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Uzbekistan is coded as a single-party-personalist-hybrid authoritarian regime from independence in 1991. Islam Karimov of the Fidokorlor party (F) ruled from independence to 2016. He is coded non-party/F between 1991-2006. In 2007 Karimov ran for an illegal third term in office (Radio Free Europe Radio Liberty 2007; The Guardian 2007). Although Karimov was nominated by the UzLiDeP (Liberal Democratic Party), his SOLS for 2007 is still coded as non-party/F.

In 2016, after being in power for 27 years, Islam Abduganiyevich Karimov died in office (BBC News 2016). Nigmatilla Tulkinovich Yuldashev, the Senate leader, became acting president before elections for a new president (BBC News 2016). Shavkat Miromonovich Mirziyayev, seen as a likely successor, took over as acting president in September before being elected president in a snap election in December 2016 (Pannier 2018). Mirziyayev was nominated for president by the Liberal Democratic Party of Uzbekistan (LDPU), the same party that traditionally nominated Karimov for president (Pannier 2018). Karimov did not have a predesignated successor, but Mirziyayev was a government official serving as prime minister when Karimov died (BBC News 2016). Yuldashev is an interim leader, so is not considered in determining SOLS changes. Uzbekistan is a single party-personalist hybrid. Because Mirziyayev was a high-ranking government official prior to becoming president and was nominated by the same party as Karimov, we do not code a SOLS change as occuring from Karimov to Mirziyayev.

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