

Appendix A: Referendums Around the World¹

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Referendums in Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union

Country	Year	Issue	Turnout (%)	Yes vote (%)
USSR	1991	Continued existence of a 'Renewed union'	80	78
Former USSR				
Abkhazia	1999	Constitution	88	97
Abkhazia	1999	Five-year term for judges	Not known	97
Armenia	1991	Independence	95	100
Armenia	1995	Constitution	56	70
Armenia	2003	Constitutional reform	52	50
Armenia	2005	Constitutional reform	65	95
Azerbaijan	1991	Independence	Not known	100
Azerbaijan	1993	Confidence in President Elchibey	100	2
Azerbaijan	1995	Constitution	86	YES
Azerbaijan	2002	Constitutional amendments	88	YES
Azerbaijan	2009	Sample constitutional reform: guaranteed children's rights	71	88
Belarus	1996	Constitutional reform	84	88
Belarus	1996	Direct election of local administration heads	84	29
Belarus	1996	Budgetary control by parliament	84	33
Belarus	1996	Change date of Day of the Republic to 3 July	84	89

Belarus	2004	Alexander Lukashenko as candidate for the presidency; unlimited re-eligibility of the president	90	89
Chechnya	2003	Constitution	89	95
Chechnya	2007	Law on parliamentary elections	99	97
Chechnya	2007	Constitutional reform	99	97
Gagauzia	2014	Moldovan integration with CIS customs union	(70+)	(98)
Gagauzia	2014	No closer EU integration for Moldova	(70+)	(97)
Georgia	1991	Independence	91	99
Georgia	2003	Reduce seats in parliament from 235 to 150	60	90
Georgia	2008	Parliamentary elections in spring 2008	56	80
Georgia	2008	Accession to NATO	56	77
Kazakhstan	1995	Constitution	91	90
Kazakhstan	1995	Extend President Nazarbayev's term to 2000	91	96
Kyrgyzstan	1994	Full term for President Akayev	96	97
Kyrgyzstan	1994	Bicameral parliament	86	88
Kyrgyzstan	1996	Increase president's powers	97	99
Kyrgyzstan	2003	President Akayev to remain in office to end of 2005	87	92
Kyrgyzstan	2007	Amendments to the electoral code	Not known	95
Kyrgyzstan	2010	Constitution	72	92
Moldova	1994	Preservation of independence	75	98
Moldova	1999	More powers for the president	58	64
Moldova	2010	Reintroduce direct election of the president	(30)	(88)
Russian Republic	1991	Elected president for Russian Republic	75	71
Russia	1993	Confidence in President Yeltsin	65	60
Russia	1993	Early presidential elections	65	32
Russia	1993	Early parliamentary elections	65	43
Russia	1993	Confidence in President Yeltsin's economic and social policies	65	54
Russia	1993	Constitution	54	58
South Ossetia	1992	Independence from Georgia, accession to Russian Federation	Not known	YES

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Country	Year	Issue	Turnout (%)	Yes vote (%)
South Ossetia	2001	Constitution	52	60
South Ossetia	2006	Georgian poll on a unified federal state with Georgia	96	94
South Ossetia	2006	Independence	95	100
South Ossetia	2011	Ossetian and Russian as official languages	Not known	84
Tajikistan	1994	Constitution	95	90
Tajikistan	1999	Constitutional reform	93	75
Tajikistan	2003	Constitutional reform (including presidential term)	96	94
Tatarstan	1992	Sovereignty of the Republic of Tatarstan	82	62
Transnistria	1995	Constitution	Not known	YES
Transnistria	1995	Accession to Commonwealth of Independent States	Not known	YES
Transnistria	2003	Private ownership of land	Not known	NO
Transnistria	2006	Independence and accession to Russian Federation	79	98
Transnistria	2006	Accession to Republic of Moldova	79	3
Turkmenistan	1991	Independence	97	94
Turkmenistan	1991	President Niyazov's policies	97	93
Turkmenistan	1994	Extend President Niyazov's term until 2002	Not known	100
Ukraine	1991	Independence	Not known	92
Ukraine	2000	Abolish parliamentary immunity of MPs	81	90
Ukraine	2000	Presidential power to dissolve parliament when no parliamentary majority is constituted or when parliament fails to approve the state budget	81	86
Ukraine	2000	Reduction of parliamentary seats from 450 to 300	81	91
Ukraine	2000	Establish a second parliamentary chamber representing the Ukrainian regions	81	83

Uzbekistan	1991	Independence	94	98
Uzbekistan	1995	Extend President Karimov's term until 2000	99	100
Uzbekistan	2002	Extend presidential term from five to seven years	92	92
Uzbekistan	2002	Bicameral parliament	92	94
Former Communist Eastern Europe				
Albania	1994	Constitution	84	44
Albania	1997	Form of government – republic	Not known	67
Albania	1997	Form of government – monarchy	Not known	33
Albania	1998	Constitution	51	94
Bulgaria	1971	Constitution	100	100
Bulgaria	2013	Nuclear power development	(20)	61
Czech Republic	2003	Accession to European Union	55	77
Estonia	1991	Independence	83	78
Estonia	1992	Votes for residents without citizenship	67	47
Estonia	1992	Constitution	67	92
Estonia	2003	Accession to European Union	64	67
Hungary	1989	Presidential election after parliamentary elections	55	50
Hungary	1990	President to be elected	14	86
Hungary	1997	Accession to NATO	49	85
Hungary	2003	Accession to European Union	46	84
Hungary	2004	Dual citizenship for ethnic Hungarians living abroad	(37)	(52)
Hungary	2004	No privatisation in healthcare system	37	(65)
Hungary	2008	Abolition of higher education fees	50	82
Hungary	2008	Abolition of fees for in-patient treatment	50	84
Hungary	2008	Abolition of fees for convalescence treatment	50	82

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Latvia	1991	Independence	88	75
Latvia	2003	Accession to European Union	73	67
Latvia	2011	Dissolution of parliament	45	94
Lithuania	1991	Independence	85	93
Lithuania	1992	Constitution	75	57
Lithuania	1992	Withdrawal of Russian troops	76	69
Lithuania	1996	Parliamentary elections on second Sunday in April every four years	52	(33)
Lithuania	2003	Accession to European Union	63	91
Poland	1987	Economic reform	67	44
Poland	1987	Political reform	67	46
Poland	1997	Constitution	43	53
Poland	2003	Accession to European Union	59	77
Romania	1991	Constitution	Not known	79
Romania	2003	Constitutional reforms	56	91
Romania	2007	Impeachment of President Basescu	44	(33)
Slovakia	2010	Limitation of parliamentary immunity	(23)	(98)
Slovakia	2010	Reduction in number of parliamentary seats	(23)	(96)
Slovakia	2010	Balloting via Internet	(23)	(76)
Slovakia	2010	Maximum price for official vehicles	(23)	(94)
Slovakia	2010	Abolition of state broadcasting fees	(23)	(91)
Former Yugoslavia				
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1992	Independence	64	63
Croatia	1991	Remain within Yugoslavia	84	(5)
Croatia	1991	Independence	84	93
Croatia	2012	Accession to European Union	44	66
Croatia	2013	Constitutional definition of marriage as between man and woman	38	66

Kosovo (north)	2012	Recognition of Kosovo's state institutions	75	(0.26)
Macedonia (FYR)	1991	Independence	76	96
Macedonia (FYR)	1992	Autonomy for Albanian residents	(94)	(100)
Macedonia (FYR)	2004	Local self-government on basis of 1996 Law	(27)	(95)
Montenegro	2006	Independence	86	55
Republika Srpska	1993	Vance–Owen peace treaty	Not known	(4)
Serbia	2006	New constitution	55	53
Slovenia	1990	Independence	93	95
Slovenia	2001	Artificial insemination for unmarried women	37	(26)
Slovenia	2003	Accession to NATO	60	66
Slovenia	2003	Accession to European Union	60	90
Slovenia	2011	Protection of legal documents and archives	40	(29)
Slovenia	2011	Application of law on part-time work	34	(20)
Slovenia	2011	Application of law on invalidity and pension insurance	40	(28)
Slovenia	2011	Application of law on unregistered and illegal work	40	(25)
Slovenia	2012	Restrict adoption rights for homosexuals	30	(45)

Referendums in Latin America

Country	Year	Issue	Turnout (%)	Yes (%)
Argentina	1984	Beagle Canal Treaty with Chile	72	83
Bolivia	1931	Autonomy of the judicial power	N.A.	N.A.
Bolivia	1931	Autonomy of universities	N.A.	N.A.
Bolivia	1931	Competences of the Congress	N.A.	N.A.
Bolivia	1931	Decentralization of the administration	N.A.	N.A.
Bolivia	1931	Establishment of an Audit Court	N.A.	N.A.
Bolivia	1931	Term limits	N.A.	N.A.
Bolivia	1931	Protection of citizens against illegal arrest	N.A.	N.A.
Bolivia	1931	Protection under labour law	N.A.	N.A.

