

## **Kenya**

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Kenya is coded as a non-democracy from independence in 1963 until 2002. Geddes codes Kenya as a single-party authoritarian regime under the Kenya African National Union (KANU) during this time. There is no SOLS change at independence. Jomo Kenyatta of the Kenya African National Union (KANU) ruled as president at independence. He died in 1978 and was replaced by Daniel Toroitich arap Moi, Kenyatta's Vice President, who took his place as head of KANU (U.S. Department of State 2010). This is not a SOLS change since Kenyatta and arap Moi are affiliated with the same party. Throughout the 1990s, Kenya moved toward multiparty democracy. In 2002, the country held its first free and fair elections. Mwai Kibaki of the National Rainbow Coalition (NRC), made up of a coalition of opposition parties including the Democratic Party (DP), won the presidency. This is a SOLS change since the KANU, the party that had ruled for decades, lost power. Kibaki was the leader of DP (Democratic Party) and formed a coalition government with NRC. Thus, his SOLS should be DP/NRC. This coalition SOLS remains from 2003 to 2006. From 2002 through 2008 Kenya is coded as a presidential democracy ruled by Kibaki. In 2007 Kibaki's SOLS changed from DP/NRC to PNU (Party of National Unity). This is not a SOLS change. Kibaki ruled through 2008.

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