version) - 6-item index measuring a national culture’s emphasis on universal freedoms in the domains of (1) reproductive choice (acceptance of divorce, abortion, homosexuality) and (2) gender equality (support of women’s equal access to education, jobs and power).  
**Source:** Welzel based on data from the World Values Surveys, all countries and time points.  
**Scaling:** Continuous scale, ranging from a theoretical minimum of 0 when the least
emancipative position is taken on all 6 items, to a maximum of 1.0 when the most emancipative position is taken on all 6 items. Intermediate positions are given in fractions of 1.0. Country scores are population averages (arithmetic mean) on the 0-1 index.

**Remarks:** The EVI_short is a condensed version of the EVI, focusing on those two of the four components that cluster most coherently together. Individual-level scores are normally distributed around the mean in each national sample.

| Emancipative Values Index, culture map version [EVI_culmap] | Meaning: Same components as EVI_short but factor-generated in juxtaposition to the components of SVI_short to create two uncorrelated EVI and SVI measures. This is done to make it possible to reproduce the Inglehart-Welzel cultural map of the world, based on conceptually more concise measures.
Source: Welzel based on data from the World Values Surveys, all countries and time points.
Scaling: Factor scores showing negative and positive deviations from the zero-mean. |
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| Secular Values Index [SVI] | Meaning: “Sacred-vs.-Secular Values” - 12-item index measuring a national culture’s secular distance to “sacred” sources of authority, including (1) religious authority (faith, commitment, practice), (2) patrimonial authority (the nation, the state, the parents), (3) order institutions (army, police, courts), and (4) normative authority (anti-bribery, anti-cheating and anti-evasion norms).
Scaling: Continuous scale, ranging from a theoretical minimum of 0 when the least secular position is taken on all 12 items, to a maximum of 1.0 when the most secular position is taken on all 12 items. Intermediate positions are given in fractions of 1.0. Country scores are population averages (arithmetic mean) on the 0-1 index.
Remarks: The SVI is a conceptual refinement of Inglehart and Welzel’s (2005) “Traditional-vs.-Secular-rational Values.” Individual-level scores are normally distributed around the mean in each national sample. |
| Secular Values Index, short version [SVI_short] | Meaning: “Sacred-vs.-Secular Values” (short version) - 6-item index measuring a national culture’s secular distance to “sacred” sources of authority, including (1) religious authority (faith, commitment, practice), and (2) patrimonial authority (the nation, the state, the parents).
Source: Welzel based on data from the World Values Surveys, all countries and time points.
Scaling: Continuous scale, ranging from a theoretical minimum of 0 when the least secular position is taken on all 6 items, to a maximum of 1.0 when the most secular position is taken on all 6 items. Intermediate positions are given in fractions of 1.0. Country scores are population averages (arithmetic mean) on the 0-1 index.
Remarks: The SVI_short is a condensed version of the SVI, focusing on those two of the four components that cluster most coherently together. Individual-level scores are normally distributed around the mean in each national sample. |
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Source: Welzel based on data from the World Values Surveys, all countries and time points.
Scaling: Factor scores showing negative and positive deviations from the zero-mean. |
| Choice Component of Emancipative | Meaning: 3-item index measuring a national culture’s emphasis on universal freedoms in the domain of reproductive choices (acceptance of divorce, abortion, homosexuality). |
| Values | **Source**: Index invented and documented in Welzel, Freedom Rising (2013: 66-69), [www.cambridge.org/welzel](http://www.cambridge.org/welzel) (Online Appendix, p. 20-29), based on data from the World Values Surveys, all countries and time points.  
*Scaling*: Multi-point scale, ranging from a theoretical minimum of 0 when the least emancipative position is taken on all 3 items, to a maximum of 1.0 when the most emancipative position is taken on all 3 items. Intermediate positions are given in fractions of 1.0. Country scores are population averages (arithmetic mean) on the 0-1 index.  
**Remarks**: None. |
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| Equality Component of Emancipative Values | Meaning: 3-item index measuring a national culture’s emphasis on universal freedoms in the domain of gender equality (support of women’s equal access to education, jobs and power).  
*Source*: Index invented and documented in Welzel, Freedom Rising (2013: 66-69), [www.cambridge.org/welzel](http://www.cambridge.org/welzel) (Online Appendix, p. 20-29), based on data from the World Values Surveys, all countries and time points.  
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**Remarks**: None. |
| Voice Component of Emancipative Values | Meaning: 3-item index measuring a national culture’s emphasis on universal freedoms in the domain of people’s voice (priorities for freedom of speech and people’s say in national and local affairs).  
*Source*: Index invented and documented in Welzel, Freedom Rising (2013: 66-69), [www.cambridge.org/welzel](http://www.cambridge.org/welzel) (Online Appendix, p. 20-29), based on data from the World Values Surveys, all countries and time points.  
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**Remarks**: This index partly overlaps with Inglehart’s (1977; 1997) measure of postmaterialist values. |
| Autonomy Component of Emancipative Values | Meaning: 3-item index measuring a national culture’s emphasis on universal freedoms in the domain of personal autonomy (independence, imagination and non-obedience as desired child qualities).  
*Source*: Index invented and documented in Welzel, Freedom Rising (2013: 66-69), [www.cambridge.org/welzel](http://www.cambridge.org/welzel) (Online Appendix, p. 20-29), based on data from the World Values Surveys, all countries and time points.  
*Scaling*: Four-point scale, ranging from a theoretical minimum of 0 when the least secular position is taken on all 3 items, to a maximum of 1.0 when the most secular position is taken on all 3 items. Intermediate positions are given in fractions of 1.0. Country scores are population averages (arithmetic mean) on the 0-1 index.  
**Remarks**: None. |
| Disbelief Component of Secular Values | Meaning: 3-item index measuring a national culture’s distance to “sacred” sources of authority in the domain of religious authority (faith, commitment, practice).  