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Country	Year	Issue	Turnout (%)	Yes (%)
Bolivia	1931	Restriction of the state of siege	N.A.	N.A.
Bolivia	2004	Energy policy – Abolition of Law 1689 on fossil fuels	60	87
Bolivia	2004	Energy policy – Exchanging gas for access to the Pacific Ocean	60	55
Bolivia	2004	Energy policy – Nationalization of fossil fuels	60	92
Bolivia	2004	Energy policy – Use of income from gas for social and infrastructural purposes	60	62
Bolivia	2004	Energy policy – Yacimientos Petroliferos Fiscales Bolivianos (YPFB)	60	87
Bolivia	2006	Departmental autonomy	85	42
Bolivia	2008	Confidence vote for the president's policy	83	67
Bolivia	2009	Constitution	90	61
Bolivia	2009	Large-scale land holding as from 5000 hectares	90	81
Brazil	1963	Presidential regime	66	82
Brazil	1993	Form of government (parliamentarism v. presidentialism)	74	69
Brazil	1993	Form of the state (monarchy v. republic)	74	87
Brazil	2005	Proposal to ban firearms	78	36
Chile	1812	Provisional constitution	N.A.	N.A.
Chile	1817	Declaration of independence	N.A.	N.A.
Chile	1818	Provisional constitution	N.A.	N.A.
Chile	1925	Constitution – proposal of the subcommittee ('red reform')	45	95
Chile	1978	President Pinochet's policies	91	79
Chile	1980	Constitution	93	69
Chile	1988	General Pinochet president for eight years	98	44
Chile	1989	Constitutional reform	94	91
Colombia	1957	Constitutional reform policy	69	95
Colombia	1990	Appointing a constitutional board	39	96

Colombia	1990	Convocation of a constitutional assembly	56	100
Colombia	1997	For peace, life and freedom	48	91
Colombia	2003	Abolition of the regional and local courts of auditors	27	92
Colombia	2003	Freeze on public spending for two years	27	82
Colombia	2003	Immediate enforcement of the reforms	27	95
Colombia	2003	Incapacity for public offices in case of misappropriation of public funds	27	95
Colombia	2003	Increasing the influence of Congress in public and legal institutions	27	88
Colombia	2003	Investing the money coming from the abolition of the Courts of Auditors for education and health	27	95
Colombia	2003	Limitation of pensions for public employees to 25 minimal wages	27	92
Colombia	2003	Loss of legal personality for parties receiving fewer than 2% of the votes	27	93
Colombia	2003	Loss of position for officials with unauthorized absences or violations against party financing	27	96
Colombia	2003	New allocation of money for education and health	27	95
Colombia	2003	No public money for electoral campaign	27	95
Colombia	2003	Only voting by name in Congress and all local assemblies	27	96
Colombia	2003	Prohibition of representatives working for parliament services	27	95
Colombia	2003	Reduction of Congress and local assemblies by one-fifth	27	95
Colombia	2003	Removal of substitute representatives on all levels	27	95
Costa Rica	1870	Colonel Tomás Guardia for president	N.A.	N.A.
Costa Rica	2007	Free-trade Treaty between Central America and the US	59	52

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Country	Year	Issue	Turnout (%)	Yes (%)
Cuba	1976	Constitution	98	98
Dominican Republic	1870	Annexation to the US	N.A.	100
Dominican Republic	1873	Lease of the Samara Peninsula for 99 years	N.A.	100
Ecuador	1869	Constitution (aka 'La Carta Negra')	N.A.	96
Ecuador	1978	Constitution – option A: new Constitution	87	57
Ecuador	1986	The passive vote for non-party members	65	31
Ecuador	1994	1. Revision of the constitution through parliament	62	59
Ecuador	1994	2. Passive right to vote for non-party members	62	65
Ecuador	1994	3. Administration of the state budget through parliament	62	17
Ecuador	1994	4. Dividing the budget along districts or subject matter	62	54
Ecuador	1994	5. Unrestricted re-election for every post	62	53
Ecuador	1994	6. Parliamentary elections in the first or second round	62	56
Ecuador	1994	7. Recognizing citizens of double nationality	62	73
Ecuador	1995	1. Judicial reforms	59	45
Ecuador	1995	10. Legal guarantees for civil servants	59	44
Ecuador	1995	11. Appointing a Constitutional Court	59	40
Ecuador	1995	2. Privatization of social insurance	59	40
Ecuador	1995	3. Equal distribution of public spending among the provinces	59	45
Ecuador	1995	4. Abolishing the right to strike in the public sector	59	40
Ecuador	1995	5. President's authority to dissolve parliament	59	40
Ecuador	1995	6. Four-year terms for local authorities	59	40
Ecuador	1995	7. Two-year terms for president and vice-president of parliament	59	43

Ecuador	1995	8. The president must implement these constitutional reforms within 90 days	59	44
Ecuador	1995	9. Decentralizing the Social and Health Authorities	59	40
Ecuador	1997	1. Dismissing President Abdalá Bucaram	59	76
Ecuador	1997	10. Parliament appointing the leadership of the state enterprises by a two-thirds majority	59	51
Ecuador	1997	11. Modernization of the Justice	59	61
Ecuador	1997	12. Appointment of the Judicial Authorities by the Supreme Court	59	56
Ecuador	1997	13. Dismissal of any elected official who breaks the law	59	60
Ecuador	1997	14. Parliament implementing the reforms within 60 days	59	67
Ecuador	1997	2. Fabián Alarcón Rivera for president during a transitional period lasting until 10 August 1998	59	68
Ecuador	1997	3. Creating a constituent assembly	59	65
Ecuador	1997	4. Direct popular election of a constituent assembly/partial appointment through private and public bodies	59	60
Ecuador	1997	5. Spending limits for campaigns	59	70
Ecuador	1997	6. Voting process	59	48
Ecuador	1997	7. Presidential elections in one or two rounds	59	61
Ecuador	1997	8. Striking parties from the register that failed to reach 5% twice in a row	59	68
Ecuador	1997	9. The Supreme Court consisting of representatives of the most influential parties	59	59
Ecuador	2006	Health care improvement	74	90
Ecuador	2006	Oil revenue for community welfare and employment programmes	74	89
Ecuador	2006	Ten-year educational plan	74	92
Ecuador	2007	Principle referendum on appointing a constituent assembly	71	87

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Country	Year	Issue	Turnout (%)	Yes (%)
Ecuador	2008	Constitution	76	70
Ecuador	2011	Aggravated suspension of detention pending trial	76	57
Ecuador	2011	New judiciary surveillance	72	53
Ecuador	2011	Imprisonment alternatives	76	54
Ecuador	2011	Restrictions on banks and media companies	76	53
Ecuador	2011	Employers to join social insurances	76	55
Ecuador	2011	Prohibition of gambling games	76	52
Ecuador	2011	Prohibition of illicit enrichment	71	53
Ecuador	2011	Regulation of media	76	52
Ecuador	2011	Temporary reorganization of the judiciary	76	52
Guatemala	1994	Constitutional reform	16	84
Guatemala	1999	Constitutional reform – executive body	19	43
Guatemala	1999	Constitutional reform – judicial power	19	46
Guatemala	1999	Constitutional reform – legislature	19	41
Guatemala	1999	Constitutional reform – nation and social rights	19	47
Haiti	1985	Constitutional amendments	82	100
Haiti	1987	Constitution – abolition of plebiscites	57	100
Honduras	1870	Continuance of Maria Medina as President	N.A.	95
Mexico	1854	Continuance in office of the president	N.A.	99
Mexico	1863	Archduke Maximilian as emperor	N.A.	100
Mexico	1867	Constitutional reform	N.A.	N.A.
Panama	1940	Constitution	N.A.	99
Panama	1977	Torrijos – Carter Treaties	97	67
Panama	1983	Constitution	68	88
Panama	1992	Constitutional reform	40	33
Panama	1998	Second term in office for the president	66	35
Panama	2006	Enlargement of the Panama Canal	43	78

Paraguay	1938	Chaco Peace Treaty with Bolivia	N.A.	91
Paraguay	1940	Constitution (à la Italy, Portugal, etc.)	N.A.	92
Paraguay	2011	Voting rights for citizens living abroad	12	79
Peru	1865	Colonel Prado as interim president	N.A.	N.A.
Peru	1919	Constitutional reform	N.A.	N.A.
Peru	1939	Constitutional amendments	N.A.	88
Peru	1993	Constitution	70	52
Peru	2005	Fusion of administrative units into regions	87	25
Peru	2010	Restitution of financial means of the FONAVI-Fund	84	66
Suriname	1987	New Constitution	93	70
Uruguay	1917	Constitution	38	95
Uruguay	1934	Constitution	56	96
Uruguay	1938	Constitutional reform I	56	94
Uruguay	1938	Constitutional reform II	56	54
Uruguay	1942	Constitution	67	77
Uruguay	1946	Constitutional reform – Initiative I	65	53
Uruguay	1946	Constitutional reform – Initiative II	65	47
Uruguay	1950	Constitutional reform	71	0.3
Uruguay	1951	Constitution	37	54
Uruguay	1958	Constitutional reform – Option A	71	24
Uruguay	1958	Constitutional reform – Option B	71	15
Uruguay	1962	Constitutional reform – back to presidentialism	77	17
Uruguay	1966	Constitutional reform	63	0.1
Uruguay	1966	Constitutional reform	63	7
Uruguay	1966	Constitutional reform	63	14
Uruguay	1966	Constitutional reform	63	64
Uruguay	1971	Regulations concerning presidential elections	89	30
Uruguay	1971	Presidential duty to resign in cases of infringement	89	0.1
Uruguay	1980	Constitution	87	43
Uruguay	1989	Adjustment of pensions to inflation	89	85
Uruguay	1989	Amnesty law	85	43
Uruguay	1992	Partial abolition of the Law on Public Enterprises	79	73

