

DELIVERABLE 7.1

COMPLETE LIST OF EACH DIMENSIONS' VARIABLES

Complete list of each dimensions' variables

In this document are listed all the variables considered in the construction of the composite indicators of each dimension: media ecosystem, political system, and societal context.

Media ecosystem (weight: 50)

- Political and business influence (weight: 27)

Sub-Indicators	Sub-Indicators' weight	Variables	Variables' weight	Source	Year
State/Government pressure/censorship	26	Do public authorities report about their requests of content moderation to platforms and of traffic management to ISPs in a transparent and meaningful way?	5	MPM	2025
		Do public authorities require online platforms to moderate content with respect to freedom of expression?	8	MPM	2025
		Government censorship effort - Does the government directly or indirectly attempt to censor the print or broadcast media?	8	V-Dem	2024
		Internet censorship effort - Question: Does the government attempt to censor information (text, audio, or visuals) on the Internet?	6	V-Dem	2024
		Government Internet filtering capacity - Question: Independent of whether it actually does so in practice, does the government have the technical capacity to censor information (text, audio, images, or video) on the Internet by filtering (blocking access to certain websites) if it decided to?	6	V-Dem	2024
		Government Internet filtering in practice - Question: How frequently does the government censor political information (text, audio, images, or video) on the Internet by filtering (blocking access to certain websites)?	8	V-Dem	2024
		Government Internet shut down capacity - Question:	6	V-Dem	2024

		Independent of whether it actually does so in practice, does the government have the technical capacity to actively shut down domestic access to the Internet if it decided to?			
		Government Internet shut down in practice - Question: How often does the government shut down domestic access to the Internet?	8	V-Dem	2024
		Government social media shut down in practice - Question: How often does the government shut down access to social media platforms?	6	V-Dem	2024
		Government social media alternatives - Question: How prevalent is the usage of social media platforms that are wholly controlled by either the government or its agents in this country?	7	V-Dem	2024
		Government social media monitoring - Question: How comprehensive is the surveillance of political content in social media by the government or its agents?	8	V-Dem	2024
		Government social media censorship in practice - Question: To what degree does the government censor political content (i.e., deleting or filtering specific posts for political reasons) on social media in practice?	8	V-Dem	2024
		Control over media agents - Question: How strong is state-control over agents in the media?	8	V-Dem	2024
		Is there evidence that the government arbitrarily overrules decisions by the media authority or weakens its role?	8	MPM	2025
Political control over the media	26	Are appointment procedures of the media authority transparent, democratic and objective and designed to minimize the risk of political or economic interference, for instance by including rules on incompatibility and eligibility?	5	MPM	2025
		Are internal safeguards effective in preventing political influence?	7	MPM	2025
		Are the appointments and dismissals of editors in chief independent from political influence in practice?	8	MPM	2025
		Are the main self-regulatory instruments effective in preventing	7	MPM	2025

		political influence in practice?			
		Print/broadcast media critical - Of the major print and broadcast outlets, how many routinely criticize the government?	8	V-Dem	2024
		Political influence, non state-owned media (C) - Question: For the print and broadcast media outlets NOT owned by the state, how often do political authorities influence how these cover political issues?	7	V-Dem	2024
		State-owned print media (C) (v2medstateprint) - Question: Out of the top four national print media with the highest readership, how many are state-owned?	7	V-Dem	2024
		State-owned broadcast media (C) (v2medstatebroad) - Question: Out of the top four national broadcast media with the largest audience, how many are state-owned?	8	V-Dem	2024
		Political influence, state-owned media (C) (v2medpolstate) - Question: For the print and broadcast media outlets owned by the state, how often do political authorities influence how these outlets cover political issues?	8	V-Dem	2024
		How would you evaluate the presence of political control over the audiovisual media?	6	MPM	2025
		How would you evaluate the presence of political control over the digital native media?	6	MPM	2025
		How would you evaluate the presence of political control over the newspapers?	6	MPM	2025
		How would you evaluate the presence of political control over the radio?	6	MPM	2025
		How would you evaluate the relationship between the leading news agencies and political groupings?	6	MPM	2025
		Is the media authority acting independently from political and/or economic influences?	5	MPM	2025
Regulation	12	Are restrictions upon freedom of expression clearly defined in law and do restrictions upon freedom of expression pursue a legitimate aim according to those foreseen in Article 10(2)	8	MPM	2025

