
Government Declaration Dataset

Codebook

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1 Introduction & Citation

The Government Declaration Dataset (GDDS) contains content analytical data from government declarations published by governments in ten West-European countries and Israel between 1945 and 1998 (the time frame is shorter for some countries). The government declarations have been coded according to the Manifesto Project's Coding Instructions, the data can therefore easily be combined with the Manifesto Project's main data set.

The data was originally produced for Laver and Budge 1992 (see citation below). However, parts of the data prepared for their study was destroyed during transmission. The data this codebook refers to is the subset of the data set that was originally published with Budge et al. 2001 (see citation below).

When using the Government Declaration Dataset, please cite:

Laver, Michael / Budge, Ian (1992): Party Policy and Government Coalitions, Houndmills, Basingstoke, Hampshire: The MacMillan Press.

Budge, Ian / Klingemann, Hans-Dieter / Volkens, Andrea / Bara, Judith with Tanenbaum, Eric / Fording, Richard C. / Hearl, Derek J. / Kim, Hee Min / McDonald, Michael / Mendez, Silvia (2001): Mapping Policy Preferences. Estimates for Parties, Electors, and Governments 1945-1998. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

2 Coverage

Units	Government declarations
Countries	11
Cases	174
Time	1945 until middle/end of the 1980s except Belgium 1945-1981 Luxembourg 1945-1979 France 1959-1983 Italy 1948-1982 Germany 1949-1998 Ireland 1981-1982
Number of variables	4 identification variables 58 content analytical data variables

3 Variables

3.1 Identification Variables

country	11	Sweden
	12	Norway
	13	Denmark
	21	Belgium
	22	Netherlands
	23	Luxembourg
	31	France
	32	Italy
	41	Germany
	53	Ireland
	72	Israel
countryname	Name of country in English (string variable)	
govID	<p>Identification number of government as given in Jaap Woldendorp, Hans Keman and Ian Budge 2000, <i>Party Government in 48 Democracies (1945–1998)</i>, Kluwer Academic Publishers: Dordrecht, Boston and London.</p> <p>As stated in the original study for which this data was compiled (Laver and Budge, 1992) not every government formed in the countries covered was necessarily included. Sometimes, governments did not publish declarations or simply pledged to continue the declaration of their immediate predecessor. In addition, a number of minor inaccuracies in some of the cases were identified and omitted from the data set.</p>	

Sweden

0	Hansson
1	Erlander 1
2	Erlander 2
3	Erlander 3
4	Erlander 4
5	Erlander 5
6	Erlander 6
7	Erlander 7
8	Erlander 8
9	Erlander 9
10	Erlander 10
11	Palme 1
12	Palme 2
13	Palme 3
14	Fälldin 1
15	Ullsten
16	Fälldin 2

17	Fälldin 3
18	Palme 4
19	Palme 5
20	Carlsson 1
21	Carlsson 2

Norway

1	Gerhardson 2
4	Trop 2
5	Gerhardson 4
7	Gerhardson 6
10	Borten 1
13	Korvald
14	Bratteli 2
15	Nordli 1
21	Brundtland

Denmark

2	Hedtoft 1
4	Eriksen 1
6	Hedtoft 3
7	Hansen 1
8	Hansen 2
10	Kampmann 2
12	Krag 2
13	Krag 3
14	Baunsgaard
17	Hartling
18	Jørgensen 2
19	Jørgensen 3
20	Jørgensen 5
23	Schlüter 1
24	Schlüter 2

Belgium

3	Spaak 1
4	Van Acker 3
5	Huysmans
8	Eyskens 1
9	Duvieusart
10	Pholien

11	Van Houte
12	Van Acker 4
13	Eyskens 2
14	Eyskens 3
16	Lefevre
17	Harmel
18	Vanden Boeynants 1
19	Eyskens 4
20	Eyskens 5
21	Leburton
22	Tindemans 1
23	Tindemans 2
26	Vanden Boeynants 1
27	Martens 1
29	Martens 3
30	Martens 4
31	Mark Eyskens

Netherlands

1	Beel 1
3	Drees 2
12	Biesheuval 1
14	De Uyl
18	Lubbers 1
19	Lubbers 2
20	Lubbers 3

Luxembourg

1	Nat. Unity (Dupong)
2	Dupong 1
3	Dupong 2
4	Dupong 3
6	Bech 2
9	Werner 2
10	Werner 3
11	Werner 4
13	Werner 5

France

29	Debré
30	Pompidou 1

32	Pompidou 3
33	Pompidou 4
34	Pompidou 5
36	Couve de Murville
38	Messmer 1
39	Messmer 2
41	Chirac 1
42	Barre 1
43	Barre 2
44	Barre 3
46	Mauroy 2
47	Mauroy 3

