New in Version 12 compared to Version 11.1

- **New indicators**
  - Regime ID (v2regidnr)
  - Regime duration (v2regdur)
- **New external variables**
  - GDP (e_gdp)
  - GDP per capita (e_gdppc)
  - Population (e_pop)
- **Removed indicators**
  - COVID-19 government restrictions (v2cvgovres)
  - COVID-19 affected ratings (v2cvresp)
- **Removed external variables**
  - GDP growth (e_migdpgro)
  - GDP growth (rescaled) (e_migdpgrolns)
  - GDP per capita (e_migdppc)
  - GDP per capita, logged, base 10 (e_migdppcln)
- **Other new or modified information**
  - 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.

For more details on changes to previous versions of the dataset, please see Appendix F in the codebook or the specific version of the codebook. All codebook versions are available together with the dataset files in the Dataset Archive `https://www.v-dem.net/dsarchive.html`.