		ECHR? Also: are they "proportionate" to the legitimate aim pursued?			
		Do citizens have access to legal remedies in cases of infringement of their freedom of expression and are these legal remedies effective?	8	MPM	2025
		Freedom of Information Acts (FOIA)	4	T-Index	2024
		Does media law prescribe transparent and fair procedures in order to ensure that the funding of PSM is adequate?	5	MPM	2025
		Legal provisions for PSM - Provisions for the role of state/government in defining the board of public service media	8	EOM	2022-2023
		Does the law provide fair and transparent appointment and dismissal procedures for the management (including director general /CEO) of the PSM, which guarantee independence from government or other political influence?	8	MPM	2025
		Has your country implemented through national legislation the derogation provided for the GDPR on freedom of expression and journalistic activities in a way that complies with article 10(2) of the European Convention on Human Rights?	5	MPM	2025
		Is freedom of expression recognized in the Constitution or in national laws and case law in your country?	6	MPM	2025
		Is freedom of expression respected in practice in your country?	10	MPM	2025
		Is the independence of news agencies from political influence regulated effectively?	10	MPM	2025
		Is the right to information explicitly recognised in the Constitution and/or national laws?	4	MPM	2025
		Is there a law containing limitations to direct and indirect control of media by party, partisan group or politicians, and is the law implemented effectively by relevant bodies?	4	MPM	2025
		Are there favorable public support schemes for the news media sector? And are they effective?	7	MPM	2025
		If existent, does the public support schemes for media sector cover online media?	6	MPM	2025
		Does regulation attribute sanctioning powers to the media	7	MPM	2025

		authority and are sanctions effective?			
Independence of Public Service Media (PSM)	22	Are the appointments and dismissals of PSM management and director general independent from political influences in practice?	18	MPM	2025
		Do PSM channels and services provide fair representation of political actors and political viewpoints in news and informative programmes in practice?	18	MPM	2025
		How would you evaluate, in practice, the mechanism of providing financing to the PSM?	18	MPM	2025
		Is there a media law (including conventions between PSM and the government) that guarantees access to airtime on PSM channels and services for political actors during election campaigns, and is the law implemented effectively?	16	MPM	2025
		Is there a media law (including conventions between PSM and the government) that imposes rules aiming at impartiality in news and informative programmes on PSM channels and services, and is the law implemented effectively?	16	MPM	2025
		Is there an internal charter of PSM or other selfregulatory instrument that guarantees impartiality and access to PSM channels for political actors?	14	MPM	2025
Conflict of interest	14	Are there any practices of disclosure of any actual or potential conflict of interests of the owners of the media that might affect the editorial content?	13	MPM	2025
		Political relations - Politically exposed persons (PEPs) in official documents and registers_Political relations: no politically exposed persons (PEPs) in leading positions of media outlets	18	EOM	2022-2023
		Related persons: no media owners have related persons (spouse, parent, sibling, child) in politics	18	EOM	2022-2023
		Nonmedia ownership Media outlets whose relevant legal owners have a non-media business as their main economic activity	13	EOM	2022-2023
		Is the conflict of interest between owners of media and the ruling parties, partisan groups or politicians effectively regulated?	10	MPM	2025

		Is the conflict of interests prevented in practice?	18	MPM	2025
		Do the owners of the leading media in the country have relevant interests, links or activities in non-media businesses?	10	MPM	2025

- Pluralism (weight: 15)

Sub-Indicators	Sub-Indicators' weight	Variables	Variables' weight	Source	Year
Media Market Concentration	30	Are there in your country pro-competition initiatives aimed at balancing market power between publishers and online platforms?	7	MPM	2025
		Do the regulatory safeguards to prevent a high degree of concentration in the media sector apply to the digital media?	7	MPM	2025
		Does the national law establish substantive and procedural rules, based on transparent, objective, proportionate and non-discriminatory criteria, to assess the impact of media market concentrations on media pluralism and editorial independence?	7	MPM	2025
		Is the possibility of buying advertising space on commercial audiovisual media available to all contending parties, on equal conditions and rates of payment in practice?	7	MPM	2025
		What is the audience concentration of the Top4 audiovisual media owners in your country?	9	MPM	2025
		What is the audience concentration of the Top4 radio owners in your country?	9	MPM	2025
		What is the audience share of the Top 4 online media in your country?	9	MPM	2025
		What is the market share of the Top4 audiovisual media owners in your country?	9	MPM	2025
		What is the market share of the Top4 media owners across different media markets?	9	MPM	2025
		What is the market share of the Top4 newspapers owners?	9	MPM	2025
		What is the market share of the Top4 players in the online advertising sector in your country?	9	MPM	2025
		What is the readership concentration of the Top 4 newspapers owners in your country?	9	MPM	2025
Media Ownership	40	Distribution-production ownership - Media outlets whose owners also operate	14	EOM	2022-

