New in Version 10 compared to Version 9

- **New thematic areas**
  Civic and Academic Space.
- **New indices**
  - Academic Freedom Index (v2xca_academ)
- **New indicators**
  - Civic Space:
    * Political polarization (v2cacamps)
    * Political violence (v2caviol)
    * Freedom of peaceful assembly (v2caassemb)
    * State of emergency (v2casoe)
  - Mass Mobilization:
    * Mass mobilization (v2cagenmob)
    * Mass mobilization concentration (v2caconmob)
    * Mobilization for democracy (v2cademmob)
    * Mobilization for autocracy (v2caautmob)
  - Citizen Engagement:
    * Engagement in state-administered mass organizations (v2castate)
    * Engagement in independent trade unions (v2catrauni)
    * Engagement in independent political associations (v2capolit)
    * Engagement in independent non-political associations (v2canonpol)
  - Academic Space:
    * Existence of universities (v2cauni)
    * Total number of universities (v2canuni)
    * Constitutional protection for academic freedom (v2caprotac)
    * Freedom to research and teach (v2cafres)
    * Freedom of academic exchange and dissemination (v2cafexch)
    * Institutional autonomy (v2cainsaut)
    * Campus integrity (v2casurv)
    * Academics as critics (v2cacritic)
    * International legal commitment to academic freedom under ICESCR (v2caacadfree)
- **Modified indices and indicators**
  - The Local government index (v2xel_locelec) has been modified.
  - Contemporary time series added for HOS year of death (v2exdeathos), now merged with v3exdeathos.
  - Contemporary time series added for HOG year of death (v2exdeathog), now merged with v3exdeathog.
- **Other new or modified information**
  - Previously, we only conducted bridge coding; as of v10, we also treat lateral codings as vignettes (see *V-Dem Methodology*). That is, while we use the information in lateral codings to estimate coder reliability and thresholds, they do not directly contribute to the estimation of country–year scores.
  - Updated *list of countries.*
  - Updated *citations* for V-Dem's reference materials.

  - Updated *Country Coding Units* document.

- **Removed versions of indices and indicators**
  - Historical V-Dem indicators with v3–tags are continuously merged with the corresponding contemporary V-Dem v2–indicators. This results in the removal of v3–indicators, but extension of the time-series (further back in time) of the corresponding v2–indicators. The year coverage is indicated in the "years" section for each variable entry.

- **Postponed indicators**
  The following variables have not been included in version 10. We have discovered mistakes in the time series and hope to be able to correct them for upcoming versions of the dataset.
  - Lower chamber quota for social groups (v2lgqumin)
  - Election women in the cabinet (v2elwomcab)
  - Legislature amends constitution (v2lgamend)
  - Legislature amnesties (v2lgamnsty)
  - Lower chamber legislates by law (v2lglegllo)
  - Upper chamber legislates by law (v2lgleglup)

- **Discontinued indicators**
  - Lower chamber term limits (v2lgtrmlup)
  - Upper chamber term limits (v2lguchatrmlim)
  - HOG other appointing body in practice (v2exothhgl)
  - HOS other appointing body in practice (v2exothhs)
  - Election executive turnover nominal (v2eltvrexn)
  - HOS disadvantaged social group (v2exdighos)
  - HOG disadvantaged social group (v2exdighog)

For more details on changes to previous versions of the dataset, please see Appendix F or the specific version of the codebook. All codebook versions are available at `https://www.v-dem.net/en/` under "Reference".