

Yemen Arab Republic

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Yemen Arab Republic is considered authoritarian from independence in 1926 through 1945. We lack Geddes authoritarian regime type coding, but according to Morby (2002) the country was ruled by the Qasimi dynasty so we consider the country a monarchy. Yahya ibn Muhammad (also: Yahya al-Mutawakkil) ruled as king from 1926 through 1945 with no SOLS changes.

Yemen Arab Republic is remains coded as a monarchy from 1945 until 1962. The country was ruled by Yahya ibn Muhammad of the al-Qasimi dynasty (Morby 2002). There is no SOLS change at independence. In 1948 Yahya died during an unsuccessful coup attempt. Ali ibn Abdullah al-Wazir, supported by al-Ahrar, temporarily took power (UNHCR, Al-Abdin, 1979, p.41) Less than 30 days later power was returned to the royal family with the help of Saudi Arabia and Jordan and his son, Ahmad (IV), succeeded him. (*SOLSchange*=0, *SOLSchange*30=2, *SOLSchange*1=1, and *SOLSchange*2=1.) In 1962, Ahmad died and was succeeded by his son Badr. This is not a SOLS change. Badr was quickly deposed by revolutionary forces assisted by Egypt. Abdullah al-Sallal, Mil, took power. This is a SOLS change. From 1962 to 1967 the country is considered to be under a military authoritarian regime. In 1967, Abdul Rahman al-Iryani, Mil, took power. This is a SOLS change because although he was a military figure, he established a personalist regime. From 1967 to 1974 the country is considered as ruled by a personalist regime. In 1974, a military coup brought Ibrahim Muhammad al-Hamadi, Mil, to power. This is a SOLS change because the country reverts back to being ruled by a pure military regime. From 1974 to 1978 the country is considered a military regime. In 1977 al-Hamadi was assassinated and Ahmad al-Ghashmi, Mil, took power. This is not a SOLS change. In 1978 al-Ghashmi was assassinated and Ali Abdullah Saleh of the "al-Mu'tammar al-Sha'bi al-'Am" (MSA) took power. This is a SOLS change. From 1978 to 1990 the country is considered a personalist regime with Saleh ruling as president. 1990 is the last year in the frame for Yemen Arab Republic; henceforth it merged with South Yemen to become simply Yemen.

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