Italy

5	De Gasperi 5
6	De Gasperi 6
7	De Gasperi 7
8	De Gasperi 8
9	Pella
10	Fanfani
11	Scelba
12	Segni 1
13	Zoli
14	Fanfani 2
15	Segni 2
16	Tambroni
17	Fanfani 3
18	Fanfani 4
19	Leone 1
20	Moro 1
21	Moro 2
22	Moro 3
23	Leone 2
24	Rumor 1
25	Rumor 2
26	Rumor 3
27	Colombo
29	Andreotti 1
30	Andreotti 2
31	Rumor 4
32	Rumor 5
33	Moro 4
34	Moro 5

35	Andreotti 3
36	Andreotti 4
37	Andreotti 5
38	Cossiga 1
39	Cossiga 2
40	Forlani 1
41	Spadolini 1
42	Spadolini 2
43	Fanfani 5

Germany

1	Adenauer 1
2	Adenauer 2a
5	Adenauer 2d
7	Adenauer 4a
10	Erhard 1
11	Erhard 2
13	Kiesinger
14	Brandt 1
16	Brandt 3
17	Schmidt 1
18	Schmidt 2
19	Schmidt 3
21	Kohl 1
22	Kohl 2
23	Kohl 3
25	Kohl 5
26	Kohl 6
27	Schröder

Ireland

13	Fitzgerald 1
15	Fitzgerald 2

Israel

1	Ben Gurion 1
2	Ben Gurion 2
4	Ben Gurion 3
5	Ben Gurion 4
6	Sharrett
7	Ben Gurion 5

	12	Ben Gurion 7
	14	Ben Gurion 8
	17	Eshkol 3
	19	Meir 1
	20	Meir 2
	23	Rabin 1
	25	Rabin 3
	26	Begin 1
	27	Begin 2
	28	Begin 3
	31	Nat. Unity (Peres)
inaugdat		Day, month, and year of inauguration date.

3.2 Content Analytical Data

total	Total number of allocated codes . Missing information Missing for Ireland
peruncod	Percentage of quasi-sentences coded with the code 000 (No meaningful category applies)
Data entries per101-per706	Percentages of fifty-six categories grouped into seven major policy areas. Because of the different length of documents, the number of (quasi-) sentences in each category is standardised taking the total number of (quasi-) sentences in the respective documents as a base. In the data set each of these categories is a variable that represents the percentage.

Domain 1: External Relations

per101	<i>Foreign Special Relationships: Positive</i> Favourable mentions of particular countries with which the manifesto country has a special relationship. For example, in the British case: former colonies; in the German case: East Germany; in the Swedish case: the rest of Scandinavia; the need for co-operation with and/or aid to such countries.
per102	<i>Foreign Special Relationships: Negative</i> Negative mentions of particular countries with which the manifesto country has a special relationship; otherwise as 101, but negative.
per103	<i>Anti-Imperialism</i> Negative references to exerting strong influence (political, military or commercial) over other states; negative references to controlling other countries as if they were part of an empire; favourable mentions of decolonisation; favourable references to greater self-government and independence for colonies; negative references to the imperial behaviour of the manifesto and/or other countries.
per104	<i>Military: Positive</i> Need to maintain or increase military expenditure; modernising armed forces and improvement in military strength; rearmament and self-defence; need to keep military treaty obligations; need to secure adequate manpower in the military.
per105	<i>Military: Negative</i> Favourable mentions of decreasing military expenditures; disarmament; ‘evils of war’; promises to reduce conscription, otherwise as 104, but negative.
per106	<i>Peace</i> Peace as a general goal; declarations of belief in peace and peaceful means of solving crises; desirability of countries joining in negotiations with hostile countries.

per107	<p><i>Internationalism: Positive</i></p> <p>Need for international co-operation; co-operation with specific countries other than those coded in 101; need for aid to developing countries; need for world planning of resources; need for international courts; support for any international goal or world state; support for UN.</p>
per108	<p><i>European Community: Positive</i></p> <p>Favourable mentions of European Community in general; desirability of expanding the European Community and/or of increasing its competence; desirability of the manifesto country joining (or remaining a member).</p>
per109	<p><i>Internationalism: Negative</i></p> <p>Favourable mentions of national independence and sovereignty as opposed to internationalism; otherwise as 107, but negative.</p>
per110	<p><i>European Community: Negative</i></p> <p>Hostile mentions of the European Community; opposition to specific European policies which are preferred by European authorities; otherwise as 108, but negative.</p>