Concentration		media distribution companies			2023
		Anti-concentration provisions - Media sectors covered by anti-concentration provisions	10	EOM	2022-2023
		Qualitative and quantitative limits - Provisions for media concentration	10	EOM	2022-2023
		NRAs for concentration - Existence of NRAs or other designated bodies responsible for the control of ownership concentration issues	10	EOM	2022-2023
		Enforcement and sanctions (concentration) - Enforcement of limitations of concentration	12	EOM	2022-2023
		Government overrule - Role of the government in anti-concentration decisions taken by NRAs	12	EOM	2022-2023
		Does media legislation contain specific thresholds and/or other limitations that are based on objective criteria in order to prevent a high degree of horizontal and cross-media concentration of ownership in the media sector?	10	MPM	2025
		Does the law grant this body sanctioning/enforcement powers in order to impose proportionate remedies (behavioral and/or structural) where its decisions are not respected and are they effective?	12	MPM	2025
		Is there a national regulatory authority or body overseeing compliance with ownership rules and limitations in the media sector, and/or hearing relevant complaints?	10	MPM	2025
Political inclusiveness	15	Media bias - Question: Is there media bias against opposition parties or candidates?	12	V-Dem	2024
		Must carry provisions - Must-carry rules for content in the public interest or contribute to political, cultural, or geographical diversity	9	EOM	2022-2023
		Print/broadcast media perspectives - Do the major print and broadcast media represent a wide range of political perspectives?	11	V-Dem	2024
		Online media perspectives - Question: Do the major domestic online media outlets represent a wide range of political perspectives?	11	V-Dem	2024
		Online media fractionalization - Question: Do the major domestic online media outlets give a similar presentation of major (political) news?	11	V-Dem	2024
		Election free campaign media - Question: In this national election, did parties or candidates receive either free or publicly financed access to national broadcast media?	10	V-Dem	2024
		Are there any laws and/or selfregulatory measures that guarantee access to airtime	9	MPM	2025

Social inclusiveness	10	on private channels and services for political actors during election campaigns?			
		Does audiovisual coverage of the electoral campaign on private channels and services offer fair representation of the different groups of political actors?	9	MPM	2025
		Does the audiovisual coverage of the electoral campaign on PSM offer fair representation of the different groups of political actors?	9	MPM	2025
		Is there a regulation that aims to ensure transparency of political advertising on online platforms during electoral campaign?	9	MPM	2025
	10	Are community media recognised by the law?	3	MPM	2025
		Are legally-recognised minorities represented in news content on private TV and radio?	4	MPM	2025
		Are marginalised communities represented in news reporting on private TV and radio?	4	MPM	2025
		Are marginalised communities represented in PSM news reporting?	5	MPM	2025
		Are women experts participating in informative and political programmes and articles to the same extent as male experts?	3	MPM	2025
		Are women represented in news and current affairs broadcasting in a way that is proportionate and free from stereotypes?	4	MPM	2025
		Do the PSM have a comprehensive gender equality policy?	3	MPM	2025
		Do the PSM have national news available in minority languages?	3	MPM	2025
		Does the law grant community media access to TV/Radio infrastructures and frequencies and is the law implemented effectively?	6	MPM	2025
		Does the law grant regional or local media access to TV/Radio infrastructures and frequencies and is the law implemented effectively?	6	MPM	2025
		Does the law guarantee the representation of legally-recognized minorities in PSM news reporting, and is it implemented effectively?	6	MPM	2025
		Does the PSM broadcast local news programmes?	4	MPM	2025
		Does the PSM have a comprehensive diversity policy to promote the representation of marginalised communities in media content and media production?	4	MPM	2025
		Does the state support community media through subsidies?	5	MPM	2025
		Does the state support local/regional media through subsidies?	5	MPM	2025
		How would you assess the community media offer in your country?	3	MPM	2025
		Is the offer of local news services in local areas adequate?	4	MPM	2025
		Is the PSM obliged to keep its own local/regional correspondents or branches and is	6	MPM	2025

		the law implemented effectively?			
		What is the share of women among editors-in-chief in local media?	3	MPM	2025
		What is the share of women among editors-in-chief in the leading news media in the country?	4	MPM	2025
		What is the share of women among executives of private TV companies?	4	MPM	2025
		What is the share of women among executives of PSM?	4	MPM	2025
		What is the share of women among members of management boards of private TV companies?	3	MPM	2025
		What is the share of women on PSM management boards?	4	MPM	2025
Availability of Distribution Infrastructure and Discrimination of Access	5	Print distribution: high reach and no discrimination - Availability of distribution infrastructure of print media and discrimination of access	13	EOM	2022-2023
		Radio distribution: high infrastructure diversity and competition - Diversity of distribution infrastructure of radio (FM, AM, DAB, DAB+) and competition between providers	11	EOM	2022-2023
		TV distribution: high infrastructure diversity and competition - Diversity of distribution infrastructure of broadcast TV (DTT, CATV, IPTV, DTH) and competition between providers	11	EOM	2022-2023
		Internet distribution: high connectivity and competition - Internet connectivity and competition between providers	11	EOM	2022-2023
		Are there regulatory safeguards regarding net neutrality in your country and are they implemented in practice?	13	MPM	2025
		Do ISPs manage network traffic in a way that is transparent, impartial and neutral, without discriminating against particular types of content or content from particular sources?	14	MPM	2025
		Do public authorities ask to Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to manage network traffic with respect to freedom of expression and the right to access information?	13	MPM	2025
		Does the PSM provide universal coverage in practice in your country?	14	MPM	2025

- Transparency (weight: 21)

