

TABLE A.2. *List of items used in the scope and similarity indices*

Question ID	Question text
AMEND	Does the constitution provide for at least one procedure for amending the constitution?
ARTISTS	Does the constitution refer to artists or the arts?
ATGEN	Does the constitution provide for an attorney general or public prosecutor responsible for representing the government in criminal or civil cases?
BANK	Does the constitution contain provisions for a central bank?
BANKRUPT	Does the constitution mention bankruptcy law?
CABINET	Does the constitution mention the executive cabinet/ministers?
CAPPUN	How does the constitution treat the use of capital punishment?
CC	Does the constitution contain provisions for a counter corruption commission?
CENSUS	Does the constitution specify a census?
COMCHIEF	Who is the commander in chief of the armed forces?
COMMIT	Are legislative committees mentioned in the constitution?
CORPPUN	How does the constitution treat the use of corporal punishment?
CUSTLAW	Does the constitution refer to “customary” international law or the “law of nations?”
DEPEXEC	Does the constitution specify a deputy executive of any kind (e.g., deputy prime minister, vice president)?
ECONPLAN	Does the constitution mention the adoption of national economic plans?
EDUCATE	Does the constitution contain provisions concerning education?
EM	Does the constitution have provisions for calling a state of emergency?
ENV	Does the constitution refer to protection or preservation of the environment?
EXECNUM	How many executives are specified in the constitution?
EXSESS_98	Who, if anybody, can convene an extraordinary session of the legislature or extend an ongoing session?
FEDERAL_98	Does the constitution recognize any subnational governments?
FORTRAD	Does the constitution mention foreign or international trade?
GOVMED	How does the constitution address the state operation of print or electronic media?
HEADFORN	Who is the representative of the state for foreign affairs?
HOSDEC	Does the head of state have decree power?
HOSELECT	How is the head of state selected?
HOSIMM	Is the head of state provided with immunity from prosecution?
HOSSUCC	Should the head of state need to be replaced before the normally scheduled replacement process, what is the process of replacement?
HR	Does the constitution contain provisions for a human rights commission?

Question ID	Question Text
INTERP	To whom does the constitution assign the responsibility for the interpretation of the constitution?
INTLAW	Does the constitution contain provisions concerning the relationship between the constitution and international law?
INTORGS	Does the constitution contain provisions concerning international organizations?
JC	Does the constitution contain provisions for a judicial council/commission?
JREM	Are there provisions for dismissing judges?
JUDCRTS_1	Does the constitution provide for administrative courts?
JUDCRTS_2	Does the constitution provide for a constitutional court?
JUDCRTS_3	Does the constitution provide for courts of amparo?
JUDCRTS_4	Does the constitution provide for military courts?
JUDCRTS_5	Does the constitution provide for courts charged with cases against public office-holders?
JUDCRTS_6	Does the constitution provide for tax courts?
JUDCRTS_7	Does the constitution provide for labor courts?
JUDCRTS_8	Does the constitution provide for religious courts?
JUDCRTS_9	Does the constitution provide for other special courts?
LANG	Does the constitution specify either an official or national language?
LEGAPP	Who has the power to approve/reject legislation once it has been passed by the legislature (not including reviews for constitutionality)?
LEVJUD	Does the court system provide for a supreme court and/or other specified courts?
LHSELECT_98	How are members of the first (or only) chamber of the legislature selected?
MEDCOM	Does the constitution mention a special regulatory body/institution to oversee the media market?
MILITARY	Is the military or armed forces mentioned in the constitution?
NAT	Does the constitution refer to nationals, subjects, or citizens?
NATCIT	Does the constitution provide for naturalized citizens?
OATH	Does the constitution stipulate that some public office holders take an oath to support or abide by the constitution?
OFFREL	Does the constitution contain provisions concerning a national or official religion or a national or official church?
OMBUDS	Does the constitution provide for an ombudsman?
OVERSGHT	Does the constitution provide for an electoral commission or electoral court to oversee the election process?
PART	Does the constitution refer to political parties?
PREAMBLE	Does the constitution have an introduction or preamble?
QUORUM	Is a quorum required for a session of the legislature to be official?

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REMLEG	Are there provisions for removing individual legislators?
SOCCLAS	Does the constitution have any provisions with respect to social class?
SPECLEG_1	Does the constitution provide for organic laws?
SPECLEG_2	Does the constitution provide for budget bills?
SPECLEG_3	Does the constitution provide for tax bills?
SPECLEG_4	Does the constitution provide for finance bills?
SPECLEG_5	Does the constitution provide for spending bills?
TRANPROV	Does the constitution contain any transitional provisions?
TREAT	Does the constitution mention international treaties?
TRUTHCOM	Does the constitution provide for a commission for truth and reconciliation?
VOTERES	Does the constitution place any restrictions on the right to vote?
WAR	Who has the power to declare war?

Note: All questions recoded to dummy variables such that 1 indicates the presence of a specific provision.

Source: Comparative Constitutions Project.