*Source*: Index invented and documented in Welzel, Freedom Rising (2013: 63-66), [www.cambridge.org/welzel](http://www.cambridge.org/welzel) (Online Appendix, p. 12-19), based on data from the World Values Surveys, all countries and time points.  
*Scaling*: Multi-point scale, ranging from a theoretical minimum of 0 when the least secular position is taken on all 3 items, to a maximum of 1.0 when the most secular position is taken on all 3 items. Intermediate positions are given in fractions of 1.0. |
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<th>Meaning: 3-item index measuring a national culture’s distance to “sacred” sources of authority in the domain of patrimonial authority (the nation, the state, the parents).</th>
<th>Source: Index invented and documented in Welzel, Freedom Rising (2013: 63-66), <a href="http://www.cambridge.org/welzel">www.cambridge.org/welzel</a> (Online Appendix, p. 12-19), based on data from the World Values Surveys, all countries and time points.</th>
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<td>Social Movement Activity [SMA]</td>
<td><strong>Meaning:</strong> 3-item index measuring to what extent three types of peaceful social movement activities (petitions, demonstrations, boycotts) are part of a national culture’s action repertoire.</td>
<td><strong>Source:</strong> Index invented and documented in Welzel, Freedom Rising (2013: 222-225), <a href="http://www.cambridge.org/welzel">www.cambridge.org/welzel</a> (Online Appendix, p. 66-70), based on data from the World Values Surveys.</td>
<td><strong>Scaling:</strong> Multi-point index from a theoretical minimum 0 when none of the three activities is part of the action repertoire to 1.0 when all three of them are. On each activity, non-execution is coded 0, anticipated execution .33 and actual execution 1. Then for each individual the average over the three activities is calculated. Country scores are population averages (arithmetic mean) on the 0-1 index.</td>
<td><strong>Remarks:</strong> Individual-level scores are normally distributed around the mean in each national sample. In the context of Freedom Rising’s human empowerment framework, social movement activity is interpreted as behavioural empowerment.</td>
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<td>Informational Connectedness</td>
<td><strong>Meaning:</strong> 8-item index measuring the diversity of information sources used by the average individual in a nation.</td>
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| **[InfCon]** | **Source:** Index invented and documented in Welzel, Freedom Rising (2013: 79), [www.cambridge.org/welzel](http://www.cambridge.org/welzel) (Online Appendix, p. 29-30), based on data from the World Values Surveys, countries from rounds five and six.  
**Scaling:** Multi-point index, ranging from a theoretical minimum of 0, when not a single one of the eight information sources has been used “last week,” to a maximum of 1.0, when all eight sources were used. Intermediate positions are measured in fractions of 1. Country scores are population averages (arithmetic mean) on the 0-1 index.  
**Remarks:** Individual-level scores are normally distributed around the mean in each national sample. In Freedom Rising’s (2013) human empowerment framework, informational connectedness is interpreted as connective empowerment. |
| **Perceived Stimulation [PerSti]** | **Meaning:** 3-item index measuring the extent of people’s perceived cognitive stimulation based on whether they perceive their daily tasks as mostly “routine versus creative,” mostly “manual versus intellectual” and as mostly “remote controlled versus supervised,” with the latter option in each of these three (1 to 10 scaled) polarities indicating stronger perceived stimulation.  
**Source:** Welzel, based on data from the World Values Surveys, all countries from rounds five and six.  
**Scaling:** Multi-point index with original scores on each of the three items rescaled from minimum 0 to maximum 1, with proper fractions for intermediate positions, and then averaged over the three measures. Country scores are population averages (arithmetic mean) on the 0-1 index.  
**Remarks:** Individual-level scores are normally distributed around the mean in each national sample. In Welzel’s human empowerment framework, perceived stimulation is interpreted as perceptive empowerment. |
| **Cognitive Mobilization [CogMob]** | **Meaning:** Formative multi-item index measuring the extent of people’s cognitive mobilization over the domains of informational connectedness, perceived stimulation and emancipative values \( \frac{(\text{InfCon} + \text{PerSti} + \text{EVI})}{3} \) calculated at the individual level and then aggregated to the country level].  
**Source:** Index invented by Welzel, based on data from the World Values Surveys, all countries from rounds five and six.  
**Scaling:** Multi-point index with original scores on each of the multiple items rescaled from minimum 0 to maximum 1, with proper fractions for intermediate positions, and then averaged over the three measures. Components load on the same dimension at the individual level, with pretty similar loadings, and their combination produces a highly reliable overall index (alpha above .80). Country scores are population averages (arithmetic mean) on the 0-1 index.  
**Remarks:** Individual-level scores are normally distributed around the mean in each national sample. |
| **Individual Empowerment, version 1 [IndEmp1]** | **Meaning:** Formative multi-item index measuring the extent to which the people in a society are mentally and habitually empowered to make their own choices and to pursue them in their actions. The index covers the domains of motivational empowerment (emancipative values), connective empowerment (informational connectedness), perceptive empowerment (perceived stimulation), intellectual empowerment (formal education) and behavioural empowerment (social movement activity) \( \frac{(\text{EVI} + \text{InfCon} + \text{PerSti} + \text{ForEdu} + \text{SMA})}{5} \) calculated at the individual level and then aggregated to the country level].  
**Source:** Index invented by Welzel, based on data from the World Values Surveys, all countries from rounds five and six.  
**Scaling:** Multi-point index with original scores on each of the multiple items rescaled from minimum 0 to maximum 1, with proper fractions for intermediate positions, and then averaged over all the measures. Components load on the same dimension at the individual level.
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**Remarks:** Individual-level scores are normally distributed around the mean in each national sample.

