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Invitation to serve as a Country Expert for the Varieties of Democracy Project

Dear Dr. Max Regus,

We are delighted to invite you to the next round of data collection which takes place from January 3 to 26, 2020.

Your role as a Country Expert

With this invitation letter, we invite you to contribute with your knowledge as a Country Expert.

The coding is entirely web-based and consists of online surveys with pre-defined options. The default language for the survey is English, but it is also available in French, Spanish, Portuguese, and Russian. We will make all collected data publicly available during 2020. We safeguard the anonymity of Country Experts throughout the process.

The V-Dem surveys are grouped into five thematic clusters. Most experts are asked to complete one or two of these clusters (3-6 surveys). We are able to offer a compensation of 25 USD for each completed survey.

Cluster 1 <i>Elections</i> <i>Political parties</i>	Cluster 2 <i>Executive</i> <i>Legislature</i> <i>Deliberation</i>	Cluster 3 <i>Judiciary</i> <i>Civil liberty</i> <i>Sovereignty</i>
Cluster 4 <i>Civil society</i> <i>Media freedom</i> <i>Political equality</i>	Cluster 5 <i>Exclusion</i> <i>Digital Society*</i>	

*Previously World Social Media Survey

To preview the surveys, please consult the codebook (www.v-dem.net). Variables marked with the letter 'C' are included in the surveys.

Two New Surveys

In this year's data update two new surveys are included and make up a 6th survey cluster:

Party identity and organization: covering 1970-2019, ~30 indicators and remunerated with USD 120.
Civic and academic space: covering 1900-2019, ~17 indicators and remunerated with USD 75.



Your Surveys

We would be grateful if you would be able to complete the surveys listed below. If there are other surveys you would like to complete, let us know.

Cluster 1:

- Elections (national & subnational)
- Political parties & electoral systems

Cluster 3:

- Civil liberty

Cluster 6:

- Party Identity and Organisation
- Post-Survey Questionnaire

We are very grateful for your support for this initiative. Improvements in our understanding of democracy depend upon the participation of experts around the world.

About Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem)

V-Dem is one of the largest-ever social science data collection efforts with a database containing more than 27 million data points. In 2016, V-Dem received the Lijphart/Przeworski/Verba Best Dataset Award presented by the American Political Science Association, Comparative Politics Section.

V-Dem takes on a unique approach to conceptualizing and measuring democracy. We adopt a multidimensional and disaggregated approach acknowledging the complexity of the concept of democracy as a system of rule that goes beyond the simple presence of elections. The V-Dem distinguishes between five high-level principles of democracy: electoral, liberal, participatory, deliberative, and egalitarian, and collects data to measure these principles. The V-Dem dataset currently covers 202 countries from 1789 to 2018 and is available for download, free of charge or for online graphing tools at www.v-dem.net.



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