Sub-Indicators	Sub-Indicators' weight	Variables	Variables' weight	Source	Year
Transparency in Media Ownership	35	Does the law stipulate sanctions in case of violations of transparency requirements for the media sector, and are they applied in practice?	4	MPM	2025
		Does the national law contain provisions requiring the disclosure of information about the ultimate owners of digital media?	4	MPM	2025
		Does the national law contain provisions requiring the disclosure of information on the ultimate owners in the media sector?	4	MPM	2025
		Does the national law contain specific provisions requiring the disclosure of ownership details in the digital media sector?	4	MPM	2025
		Does the national law contain specific provisions requiring the disclosure of ownership details in the media sector?	4	MPM	2025
		Owners' disclosure - Disclosure of direct and beneficial owners in the publications or website of media outlets. The indicator reflects the aggregated points of the outlets, which are weighted according to the relevance of market sectors (print, radio, TV, online)	6	EOM	2022-2023
		Clarity of legal structure - Legal structures of media outlets allowing to identify individuals and/or families that control news media (in contrast to structures that seek to hide actual owners, such as private foundations and family investment funds)	7	EOM	2022-2023
		Contested ownership - Existence of relevant contestation of ownership relations in the media sample (e.g., no legal owners as "straw men")	8	EOM	2022-2023
		CEO's disclosure - Disclosure of CEOs (or economic managers) in the publication or website of media outlets. The	5	EOM	2022-2023

		indicator reflects the aggregated points of the outlets, which are weighted according to the relevance of market sectors (print, radio, TV, online)			
		Editor's disclosure - Disclosure of editors-in-chief in the publication or website of media outlets. The indicator reflects the aggregated points of the outlets, which are weighted according to the relevance of market sectors (print, radio, TV, online)	5	EOM	2022-2023
		Sectors coverage - Media sectors covered by laws that require disclosure of information regarding direct and beneficial owner(s)	4	EOM	2022-2023
		Level of information - Level of information depth required by the national legal framework about media ownership and control	4	EOM	2022-2023
		Update requirements - Requirement of periodical updating of ownership information upon change	4	EOM	2022-2023
		Information disclosure request - Level of accessibility to information disclosure requests for relevant media ownership data	6	EOM	2022-2023
		Affiliations' disclosure - Disclosure about affiliation to external institutions (political party, church, interest group) in the publication or website of media outlets. Media with no reported affiliation count here as fully transparent. The indicator reflects the aggregated points of the outlets, which are weighted according to the relevance of market sectors (print, radio, TV, online)	7	EOM	2022-2023
		Is disclosure of digital media ownership effectively provided to public bodies and to the public?	6	MPM	2025
		Is disclosure of media ownership effectively provided to public bodies and to the public?	6	MPM	2025
		Is sufficient and updated information to identify the beneficial and ultimate owners of digital native news media outlets publicly accessible?	6	MPM	2025

		Is sufficient and updated information to identify the beneficial and ultimate owners of media outlets publicly accessible?	6	MPM	2025
Transparency in Subsidies to Media outlets	25	Are the direct state subsidies distributed to media outlets in a fair and transparent manner?	24	MPM	2025
		Are the indirect state subsidies distributed to media outlets in a fair and transparent manner?	24	MPM	2025
		Does the legislation provide fair and transparent rules for the distribution of direct subsidies to media outlets?	15	MPM	2025
		Does the legislation provide fair and transparent rules for the distribution of indirect subsidies to media outlets?	15	MPM	2025
		Disclosure of public subsidies - Availability of data about public subsidies to media outlets	22	EOM	2022-2023
Transparency in Advertising	25	Are political parties and candidates in your country transparent about the spendings and techniques used in social media political campaigns?	15	MPM	2025
		Are the rules for political parties, candidates and lists competing in elections to report on campaign spending on online platforms in a transparent manner implemented effectively?	15	MPM	2025
		Do online platforms and social media take sufficient steps to ensure the transparency of online political advertising?	16	MPM	2025
		Does the legislation provide plural, fair and transparent rules on the distribution of state advertising to media outlets and online platforms?	18	MPM	2025
		Disclosure of public advertising - Availability of data about public advertising to media outlets	18	EOM	2022-2023
		Is state advertising distributed to media outlets in a fair and transparent manner?	18	MPM	2025
Content curation	15	Are there any laws or selfregulation prohibiting advertorials or other forms of disguised advertisement, and are they effectively implemented?	10	MPM	2025
		Are there any selfregulatory schemes guaranteeing a clear	10	MPM	2025

		separation between editorial and commercial activities of news organisations, and are they effectively implemented?			
		Do online platforms moderate content with respect to freedom of expression?	9	MPM	2025
		Do online platforms report their content moderation actions in a transparent and meaningful way?	9	MPM	2025
		Content curation - Disclosure of criteria for content curation by relevant digital intermediaries for news use	13	EOM	2022-2023
		Commercial agreements - Disclosure of commercial agreements that influence content curation	13	EOM	2022-2023
		Provisions for content curation - Provisions for transparency of curation criteria, commercial arrangements between digital intermediaries and news providers, and alternatives to standard content curation	8	EOM	2022-2023
		Exposure rules - Provisions for exposure of public interest content in content curation (discoverability and prominence) of digital intermediaries	8	EOM	2022-2023
		Enforcement and sanctions (content curation) - Enforcement of provisions for content curation	10	EOM	2022-2023
		Is access to dispute resolution mechanisms available to address violations of freedom of expression and access to information that resulted from content moderation practices?	10	MPM	2025