| Individual Empowerment, version 2 [IndEmp2] | **Meaning:** Formative multi-item index measuring the extent to which the people in a society are mentally and habitually empowered to make their own choices and to pursue them in their actions. The index covers the domains of motivational empowerment (emancipative values), intellectual empowerment (formal education) and behavioural empowerment (social movement activity) \((\text{EVI} + \text{ForEdu} + \text{SMA}) / 3\) calculated at the individual level and then aggregated to the country level.

**Source:** Index invented by Welzel, based on data from the World Values Surveys, all countries and time points from rounds one to six.

**Scaling:** Multi-point index with original scores on each of the multiple items rescaled from minimum 0 to maximum 1, with proper fractions for intermediate positions, and then averaged over all the measures. Components load on the same dimension at the individual level, with pretty similar loadings, and their combination produces a highly reliable overall index (alpha above .80). Country scores are population averages (arithmetic mean) on the 0-1 index.

**Remarks:** Individual-level scores are normally distributed around the mean in each national sample.

| Cool Water Condition [CWI] | **Meaning:** The indicator measures the prevalence of relatively cool temperatures in each season combined with abundant fresh water resources throughout the year, on a country’s historically most populated areas.

**Source:** Index construction based on geo-climate data from the Harvard Geography Project, as documented in the appendix to Welzel’s (2013) Freedom Rising, online at [www.cambridge.org/welzel](http://www.cambridge.org/welzel), pp. 105-112.

**Scaling:** Scores range from 0 for the hottest and driest countries to 1 for countries combining highly consistent precipitation with cold temperatures.

| Liberal Understanding (of democracy) [LibUnd] | **Meaning:** 3-item index measuring the extent to which people’s understanding of democracy is liberal in the sense that they define democracy “correctly” by its liberal, including free elections, civil liberties and equal rights.

**Source:** Index invented and documented in Welzel, Freedom Rising (2013: 79; 310-315), [www.cambridge.org/welzel](http://www.cambridge.org/welzel) (Online Appendix, p. 100), based on data from the World Values Surveys, countries from rounds five and six.

**Scaling:** Multi-point index from minimum 0 when all three liberal notions of democracy are fully rejected, to maximum 1.0, when the exact opposite is the case, with proper fractions for intermediate positions. Country scores are population averages (arithmetic mean) on the 0-1 index.

**Remarks:** Individual-level scores are normally distributed around the mean in each national sample.

| Non-liberal Understanding (of democracy) [NolUnd] | **Meaning:** 3-item index measuring the extent to which people’s understanding of democracy is non-liberal in the sense that they define democracy “incorrectly” by non-liberal attributes, including religious authority over the laws, military authority over government and unemployment benefits.

**Source:** Index invented and documented in Welzel, Freedom Rising (2013: 79; 310-315), [www.cambridge.org/welzel](http://www.cambridge.org/welzel) (Online Appendix, p. 100), based on data from the World Values Surveys, countries from rounds five and six.