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Country	Year	Issue	Turnout (%)	Yes (%)
Uruguay	1994	27% of the National Budget for public education	91	31
Uruguay	1994	Constitutional reforms (La 'Minireforma')	81	31
Uruguay	1994	Stopping 'hidden cuts' in pensions	91	69
Uruguay	1996	Constitutional reforms	86	52
Uruguay	1998	Opposing the Law of Energy Framework	22	22
Uruguay	1998	Time to make claims against employers	5	5
Uruguay	1999	Financial autonomy to judiciary	92	43
Uruguay	1999	Ban on eligibility for certain state sectors	92	38
Uruguay	2001	Derogation of 13 articles of Law 173	21	21
Uruguay	2003	Abolition of the Petroleum Monopoly	82	64
Uruguay	2004	No privatization of water supply	90	65
Uruguay	2009	Abolition of waiver of criminal prosecution	90	47
Uruguay	2009	Voting rights for citizens living abroad	90	37
Venezuela	1957	Perez Jiménez as president	N.A.	87
Venezuela	1999	Constitution	44	72
Venezuela	1999	Constitutional convention	38	92
Venezuela	1999	Presidential decree on constitutional convention	37	87
Venezuela	2000	Suspension of trade union leaderships	24	69
Venezuela	2004	Recall vote on President Chavez	70	41
Venezuela	2007	Constitutional reform (Block A)	56	49
Venezuela	2007	Constitutional reform (Block B)	56	49
Venezuela	2009	Unlimited re-eligibility to departments	70	55

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Country	Year	Subject	Turnout (%)	Yes (%)
Andorra	1977	Political reform	4	60
Andorra	1977	Political reform 2	4	60
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Andorra	1977	Political reforms	4	60
Andorra	1977	Political reform	4	60
Andorra	1977	Political reform	4	60
Andorra	1978	Constitutional reform	Rejected	65
Andorra	1978	Constitution	Rejected	65
Andorra	1978	Constitution	Rejected	65
Andorra	1978	Constitution	Rejected	65
Andorra	1993	Constitution	74	75
Austria	1938	Anschluß	99	99
Austria	1978	Nuclear power	64	49
Austria	1993	EU membership	82	66
Belgium	1950	Return of King Leopold	92	57
Cyprus	2004	Annan Plan	89	24
Denmark	1916	Sale of West Indian Islands	37	64
Denmark	1920	Constitution	49	96
Denmark	1939	Constitution	48	91
Denmark	1953	Constitution	59	78
Denmark	1953	Voting age	57	54
Denmark	1961	Voting age	37	55
Denmark	1963	Farm residence	73	38
Denmark	1963	National purchase rights	73	38
Denmark	1963	Local purchase rights	73	39
Denmark	1963	Nature conservation	73	39
Denmark	1969	Voting age	63	21
Denmark	1971	Voting age	86	56
Denmark	1972	EC membership	63	53
Denmark	1979	Voting age	63	53
Denmark	1986	EC Single Act	75	56
Denmark	1992	Maastricht Treaty	83	49
Denmark	1993	Edinburgh Agreement	86	56
Denmark	1998	Amsterdam Treaty	76	55
Denmark	2000	Introduction of the euro	87	46
Denmark	2009	Female Succession to throne	57	85
Finland	1931	Repeal of prohibition	43	70
Finland	1994	EU membership	70	56
France	1793	Constitution	26	99
France	1795	Re-election of two-thirds of parliament	3	63
France	1795	Constitution	13	95
France	1800	Napoleon as consul	43	99

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Country	Year	Subject	Turnout (%)	Yes (%)
France	1802	Napoleon consul for life	51	99
France	1804	Imperial heredity for Bonaparte family	43	99
France	1815	Restore Bourbon rule	18	99
France	1851	Constitutional powers for Napoleon III	79	92
France	1852	Napoleon III as emperor	79	96
France	1870	Constitution	83	82
France	1945	End Third Republic	79	96
France	1945	Constituent Assembly	79	66
France	1946	Approve Constitution	79	47
France	1946	Approve redrafted Constitution	67	53
France	1958	Approve Fifth Republic	79	85
France	1961	Self-determination for Algeria	73	75
France	1962	Independence for Algeria	75	90
France	1962	Direct election of president	77	62
France	1969	Senate and regional reform	80	47
France	1972	Allow EC enlargement	60	68
France	1988	New Caledonia Accords	36	80
France	1992	Maastricht Treaty	69	51
France	2000	Reduction of presidential term	30	73
France	2005	European Constitution	69	45
Germany	1929	Expropriation of royal property	13	14
Germany	1929	Young Plan	13	14
Germany	1933	Withdrawal from League of Nations	92	94
Germany	1934	Presidential powers for Hitler	94	88
Germany	1936	Approve Reichstag	99	98
Germany*	1951	Against Rearmament	95	99
Germany*	1954	Peace Treaty	93	95
Germany*	1968	Constitution	94	98
Greece	1920	Return of king	N.A.	99
Greece	1924	Republic	N.A.	67
Greece	1935	Monarchy	N.A.	97
Greece	1935	Republic		3
Greece	1946	Return of king	86	68
Greece	1968	Constitution	77	92
Greece	1973	Constitution	74	78
Greece	1974	Republic	75	69
Greece	1974	Monarchy	75	30
Iceland	1944	Constitution	99	99

Iceland	2010	Repayment of foreign loan	62	2
Iceland	2011	Repayment of foreign loan	75	41
Iceland	2012	Draft constitution	48	67
Iceland	2012	Position of state church	48	58
Iceland	2012	One person one vote	48	66
Iceland	2012	Public ownership of resources	48	82
Iceland	2012	Individualized voting	48	78
Ireland	2012	Treaty on Stability Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union	51	60
Ireland	2011	Possibility to reduce the remuneration of judges	56	80
Ireland	2011	More powers for parliamentary commissions	56	47
Ireland	2009	Ratification of the Treaty of Lisbon	59	67
Ireland	2008	Ratification of the Treaty of Lisbon	53	47
Ireland	2004	Constitutional right to Irish citizenship only for children of Irish parents	60	79
Ireland	2002	Ratification of the Treaty of Nice	49	63
Ireland	2002	Protection of human life in pregnancy	43	50
Ireland	2001	Abolition of capital punishment	35	62
Ireland	2001	Ratification of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court	35	64
Ireland	2001	Ratification of the Treaty of Nice	35	46
Ireland	1999	Recognition of the local authorities	51	78
Ireland	1998	Irish authorities on any part of the island of Ireland	56	94
Ireland	1998	EU Treaty of Amsterdam	56	62
Ireland	1997	Abolition of confidentiality of cabinet deliberations under certain conditions	47	53
Ireland	1996	Aggravated release on bail for suspected dangerous criminals	29	75
Ireland	1995	Introduction of divorce law	62	50
Ireland	1992	Freedom to travel for abortions abroad	68	62
Ireland	1992	Right to abortion merely in case of endangerment of the mother's life	68	35

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Ireland	1992	Right to information relating to abortion and contraception	68	60
Ireland	1992	Accession to the European Union	57	69
Ireland	1987	Single European Act	44	70
Ireland	1986	Introduction of divorce law	61	37
Ireland	1984	Franchise of foreign residents	47	75
Ireland	1983	Protection of the right to life of the unborn	54	67
Ireland	1979	According judicial powers to adoption authorities	29	99
Ireland	1979	Representation of universities in the Senate	29	92
Ireland	1972	Revoking official privileges granted to the Roman Catholic Church	51	84
Ireland	1972	Lowering the franchise to 18 years of age	51	85
Ireland	1972	Accession to the European Community	71	83
Ireland	1968	Proposal I: Permission of variations in constituency sizes	66	39
Ireland	1968	Proposal II: Majority representation	66	39
Ireland	1959	Majority system	58	48
Ireland	1937	Constitution	76	57
Italy	1946	Republic	89	54
Italy	1974	Divorce	87	40
Italy	1978	Police powers	81	23
Italy	1978	State funding for parties	81	43
Italy	1981	Abolish police anti-terror powers	79	14
Italy	1981	Restrict arms licenses	79	14
Italy	1981	Restrict abortion	79	32
Italy	1981	Liberalize abortion	79	11
Italy	1985	Wage indexation	77	45
Italy	1987	Civil liability of magistrates	65	80
Italy	1987	Trial of ministers	65	85
Italy	1987	Anti-nuclear power (sites)	65	80
Italy	1987	Anti-nuclear power (subsidies)	65	79

Italy	1987	Anti-nuclear (participation in programmes abroad)	65	71
Italy	1990	Constituent mandate on Italian MEPs	43	88
Italy	1990	Prohibit hunting	42	92
Italy	1990	Prohibit hunting	43	92
Italy	1990	Restrict toxins in food	62	93
Italy	1991	Abolish preferential voting	76	82
Italy	1993	Abolish PR for Senate elections	77	90
Italy	1993	Abolish State Enterprise Ministry	77	90
Italy	1993	Abolish Agriculture Ministry	77	70
Italy	1993	Abolish Tourist Ministry	76	82
Italy	1995	Environmental powers for local health boards	76	82
Italy	1995	Decriminalize use of drugs (personal)	55	77
Italy	1995	Abolish state funding of parties	77	90
Italy	1995	Abolish state role in bank appointments	77	89
Italy	1995	Abolish restrictions on union negotiation rights	56	49
Italy	1995	Reduce restrictions on union negotiating rights	56	62
Italy	1995	Abolish restriction on union negotiating rights in public sector	55	56
Italy	1995	Repeal compulsory residence for mafia suspects	56	63
Italy	1995	Privatize state broadcasting services	57	54
Italy	1995	Abolish communes' powers to limit trade	57	35
Italy	1995	Abolish union dues deduction of employees	57	56
Italy	1995	Change mayoral election rules	57	49
Italy	1995	Business hours	57	37
Italy	1995	Private ownership of TV channel	58	43
Italy	1995	Ban commercial advertising	57	44
Italy	1995	Restriction on advertising	57	43
Italy	1995	Abolish Prime Minister's powers in relations to trade unions	57	64
Italy	1997	Abolition of union of journalists	30	65
Italy	1997	Abolition of restrictions to join civil service	30	71
Italy	1997	Abolition of trespassing rights for hunting	30	80
Italy	1997	Abrogation of Ministry of Fishing and Agriculture	30	66
Italy	1997	Abolition of automatic promotion	30	81

