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Uzbekistan declared its independence from the Soviet Union on September 1, 1991. In December of that year, the former First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Uzbek SSR Communist Party, Islam Karimov, was elected president. Karimov has remained in power, in a system that Geddes classifies as a single-party/personalist hybrid, from that date until the present. He was technically reelected in 1995, 2000, and 2007. However, none of these elections were considered free or fair. Karimov's current party affiliation is with the Fidokorlor, or Self-Sacrifice Party (F), though for some time he was considered unaffiliated with any party. He is coded non-party/F throughout the entire observation period.

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