- Professionalism (weight: 22)

Sub-Indicators	Sub-Indicators' weight	Variables	Variables' weight	Source	Year
Editorial autonomy	40	Are cross-sectorial codes of conduct stipulating editorial independence from political interference in the news media available?	10	MPM	2025
		Are there external bodies, such as media or press councils, overseeing self-regulation?	8	MPM	2025
		Are there internal bodies aimed at protecting the independence of editorial content?	10	MPM	2025
		Do major media organizations have codes of ethics and/or codes of conduct stipulating independence from political interference, and are they implemented?	12	MPM	2025
		Editorial independence. Breaches of editorial independence by owners, advertisers, and economic managers. Editorial independence: absence of breaches of editorial independence by owners, advertisers, and economic managers	15	EOM	2022-2023
		Newsroom independence - Provisions for ensuring newsroom independence from owners and economic management in editorial issues	15	EOM	2022-2023
		Independence from affiliations - Media outlets affiliated to external institutions (political party, church, interest group). The indicator reflects the aggregated points of the outlets, which are weighted according to the relevance of market sectors (print, radio, TV, online)	15	EOM	2022-2023
		Is editorial content independent from commercial influence in practice?	15	MPM	2025
Journalistic profession, standards and protection	35	Are perpetrators of crimes against journalists prosecuted?	4	MPM	2025
		Are there any mechanisms granting social protection to journalists in case of changes of ownership or editorial line and are they effectively implemented?	4	MPM	2025

		Are there any safeguards seeking to ensure that decisions regarding appointments and dismissals of editors-in-chief are not influenced by interests, and are they effectively implemented?	4	MPM	2025
		Are there cases of attacks or threats to the physical safety of journalists?	4	MPM	2025
		Are there threats to the online safety of journalists?	5	MPM	2025
		Do online threats and attacks against women and/ or LGBTQ+ journalists (its amount and extent) represent a significant problem in the country?	4	MPM	2025
		Do physical threats and attacks against women and/or LGBTQ+ journalists (its amount and extent) represent a significant problem in the country?	4	MPM	2025
		Has the number of journalists employed in your country increased or decreased over the past year?	3	MPM	2025
		Has your country adopted measures that prevent the illegal surveillance of journalists, media service providers, and any persons with regular or professional ties to them, including the deployment of various forms of intrusive surveillance technology (e.g., spyware) on any digital device, tool or machine used by them?"	5	MPM	2025
		Has your State decriminalised defamation?	5	MPM	2025
		Have the economic conditions of freelance journalists improved or worsened over the past year?	3	MPM	2025
		How would you evaluate the working conditions of journalists in your country?	3	MPM	2025
		Harassment of journalists - Question: Are individual journalists harassed — i.e., threatened with libel, arrested, imprisoned, beaten, or killed — by governmental or powerful nongovernmental actors while engaged in legitimate journalistic activities?	5	V-Dem	2024
		Media corrupt - Question: Do journalists, publishers, or broadcasters accept payments in exchange for altering news	5	V-Dem	2024

		coverage?			
		Independence of council. Presence of media owners in media councils. Independence of council: absence of media owners (or lack of voting rights) in media councils	5	EOM	2022-2023
		Media self-censorship - Question: Is there self-censorship among journalists when reporting on issues that the government considers politically sensitive?	4	V-Dem	2024
		Is the protection of journalistic sources explicitly recognised by the law and/or by the highest courts in your country?	4	MPM	2025
		Is the protection of journalistic sources generally enforced in practice?	5	MPM	2025
		Is there a regulatory framework in place to protect whistleblowers, and is it effective?	4	MPM	2025
		Is your country free from arbitrary arrests or imprisonments of journalists because of the exercise of their profession?	5	MPM	2025
		Is your country free from killings of journalists?	5	MPM	2025
		Do defamation laws provide for sufficient legal defences?	5	MPM	2025
		Are journalists' professional associations effective in guaranteeing respect for working conditions and journalists' safety?	5	MPM	2025
Media viability	25	Are news media organisations in your country introducing (or experimenting with) innovations to improve the way the newsroom works and/or the journalistic products provided to audiences?	11	MPM	2025
		Are news media organizations in your country developing sources of revenue other than traditional revenue streams?	12	MPM	2025
		Are there financial agreements in your country, between digital intermediaries and media providers, to remunerate the media providers for the use of copyright-protected content, or more generally to contribute to their financing?	14	MPM	2025
		Are there financial agreements in your country, between Generative AI providers and media providers, to remunerate the rightholders for the use of copyright-protected content?	14	MPM	2025