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Country	Year	Subject	Turnout (%)	Yes (%)
Italy	1997	Ending of 'state's golden shares'	30	74
Italy	1997	Extra-judicial professions of magistrates	30	86
Italy	1999	Abolition of 25 per cent Proportional Representation elections to Chamber	49	91
Italy	2000	Unjustified dismissal in large companies	33	32
Italy	2000	Abolition of career progression from prosecutor to judge	31	69
Italy	2000	Abolition of election for Consiglio Superiore Della Magistratura	31	70
Italy	2000	Abolition of automatic salary deduction for unionized workers	31	62
Italy	2000	Abolition of reimbursement costs for elections and referendums	30	61
Italy	2000	Abolition of 25 per cent PR seats	31	82
Italy	2000	Abolition of civil servants' rights to second employment	30	75
Italy	2001	Constitutional amendment	34	64
Italy	2003	Unfair dismissal	28	86
Italy	2003	Right of way	25	88
Italy	2005	Remove restrictions stem cell research	25	88
Italy	2005	Remove restrictions on vitro fertilization	25	87
Italy	2005	Remove restrictions artificial insemination	25	77
Italy	2005	Remove restrictions embryonic research	25	88
Italy	2006	Constitutional reform	52	38
Italy	2009	Abolition of multi-party candidates	24	88
Italy	2009	Abolition of combined lists for Senate	24	77
Italy	2009	Abolition of combined lists for Chamber	24	77

Italy	2011	Duty of office-holders to appear in court	55	94
Italy	2011	Abolition of planning and construction of nuclear power stations	54	93
Italy	2011	Profit from privatized water companies	54	95
Italy	2011	Partial abolition of water privatization	54	95
Liechtenstein	1925	Civil process order	85	9
Liechtenstein	1927	Liberalization of building industry	83	44
Liechtenstein	1930	PR electoral system	90	39
Liechtenstein	1930	PR electoral system	90	39
Liechtenstein	1935	PR electoral system	95	47
Liechtenstein	1947	Reduction of taxes	83	58
Liechtenstein	1954	Fishing licences	75	61
Liechtenstein	1961	Land surveying	74	60
Liechtenstein	1961	Hunting law	80	51
Liechtenstein	1964	Trade initiative	83	37
Liechtenstein	1965	Family grants	76	63
Liechtenstein	1968	Abolition of alcohol tax	70	43
Liechtenstein	1970	Tax adjustment	79	67
Liechtenstein	1975	Allocation of parliamentary seats	86	49
Liechtenstein	1981	Allocation of parliamentary seats	89	47
Liechtenstein	1985	Increase in number of members of parliament	70	39
Liechtenstein	1985	Equal rights for men and women	70	23
Liechtenstein	1987	Introduction of double yes in referendum	71	62
Liechtenstein	1989	Referendum on treaties	64	43
Liechtenstein	1989	Controlling of administration of justice	52	56
Liechtenstein	1989	Minority right of control	52	58
Liechtenstein	1991	Five-day week in schools	69	34
Liechtenstein	1992	Ban on discrimination	53	24
Liechtenstein	1992	Introduction on referendum for treaties	64	71
Liechtenstein	1992	Abolition of 8 per cent barring clause	53	32
Liechtenstein	1999	Law on health insurance	82	34
Liechtenstein	2002	Sustainable traffic policy	64	45

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Country	Year	Subject	Turnout (%)	Yes (%)
Liechtenstein	2003	Amendment of the Constitution II	87	64
Liechtenstein	2005	Amendment of the Constitution II	87	16
Liechtenstein	2008	Against abortion and euthanasia	64	18
Liechtenstein	2009	Liberalization of mobile communications	66	57
Luxembourg	1919	Grand Duchess Charlotte	71	77
Luxembourg	1919	Economic orientation (customs)	72	27
Luxembourg	1919	Economic orientation 2	73	72
Luxembourg	1919	Republic	73	19
Luxembourg	1919	Head of another dynasty	71	1
Luxembourg	1937	Other head of current dynasty	71	1
Luxembourg	1937	Dissolution of Communist Party	N.A.	49
Luxembourg	2005	European Constitution	90	56
Malta	1964	Constitution	82	54
Malta	2003	EU membership	90	53
Malta	2011	Divorce	72	53
Netherlands	2005	European Constitution	63	38
Norway	1905	Separation from Sweden	88	99
Norway	1905	Approve monarchy	75	78
Norway	1919	Retain prohibition	66	61
Norway	1926	Repeal of prohibition	64	55
Norway	1972	EC membership	79	46
Norway	1994	EU membership	89	47
Portugal	1933	Autocratic state	97	99
Portugal	1998	Regionalization	36	48
Portugal	1998	Legalize Abortion	31	49
Portugal	2007	Legalize Abortion	43	59
Spain	1947	Monarchy after Franco's death	88	95
Spain	1966	Organic law	88	98
Spain	1976	Political reform	77	97
Spain	1978	Constitution	67	91
Spain	1979	Catalonia Regional Government (R)	59	88
Spain	1986	NATO Membership	56	59
Spain	2005	EU Constitution	42	77
Sweden	1922	Prohibition of Alcohol	55	49

Sweden	1955	Traffic regulation	53	15
Sweden	1957	Pension 1	72	45
Sweden	1957	Pension 2	72	15
Sweden	1957	Pension 1	72	35
Sweden	1980	Nuclear power 1	75	18
Sweden	1980	Nuclear power 1	75	39
Sweden	1980	Nuclear power 1	75	38
Sweden	1994	EU membership	83	52
Sweden	2003	Euro	82	42
UK	1975	EEC Renegotiation	64	67
UK	2011	AV Electoral System	42	32

* East Germany Only

Referendums in Africa

Country	Year	Subject	Turnout (%)	Yes (%)
Southern Africa				
Botswana	1987	Electoral law	N.A.	78
Botswana	1997	Electoral law	17	73
Botswana	1997	Electoral law	17	70
Botswana	1997	Electoral law	17	59
Botswana	2001	High Court judges (seven items)	5	54 to 77
Democratic Republic of Congo	1964	Executive and legislative functions	ca. 40	91
Democratic Republic of Congo	1967	Executive and legislative functions	Not available	98
Democratic Republic of Congo	1973	Executive functions	Not available	78
Democratic Republic of Congo	2005		62	84
Madagascar	1972	Approved constitution	84	96
Madagascar	1975	Approved constitution	92	95
Madagascar	1992	Executive and legislative functions	65	73
Madagascar	1995	Executive functions	65	64
Madagascar	1998	Executive and legislative functions, decentralization	70	51
Madagascar	2010	Executive functions	53	74
Malawi	1993	End One-Party Rule	67	65

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Country	Year	Subject	Turnout (%)	Yes (%)
Seychelles	1974	Independence	93	95
Seychelles	1992	Executive functions, multi-party system	Approx. 60	54
		Unknown, approx. 60		
Seychelles	1993	Executive functions, multi-party system	N/A	74
South Africa	1960	Declaration of the Republic	91	52
South Africa	1983	Constitutional reform	76	66
South Africa	1992	Transition	85	69
South Africa	1992	End apartheid	85	66
Zimbabwe	1964	Independence	62	91
Zimbabwe	1969	Voting rights, independence (two items)	81	72–81
Zimbabwe	1969	Constitution	81	73
Zimbabwe	1979	Executive functions, electoral law	72	85
Zimbabwe	2000	Executive functions, redistribution of land	N/A	45
Eastern Africa				
Burundi	1981	Executive functions, one-party system	94	99
Burundi	1991	Transition	96	90
Burundi	1992	Executive functions, electoral law	97	90
Burundi	2005	Transition, power sharing	92	92
Comoros	1977	Executive	Not available (92)	57
Comoros	1978	Executive functions, one-party system	Not available	99
Comoros	1992	Constitutional referendum: not available	Not available (64)	74
Comoros	1996	Executive functions, decentralization	Not available	0.9
Comoros	2001	Constitutional referendum: not available	75	77
Comoros	2009	Executive functions, decentralization	52	94
Djibouti	1967	Independence	95	61

