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# World survey of direct democracy in 214 countries and territories\*

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AFGHANISTAN		•					B			
ALBANIA		•	•	•		A	B	•	•	•
ALGERIA		•				A	B			•
ANDORRA	•	•		•		S	B	•		•
ANGOLA		•				B	O			
ANGUILLA										
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	•					A	B			
ARGENTINA		•		•		S	O	•	•	•
ARMENIA	•	•				A	B		•	•
ARUBA										
AUSTRALIA	•	•				S	B	•		•
AUSTRIA	•	•		•		S	B	•	•	•
AZERBAIJAN	•	•				A	B		•	•
BAHAMAS	•					A	C			•
BAHRAIN		•				A	B			•
BANGLADESH	•					A	C			•
BARBADOS										

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BELARUS	•	•	•	•	•	A	B	•	•	•
BELGIUM									•	
BELIZE										
BENIN	•	•		•		S	B			•
BERMUDA	•						O			•
BHUTAN										
BOLIVIA	•	•	•	•	•	A	B	•	•	•
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA								•	•	
BOTSWANA	•					A	C			•
BRAZIL		•		•		A	B	•	•	•
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM										
BULGARIA		•				S	B	•	•	
BURKINA FASO		•		•		A	B			
BURMA										
BURUNDI	•	•				A	C			•
CAMBODIA										
CAMEROON		•				A	B			
CANADA		•				N	B	•	•	•
CAPE VERDE		•	•	•		A	B		•	
CAYMAN ISLANDS										
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	•	•				A	B			•

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CHAD	•	•				A	B			•
CHILE		•				S	C		•	•
CHINA										
COLOMBIA	•	•	•	•	•	S	B	•	•	•
COMOROS		•				A	B			•
CONGO, REPUBLIC OF THE	•	•				A	C			•
CONGO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE	•			•			C			•
COOK ISLANDS		•					B			•
COSTA RICA	•	•	•	•		S	B	•	•	•
CÔTE D'IVOIRE	•	•				A	B			•
CROATIA	•	•	•			A	B	•	•	•
CUBA	•	•						•	•	
CYPRUS										•
CYPRUS (NORTH)		•				S	B			•
CZECH REPUBLIC	•					A	O		•	•
DENMARK	•	•				S	B		•	•
DJIBOUTI	•	•				A	C			•
DOMINICA	•					A	C			
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC										
ECUADOR	•	•	•	•	•	A	B	•	•	•
EGYPT	•	•					B			•
EL SALVADOR	•						O		•	
EQUATORIAL GUINEA		•				A	B			•
ERITREA										
ESTONIA	•	•				A	B		•	•
ETHIOPIA	•				•	A	O	•		•
FALKLAND ISLANDS										•
FIJI										

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FINLAND		•				N	B		•	•
FRANCE		•				A	B	•	•	•
GABON	•	•				A	C			•
GAMBIA	•					A	C			•
GEORGIA		•	•	•		A	B			•
GERMANY								•	•	
GHANA	•					A	C	•	•	•
GIBRALTAR	•						B			•
GREECE		•				A			•	
GRENADA	•						C			
GUATEMALA	•	•		•		A	B	•	•	•
GUERNSEY										
GUINEA	•	•				A	B			•
GUINEA-BISSAU										
GUYANA										
HAITI										•
HOLY SEE (VATICAN CITY STATE)										
HONDURAS	•	•		•		S	B		•	
HUNGARY	•	•	•	•		S	B		•	•
ICELAND	•	•				N	B			
INDIA										
INDONESIA										
IRAN, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF		•				A	B			•

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IRAQ	•					A	C	•	•	•
IRELAND, REPUBLIC OF	•	•				A	B			•
ISRAEL										
ITALY		•	•	•		A	B	•	•	•
JAMAICA										
JAPAN	•					A	C	•	•	
JERSEY		•				N	B			
JORDAN										
KAZAKHSTAN		•				S	B			•
KENYA										•
KIRIBATI	•				•	A	B	•	•	•
KOREA, DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF										
KOREA, REPUBLIC OF	•	•				S	B	•	•	•
KUWAIT										
KYRGYZSTAN		•		•	•	A	B		•	•
LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC										
LATVIA	•	•	•	•		A	B			•
LEBANON										
LESOTHO	•	•					B			
LIBERIA	•	•	•	•		A	C			•
LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA										
LIECHTENSTEIN		•	•	•	•	A	B			•
LITHUANIA	•	•	•	•		S	B			•
LUXEMBOURG		•				S	O			•