		Have revenues of the audiovisual sector increased or decreased over the past year?	12	MPM	2025
		Have revenues of the newspapers and press agencies sector increased or decreased over the past year?	12	MPM	2025
		Have revenues of the radio sector increased or decreased over the past year?	12	MPM	2025
		How would you assess the sustainability and viability of local media?	13	MPM	2025

- Information disorder (weight: 15)

Sub-Indicators	Sub-Indicators' weight	Variables	Variables' weight	Source	Year
Foreign governments dissemination of false information	22	Foreign governments dissemination of false information - Question: How routinely do foreign governments and their agents use social media to disseminate misleading viewpoints or false information to influence domestic politics in this country?	50	V-Dem	2024
		Foreign governments ads - Question: How routinely do foreign governments and their agents use paid advertisements on social media in order to disseminate misleading viewpoints or false information to influence domestic politics in this country?	50	V-Dem	2024
Government/Party dissemination of false information	22	Government dissemination of false information domestic - Question: How often do the government and its agents use social media to disseminate misleading viewpoints or false information to influence its own population?	30	V-Dem	2024
		Government dissemination of false information abroad - Question: How often do the government	20	V-Dem	2024

		and its agents use social media to disseminate misleading viewpoints or false information to influence citizens of other countries abroad?			
		Party dissemination of false information abroad - Question: How often do major political parties and candidates for office use social media to disseminate misleading viewpoints or false information to influence citizens of other countries abroad?	20	V-Dem	2024
		Party dissemination of false information domestic - Question: How often do major political parties and candidates for office use social media to disseminate misleading viewpoints or false information to influence their own population?	30	V-Dem	2024
Monitoring and/or Impact of Disinformation/Misinformation initiatives	12	Are there any efficient mechanisms to report online hate speech?	12	MPM	2025
		Are there any independent initiatives to monitor and debunk disinformation, and to conduct research on disinformation in your country?	14	MPM	2025
		Are there any laws or policies that aim at countering online hate speech in your country and are they effective?	15	MPM	2025
		Are there policies and measures in your country to identify and address the threat of foreign information manipulation and interference?	14	MPM	2025
		How would you assess, in practice, the fight against hate speech in your country?	15	MPM	2025
		How would you assess, in practice, the role played by VSPs and VLOPs to limit the spread of hate speech in your country?	15	MPM	2025
		Is there a national public strategy (including legal, co-regulatory or self-regulatory frameworks) and a broader cooperation between different	15	MPM	2025

		stakeholders to tackle disinformation, and is it efficient- without infringing on freedom of expression?			
Media literacy	22	Are there any specific media literacy activities targeting vulnerable groups?	10	MPM	2025
		Are there public financial resources allocated for promoting and developing media literacy skills in your country?	10	MPM	2025
		How would you evaluate the policy on media literacy in your country?	9	MPM	2025
		Is teachers' training in media literacy provided?	9	MPM	2025
		People who have basic or above basic overall digital skills	11	Eurostat	2023
		To what extent are audiovisual media services and video-sharing platforms conduction some initiatives to foster media literacy in your country?	10	MPM	2025
		To what extent is media literacy present in non-formal education?	10	MPM	2025
		To what extent is media literacy present in the education curriculum?	10	MPM	2025
		What is the share of Individuals who have checked the truthfulness of the information or content they found on the internet news sites or social media over the past 3 months in your country?	10	MPM	2025
		What is the share of population that has above basic Individuals information and data literacy skills?	11	MPM	2025
Media Trust	22	How much trust do you have in the Media?	9	Eurobarometer Standard 101 Balkan Barometer	2024
		Most trusted news sources (public TV and radio - including their presence online) - Media credibility	11	Eurobarometer Media & News Survey Balkan Barometer	2023-2024

		Most trusted news sources (private TV and radio - including their presence online) - Media credibility	11	Eurobarometer Media & News Survey Balkan Barometer	2023-2024
		Most trusted news sources (written press incl. online) - Media credibility	11	Eurobarometer Media & News Survey Balkan Barometer	2023-2024
		Most trusted news sources (Other online news platforms incl. blogs, podcasts) - Media credibility	11	Eurobarometer Media & News Survey Balkan Barometer	2023-2024
		Most trusted news sources (YouTube or other video platforms) - Media credibility	11	Eurobarometer Media & News Survey Balkan Barometer	2023-2024
		Most trusted news sources (People, groups or friends I follow on social media) - Media credibility	11	Eurobarometer Media & News Survey Balkan Barometer	2023-2024
		Most trusted news sources (Influencers on social media channels) - Media credibility	11	Eurobarometer Media & News Survey Balkan Barometer	2023-2024
		Approach to news: News avoiders	14	Eurobarometer Media & News Survey Balkan Barometer	2023-2024

Political system (weight: 25)

