

Release Notes of the Manifesto Project Dataset / MARPOR Full Dataset:

Updates (2011-2015a), Changes, Corrections, and Known Errors

Known bugs, errors and problems (which will be fixed with next update)

MARPOR Full Dataset 2015a: May 2015 Version

New elections:

Armenia 2012, Cyprus 2006/2011, Greece 2007/2009/2012 May election/2012 June election, Hungary 2014, Macedonia 2014, Netherlands 2012

A note on Greek data:

We advise to use the Greek data, in particular after the financial crisis, with caution for two reasons. First, collecting proper electoral programs is a challenge in Greece. In many cases, real electoral programs do or did not exist. Many of the now coded documents are the best equivalents that we could find, however some of them are very short and hardly cover a broad range of policy issues. Second, we advise to use other estimates than the RILE for left-right positions. After the financial crisis a huge part of the political discourse in Greece was based on blaming the political elites for their failures. Such statements fall under the 305 category in the MARPOR scheme. Especially the Left parties (Syriza and KKE) blamed the former elites from PASOK and ND for the crisis. The RILE score considers 305 as a right-wing category, moving these left parties to (extremely) right-wing positions. Considering 305 a right-wing category is definitely problematic in Greece and we advise to use other estimates than the RILE to measure left-right positions in Greece.

Changes:

For the first time, we release data coded with the new version of the coding instructions/category scheme (version 5). This version contains new subcategories which are easily identifiable in the dataset as they contain an underscore (eg. per301_1). The first three digits indicate the main category to which they are related. The new coding instructions foresee that the new subcategories are used instead of the respective main categories. Currently, the new categories are aggregated into the former main categories according to the scheme below to ensure the over-time comparability of the dataset. So, scholars interested in long-time series can simply continue to use the existing main categories (per101-706, including eg. the RILE) as they did in the past and ignore the new categories. Scholars interested in the new categories should be aware that the respective main categories of the new subcategories are aggregates of the new categories (i.e. if one uses the main categories together with the new subcategories the per-variables will likely add up to more than 100%). For more information on the new coding scheme, please visit our website.

Coding Instructions Version 5 codes	Replaced categories Coding Instructions Version 4 and before
per103_1 state centred anti-imperialism per103_2 foreign financial influence -	per103 anti-imperialism
per201_1 freedom per201_2 human rights	per201 freedom & human rights
per202_1 democracy: general + per202_2 democracy: general -* per202_3 representative democracy + per202_4 direct democracy +	per202 democracy
per305_1 political authority: party competence per305_2 political authority: personal competence per305_3 political authority: strong government per305_4 transition: pre-democratic elites + per305_5 transition: pre-democratic elites - per305_6 rehabilitation and compensation	per305 political authority
per416_1 anti-growth economy + per416_2 sustainability +	per416 anti-growth economy +
per601_1 national way of life: general + per601_2 national way of life: immigration -	per601 national way of life +
per602_1 national way of life: general - per602_2 national way of life: immigration +	per602 national way of life -
per605_1 law and order + per605_2 law and order -*	per605 law and order +
per606_1 civic mindedness: general + per606_2 bottom-up activism	per606 civic mindedness +
per607_1 multiculturalism: general + per607_2 multiculturalism: immigrants diversity per607_3 multiculturalism: indigenous rights +	per607 multiculturalism +
per608_1 multiculturalism: general - per608_2 multiculturalism: immigrants assimilation per608_3 multiculturalism: indigenous rights -	per608 multiculturalism -
per703_1 agriculture and farmers + per703_2 agriculture and farmers -*	per703 agriculture +

To make data coded with version 5 comparable with data coded with former versions, the summed shares of the new subcategories can be aggregated to the share of the main category. *The only exceptions are the categories 202_2, 605_2 and 703_2 which have to be added to the uncoded sentences, as such issues were not covered in the handbook 4 category scheme and these sentences were thus previously coded as 000.

Replacement/Recoding of content analytical data:

German Green Party (41113 @ 2013): 26 quasi-sentences (of over 5000 in total) in the document were not counted correctly. Per categories, rile, etc. are corrected. The estimates hardly changed (eg. rile changed from -19.59 to -19.51)

Swiss EVP Protestant People Party (43530 @ 2003): All codes on the backside of this document were not counted. Per-categories changed quite a lot as the total number of quasi-sentences almost doubled (from 64 to 126).