Djibouti	1977	Independence	77	99
Djibouti	1992	Multi-party system (1 supplementary question)	75/ Supplementary question: 75	97
Eritrea	1993	Independence	94	100
Ethiopia	1987	One-party system	96	81
Kenya	2005	Executive function, decentralization	Not available	42
Kenya	2010	Executive function, decentralization	72	48
Rwanda	1961	Kiggeri V as King	95	20
Rwanda	1961	Preservation of monarchy	95	21
Rwanda	1978	Constitution	N/A	90
Rwanda	2003	Executive and legislative functions	90	93
Somaliland	2001	Constitution	99	97
Somalia	1961	Merger of two Somalias	N/A	91
Somalia	1979	New constitution	N/A	90
South Sudan	2011	Independence	98	99
Sudan	1971	Approve president Numeiry	93	99
Sudan	1983	Numeiry for President	N/A	100
Sudan	1997	Re-elect Numeiry and approve policies	N/A	99
Sudan	1998	Constitution	92	97
Tanzania	1965	Nyerere for President	83	97
Tanzania	1970	Nyerere for President	70	97
Tanzania	1975	Nyerere for President	82	93
Tanzania	1980	Nyerere for President	85	96
Tanzania	1985	Miwini for President	75	96
Tanzania	1990	Miwini for President	74	98
Uganda	2000	Multi-party system	51	91
Uganda	2005	Multi-party system	47	92
West and Central Africa				
Benin	5 January 1964	Executive and legislative functions	92	100
Benin	31 March 1968	Executive and legislative functions	83	92
Benin	2 December 1990	Executive and legislative functions, multi-party system	64	93
Burkina Faso	1959	Executive and legislative functions	69	80

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Country	Year	Subject	Turnout (%)	Yes (%)
Burkina Faso	1970	Executive functions	77	99
Burkina Faso	1977	Executive functions	72	99
Burkina Faso	1991	Executive and legislative functions	49	93
Cameroon	1960	Executive and legislative functions	76	60
Cameroon	1972	Executive functions	98	100
Central African Republic	1981	Executive and legislative functions	93	99
Central African Republic	1986	Executive functions, one-party system	88	92
Central African Republic	1994	Executive and legislative functions, decentralization	45	83
Central African Republic	2004	Executive functions	N/A	91
Chad	1989	Executive and legislative functions, one-party system	93	100
Chad	1996	Executive legislative and judicative functions	71	61
Chad	2005	Executive and legislative functions	58	66
Congo-Brazzaville	1963	Constitutional referendum: a president who may be re-elected once, one-party system	92	86
Congo-Brazzaville	1973	Constitutional referendum: not available	83	78
Congo-Brazzaville	1979	Constitutional referendum: not available	90	97
Congo-Brazzaville	1992	Executive and legislative functions	71	96
Congo-Brazzaville	20 January 2002	Executive and legislative functions	78	88
Cote d'Ivoire	1986	New Constitution	N/A	Yes
Cote d'Ivoire	2000	Executive and legislative functions	56	87
Equatorial-Guinea	1963	Referendum: internal autonomy	N/A	63

Equatorial-Guinea	1968	Executive and legislative functions	92	64
Equatorial-Guinea	1973	Executive and legislative functions, one-party system	N/A	99
Equatorial-Guinea	1982	Executive functions, human rights	94	96
Equatorial-Guinea	1991	Executive functions, multi-party system	94	98
Equatorial-Guinea	13 November 2011	Executive and legislative functions	92	98
Gabon	23 July 1995	Executive and legislative functions, power sharing	Not available	96
Gambia	1965	Republic	62	66
Gambia	1970	Republic	85	74
Gambia	1996	Executive and legislative functions, electoral law	86	70
Ghana	1960	Executive functions	54	88
Ghana	1964	Executive functions, one-party system	97	100
Ghana	1978	Executive functions	N/A	56
Ghana	1992	Executive and legislative functions, multi-party system	60	90
Guinea	1958	Independence	86	47
Guinea	1990	Constitutional referendum	97	99
Guinea	2001	Executive functions	87	98
Liberia	1846	Independence	N/A	52
Liberia	1847	Constitution	N/A	78
Liberia	1861	Representatives for Maryland	N/A	Yes
Liberia	1869	Constitutional amendment	N/A	No
Liberia	1869	Doubling of terms for president and parliament	N/A	99
Liberia	1907	Constitutional reform	N/A	78
Liberia	1927	Composition of supreme court/eligibility for election	N/A	Yes
Liberia	1943	Date of vote on Constitution	N/A	66
Liberia	1945	Voting rights	N/A	66
Liberia	1946	Women's Suffrage	N/A	66
Liberia	1949	Unlimited eligibility	N/A	66

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Country	Year	Subject	Turnout (%)	Yes (%)
Liberia	1955	Constitutional reform	N/A	Yes
Liberia	1972	Voting at to 18	N/A	66
Liberia	1975	Executive functions	N/A	90
Liberia	1984	Constitutional referendum	82	78
Liberia	2011	5 year residency obligation for presidential candidate	34	54
Liberia	2011	75 years as retirement age for judges	34	41
Liberia	2011	Election day in November	34	57
Liberia	2011	Second round voting only for presidential elections	34	68
Mali	1974	Approved constitution	67	100
Mali	1992	Executive and legislative functions	42	99
Mauritania	1991	Executive and legislative functions, multi-party system	85	98
Mauritania	2006	Executive functions	77	99
Niger	1987	Approve national charter	N/A	100
Niger	1989	Executive functions, one-party system	95	99
Niger	1992	Executive and legislative functions, multi-party political system	57	90
Niger	1996	Executive functions, multi-party system	approx. 35	92
Niger	1999	Constitutional referendum: N/A	31	90
Niger	2009	Constitution	68	93
Niger	2010	Constitution	92	90
Sao Tome and Principe	1990	Constitution	80	95
Senegal	1963	Abolition of position of Prime Minister	94	99
Senegal	1970	Re-introduction of position of Prime Minister	95	100
Senegal	2001	Constitution	66	94
Sierra Leone	1978	Approve one-party constitution	96	97

Sierra Leone	1991	Multi-party system	75	60
Togo	1961	Constitution	90	99
Togo	1963	Constitution	91	99
Togo	1972	Extending President Eyadema's Term	99	100
Togo	1979	Constitution	99	100
Togo	1992	Constitutional referendum	74	99
Northern Africa				
Algeria	1962	Independence	92	100
Algeria	1963	Constitution	83	98
Algeria	1976	National Charter	92	98
Algeria	1976	Constitution	93	99
Algeria	1986	Extension of the National Charter	96	98
Algeria	1988	Prime minister must account for his actions before parliament	83	92
Algeria	1989	Constitution	79	73
Algeria	1996	Constitution	80	85
Algeria	1999	Amnesty law for Guerillas	85	99
Algeria	2005	Charter for peace and national re-conciliation	79	97
Egypt	1956	Constitution	94	100
Egypt	1956	Gamad Abd al-Nasser for president	94	100
Egypt	1958	Gamad Abd al-Nasser for president	98	100
Egypt	1958	Foundation of the United Arab Republic	98	100
Egypt	1965	Gamad Abd al-Nasser for president	99	100
Egypt	1968	Programme of 30 March	98	100
Egypt	1970	Anwar as-Sadat for president	85	90
Egypt	1971	Foundation of the United Arab Republic	98	100
Egypt	1971	Constitution	98	100
Egypt	1974	The October Paper	98	100
Egypt	1976	Presidential term of six years	0	99
Egypt	1976	Anwar as-Sadat for president	96	100
Egypt	1977	Decree on public law and order	97	99
Egypt	1978	Security law	86	98
Egypt	1979	Nine-point programme	90	100
Egypt	1979	Peace treaty with Israel	90	100
Egypt	1980	Constitutional reform (five points)	87	99

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Country	Year	Subject	Turnout (%)	Yes (%)
Egypt	1981	Measures for the protection of the nation and social peace	92	99
Egypt	1981	Hosni Mubarak for president	81	98
Egypt	1987	Dissolving parliament ahead of schedule	N/A	89
Egypt	1987	Hosni Mubarak for president	88	97
Egypt	1990	Dissolving parliament ahead of schedule	59	94
Egypt	1993	Hosni Mubarak for president	84	96
Egypt	1999	Hosni Mubarak for president	79	94
Egypt	2005	Presidential elections with several candidates	54	83
Egypt	2007	Constitutional reform	27	76
Egypt	2011	Political change	93	77
Egypt	2012	Constitution	33	64
Egypt	2014	Constitution	43	98
Libya	1971	Founding of the United Arab Republic	95	99
Morocco	1962	Constitution	84	97
Morocco	1970	Constitution	93	99
Morocco	1972	Constitution	93	99
Morocco	1980	Sixteen years as legal age of the heir to the throne	97	100
Morocco	1980	Parliamentary term of six years, term of parliament's president of three years	91	97
Morocco	1984	Arab-African Federation together with Libya	97	100
Morocco	1989	Prolongation of the legislative term for two years	99	100
Morocco	1992	Constitution	97	100
Morocco	1995	Submittal of budget estimate to parliament in April rather than in September	70	100
Morocco	1996	Constitutional reform	83	100
Morocco	2011	Constitution	76	98
Tunisia	2002	Constitutional reform	96	100