Indicators	Indicators' weight	Variables	Variables' weight	Source	Year
Political conflict/polarization	20	Government attacks on judiciary (C) - Question: How often did the government attack the judiciary's integrity in public?	35	V-Dem	2024
		Political polarization (C) - Question: Is society polarized into antagonistic, political camps?	34	V-Dem	2024
		Polarization of society (C) - Question: How would you characterize the differences of opinions on major political issues in this society?	31	V-Dem	2024
Political Participation	10	Voter Turnout	20	Global State of Democracy Initiative	2021-2024
		Electoral participation	25	Global State of Democracy Initiative	2021-2024
		Mass mobilization (C) - Question: In this year, how frequent and large have events of mass mobilization been?	20	V-Dem	2024
		Average people's use of social media to organize offline action (C) - Question: How often do average people use social media to organize offline political action of any kind?	20	V-Dem	2024
		Do you Get involved in trade unions, political movements or parties	15	Eurobarometer Standard 101	2024
Political rights	25	Political rights1: Electoral process (Was the current head of government or other chief national authority elected through free and fair elections?; Were the current national legislative representatives elected through free and fair elections?; Are the electoral laws and framework fair, and are they implemented impartially by the relevant election management bodies?)	16	Freedom in the World	2024
		Political rights2: Political Pluralism and Participation (Do the people have the right to organize in different political parties or other competitive political groupings of their choice, and is the system free of undue obstacles to the rise and fall of these competing parties or groupings?; Is there a realistic opportunity for the	16	Freedom in the World	2024

		opposition to increase its support or gain power through elections?; Are the people's political choices free from domination by forces that are external to the political sphere, or by political forces that employ extrapolitical means?; Do various segments of the population (including ethnic, racial, religious, gender, LGBT+, and other relevant groups) have full political rights and electoral opportunities?)			
		Political rights3: Functioning of Government (Do the freely elected head of government and national legislative representatives determine the policies of the government?; Are safeguards against official corruption strong and effective?; Does the government operate with openness and transparency?)	16	Freedom in the World	2024
		Clean elections index (D)	12	V-Dem	2024
		CSO entry and exit (C) - Question: To what extent does the government achieve control over entry and exit by civil society organizations (CSOs) into public life?	12	V-Dem	2024
		CSO repression (C) - Question: Does the government attempt to repress civil society organizations (CSOs)?	12	V-Dem	2024
		Voice and accountability indicator - Voice and accountability captures perceptions of the extent to which a country's citizens are able to participate in selecting their government, as well as freedom of expression, freedom of association, and a free media.	16	Worldwide Governance Indicators	2022
Power distribution	10	Domestic autonomy (C) - Question: Is the state autonomous from the control of other states with respect to the conduct of domestic policy?	30	V-Dem	2024
		International autonomy (C) - Question: Is the state autonomous from the control of other states with respect to the conduct of its foreign policy?	30	V-Dem	2024
		Power distributed by socioeconomic position (C) - Question: Is political power distributed according to socioeconomic position?	20	V-Dem	2024
		Power distributed by social group (C) - Question: Is political power distributed according to social groups?	20	V-Dem	2024
Rational-legal authority	35	Rule of law index (D) (Question: To what extent are laws	16	V-Dem	2024

		transparently, independently, predictably, impartially, and equally enforced, and to what extent do the actions of government officials comply with the law?)			
		Civil liberties4: Rule of Law (Is there an independent judiciary?; Does due process prevail in civil and criminal matters?; Is there protection from the illegitimate use of physical force and freedom from war and insurgencies?; Do laws, policies, and practices guarantee equal treatment of various segments of the population?)	24	Freedom in the World	2024
		Clientelism Index (D) (Question: To what extent are politics based on clientelistic relationships?)	24	V-Dem	2024
		Rational-legal legitimation (C) - Question: To what extent does the current government refer to the legal norms and regulations in order to justify the regime in place?	18	V-Dem	2024
		Rule of law indicator - Rule of law captures perceptions of the extent to which agents have confidence in and abide by the rules of society, and in particular the quality of contract enforcement, property rights, the police, and the courts, as well as the likelihood of crime and violence.	18	Worldwide Governance Indicators	2022

Societal context (weight: 25)

Indicators	Indicators' weight	Variables	Variables' weight	Source	Year
Level of democracy	23	Electoral democracy index (D)	10	V-Dem	2024
		Liberal democracy index (D)	10	V-Dem	2024
		Participatory democracy index (D)	10	V-Dem	2024
		Deliberative democracy index (D)	10	V-Dem	2024
		Egalitarian democracy index (D)	10	V-Dem	2024
		Equal distribution of resources index (D)	10	V-Dem	2024
		Private civil liberties index (D)	10	V-Dem	2024
		Civil liberties1: Freedom of Expression and Belief (Are there free and independent media?; Are individuals free to practice and express their religious faith or nonbelief in public and private?; Is there academic freedom, and is the educational system free from extensive political indoctrination?; Are individuals free to express their personal views on political or other sensitive topics without fear of surveillance or retribution?)	10	Freedom in the World	2024
		Civil liberties2: Associational and Organizational Rights (Is there freedom of assembly?; Is there freedom for nongovernmental organizations, particularly those that are engaged in human rights– and governance-related work?; Is there freedom for trade unions and similar professional or labor organizations?)	10	Freedom in the World	2024
		Civil liberties3: Personal Autonomy and Individual Rights (Do individuals enjoy freedom of movement, including the ability to change their place of residence, employment, or education?; Are individuals able to exercise the right to own property and establish private businesses without undue interference from state or nonstate actors?; Do individuals enjoy personal social freedoms, including choice of marriage partner and size of family, protection from domestic violence, and control	10	Freedom in the World	2024

