

Codebook for Candidate Selection Procedures and the Representativeness of Parties

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Data on party positions are available online at:

<http://www.vergl-polwiss.uni-koeln.de/10603.html>.

Detailed data on intra-party candidate selection procedures are available online (under construction):

<http://www.vergl-polwiss.uni-koeln.de/16319.html>.

| ID Variables | | |
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| <i>Variable</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Source</i> |
| year | Year of election | Own calculations |
| country | Country | Own calculations |
| id_election | ID of election | Own calculations |
| edatestr | Date of election | Budge et al. (2001), Klingemann et al. (2006) |
| party | Name of party | Budge et al. (2001), Klingemann et al. (2006) |
| partyid | ID of party | Budge et al. (2001), Klingemann et al. (2006) |
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| Party Variables | | |
| <i>Variable</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Source</i> |
| lrparty | Left-right position of party | Kaiser and Franzmann (2006) |
| lrparty_change | Change in left-right position of party since the last election | Own calculations, based on Kaiser and Franzmann (2006) |
| inclusion | Inclusion refers to the inclusiveness of candidate selection procedures 1 = members 2 = delegates, 3 = committees. | Own calculations, based on Katz and Mair (1992) and Janda (1980) |
| centralization | Centralization refers to the territorial centralization of candidate selection procedures 1 = local/district 2 = regional 3 = national | Own calculations, based on Katz and Mair (1992) and Janda (1980) |
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| Voter Variables | | |
| <i>Variable</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Source</i> |
| lr voter | Left-right position of mean party voter | FR (2002): CSES II; UK (2005): CSES II; NL (1971+1972): European Voter Project; NOR and SWE European Voter Project; CHE: Swiss Election Studies; all other: Eurobarometer trendfile |
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| devvoter | Standard deviation of the left-right position of party voters | see Irvoter |
| Irvoter_change | Change in left-right position of party voters since the last election | see Irvoter |
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| Cross-sectional representation indices | | |
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| <i>Variable</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Source</i> |
| cross_sectional_1 | Distance between mean voter position and party position Cross-sectional_1 =abs. (Irvoter – Iparty) | Own calculations |
| cross_sectional_2 | Distance between <i>each single</i> party voter and his party | Own calculations |
| cross_sectional_3 | Distance between each single party voter and his party (based on Golder and Stramski 2010). cross_sectional_3 does account for the congruence between voters and parties in terms of their distance relative to the dispersion of voter preferences cross_sectional_3 = 1 - [devvoter/ cross_sectional_2] | Own calculations |

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