Domain 2: Freedom and Democracy

per201	<p><i>Freedom and Human Rights</i></p> <p>Favourable mentions of importance of personal freedom and civil rights; freedom from bureaucratic control; freedom of speech; freedom from coercion in the political and economic spheres; individualism in the manifesto country and in other countries.</p>
per202	<p><i>Democracy</i></p> <p>Favourable mentions of democracy as a method or goal in national and other organisations; involvement of all citizens in decision-making, as well as generalised support for the manifesto country's democracy.</p>
per203	<p><i>Constitutionalism: Positive</i></p> <p>Support for specific aspects of the constitution; use of constitutionalism as an argument for policy as well as general approval of the constitutional way of doing things.</p>
per204	<p><i>Constitutionalism: Negative</i></p> <p>Opposition to the constitution in general or to specific aspects; otherwise as 203, but negative.</p>

Domain 3: Political System

per301	<p><i>Decentralisation</i></p> <p>Support for federalism or devolution; more regional autonomy for policy or economy; support for keeping up local and regional customs and symbols; favourable mentions of special consideration for local areas; deference to local expertise.</p>
per302	<p><i>Centralisation</i></p> <p>Opposition to political decision-making at lower political levels; support for more centralisation in political and administrative procedures; otherwise as 301, but negative.</p>

per303	<p><i>Governmental and Administrative Efficiency</i></p> <p>Need for efficiency and economy in government and administration; cutting down civil service; improving governmental procedures; general appeal to make the process of government and administration cheaper and more effective.</p>
per304	<p><i>Political Corruption</i></p> <p>Need to eliminate corruption, and associated abuse, in political and public life.</p>
per305	<p><i>Political Authority</i></p> <p>Favourable mentions of strong government, including government stability; government's competence to govern and/or other parties' lack of such competence.</p>

Domain 4: Economy

per401	<p><i>Free Enterprise</i></p> <p>Favourable mentions of free enterprise capitalism; superiority of individual enterprise over state and control systems; favourable mentions of private property rights, personal enterprise and initiative; need for unhampered individual enterprises.</p>
per402	<p><i>Incentives</i></p> <p>Need for wage and tax policies to induce enterprise; encouragement to start enterprises; need for financial and other incentives such as subsidies.</p>
per403	<p><i>Market Regulation</i></p> <p>Need for regulations designed to make private enterprises work better; actions against monopolies and trusts, and in defence of consumer and small business; encouraging economic competition; social market economy.</p>
per404	<p><i>Economic Planing</i></p> <p>Favourable mentions of long-standing economic planning of a consultative or indicative nature, need for government to create such a plan.</p>
per405	<p><i>Corporatism</i></p> <p>Favourable mentions of the need for the collaboration of employers and trade union organisations in overall economic planning and direction through the medium of tripartite bodies of government, employers, and trade unions. This category was not used for Sweden.</p>
per406	<p><i>Protectionism: Positive</i></p> <p>Favourable mentions of extension or maintenance of tariffs to protect internal markets; other domestic economic protectionism such as quota restrictions.</p>
per407	<p><i>Protectionism: Negative</i></p> <p>Support for the concept of free trade; otherwise as 406, but negative.</p>
per408	<p><i>Economic Goals</i></p> <p>Statements of intent to pursue any economic goals not covered by other categories in domain 4. This category is created to catch an overall interest of parties in economics and, therefore, covers a variety of economic goals.</p>

per409	<p><i>Keynesian Demand Management</i></p> <p>Demand-oriented economic policy; economic policy devoted to the reduction of depressions and/or to increase private demand through increasing public demand and/or through increasing social expenditures.</p>
per410	<p><i>Productivity</i></p> <p>Need to encourage or facilitate greater production; need to take measures to aid this; appeal for greater production and importance of productivity to the economy; increasing foreign trade; the paradigm of growth.</p>
per411	<p><i>Technology and Infrastructure</i></p> <p>Importance of modernisation of industry and methods of transport and communication; importance of science and technological developments in industry; need for training and research. This does not imply education in general (see category 506).</p>
per412	<p><i>Controlled Economy</i></p> <p>General need for direct government control of economy; control over prices, wages, rents, etc; state intervention into the economic system.</p>
per413	<p><i>Nationalisation</i></p> <p>Favourable mentions of government ownership, partial or complete, including government ownership of land.</p>
per414	<p><i>Economic Orthodoxy</i></p> <p>Need for traditional economic orthodoxy, e.g. reduction of budget deficits, retrenchment in crisis, thrift and savings; support for traditional economic institutions such as stock market and banking system; support for strong currency.</p>
per415	<p><i>Marxist Analysis</i></p> <p>Positive references (typically but not solely by communist parties) to the specific use of Marxist-Leninist terminology and analysis of situations which are otherwise uncodable. This category was not used for Germany and Norway, only.</p>
per416	<p><i>Anti-Growth Economy</i></p> <p>Favourable mentions of anti-growth politics and steady state economy; ecologism; "Green politics"; sustainable development. This category was used for Germany, only.</p>