		over appearance?; Do individuals enjoy equality of opportunity and freedom from economic exploitation?)			
Civil society participation	20	Has your country adopted specific anti-SLAPP legislation or does it have another legislation in place that provides for the necessary safeguards to address manifestly unfounded or abusive court proceedings against public participation in full respect of democratic values and fundamental rights, including the right to a fair trial and the right to freedom of expression?	15	MPM	2025
		Core civil society index (D)	11	V-Dem	2024
		Civil Society	15	Global State of Democracy Initiative	2021-2024
		Freedom House Civil liberties	11	Freedom in the World	2024
		Civil society participation index (D)	9	V-Dem	2024
		Equal protection index (D)	9	V-Dem	2024
		Equal access index (D)	9	V-Dem	2024
		Do you Get involved in NGOs and civil society organisations	8	Eurobarometer Standard 101	2024
		Do you Take part in volunteering activities or local community projects	8	Eurobarometer Standard 101	2024
		Open Government Partnership (OGP) civil society part	5	T-Index	2024
Corruption	21	Transparency International Corruption Perception Index Score	3	CPI	2024
		Regime corruption (D)	6	V-Dem	2024
		Political corruption index (D)	6	V-Dem	2024
		Executive corruption index (D)	6	V-Dem	2024
		Public sector corruption index (D)	6	V-Dem	2024
		Control of Corruption Indicator	3	Worldwide Governance Indicators	2022
		Judicial Indipendence (Constraints on Corruption)	5	IPI	2023

		E-Citizenship (Constraints on Corruption)	5	IPI	2023
		United Nations Conventions Against Corruption (UNCAC)	2	T-Index	2024
		Financial Action Task Force Against Money Laundering (or equivalent)	2	T-Index	2024
		Plurinational transparency agreement (EITI, OECD, WTO GPA, or CPTPP)	2	T-Index	2024
		Beneficial Ownership	2	T-Index	2024
		Conflict of interest disclosures	2	T-Index	2024
		Executive bribery and corrupt exchanges - Question: How routinely do members of the executive (the head of state, the head of government, and cabinet ministers), or their agents, grant favors in exchange for bribes, kickbacks, or other material inducements?	6	V-Dem	2024
		Executive embezzlement and theft - Question: How often do members of the executive (the head of state, the head of government, and cabinet ministers), or their agents, steal, embezzle, or misappropriate public funds or other state resources for personal or family use?	6	V-Dem	2024
		Public sector corrupt exchanges - Question: How routinely do public sector employees grant favors in exchange for bribes, kickbacks, or other material inducements?	6	V-Dem	2024
		Legislature corrupt activities - Question: Do members of the legislature abuse their position for financial gain?	6	V-Dem	2024
		Judicial corruption decision - Question: How often do individuals or businesses make undocumented extra payments or bribes in order to speed up or delay the process or to obtain a favorable judicial decision?	6	V-Dem	2024
		Disclosure of campaign donations (C) - Question: Are there disclosure requirements for donations to national election campaigns?	4	V-Dem	2024
		Public campaign finance (C) - Question: Is significant	4	V-Dem	2024

		public financing available for parties' and/or candidates' campaigns for national office?			
		Public sector theft (C) - Question: How often do public sector employees steal, embezzle, or misappropriate public funds or other state resources for personal or family use?	6	V-Dem	2024
		Judicial purges (C) - Question: Judges are sometimes removed from their posts for cause, as when there is strong evidence of corruption; however, some judges are removed arbitrarily, typically for political reasons. With this distinction in mind, please describe the removal of judges that occurred this calendar year.	6	V-Dem	2024
Education	21	Educational equality (C) - Question: To what extent is high quality basic education guaranteed to all, sufficient to enable them to exercise their basic rights as adult citizens?	24	V-Dem	2024
		Out-of-school rate for children, adolescents and youth of primary, lower secondary and upper secondary school age, both sexes	26	Global Education Monitoring Report	2022-2023
		Completion rate, upper secondary education, both sexes (modelled data)	24	Global Education Monitoring Report	2022-2023
		Population with tertiary educational attainment	26	Eurostat	2023
Trust in institutions	15	How much trust do you have in the Regional or local public authorities	20	Eurobarometer Standard 101 Balkan Barometer	2024
		How much trust do you have in the Justice, the Legal system	20	Eurobarometer Standard 101 Balkan Barometer	2024
		How much trust do you have in the Political parties	20	Eurobarometer Standard 101	2024

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		How much trust do you have in the national Parliament	20	Eurobarometer Standard 101 Balkan Barometer	2024
		How much trust do you have in the national Government	20	Eurobarometer Standard 101 Balkan Barometer	2024