Referendums in Oceania

Country	Year	Issue	Turnout (%)	Yes Vote (%)
American Samoa	1966	Revision of constitution	–	–
American Samoa	1970	Two legislative sessions of 30 days	–	–
American Samoa	1970	Impermissibility of officials serving as MPs	–	–
American Samoa	1970	Procedures for tax and duty laws	–	–
American Samoa	1970	Upper limit for MPs' salaries	–	–
American Samoa	1972	Direct election of governor and lieutenant governor	28	17
American Samoa	1973	Direct election of governor and lieutenant governor	24	34
American Samoa	1974	Direct election of governor and lieutenant governor	17	48
American Samoa	1976	Direct election of governor and lieutenant governor	24	69
American Samoa	1976	Removal of upper limit for MPs' salaries	–	–
American Samoa	1978	Lengthening parliamentary session to 45 days	–	–
American Samoa	1978	Role and appointment of legislative counsel	–	–
American Samoa	1986	Approval of new constitution	–	–
American Samoa	1990	Second parliamentary chamber	74	39
American Samoa	1990	Universal suffrage	74	53
American Samoa	1990	Limited veto rights for governor	–	25
American Samoa	2008	Power for parliament to override governor's veto	73	50
American Samoa	2010	Amendments drafted by Constitutional convention	68	30
American Samoa	2012	Power for parliament to override governor's veto	73	45

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Country	Year	Issue	Turnout (%)	Yes Vote (%)
Australia	1898	Confederation	45	67
Australia	1899– 1900	Confederation	72	74
Australia	1906	Senate elections	50	74
Australia	1910	Finance	62	49
Australia	1910	State debts	62	55
Australia	1911	Legislative powers	53	39
Australia	1911	Monopolies	53	40
Australia	1913	Trade and commerce	74	49
Australia	1913	Corporations	74	49
Australia	1913	Industrial matters	74	49
Australia	1913	Railway disputes	74	49
Australia	1913	Trusts	74	50
Australia	1913	Nationalization of monopolies	74	49
Australia	1916	Conscription for overseas service	83	48
Australia	1917	Conscription for overseas service	81	46
Australia	1919	Legislative powers	71	50
Australia	1919	Nationalization of monopolies	71	49
Australia	1926	Industry and commerce	91	44
Australia	1926	Essential services	91	43
Australia	1928	State debts	94	74
Australia	1937	Aviation	94	54
Australia	1937	Marketing	94	36
Australia	1944	Post-war reconstruction and democratic rights	97	46
Australia	1946	Social services	94	54
Australia	1946	Marketing	94	51
Australia	1946	Industrial relations	94	50
Australia	1948	Rents and prices	94	41
Australia	1951	Communism	96	49
Australia	1967	Parliamentary nexus	94	40
Australia	1967	Aboriginal people	94	91
Australia	1973	Prices	93	44
Australia	1973	Incomes	93	34
Australia	1974	Simultaneous elections	96	48
Australia	1974	Procedure for constitutional amendment	96	48
Australia	1974	Democratic elections	96	47
Australia	1974	Local government	96	47

Australia	1977	Simultaneous elections	92	62
Australia	1977	Senate vacancies	92	73
Australia	1977	Territory franchise for referendums	92	78
Australia	1977	Judges' retirement	92	80
Australia	1977	National Anthem – Advance Australia Fair ²	91	43
Australia	1984	Senators' terms	94	51
Australia	1984	Interchange of powers	94	47
Australia	1988	Parliamentary terms	92	33
Australia	1988	Fair elections	92	38
Australia	1988	Local government	92	34
Australia	1988	Rights and freedoms	92	31
Australia	1999	Constitution preamble	95	39
Australia	1999	Republic	95	45
Cook Islands	1994	Legislative term	–	–
Cook Islands	1994	Retaining country name	–	70
Cook Islands	1994	Retaining national anthem	–	80
Cook Islands	1994	Retaining flag	–	53
Cook Islands	1999	Four-year legislative term	88	65
Cook Islands	2004	Four-year legislative term	82	82
Cook Islands	2010	Reduce number of parliamentary seats	78	59
Fiji	1947	Continued residence of Banaba people on Rabi Island	–	85
Guam	1969	Unification with Northern Mariana Islands	36	42
Guam	1976	Territory's status: retention of improved status quo – Improved status quo		58
Guam	1977	Prohibition of casinos and gambling machines	–	Yes
Guam	1979	Approval of draft constitution	48	20
Guam	1982 (Jan)	Territory's status: US Commonwealth – US Commonwealth	37	49
Guam	1982 (Sept)	Territory's status: US Commonwealth – US Commonwealth	82	73
Guam	1986	Introduction of balanced budgets	–	No
Guam	1987	Draft Commonwealth Act	39	Yes
Guam	1987	Amendments to Draft Commonwealth Act	–	58

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Country	Year	Issue	Turnout (%)	Yes Vote (%)
Guam	1996	Legalization of casino gambling	–	27
Guam	1996	Lower number of senators from 21 to 15	–	Yes
Guam	1996	Term limits for senators	–	No
Guam	1996	Maximum of 3% of national budget for parliamentary administration	–	Yes
Guam	2002	Raise drinking age from 18 to 21	–	46
Guam	2004	Legalization of casino gambling	63	39
Guam	2006	Raise drinking age from 18 to 21	72	49
Guam	2006	Slot machines at Greyhound racetracks	–	No
Guam	2008	Slot machines at Greyhound racetracks	44	37
Guam	2008	Responsible Gambling Act	69	41
Guam	2012	Commercial Bingo games	67	36
Mariana Islands	1961	Status of the territory – Association with Guam	89	65
Mariana Islands	1969	Status of the territory – Association with Guam	65	61
Mariana Islands	17 June 1975	Commonwealth with the US	93	Yes
Mariana Islands	6 March 1977	Constitution	75	Yes
Mariana Islands	5 November 1983	Hold constitutional convention	–	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Resident Executive for Indigenous Affairs	–	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Environmental protection	–	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Representative to the US	–	Yes

Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Status of attorney general	-	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Public auditor	-	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Annual salary of executive assistant for Carolinian affairs	-	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Retirement system	-	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Joint legislative bureau for Senate and House of Representatives	-	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Qualifications of governor	-	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Joint election of governor and lieutenant governor	-	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Succession to the governorship and lieutenant governorship	-	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Executive functions of the governor	-	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Emergency powers of the governor	-	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Residency obligation for election candidates	-	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	No facilitation for naturalization	-	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Changes to governor's right of veto	-	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Incompatibility between MP status and government employment	-	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Periods of parliamentary sessions	-	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Budget ceiling for the legislature	-	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Prohibition of abortion	-	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Uninhabited islands to be used for cultural and recreational purposes only	-	Yes

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Country	Year	Issue	Turnout (%)	Yes Vote (%)
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Educational system	–	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Constitutional amendment by constitutional conventions	–	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Code of Ethics for appointed and elected officers and Commonwealth employees	–	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Independent personnel commission	–	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Prohibition of gambling except with special permission	–	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Official symbols and language	–	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	New definition of citizenship	–	No
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Levy of taxes on real estates only with a three-quarters majority of votes	–	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Plan for liquidation of deficits	–	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Control of public expenditure	–	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Marianas Public Land Corporation	–	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Protection for crime victims	–	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Northern Marianas Public Land Trust	–	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Land acquisition only for people of Northern Marianas descent	–	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Permanent and long-term interests in real property	–	Yes

Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Land acquisition only for North Marianas Corporation	-	Yes
Mariana Islands	1985	Organization of the Judiciary		Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Local government	-	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Regular general election day	-	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Resignation from public office	-	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Tax levy only for public purpose	-	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Membership of boards and commissions	-	Yes
Mariana Islands	3 November 1985	Special assistant for Women's Affairs	-	Yes
Mariana Islands	7 November 1987	Reform of local administration	-	Yes
Mariana Islands	4 November 1989	Constitutional reform	-	No
Mariana Islands	4 November 1989	Budget ceiling for members of legislature	-	Yes
Mariana Islands	6 November 1993	Convening a constitutional convention	-	Yes
Mariana Islands	6 November 1993	Right of veto of the governor	-	Yes
Mariana Islands	6 November 1993	Collective land ownership for persons of Northern Marianas descent	-	Yes
Mariana Islands	4 November 1995	Elevation of parliamentary expenses	-	No
Mariana Islands	3 March 1996	Fundamental rights	-	41
Mariana Islands	2 March 1996	Composition of parliament	-	37
Mariana Islands	2 March 1996	Composition of government	-	37
Mariana Islands	2 March 1996	Composition of judiciary	-	46
Mariana Islands	2 March 1996	Deputy in US House of Representatives	-	54 (No)
Mariana Islands	2 March 1996	Composition of local administration	-	37

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Country	Year	Issue	Turnout (%)	Yes Vote (%)
Mariana Islands	2 March 1996	Active and passive right to suffrage	–	45
Mariana Islands	2 March 1996	Enactment of electoral laws	–	39
Mariana Islands	2 March 1996	Popular initiative and recall	–	39
Mariana Islands	2 March 1996	Taxes and public finances	–	38
Mariana Islands	2 March 1996	Public ground and property	–	39
Mariana Islands	2 March 1996	Restrictions on land sales	–	41
Mariana Islands	2 March 1996	Composition of educational system	–	25
Mariana Islands	2 March 1996	Possession of mineral resources	–	43
Mariana Islands	2 March 1996	Gambling licences	–	57
Mariana Islands	2 March 1996	Composition of public service	–	38
Mariana Islands	2 March 1996	Ethics convention	–	39
Mariana Islands	2 March 1996	Procedures of constitutional reforms	–	35
Mariana Islands	2 March 1996	Emblem of national unity	–	43
Mariana Islands	1 November 1997	Retirees' right to work part-time without losing pension	–	Yes
Mariana Islands	1 November 1997	Constitutional basis for judicial power	–	Yes
Mariana Islands	1 November 1997	Budget ceiling for parliamentary administration	–	Yes
Mariana Islands	6 November 1999	Limiting voting rights on constitutional amendments to those of Northern Marianas descent	–	55
Mariana Islands	6 November 1999	Establishment of a Financial Control Office within the legislative and judiciary power	–	No