**Scaling:** Multi-point index from minimum 0 when all three non-liberal notions of democracy are fully rejected, to maximum 1.0, when the exact opposite is the case, with proper fractions for intermediate positions. Country scores are population averages
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<td>Enlightened Understanding (of democracy) [EnlUnd]</td>
<td>6-item index measuring the extent to which people’s understanding of democracy is enlightened in the sense that they define democracy “correctly” by its liberal core and at the same time explicitly reject non-liberal alternative notions.</td>
<td>Index invented and documented in Welzel, Freedom Rising (2013: 79; 310-315), <a href="http://www.cambridge.org/welzel">www.cambridge.org/welzel</a> (Online Appendix, p. 100), based on data from the World Values Surveys, countries from rounds five and six.</td>
<td>Multi-point index from minimum 0 when all three liberal notions of democracy are fully rejected and all three non-liberal notion fully accepted, to maximum 1.0, when the exact opposite is the case, with proper fractions for intermediate positions. Country scores are population averages (arithmetic mean) on the 0-1 index.</td>
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<td>Perceived Democraticness [PerDem]</td>
<td>10-point index measuring the extent to which people perceive their own country as governed democratically.</td>
<td>Index invented and documented in Welzel, Freedom Rising (2013: 315), <a href="http://www.cambridge.org/welzel">www.cambridge.org/welzel</a> (Online Appendix, p. 101), based on data from the World Values Surveys, countries from rounds five and six.</td>
<td>Multi-point index from minimum 0 when people perceive their country as entirely undemocratic, to maximum 1.0, when they perceive it as perfectly democratic. Country scores are population averages (arithmetic mean) on the 0-1 index.</td>
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<td>Democratic Desire [DemDes]</td>
<td>10-point index measuring the extent to which people wish their country to be governed democratically.</td>
<td>Index invented and documented in Welzel, Freedom Rising (2013: 315), <a href="http://www.cambridge.org/welzel">www.cambridge.org/welzel</a> (Online Appendix, p. 101), based on data from the World Values Surveys, countries from rounds five and six.</td>
<td>Multi-point index from minimum 0, when people have no wish at all to have their country been governed democratically, to 1.0, when they wish democracy very strongly, with proper fractions for intermediate positions. Country scores are population averages (arithmetic mean) on the 0-1 index.</td>
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<td>Enlightened Desire (for democracy) [EnlDes]</td>
<td>Conditional index, measuring the strength of people’s democratic desire on the condition that this desire is supported by an enlightened understanding of democracy (DemDes * EnlUnd calculated at the individual level and then aggregated to the country level).</td>
<td>Index invented and documented in Welzel, Freedom Rising (2013: 315), <a href="http://www.cambridge.org/welzel">www.cambridge.org/welzel</a> (Online Appendix, p. 101), based on data from the World Values Surveys, countries from rounds five and six.</td>
<td>Multi-point index from minimum 0, when people have either no wish at all to be governed democratically or completely lack an enlightened understanding of democracy, to 1.0, when they both wish democracy very strongly and have a fully enlightened understanding of it, with proper fractions for intermediate positions. Country scores are population averages (arithmetic mean) on the 0-1 index.</td>
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<td><strong>Mobilization Potential (for democratizing pressures)</strong>&lt;br&gt;[MobPot]</td>
<td><strong>Meaning:</strong> Index measures the extent to which people’s enlightened democratic desires exceed perceived democraticness of their country, assuming that this gap between desired and perceived democraticness creates mass mobilization potential for democratic reform movements. The potential is the 0-to-1 standardized residuals obtained from regressing EnlDes on PerDem at the individual level and aggregating these scores to the country level by using the mean.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Source:</strong> Welzel, based on data from the World Values Surveys, all countries from rounds five and six.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Scaling:</strong> Multi-point index ranging from minimum 0, when a respondent’s enlightened democratic desire is much lower than what her democracy assessment predicts, to maximum 1.0, when the enlightened democratic desire is much higher than what the democracy assessment predicts. Country scores are population averages (arithmetic mean) on the 0-1 index.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Remarks:</strong> Individual-level scores are normally distributed around the mean in each national sample.</td>
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<td><strong>Perceived Fairness</strong>&lt;br&gt;[PerFai]</td>
<td><strong>Meaning:</strong> 10-point index measuring the extent to which people perceive others as fair in their daily dealings.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Source:</strong> World Values Surveys, all countries and time points from rounds 1 to 6.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Scaling:</strong> 10-point index standardized from minimum 0, when others are perceived as always trying to take advantage of you, to maximum 1.0, when others are perceived as fair, with proper fractions for intermediate positions. Country-level scores are the average of each national sample from the WVS.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Remarks:</strong> Individual-level scores are normally distributed around the mean in each national sample.</td>
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<td><strong>Standard Trust</strong>&lt;br&gt;[StaTru]</td>
