
Lists of Political Parties

Codebook

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1 Overview & Citation

Currently the Manifesto Project offers three different overviews of political parties included in the Manifesto Project Dataset:

1. List of Political Parties (PDF): This list documents the parties that were coded at a specific election, and offers information about name changes, coalition compositions etc. in a easily human readable format (available since dataset version 2015a).
2. List of Political Parties – Long Version (CSV): This list covers the same information as the one above, but in the form of a dataset (available since dataset version 2023a).
3. List of Political Parties – Short Version (CSV): This list is a reduced version of the long list, that can be used for party matching as it only contains one entry per party (available since dataset version 2021a).

Please check our website for the latest version of the dataset:

<https://manifesto-project.wzb.eu/>

When using the Party Dataset, please cite:

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2 List of Political Parties – Short Version

This dataset provides an overview of all parties covered in the Manifesto Project Dataset including the timespan of it's coverage and peak election performance.

It includes the following set of variables:

country	11	Sweden
	12	Norway
	13	Denmark
	14	Finland
	15	Iceland
	21	Belgium
	22	Netherlands
	23	Luxembourg
	31	France
	32	Italy
	33	Spain
	34	Greece
	35	Portugal
	41	Germany
	42	Austria
	43	Switzerland
	51	Great Britain
	52	Northern Ireland
	53	Ireland
	54	Malta
	55	Cyprus
	61	United States
	62	Canada
	63	Australia
	64	New Zealand
	71	Japan
	72	Israel
	73	Sri Lanka
	74	Turkey
	75	Albania
	76	Armenia
	77	Azerbaijan
	78	Belarus
	79	Bosnia-Herzegovina
	80	Bulgaria
	81	Croatia
	82	Czech Republic
	83	Estonia
	84	Georgia
	85	German Democratic Republic

	86	Hungary
	87	Latvia
	88	Lithuania
	89	North Macedonia
	90	Moldova
	91	Montenegro
	92	Poland
	93	Romania
	94	Russia
	95	Serbia
	96	Slovakia
	97	Slovenia
	98	Ukraine
	113	South Korea
	150	Argentina
	151	Bolivia
	152	Colombia
	153	Costa Rica
	154	Ecuador
	155	Chile
	160	Panama
	162	Uruguay
	168	Dominican Republic
	171	Mexico
	179	Peru
	180	Brazil
	181	South Africa
countryname	Name of country in English	
party	The party identification code consists of five or six digits; the first two or three digits resemble the country code and the last three digits are running numbers.	
name	Most recent name of party in original language	
name_english	Most recent name of party in English	
abbrev	Original language party abbreviation	
year_min	The year of the first electoral participation of the party covered in our Manifesto Project Dataset	
year_max	The year of the most recent electoral participation of the party covered in our Manifesto Project Dataset	

is_alliance	Binary flag, marked with '1' if the party is actually an alliance of multiple parties. If the party is not an alliance, the field will be marked with '0'.
max_pervote	Highest vote percentage the party achieved in a parliamentary election, as recorded in the Manifesto Project Dataset. It provides a measure of the party's peak success in parliamentary elections.
max_presvote	Highest vote percentage the party achieved in a presidential election, as recorded in the Manifesto Project Dataset. This only applies to parties from countries where presidential elections have taken place and which are included in our dataset. It provides a measure of the party's peak success in presidential elections.
year_max_pervote	The election year of max_pervote. In case of ties it refers to the earliest year. This variable is available since dataset version 2023a.
year_max_presvote	The election year of max_presvote. In case of ties it refers to the earliest year. This variable is available since dataset version 2023a.

3 List of Political Parties – Long Version

This dataset provides detailed documentation of political parties naming and composition history, capturing their names in both original language and English, along with significant changes over time. These changes may include shifts in party names, candidate alterations (particularly for presidential elections), and modifications in coalition compositions.

While the dataset aims to document major party changes, it does not purport to capture every change that may occur within a party's lifetime. The basis and measuring timepoint are the party manifestos covered in the Manifesto Project Dataset, thus we do not claim to cover all parties or every change happening to a party at some point, but instead documenting important changes relevant for the Manifesto Project Dataset. Similarly, information on preceding and succeeding parties is mostly provided when such parties are also covered within the Manifesto Project Dataset. Consequently, while the dataset offers a broad overview of party evolutions, it does not claim complete coverage of all party transitions or transformations. Please also notice that as the basis for the main dataset are manifestos, these documents are also the reference point for the documentation and determine whether information about a party or respectively coalition is delivered.

