

Tanzania

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Tanzania is coded as non-democratic for the entire observation period. For the first three years Geddes has not provided coding on the specific type but codes it as a single-party system thereafter (starting in 1964 after Tanzania's union with Zanzibar). There is no SOLS change at independence and we do not code a SOLS change in 1964 when the country is established as a single-party system. The reason is that there is no leadership change that year and Julius Kambarage Nyerere of the Tanganyika African National Union (TANU) ruled as prime minister at independence from independence in 1961 until 1985. In 1977 Nyerere merged TANU with the main party from Zanzibar (ASP) to form the Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM), the only legal party until 1991. Because Geddes codes this as part of the same single-party regime, we do not code a SOLS change here. From the time of Nyerere's rule until 2008, there are three changes in leadership: from Nyerere to Ali Hassan Mwinyi, from Mwinyi to Benjamin William Mkapa, and from Mkapa to Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete. None of these are SOLS changes because each of them belonged to the CCM (former TANU) party. Thus, there are no SOLS changes for Tanzania for the entire period under review.

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