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While Cheibub et al. (2010) code Montenegro as non-democratic; after its independence in 2006 we code Montenegro as a parliamentary democracy via a number of sources. (“Montenegro and the EU”; Maddex 2008; Goati 2000). It appears, however, that Montenegro is a mixed system with a strong PM (World Health Organization 2011). This is also suggested by their Constitution, which states that the Government shall manage the internal and foreign policy of Montenegro (Art. 100) and the Government is led by the PM (Art. 10) (The Constitution of Montenegro). Thus, we code the PM as the effective leader.

Before the independence, Montenegro was ruled by the PM Milo Djukanovic of the Democratic Party of Socialists of Montenegro (DPSC) until 2006 when a new parliament was elected, and Zeljko Sturanovic (DPSC) was appointed as the first PM of the new independent country. Before the elections, Prime Minister Milo Djukanovic, formed the Coalition for a European Montenegro with the Social Democratic Party (SDP). The Coalition for a European Montenegro (DPS-SDP) won 41 of the 81 seats. We refer to the coalition as DLECG, based on Cahoon (2010). This change is not a SOLS change because both belonged to the same party.

In February 2008, Sturanovic resigned due to medical reasons. A new president and a new PM were nominated. The DPSC leader Vujanovic was named as president, and former president Djukanovic was appointed as PM. This change is not a SOLS, because they belonged to the same party as their predecessors.

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