This long Version of our List of Political Parties Dataset includes the following set of variables:

country	11	Sweden
	12	Norway
	13	Denmark
	14	Finland
	15	Iceland
	21	Belgium
	22	Netherlands
	23	Luxembourg
	31	France
	32	Italy
	33	Spain
	34	Greece
	35	Portugal
	41	Germany
	42	Austria
	43	Switzerland
	51	Great Britain
	52	Northern Ireland
	53	Ireland
	54	Malta
	55	Cyprus
	61	United States
	62	Canada
	63	Australia
	64	New Zealand
	71	Japan
	72	Israel
	73	Sri Lanka
	74	Turkey
	75	Albania

	76	Armenia
	77	Azerbaijan
	78	Belarus
	79	Bosnia-Herzegovina
	80	Bulgaria
	81	Croatia
	82	Czech Republic
	83	Estonia
	84	Georgia
	85	German Democratic Republic
	86	Hungary
	87	Latvia
	88	Lithuania
	89	North Macedonia
	90	Moldova
	91	Montenegro
	92	Poland
	93	Romania
	94	Russia
	95	Serbia
	96	Slovakia
	97	Slovenia
	98	Ukraine
	113	South Korea
	150	Argentina
	151	Bolivia
	152	Colombia
	153	Costa Rica
	154	Ecuador
	155	Chile
	160	Panama
	162	Uruguay
	168	Dominican Republic
	171	Mexico
	179	Peru
	180	Brazil
	181	South Africa
countryname	Name of country in English	
party	The party identification code consists of five or six digits; the first two or three digits resemble the country code and the last three digits are running numbers	

year_min	The year of the first electoral participation of the party covered in the Manifesto Project Dataset. This marks the starting point of the overall timespan during which the party has been covered in the dataset, captured across all of its different entries in the dataset.
year_max	The year of the most recent electoral participation of the party covered in the Manifesto Project Dataset. This marks the end point of the overall timespan during which the party has been covered in the dataset, captured across all of its different entries in the dataset.
abbrev	Original language party abbreviation during timespan (change_year_min - change_year_max)
name	Name of party in original language during timespan (change_year_min - change_year_max)
name_english	Name of party in English during timespan (change_year_min - change_year_max)
candidate_name	Name of presidential candidate (only for Latin American countries)
change_kind	Indicates the kind of change recorded for the timespan starting at change_year_min. Possible values are: renamed; renamed and change of composition; renamed and change of candidate; renamed and change of composition and candidate; renamed and joined; change of composition; change of composition and candidate; change of candidate; alliance merged into party; joined; coalition coded (party name); coalition coded (coalition name); coalition coded (coalition name) and change of composition; party coded for coalition (coalition name).
change_rank	Running number for all recorded changes of a party included in the dataset (0 for first entry).
change_year_min	First year of electoral participation of a party in a particular composition and/or with a particular name. This captures the starting year of a distinct phase in the party's history within the Manifesto Project Dataset.
change_year_max	Last year of a party in a particular composition and/or with a particular name. This captures the ending year of a distinct phase in the party's history within the Manifesto Project Dataset.
is_alliance	Binary flag, marked with '1' if the party is actually an alliance of multiple parties. If the party is not an alliance, the field will be marked with '0' (integer variable).
coalition_member_leading	In case the party is part of a coalition and has a leading coalition member: Name of the coalition partner leading the coalition.

coalition_member_1 - coalition_member_n	Names of coalition partners (including abbrev, original name and English translation - if available); partycode for parties also included in the dataset as separate entities.
successor – successor_n	Partycode of succeeding party (In seldom cases where the succeeding party is not a separate entity in the dataset, but successor has still been coded the name of the succeeding party.)
predecessor	Partycode of preceding party (In seldom cases where the preceding party is not a separate entity in the dataset, but predecessor has still been coded the name of the preceding party.)
merger_of_1 - merger_of_n	Names of parties which merged to form party (including abbrev, original name and English translation - if available); partycode for parties also included in the dataset as separate entities.
split_from	Party from which the current one has split. If the original party is part of the dataset, this field contains it's party id. If the original party is not included in our dataset, the variable contains the name of the party.
joined_by_1 - joined_by_n	Parties that have joined the current party. If the joining party is part of the dataset, this variable contains it's party id. If the original party is not included in our dataset, the variable contains the name of the party.