Mariana Islands	5 November 2005	Convening a constitutional convention	83	49
Mariana Islands	3 November 2007	Second round of elections of governor	70	72
Mariana Islands	3 November 2007	Special Northern Mariana Commission for Higher Education	70	62
Mariana Islands	7 November 2009	Composition of the Board of Higher Education; apportionment of funds to education	86	59
Mariana Islands	7 November 2009	Enforcement of a balanced budget	86	57
Mariana Islands	7 November 2009	Open Government Act of 2007	86	69
Mariana Islands	7 November 2009	Hold elections in even-numbered years	86	57
Mariana Islands	2 November 2010	Increase retirement benefits only if system fully funded	–	48
Mariana Islands	2 November 2010	Financing land compensation claims	–	42
Mariana Islands	2 November 2010	Issue of pension obligation bonds	–	43
Mariana Islands	6 November 2012	Popular election of attorney general	75	82
Mariana Islands	6 November 2012	Amended mission statement for Northern Marianas College	75	88
Mariana Islands	6 November 2012	Issue of pension obligation bonds	75	62
Marshall Islands	1975	Future status of Trust Territory Islands – Present Status 77	35	77
Marshall Islands	1978	Federated States of Micronesia Constitution	–	39
Marshall Islands	1979	Marshall Islands Constitution	–	69
Marshall Islands	1983	Association with US	–	58
Marshall Islands	1983	'Other options' in case of rejection of association with US	–	25
Marshall Islands	1990	Renaming to 'Republic of the Marshall Islands'	–	Yes

Country	Year	Issue	Turnout (%)	Yes Vote (%)
Marshall Islands	1990	Designation as an archipelago	–	Yes
Marshall Islands	1990	Territorial application of constitution	–	Yes
Marshall Islands	1990	Entry into force of constitutional amendments	–	Yes
Marshall Islands	1995	Primacy of the Marshallese version of the constitution	–	Yes
Marshall Islands	1995	Thirty-four proposed constitutional amendments	–	No
Micronesia	1975	Future status of Trust Territory Islands – Independence	53	59 ³
Micronesia	1978	Approval of Constitution	–	74
Micronesia	1983	Future status of Federated States of Micronesia – Compact of Free Association with US	63	79
Micronesia	1983	Alternatives if Compact of Free Association rejected – Independence	63	73
Micronesia	1987	Four-year congressional term	–	37
Micronesia	1989	Convening constitutional convention	–	71
Micronesia	1991	New title for Chapter I of Constitution	–	–
Micronesia	1991	Conditions for public auditors	–	–
Micronesia	1991	President's authority to grant amnesty	–	–
Micronesia	1991	Incompatibility of local legislation with Constitution; first elections of Congress	–	–
Micronesia	1991	Power of states to decide on foreign investments	–	–
Micronesia	1991	President's veto can be overruled by three-quarters of Congress	–	–
Micronesia	1991	Abolish facilitated repatriation of former citizens	–	–
Micronesia	1991	Exclusive validity of Micronesian jurisdiction	–	–
Micronesia	1991	Allocation of 50% of federal revenue to states	–	–
Micronesia	1991	Extending traditional land ownership to seabed	–	–

Micronesia	1991	Abolish prohibition on indefinite land leases under certain conditions	-	-
Micronesia	1991	Members of Congress not to receive public funds	-	-
Micronesia	1991	States may levy surtaxes on import tariffs; states receive all mineral and oil tax	-	-
Micronesia	1991	Independent anti-corruption prosecutor	-	-
Micronesia	1991	Specification of presidential and vice-presidential term	-	-
Micronesia	1991	Constitutional amendments to be allowed by 50% majority of states	-	-
Micronesia	1991	Register of judges with particular assignments	-	-
Micronesia	1991	Four-year congressional term	-	-
Micronesia	1991	Allocation of powers between Congress and states	-	-
Micronesia	1991	Institute a traditional chieftain chamber	-	-
Micronesia	1991	Amend competencies of Supreme Court	-	-
Micronesia	1991	Commitment to 'full faith and credit' for official acts of states among each other	-	-
Micronesia	1991	Ability for states to allocate limited-duration land rights as security	-	-
Micronesia	1991	Consent of states to new Civil Rights Act	-	-
Micronesia	1991	Coordination of states' administrative projects	-	-
Micronesia	1991	Exclusive responsibility of Congress for criminal law	-	-
Micronesia	1995	Four-year Congressional term	92	46
Micronesia	1995	Taxes on imports	-	-
Micronesia	1997	Division of tax revenue	92	53
Micronesia	1999	Convening constitutional convention	-	-
Micronesia	1999	Distribution of income from special economic zone	-	-
Micronesia	1999	Division of tax revenue	-	-
Micronesia	1999	States' ownership of natural resources	-	-
Micronesia	2002	Increase of states' share of revenue	22	58

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Country	Year	Issue	Turnout (%)	Yes Vote (%)
Micronesia	2002	Abolition of prohibition of dual citizenship	22	54
Micronesia	2002	Congress membership and voting	22	50
Micronesia	2002	Educational standards	22	63
Micronesia	2002	Three-quarters majority of Congress to override president's veto	22	53
Micronesia	2002	Commitment to 'full faith and credit' for official acts of the states among each other	22	54
Micronesia	2002	Supreme Court jurisdiction over territorial and water questions	22	54
Micronesia	2002	Size of Congress and term limits	22	43
Micronesia	2002	Direct election of president and vice-president	22	53
Micronesia	2002	Introduction of ombudsman	22	54
Micronesia	2002	Annuities for former presidents and vice-presidents	22	26
Micronesia	2002	Federation and states may levy value-added tax	22	51
Micronesia	2002	Distribution of foreign financial assistance	22	54
Micronesia	2002	At least four Supreme Court judges, at least one per state	22	50
Micronesia	2005	Abolition of prohibition of dual citizenship	–	63
Micronesia	2005	States' decisions mutually binding	–	65
Micronesia	2005	Abrogation of Supreme Court jurisdiction over land and water ownership issues	–	63
Micronesia	2007	Abolition of prohibition of dual citizenship	–	64
Micronesia	2007	States' decisions mutually binding	–	66
Micronesia	2011	Four-year term for members of Congress; eligibility for presidency	–	59
Micronesia	2011	Convening constitutional convention	–	66
Micronesia	2011	Abolition of prohibition of dual citizenship	–	66
Nauru	2010	Constitutional amendments	78	33

New Caledonia	1958	New French Constitution	77	98
New Caledonia	1987	Independence from France	59	2
New Caledonia	1988	Self-determination statute	63	57
New Caledonia	1998	Treaty of Noumea	74	72
New Zealand	1949	Off-course betting	54	68
New Zealand	1949	Extending hours for the sale of liquor	–	25
New Zealand	1949	Compulsory military training	64	78
New Zealand	1967	Three-year parliamentary term	70	68
New Zealand	1967	Extending hours for the sale of liquor	–	65
New Zealand	1990	Three-year parliamentary term	82	69
New Zealand	1992	Voting system – Change from First-Past-the-Post voting system	55	85
New Zealand	1992	Alternative voting system if system changed – MMP	55	71
New Zealand	1993	Change to MMP voting system	85	54
New Zealand	1995	Reduction of number of professional fighters	27	12
New Zealand	1997	Proposed compulsory retirement savings scheme	80	8
New Zealand	1999	Reduction of the number of MPs	83	87
New Zealand	2008	Should smacking be a criminal offence?	56	12
New Zealand	2011	Voting System – Retention of MMP voting system	74	56
Niue	1974	Independence from New Zealand on basis of Niue Constitution	–	65
Niue	1992	Constitutional amendments	–	Yes
Palau	1975	Future status of Trust Territory Islands – Free Association with US	42	68
Palau	1976	Separate negotiations	–	–
Palau	1978	Constitution of Federated States of Micronesia	–	45

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Country	Year	Issue	Turnout (%)	Yes Vote (%)
Palau	1979	Palau Constitution	–	92
Palau	1979	Revision of Constitution	–	35
Palau	1980	Revision of Constitution	–	78
Palau	1983	Approval of Compact of Free Association with US	79	62 (No)
Palau	1983	Approval of restricting storage or use of radioactive, chemical and biological materials	79	53 (No)
Palau	1983	Alternatives to Free Association – closer relationship with US	79	56
Pilau	1984	Approval of Compact of Free Association with US	71	67 (No)
Pilau	1984	Alternatives to Free Association – Closer relationship with US	71	69
Pilau	1986	Approval of Compact of Free Association with US	71	72
Pilau	1986	Approval of Compact of Free Association with US	82	66
Pilau	1987	Approval of Compact of Free Association with US	76	68
Pilau	1987	Constitutional amendment to lower threshold to approve Compact	71	73
Pilau	1987	Approval of Compact of Free Association with US	75	73
Pilau	1990	Approval of Compact of Free Association with US	69	61
Pilau	1992	Constitutional amendment to lower threshold to approve Compact	83	62
Pilau	1993	Approval of Compact of Free Association with US	64	68
Pilau	1996	Ability to make constitutional amendments at any time	81	46
Pilau	1996	Convening constitutional convention	81	48
Pilau	2004	Dual citizenship	70	63
Pilau	2004	Joint election of president and vice-president	69	58
Pilau	2004	Limiting deputies to three consecutive terms	70	60
Pilau	2004	Unicameral parliament	69	56

