
Manifesto Project Primary Documents Dataset

Codebook

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1 Introduction & Citation

The Manifesto Project Primary Documents Dataset aims at providing extended metadata for the primary documents that are used by the Manifesto Project Dataset (MPDS) to estimate political preferences of parties. It is based on an operationalization done in: Merz, Nicolas, Sven Regel. 2013. What are Manifestos for? Selecting and Typing Documents in the Database. In Mapping Policy Preferences from Texts III. Statistical Solutions for Manifesto Analysts (Volgens, Andrea, Judith Bara, Ian Budge, Michael D. McDonald, Hans-Dieter Klingemann, pp. 169–194). Oxford: Oxford University Press.

This dataset is supposed to be used as an extension of the MPDS.

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2 Overview

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|----------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Units | parties at national elections | |
| Number of countries | 52 | |
| Number of parties | 697 | |
| Number of elections | 311 | |
| Time period covered | Various free and competitive elections between 1920 and 2014 | |
| Number of cases | 1498 | |
| Number of variables | 4 | identification variables |
| | 7 | document information variables |

3 Variables

3.1 Identification Variables

| | |
|----------------|--|
| country | MPDS code of the country |
| year | Year national election |
| date | Year and month of national election |
| party | The MPDS party identification code consists of five or six digits. The first two or three digits repeat the country code. The last three digits are running numbers. |

3.2 Document information variables

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|--------------------------|---|
| general_type | General type of document 1 Electoral program 2 General program 3 Government program 4 Other policy document 5 Speech 6 Article 7 Answer to questionnaire 100 Estimate |
| text_by_party | Text written by party 0 No 1 Yes |
| length_by_party | Length determined by party 0 No 1 Yes |
| policies_by_party | Policies determined by party 0 No 1 Yes |
| rel_election | Document is related to an election 0 No 1 Yes |
| broad_policies | Document covers multiple policies 0 No 1 Yes |

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| cnt_documents | | Number of different documents |
| | | 1 one |
| | | 90 Many |

4 Coverage

| Country | Countryname | N of MPDS | N of this Dataset | Share this Dataset |
|---------|----------------------------|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 11 | Sweden | 121 | 17 | 0.14 |
| 12 | Norway | 113 | 19 | 0.17 |
| 13 | Denmark | 226 | 31 | 0.14 |
| 14 | Finland | 145 | 84 | 0.58 |
| 15 | Iceland | 101 | 10 | 0.10 |
| 21 | Belgium | 170 | 28 | 0.16 |
| 22 | Netherlands | 139 | 31 | 0.22 |
| 23 | Luxembourg | 75 | 17 | 0.23 |
| 31 | France | 106 | 20 | 0.19 |
| 32 | Italy | 167 | 28 | 0.17 |
| 33 | Spain | 118 | 45 | 0.38 |
| 34 | Greece | 67 | 37 | 0.55 |
| 35 | Portugal | 95 | 26 | 0.27 |
| 41 | Germany | 83 | 79 | 0.95 |
| 42 | Austria | 71 | 9 | 0.13 |
| 43 | Switzerland | 136 | 34 | 0.25 |
| 51 | Great Britain | 68 | 12 | 0.18 |
| 52 | Northern Ireland | 33 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 53 | Ireland | 93 | 17 | 0.18 |
| 54 | Malta | 4 | 2 | 0.50 |
| 55 | Cyprus | 22 | 16 | 0.73 |
| 61 | United States | 51 | 24 | 0.47 |
| 62 | Canada | 89 | 24 | 0.27 |
| 63 | Australia | 104 | 11 | 0.11 |
| 64 | New Zealand | 88 | 16 | 0.18 |
| 71 | Japan | 96 | 9 | 0.09 |
| 72 | Israel | 146 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 73 | Sri Lanka | 13 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 74 | Turkey | 60 | 7 | 0.12 |
| 75 | Albania | 38 | 24 | 0.63 |
| 76 | Armenia | 28 | 20 | 0.71 |
| 77 | Azerbaijan | 9 | 7 | 0.78 |
| 78 | Belarus | 8 | 8 | 1.00 |
| 79 | Bosnia-Herzegovina | 31 | 21 | 0.68 |
| 80 | Bulgaria | 46 | 36 | 0.78 |
| 81 | Croatia | 61 | 44 | 0.72 |
| 82 | Czech Republic | 54 | 49 | 0.91 |
| 83 | Estonia | 41 | 32 | 0.78 |
| 84 | Georgia | 50 | 40 | 0.80 |
| 85 | German Democratic Republic | 15 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 86 | Hungary | 48 | 34 | 0.71 |
| 87 | Latvia | 31 | 26 | 0.84 |
| 88 | Lithuania | 45 | 27 | 0.60 |
| 89 | Macedonia | 65 | 45 | 0.69 |
| 90 | Moldova | 23 | 15 | 0.65 |
| 91 | Montenegro | 24 | 19 | 0.79 |
| 92 | Poland | 60 | 50 | 0.83 |
| 93 | Romania | 46 | 30 | 0.65 |

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| 94 | Russia | 45 | 35 | 0.78 |
| 95 | Serbia | 69 | 58 | 0.84 |
| 96 | Slovakia | 60 | 50 | 0.83 |
| 97 | Slovenia | 56 | 42 | 0.75 |
| 98 | Ukraine | 45 | 36 | 0.80 |
| 113 | South Korea | 24 | 8 | 0.33 |
| 171 | Mexico | 85 | 73 | 0.86 |
| 181 | South Africa | 17 | 16 | 0.94 |