Domain 5: Welfare and Quality of Life

per501	<p><i>Environmental Protection</i></p> <p>Preservation of countryside, forests, etc.; general preservation of natural resources against selfish interests; proper use of national parks; soil banks, etc; environmental improvement.</p>
per502	<p><i>Culture</i></p> <p>Need to provide cultural and leisure facilities including arts and sport; need to spend money on museums, art galleries etc.; need to encourage worthwhile leisure activities and cultural mass media.</p>
per503	<p><i>Social Justice</i></p> <p>Concept of equality; need for fair treatment of all people; special protection for underprivileged; need for fair distribution of resources; removal of class barriers; end of discrimination such as racial or sexual discrimination, etc.</p>

per504	<p><i>Welfare State Expansion</i></p> <p>Favourable mentions of need to introduce, maintain or expand any social service or social security scheme; support for social services such as health service or social housing. This category excludes education.</p>
per505	<p><i>Welfare State Limitation</i></p> <p>Limiting expenditure on social services or social security; otherwise as 504, but negative.</p>
per506	<p><i>Education Expansion</i></p> <p>Need to expand and/or improve educational provision at all levels. This excludes technical training which is coded under 411.</p>
per507	<p><i>Education Limitation</i></p> <p>Limiting expenditure on education; otherwise as 506, but negative.</p>

Domain 6: Fabric of Society

per601	<p><i>National Way of Life: Positive</i></p> <p>Appeals to patriotism and/or nationalism; suspension of some freedoms in order to protect the state against subversion; support for established national ideas.</p>
per602	<p><i>National Way of Life: Negative</i></p> <p>Against patriotism and/or nationalism; opposition to the existing national state; otherwise as 601, but negative.</p>
per603	<p><i>Traditional Morality: Positive</i></p> <p>Favourable mentions of traditional moral values; prohibition, censorship and suppression of immorality and unseemly behaviour; maintenance and stability of family; religion.</p>
per604	<p><i>Traditional Morality: Negative</i></p> <p>Opposition to traditional moral values; support for divorce, abortion etc.; otherwise as 603, but negative.</p>
per605	<p><i>Law and Order</i></p> <p>Enforcement of all laws; actions against crime; support and resources for police; tougher attitudes in courts.</p>
per606	<p><i>Social Harmony</i></p> <p>Appeal for national effort and solidarity; need for society to see itself as united; appeal for public spiritedness; decrying anti-social attitudes in times of crisis; support for the public interest.</p>
per607	<p><i>Multiculturalism: Positive</i></p> <p>Cultural diversity, communalism, cultural plurality and pillarization; preservation of autonomy of religious, linguistic heritages within the country including special educational provisions.</p>
per608	<p><i>Multiculturalism: Negative</i></p> <p>Enforcement or encouragement of cultural integration; otherwise as 607, but negative.</p>

Domain 7: Social Groups

per701	<p><i>Labour Groups: Positive</i></p> <p>Favourable references to labour groups, working class, unemployed; support for trade unions; good treatment of manual and other employees.</p>
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per702	<i>Labour Groups: Negative</i> Abuse of power of trade unions; otherwise as 701, but negative.
per703	<i>Agriculture and Farmers</i> Support for agriculture and farmers; any policy aimed specifically at benefiting these.
per704	<i>Middle Class and Professional Groups</i> Favourable references to middle class, professional groups, such as physicians or lawyers; old and new middle class.
per705	<i>Underprivileged Minority Groups</i> Favourable references to underprivileged minorities who are defined neither in economic nor in demographic terms, e.g. the handicapped, disabled, homosexuals, immigrants, refugees etc.
per706	<i>Non-economic Demographic Groups</i> Favourable mentions of, or need for, assistance to women, old people, young people, linguistic groups, etc; special demographic interest groups of all kinds.