Pilau	2004	Equal compensation for all representatives	69	71
Pilau	2004	Convening constitutional convention	73	58
Pilau	2008	No candidates with dual citizenship for presidency	68	79
Pilau	2008	Abolition of joint election of president and vice-president	68	67
Pilau	2008	Definition of presidential and vice-presidential term of office	66	83
Pilau	2008	Right to trial by jury for serious crimes	66	59
Pilau	2008	No one with dual citizenship may hold parliamentary office	64	81
Pilau	2008	Salary cap for members of parliament	66	79
Pilau	2008	Definition of beginning and end of legislature terms	66	83
Pilau	2008	Abolition of term limitation for members of parliament	66	60
Pilau	2008	Appellate division of Supreme Court	65	76
Pilau	2008	Ability to make constitutional amendments at any time	64	80
Pilau	2008	Guarantee of academic freedom in institutions of higher learning	66	80
Pilau	2008	Citizenship of foreign nations does not affect Palauan citizenship	66	75
Pilau	2008	Naturalization of persons not of recognized Palauan ancestry only if adopted before the age of three	66	45
Pilau	2008	Postal voting only for voters residing outside Palau	66	79
Pilau	2008	Citizenship as eligibility requirement for Judicial Nominating Commission	63	78
Pilau	2008	Acquiring title to land for diplomatic purposes	66	61
Pilau	2008	Acquiring title to land by non-citizens limited to 99 years	66	61
Pilau	2008	Affirmative action in the preservation, protection and promotion of Palauan heritage, languages, customs and tradition	65	81

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Country	Year	Issue	Turnout (%)	Yes Vote (%)
Pilau	2008	Marriages between men and women only	67	84
Pilau	2008	Free basic education	66	86
Pilau	2008	Free preventive health care	66	87
Pilau	2008	Prevalence of Palauan version of the Constitution	66	79
Pilau	2008	Definition of territorial waters	64	81
Pilau	2011	Construction of casinos	31	25
Pitcairn Islands	1981	Construction of airfield	92	90
Samoa (Western)	1961	Constitution	–	87
Samoa (Western)	1961	Independence	–	85
Samoa (Western)	1990	Universal suffrage	74	53
Samoa (Western)	1990	Second parliamentary chamber	74	39
Tokelau	2006	Free Association with New Zealand	95	60
Tokelau	2007	Free Association with New Zealand	83	65
Tuvalu	1974	Separation from Gilbert Islands	88	93
Tuvalu	1986	Becoming a republic	52	5
Tuvalu	2008	Retention of monarchy	22	65
Wallis and Futuna	1959	Change from French protectorate to overseas territory	98	94

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Country	Year	Subject	Yes (%)	Turnout (%)
Bangladesh	1991	Parliamentary regime	84	35
Bangladesh	1985	Support for President Major General Hussein Mohammad Ershad	99	72
Bangladesh	1975	President Rahman	99	N.A.
Iran	1979	Islamic republic	99	N.A.
Iran	1989	Presidential system	99	N.A.
Iraq	1995	New President	100	100
Iraq	2002	Renomination of Hussein	100	100

Iraq	2005	Constitution	63	78
Maldives	1968	Republic	81	N.A.
Maldives	1968	Sultanate	18	N.A.
Maldives	1968	Ibrahim Nasor for President	97	99
Maldives	1973	Ibrahim Nasor for President	N.A.	N.A.
Maldives	1978	Gayoom for President	92	92
Maldives	1983	Gayoom for President	95	N.A.
Maldives	1988	Gayoom for President	96	83
Maldives	1993	Gayoom for President	92	92
Maldives	1998	Gayoom for President	90	76
Maldives	2003	Gayoom for President	90	77
Maldives	2007	Parliamentary system	37	78
Maldives	2007	Presidential system	62	78
Mongolia	1945	Independence	100	98
Myanmar	1973	Constitution	N.A.	95
Myanmar	2008	Constitution	98	93
Nepal	1982	The <i>Panchayat</i> system (assemblies without parties)	54	66
Nepal	1982	Multi-party	45	66
Pakistan	2002	Musharaf	97	56
Pakistan	1984	Zia Ul-Haq	98	62
Philippines	1967	Enlargement of the House of Representatives from 120 to 180 seats	88	18
Philippines	1967	Eligibility for constituent assembly elections	88	16
Philippines	1973	New Constitution	89	89
Philippines	1973	New Constitution	87	95
Philippines	1973	Extension of Marcos' term in office	90	84
Philippines	1973	Martial law	90	84
Philippines	1975	Continued martial law	84	84
Philippines	1976	Transitory parliament (<i>Batasang Pambana</i>) to replace the National Assembly.	N.A.	91
Philippines	1976	Martial law	N.A.	90
Philippines	1977	Extending Marcos' term	94	89
Philippines	1980	Retirement for judges	N.A.	N.A.
Philippines	1981	Planning law	69	N.A.
Philippines	1981	Changes of political party affiliation of elected officials are not allowed during the last half year before new elections	69	N.A.
Philippines	1981	Presidential immunity	69	78
Philippines	1981	Election date for Barangays	68	N.A.
Philippines	1984	Reintroduction of position of vice-President	N.A.	N.A.

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Country	Year	Subject	Yes (%)	Turnout (%)
Philippines	1984	Land Distribution	N.A.	N.A.
Philippines	1984	Regulation of Parliamentary Elections	N.A.	N.A.
Philippines	1987	Democratic constitution	76	87
Qatar	2003	Constitution	99	N.A.
Singapore	1961	Unification with Malaysia	95	N.A.
South Korea	1969	Third term for President Park	65	76
South Korea	1972	Constitutional reform	91	91
South Korea	1975	Support for President	74	79
South Korea		Constitutional reform	92	95
South Korea	1987	Democratic constitution	78	94
Sri Lanka	1982	Extension of parliamentary term	54	70
Syria	1949	Constitutional reform	99	89
Syria	1958	Arab republic	99	91
Syria	1958	Nasser for President	99	91
Syria	1954	Directly elected President	99	86
Syria	1954	Shishakli for President	99	86
Syria	1961	Dissolution of United Arab Republic	97	99
Syria	1971	Al Assad for President	99	95
Syria	1971	Union with Egypt	96	89
Syria	1973	Constitution	97	88
Syria	1978	Al Assad for President	99	97
Syria	1985	Al Assad for President	99	94
Syria	1991	Al Assad for President	99	99
Syria	1999	Al Assad for President	10	98
Syria	2000	Bashar for President	99	94
Syria	2007	Another term for Bashar al-Assad	99	95
Syria	2012	Constitution	90	57
Thailand	2007	Constitution	57	57
Turkey	1961	Constitution	61	80
Turkey	1982	Constitution	91	91
Turkey	1987	Pardon for coup instigators	51	93
Turkey	1988	Postpone municipal election	35	88
Turkey	2007	Constitutional reform	68	67
Vietnam	1955	Monarchy	1	108
Vietnam	1955	Republic	99	108
Yemen	1991	Constitution	98	72
Yemen	2001	Constitutional reform	77	65

Notes

1. For votes in Switzerland, see Chapter 3. For votes in the Caribbean, see Chapter 4.
2. God Save the Queen – 18.6%, Advance Australia Fair – 43.4%, Song of Australia – 9.6%, Waltzing Matilda – 28.3%.
3. Independence – 59.1%, Commonwealth with US – 9.2%, Free Association with US – 58.0%, Statehood – 6.5%, Present status – 59.0%, Other status – 1.6%.

Appendix B: Referendums on Devolution and Self-Government in Subordinate Territories

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In some countries – Spain and the United Kingdom among them – referendums in sub-ordinate territories such as Wales, the Basque Country and Scotland have had profound effects. While these referendums are not nationwide referendums they merit a mention in a comprehension compendium such as this book. The table below list all the sub-national referendums held in the period 1973–2011.

Country	Year	Area	Yes (%)	Turnout (%)
Australia	1978	Australia Capital Territory	65	
Canada	1979	Northwest Territory	40	86
Canada	1992	Canada	46	–
Canada	1998	Nunavut	54	94
Cyprus	2004	Northern Cyprus	64	87
Cyprus	2004	Southern Cyprus	24	89
Denmark	1979	Greenland	73	63
Denmark	2008	Greenland	76	72
France	1987	New Caledonia	98	59
France	1976	Mayotte	99	83
France	1976	St. Pierre	92	43
France	1998	New Caledonia	72	
France	2003	Corsica	48	54
France	2009	Mayotte	61	95
Netherlands	1993	Curacao	18	–
Philippines	1977	Philippines	98	–
Philippines	1989	Philippines	N.A.	50
Philippines	1990	Philippines	N.A.	–
Spain	1979	Basque Country	95	59
Spain	1979	Catalonia	88	60
Spain	1980	Andalusia	93	60
Spain	2006	Catalonia	73	49
Spain	2007	Andalusia	87	36
Switzerland	1974	Jura	51	88

UK	1973	Northern Ireland	99	59
UK	1979	Scotland	52	64
UK	1979	Wales	21	59
UK	1997	Scotland	74	60
UK	1997	Wales	50	51
UK	2011	Wales	63	35
USA	1979	Virgin Islands	44	38
USA	1993	Porto Rico	48	73

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