<td><strong>Meaning:</strong> Dummy coded standard trust question indicating to what extent people believe that they can trust unspecified other people.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Source:</strong> World Values Surveys, all countries and time points from rounds 1 to 6.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Scaling:</strong> Dummy index standardized into 0 for non-trust and 1.0 for trust in unspecified others. Country-level scores are the average of each national sample, thus transforming the individual-level dummy codes into a continuous 0-to-1.0 scale.</td>
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<td><strong>In-group Trust</strong>&lt;br&gt;[IngTru]</td>
<td><strong>Meaning:</strong> 3-item formative index measuring to what extent people trust others to whom they are acquainted.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Source:</strong> Delhey, Newton and Welzel (2011), based on the Welzel-trust items in the World Values Surveys, all countries and time points from rounds 5 and 6.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Scaling:</strong> 4-point rating scales recoded from lowest trust (0) to highest trust (1) and averaged over the three items. Country-level scores are the average of each national sample.</td>
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| **Out-group Trust [OutTru]** | **Meaning:** 3-item formative index measuring to what extent people trust others to whom they are not familiar and who are dissimilar on important group-forming criteria, including religion and nationality.  
**Source:** Delhey, Newton and Welzel (2011), based on the Welzel-trust items in the World Values Surveys, all countries and time points from rounds 5 and 6.  
**Scaling:** 4-point rating scales recoded from lowest trust (0) to highest trust (1) and averaged over the three items. Country-level scores are the average of each national sample.  
**Remarks:** Individual-level scores are normally distributed around the mean in each national sample. |
| **Unspecific Trust [UnsTru]** | **Meaning:** 3-item formative index measuring to what extent people trust others or believe them to be fair when these others are neither specified as close or remote or in any other way [(PerFai + StaTru) / 2 calculated at the individual level and then aggregated to the country level using the population average].  
**Source:** Index invented and documented in Welzel, Freedom Rising (2013: 199-200), www.cambridge.org/welzel (Online Appendix, p. 62-63), based on data from the World Values Surveys, countries from rounds five and six.  
**Scaling:** Multi-point index ranging from 0 when there is no trust and perceived fairness of unspecified others to 1.0 for the opposite case, with proper fractions for intermediate positions. Country-level scores are the average of each national sample. |
| **Genralized Trust [GenTru]** | **Meaning:** Multi-item formative index measuring to what extent trust in others is general, assigning increasing weights to trust’s generality from close to unspecified to remote others [(IngTru + 2 * UnsTru + 3 * OutTru) / 6 calculated at the individual level and then aggregated to the country level using the population average].  
**Source:** Index invented and documented in Welzel, Freedom Rising (2013: 199-200), www.cambridge.org/welzel (Online Appendix, p. 62-63), based on data from the World Values Surveys, countries from rounds five and six.  
**Scaling:** Multi-point index ranging from 0 when there is no generalized trust to 1.0 for the opposite case, with proper fractions for intermediate positions. Country-level scores are the average of each national sample.  
**Remarks:** Individual-level scores are normally distributed around the mean in each national sample. |
| **Associational Activity (type 1) [AssAct1]** | **Meaning:** Formative 3-item index measuring to what extent people are active in recreational, humanitarian and environmental associations. At the country level, the indicator measures the prevalence of such activity in a given society, using the population average.  
**Source:** World Values Surveys, all countries and time points with available data.  
**Scaling:** Variables are rescaled such that non-membership is coded 0, inactive membership coded 0.5 and active membership 1 for each association. Then the average over the associations is calculated. Country-level scores are the average of each national sample from the WVS. |
| **Associational Activity (type 2) [AssAct2]** | **Meaning:** Formative 3-item index measuring to what extent people are active in the church or religious organizations. At the country level, the indicator measures the prevalence of such activity in a given society, using the population average.  
**Source:** World Values Surveys, all countries and time points with available data.  
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<td>Formative 3-item index measuring to what extent people are active in political parties, labour unions and professional associations. At the country level, the indicator measures the prevalence of such activity in a given society, using the population average.</td>
<td>World Values Surveys, all countries and time points with available data.</td>
<td>Variables are rescaled such that non-membership is coded 0, inactive membership coded 0.5 and active membership 1 for each association. Then the average over the associations is calculated. Country-level scores are the average of each national sample from the WVS.</td>
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<td><strong>Associational Activity (overall)</strong> [AssAct3]</td>
<td>Formative 7-item index measuring to what extent people are active in all of the associations from type 1 to type 3 (see above). At the country level, the indicator measures the prevalence of such activity in a given society, using the population average.</td>
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<td>World Values Surveys, all countries and time points with available data.</td>
<td>Variable is rescaled from minimum 0 for the least to maximum 1.0 for the most satisfaction, with fractions for intermediate positions. Country-level scores are the average of each national sample.</td>
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<td><strong>Willingness to Fight</strong> [WilFig]</td>
<td>Dummy item indicating whether or not people are willing to fight for their country in the case of war.</td>
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**Source:** World Values Surveys, all countries and time points with available data.