Macedonia VMRO-DPMNE (89710 @ 2003): per-categories incorrectly indicated the frequencies of a wrong document. All per-categories and their aggregates were corrected. Per categories, rile, etc. changed significantly.

Smaller changes/corrections:

We changed the order of the variables in the dataset. The total and peruncod variable are now between the datasetorigin and the per101 variables.

Pro Patria and Res Publica Union (83611 @ 2007): progtpye corrected to 4

Party for the Animals (22951): party family code (parfam) corrected to 95 (special issue)

SGP Refomred Political Party (22952): party family code (parfam) corrected to 95 (special issue)

MARPOR Full Dataset 2014b: December 2014 Version

	whole election	Luxembourg 2013, Australia 2013, Armenia 2007, Georgia 1990, South Africa 2014, Mexico 2009/2012, Serbia 2014, Czech Republic 2013
new data	whole election – replacing existing data	Germany 1998 / 2002 All codings replaced by more recent recodings. The former coding of the Green party in 1998 was based on a bad proxy document (see Chapter on “Coder Training: Key to Enhancing Coding Reliability and Estimate Validity” for more details on the recoding). Therefore we replaced it. As we prefer (if possible) to provide data from the one coder for all parties from one election, we replaced the other data as well.
	single parties – additions and updating of missing data	Italy 2013 Added manifesto of the South Tyrolean People’s Party (32904)
		Turkey 2007 Added manifesto for Democratic Society Party (74326)
Macedonia Added manifesto for Democratic Union for Integration (89940:2011), Socialist Party of Macedonia (89320:2008), Democratic Party of Turks (89920:2006)		
changes	general changes	per301 The label of per301 was changed from federalism to decentralization to reflect more accurately the content of the category.
	on the election level	The edate variable for all elections from the update 2014a were wrong (by one day) and are corrected with this update. These concerns the following elections: Canada 2011 edate corrected France 2012 edate corrected New Zealand 2011 edate corrected Slovakia 1998 edate corrected Switzerland 2011 edate corrected Portugal 1979 edate corrected Iceland 2013 edate corrected

	Bulgaria 2013	edate corrected
	Macedonia 2002, 2006, 2008, 2011	edate corrected
	Romania 2012	edate corrected
	Mexico 2006	edate corrected
	South Africa 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009	edate corrected
	Lithuania 2008	Totseats was corrected from 70 to 141.
	Turkey 2011	corrected eumember-variable from 0 (no member) to 20 (applicant)
	Macedonia 2006, 2008 and 2011	eumember was corrected to 20 (eu applicant)
on the party level at one election point	Lithuania 2008	Abseats incorrectly indicated only the seats from the proportional tier. We corrected abseats to cover seats from the proportional and the majoritarian tier.
	Luxembourg 2004 / 2009	Codes 101 and 102 should not be used in Luxembourg, quasi-sentences with these codes were recoded which causes small changes in some per-categories. Partyid for the Green Party in 2004 and 2009 was corrected from 23114 to 23113.