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MACEDONIA, THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF	•	•	•	•		A	O		•	•
MADAGASCAR	•	•					B			•
MALAWI	•					A	C		•	•
MALAYSIA										
MALDIVES		•				N	B			•
MALI	•	•				A	B			•
MALTA	•	•	•			S	B	•	•	•
MAN, ISLE OF										
MARSHALL ISLANDS	•	•	•							•
MAURITANIA	•	•				A	B			•
MAURITIUS	•					A	C			
MEXICO								•		
MICRONESIA, FEDERATED STATES OF			•		•					•
MOLDOVA, REPUBLIC OF	•	•	•	•			B	•	•	•
MONACO										
MONGOLIA		•				A	B			
MONTENEGRO	•			•					•	•
MONTSERRAT										
MOROCCO	•	•				A	B			•

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MOZAMBIQUE	•	•				A	B			
NAMIBIA		•					B			
NAURU	•						C			
NEPAL										•
NETHERLANDS		•		•		N	O	•	•	•
NETHERLANDS, ANTILLES										•
NEW ZEALAND	•	•	•	•		S	B		•	•
NICARAGUA		•	•	•			B			
NIGER	•	•		•		A	B			•
NIGERIA	•				•	S	B	•	•	
NIUE	•						C			
NORWAY		•				N			•	•
OMAN										
PAKISTAN		•					B			•
PALAU	•		•		•	S	B			•
PALESTINE										
PANAMA	•					A	B		•	•
PAPUA NEW GUINEA								•		
PARAGUAY	•	•		•		S	B			
PERU	•	•	•	•		A	B	•	•	•
PHILIPPINES	•	•	•	•		A	B	•	•	•
PITCAIRN ISLANDS										
POLAND	•	•		•		A	B	•	•	•
PORTUGAL		•		•		S	O	•	•	•
QATAR		•				A	B			•
ROMANIA	•	•		•		A	B	•	•	•
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	•	•	•			A	B	•	•	•
RWANDA	•	•				A	B			•
SAINT HELENA										

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SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS	•					A	B	•		•
SAINT LUCIA	•						C			
SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	•					A	C			
SAMOA	•						C			•
SAN MARINO				•						•
SÃO TOMÉ AND PRINCIPE		•					C			•
SAUDI ARABIA										
SENEGAL	•	•				A	B			•
SERBIA	•	•	•	•		A	B	•	•	•
SEYCHELLES	•	•				A	B			•
SIERRA LEONE	•					A	B			•
SINGAPORE	•	•					B			
SLOVAKIA	•	•	•	•		S	B	•	•	•
SLOVENIA	•	•	•	•		A	B		•	•
SOLOMON ISLANDS										
SOMALIA	•	•			•		B			•
SOUTH AFRICA		•				N	O	•		•
SPAIN	•	•		•		S	B	•	•	•
SRI LANKA	•	•				A	B			•
SUDAN	•	•				A	B	•		•
SURINAME		•								•

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SWEDEN		•				N	B	•	•	•
SWITZERLAND	•	•	•			A	B	•	•	•
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	•	•				A	B			•
TAIWAN	•	•	•		•	A	B	•	•	•
TAJKISTAN	•	•				A	B			•
TANZANIA, UNITED REPUBLIC OF										•
THAILAND		•		•		A	B	•	•	•
TIMOR-LESTE		•				S	B			
TOGO	•	•	•	•			B			•
TOKELAU										•
TONGA										
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO										
TUNISIA	•	•				A	B			•
TURKEY	•	•				A	C			•
TURKMENISTAN		•	•	•			B		•	•
TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS										
TUVALU										
UGANDA	•	•	•	•	•	A	B	•	•	•
UKRAINE	•	•	•			A	B	•	•	•
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES										
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND		•				S	B	•	•	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA								•	•	
URUGUAY	•		•	•		A	B	•	•	•

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VANUATU	•					A	C			
VENEZUELA	•	•	•	•	•	A	B	•	•	•
VIET NAM		•					O			
VIRGIN ISLANDS, BRITISH										
YEMEN	•					A	B			•
ZAMBIA	•					A	C			
ZIMBABWE										•

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