**Scaling:** Variable to measure the fraction of people per country willing to fight for their country in the case of war.

### Dataset “Citizen Rights Index 1981_2010” (cross-section with repeated annual measures)

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<td>Welzel’s (2013: 254-263) “personal autonomy rights index” based on Freedom House’s “civil liberties” as well as Cingranelli/Richards’ “integrity rights.” Freedom House civil liberties are inverted and then standardized into a range from minimum 0 to maximum 1.0. CIRI integrity rights are also standardized into a range from minimum 0 to maximum 1.0. Then the average of the two is taken to measure personal autonomy rights. Measures exist on an annual basis from 1981 to 2010 for most countries in the world.</td>
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<td><strong>Political Participation Rights [PPR]</strong></td>
<td>The indicator measures to what extent a country enacts political participation rights by law and respects them practice.</td>
<td>Welzel’s (2013: 254-263) “political participation rights index” based on Freedom House’s “political rights” as well as Cingranelli/Richards’ “empowerment rights.” Freedom House political rights are inverted and then standardized into a range from minimum 0 to maximum 1.0. CIRI empowerment rights are also standardized into a range from minimum 0 to maximum 1.0. Then the average of the two is taken to measure political participation rights. Measures exist on an annual basis from 1981 to 2010 for most countries in the world.</td>
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<td><strong>Citizen Rights Index [CitRig]</strong></td>
<td>Conditional index that measures the prevalence of citizen rights as the presence of respect of political participation rights on the condition of the presence of respect of personal autonomy rights, using multiplication to combine the two [CitRig = PAR * PPR].</td>
<td>Welzel’s (2013: 254-263) “citizen rights index,” available annually for most countries in the world from 1981 to 2010.</td>
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Regime Types (regtyp)

