

## Montenegro

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Montenegro declared independence from Serbia in 2006. 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 and code the Prime Minister as the effective ruler (“Montenegro and the EU”; Maddex 2008; Goati 2000; US Department of State 2009).

Prior to independence, the Prime Minister was Milo Djukanovic of Democratic Party of Socialists of Montenegro (DPSC). Upon independence, elections were held (in September), and Zeljko Sturanovic of the DPSC was appointed Prime Minister. “The DPS, led by 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” (Inter-Parliamentary Union Database). This is not a SOLS change. Sturanovic remained in office until 2008, when he resigned due to health reasons. Upon his resignation, President Vujanovic nominated the new head of the DPSC, Milo Djukanovic, to become the next Prime Minister. This is not a SOLS change. Parliament approved the nomination, and Djukanovic remains in office in the present day.

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