**Meaning:** Regime types measure the 4-fold combination of personal autonomy rights and political participation rights, resulting in four combinations.

**Source:** Welzel, Freedom Rising (2013: 257-258). Typology is available in annual measures for most countries of the world from 1981 to 2010.

**Scaling:** 1 “Pure Autocracy”: both personal autonomy rights and political participation rights below the scale midpoint (0.50); 2 “Inclusive Autocracy”: personal autonomy rights below the scale midpoint, political participation rights above the scale midpoint; 3 “Liberal Autocracy”: personal autonomy rights above the scale midpoint, political participation rights below; 4 “Minimal Democracy”: both personal autonomy rights and political participation rights above the scale midpoint.

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Scale Zones (scalezone)

**Meaning:** Categorical scale zones on the citizen rights index, distinguishing four categories from more completely to less completely autocratic, and then from less completely to more completely democratic.

**Source:** Welzel, Freedom Rising (2013: 255-256). Categorization is available in annual measures for most countries of the world from 1981 to 2010.

**Scaling:** 1 “Complete Autocracy”: citizen rights score less equal 0.25; 2 “Incomplete Autocracy”: citizen rights score above 0.25 and less equal 0.50; 3 “Incomplete Democracy”: citizen rights score above 0.50 and less equal 0.75; 4 “Complete Democracy”: citizen rights score above 0.75.

**Links:** Data sources, rescaling procedures and replication data are meticulously documented in the Online Appendix to Welzel’s (2013) Freedom Rising at [www.cambridge.com/welzel](http://www.cambridge.com/welzel) (p. 72). Test statistics documenting this index’s superior validity in comparison to alternative democracy measures are reported in Welzel (2013: 267-271).

Dataset “Effective Democracy Index 1996_2006” (cross-section with repeated annual measures)

**Democratic Rights (DemRig96)**

**Meaning:** 14-point index measuring the prevalence of democratic rights based on Freedom House’s “civil liberties” and “political rights” ratings.

**Source:** Alexander and Welzel (2011); Alexander, Inglehart and Welzel (2012). Categorization is available in annual measures for most countries of the world from 1996 to 2006.

**Scaling:** The two Freedom House scales are inverted, averaged and standardized into a range from minimum 0 (no democratic rights) to 100 (maximum democratic rights), with percentages of the maximum rights for intermediate positions.

**Rule of Law (rol96)**

**Meaning:** Factor scale from the World Bank’s “global governance indicators” measuring the degree of law enforcement in a country.

**Source:** Alexander and Welzel (2011); Alexander, Inglehart and Welzel (2012). Categorization is available in annual measures for most countries of the world from 1996 to 2006.

**Scaling:** The factor scores are standardized into a range from minimum 0 (for the lowest ever observed rule of law score) to maximum 1.0 (for the highest ever observed rule of law score), with fractions for intermediate positions.

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<td>the degree of corruption control in a country.</td>
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<td>The factor scores are standardized into a range from minimum 0 (for the lowest ever observed corruption control) to maximum 1.0 (for the highest ever observed corruption control), with fractions for intermediate positions.</td>
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<td>Honest Governance [HonGov96]</td>
<td>Multi-point index measuring the extent to which a country has honest governance in the sense that its institutions are oriented towards law enforcement and the avoidance of grand corruption [HonGov = (rol + coc) / 2].</td>
<td>Alexander and Welzel (2011); Alexander, Inglehart and Welzel (2012).</td>
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<td>Scores range from a theoretical minimum of 0 for the least honest governance to maximum 1.0 for the most honest governance.</td>
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<td>Effective Democracy Index [EDI96]</td>
<td>Conditional multi-point index measuring the extent of effective democracy, understood as the presence of democratic rights on the condition that honest governance puts them into real practice [EDI = DemRig * HonGov].</td>
<td>Alexander and Welzel (2011); Alexander, Inglehart and Welzel (2012).</td>
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<td>Scores are weighted percentages ranging from a theoretical minimum of 0 for the least effective or absent democracy to 100 for the most effective democracy.</td>
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<td>System Type [systyp96]</td>
<td>4-fold system typology derived from cross-tabulating democratic rights and honest governance.</td>
<td>Alexander and Welzel (2011); Alexander, Inglehart and Welzel (2012).</td>
<td>Available</td>
<td>1 “Unbound Autocracy”: both democratic rights and honest governance below their scale midpoints; 2 “Bounded Autocracy”: democratic rights below, honest governance above the scale midpoint; 3 “Ineffective Democracy”: democratic rights above, honest governance below the scale midpoint; 4 “Effective Democracy”: both democratic rights and honest governance above the scale midpoint.</td>
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Dataset “Cool Water Index” (purely cross-sectional)

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<td>Motivational Empowerment [MotEmp]</td>
<td>The indicator measures to what extent a population is motivated by emancipative values. These values are considered as an empowering motivation because they make people urge for control over their lives.</td>
<td>Welzel’s (2013: 254-263) “emancipative values index” (EVI, see above), covering the years 1995 to 2005, with variable time points for different countries.</td>
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<td>Index scores range from 0 for the weakest possible to 1.0 for the strongest possible emphasis on emancipative values.</td>
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<td>Institutional Empowerment [InsEmp]</td>
<td>The indicator measures to what extent a country enacts personal autonomy rights and political participation rights by law and respects them practice.</td>
<td>Welzel’s (2013: 254-263) “citizen rights index” based on Freedom House’s “civil liberties” and “political rights” ratings as well as Cingranelli/Richards’ “integrity rights” and “empowerments rights” ratings. Freedom House measures are taken as the base but downgraded for uncovered rights violations tapped by the Cingranelli/Richards measures. Measures to create the Human Empowerment Index (see below) are averaged over the</td>
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years 1995 to 2005.

**Scaling:** Index scores range from 0 for the complete absence of citizen rights in law and practice to 1 for their full presence in law and practice, with proper fractions for intermediate positions.

**Links:** Data sources, rescaling procedures and replication data are meticulously documented in the Online Appendix to Welzel’s (2013) Freedom Rising at [www.cambridge.com/welzel](http://www.cambridge.com/welzel) (p. 72). Test statistics documenting this index’s superior validity in comparison to alternative democracy measures are reported in Welzel (2013: 267–271).

| **Human Empowerment Index [HEI]** | **Meaning:** The indicator measures to what extent a population is intellectually, motivationally and institutionally empowered, calculating the average over the three partial empowerments [(IntEmp + MotEmp + IntEmp) / 3].  
**Source:** Welzel, Human Empowerment Project.  
**Scaling:** Index scores range from 0 for the least to 1.0 for the most possible human empowerment. The three partial empowerments are strongly one-dimensional, with equal loadings of around .92 on their common underlying factor. The overall index is highly reliable (alpha above .80).  
**Links:** Data sources, rescaling procedures and replication data are meticulously documented in the Online Appendix to Welzel’s (2013) Freedom Rising at [www.cambridge.com/welzel](http://www.cambridge.com/welzel) (p. 72). Test statistics documenting this index’s superior validity in comparison to alternative democracy measures are reported in Welzel (2013: 267–271). |
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| **Cool Water Condition [CWI]** | **Meaning:** The indicator measures the prevalence of relatively cool temperatures in each season combined with abundant fresh water resources throughout the year, on a country’s historically most populated areas.  
**Source:** Index construction based on geo-climate data from the Harvard Geography Project, as documented in the appendix to Welzel’s (2013) Freedom Rising, online at [www.cambridge.org/welzel](http://www.cambridge.org/welzel), pp. 105–112.  
**Scaling:** Scores range from 0 for the hottest and driest countries to 1 for countries combining highly consistent precipitation with cold temperatures. |

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