MARPOR Full Dataset 2014a: August 2014 Version

new data	whole elections	Bulgaria 2013; Canada 2011; France 2012; Iceland 2013; Macedonia 2002/2006/2008/2011; Mexico 2006; New Zealand 2011; Romania 2012; South Africa 1994/1999/2004/2009; Switzerland 2011
changes	general changes	<p>The coding of missings was changed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Missing Information / Not Applicable is now coded as “.” for continuous variables (testresult, coderyear, pervote, presvote, absseat, totseats, perXXX, peruncod, total, rile, planeco, markeco, welfare, intpeace). <p>Missing data in categorical variables (parfam, coderid, manual, progtype) was not changed. It is still coded as 998 (not applicable) and 999/99 (missing information).</p> <p>The following observations were accidentally deleted with the 2013b version due to a programming error:</p> <p>New Clean Government Party (71530) 2003; New Clean Government Party (71530) 2005; New Conservative Party (71626) 2003; Peace and Democracy Party (74325) 2011; ZL Joint List Bloc (81899) 2000; United Opposition (National Council/Rights) (84041)2008; Bidzina Ivanishvili – Georgian Dream (84042) 2012; Republican Party of Georgia (84440) 2008; Christian-Democratic Movement (84530) 2008; SzDSz Alliance of Free Democrats (86422) 2002; FiDeSz-MPP/MDF Alliance (86429) 2002; Labour Party and Youth (88042) 2008; Liberal Movement (88450) 2008; Order and Justice (88460) 2008; Homeland Union (88621) 2008; National Resurrection Party (88630) 2008; Palikot's Movement (92440) 2011.</p> <p>All observations were reincorporated in this dataset version.</p> <p>We changed the country abbreviations in the label of the party variable to international iso standard abbreviations.</p>
corrections	On the election level	<p>Georgia 2003/2004</p> <p>The documents in the dataset coded as Georgia 2004 were mainly written for the election in 2003. We changed the election date, pervote, seats, etc. for most of these manifestos to the 2003 values. Moreover, we discovered some of the real 2004 manifestos and coded these documents as well (see above). But be aware that the 2003 election was annulated. In contrast to our general guideline to focus on (rather) democratic elections, we still provide data for this election for the simple reason that the data is already coded and it might be – despite the undemocratic character of the elections – be useful for researchers interested in Georgian politics.</p>

	<p>Bulgaria 1994, Slovakia 1998, Latvia 2002, Germany 1976/1980</p> <p>Greece 2004</p>	<p>edate was corrected.</p> <p>The incorrect usage of subcategory 6014 (Cyprus-issue) in three manifestos (34313, 34511 and 34210) was corrected. Note: per6014 should only be used in Cyprus. Sentences in this category were recoded to per101 and per102.</p>
<p>on the party level at one election</p>	<p>Front National 31720 (France 2002)</p> <p>DSP Democratic Left Party 74324 & ANAP Motherland Party 74623 (Turkey 2002)</p>	<p>pervote was corrected.</p> <p>We decided to drop both observations because both parties gained no seats at this election and both observations were only duplicates (proctype = 3) of the codings from 1999.</p>

MARPOR Full Dataset 2013b: December 2013 Version

new data	whole election	Australia 2010; Germany 2013; Greece 2004; Italy 2013; Lithuania 2012; Norway 2005; South Korea 2012; Switzerland 2007.	
	whole election – replacing estimates	Mexico 2003.	
	single parties	Hungary 2002	SZDSZ Alliance of Free Democrats (86422). (The old data was based on a partially coded document. The new data is based on the coding of the whole document.)
changes	general changes	party	spelling and correct wording of all labels checked and revised if appropriate.
		partyname	spelling and correct wording of all English party names checked and revised if appropriate.
		parfam	made constant over time for all parties. Parfam was coded inconsistently in a few cases mostly due to change from CMP to MARPOR and did not reflect real changes in party family affiliation.
		coderyear	set to 998 if the data is an estimate (progtype = 3) or if we are missing the data completely (progtype = 99).
		manual	set to 998 if the data is an estimate (progtype = 3) or if we are missing the data completely (progtype = 99).
		testresult	set to 998 if the data is an estimate (progtype = 3) or if we are missing the data completely (progtype = 99).
corrections	on the coder level	manual	corrected for a few cases.
	on the election level	UK 1992	totseats corrected.
		Croatia 2000	totseats, pervote and absseat corrected/recalculated and voteest changed to 1 where appropriate.
on the party level for all elections	Austrian Freedom Party 42420 (Austria)	parfam changed to national.	
	VMRO-DPMNE 89710 (Macedonia)	parfam changed to Christian democratic.	

<p>on the party level at one election point</p>	<p>Christian Social People's Party 23520 (Luxembourg 2004) per1013 changed to zero, quasi-sentences in this category recoded to per101.</p> <p>Republicans 61620 (USA 2012) per7062 changed to zero, quasi-sentences recoded to per706.</p> <p>Christian Democratic Union/Christian Social Union 41521 (Germany 2009) absseat corrected.</p> <p>FIDESZ-MDF Alliance 86429 (Hungary 2002) Alliance dropped. The observation only reported the data from the FIDESZ manifesto, which is already in the dataset as FIDESZ. pervote divided between FIDESZ and MDF according to the number of seats they won.</p>
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MARPOR Full Dataset 2013a: August 2013 Version

new data	whole election	Belgium 2010: Flemish parties; Georgia 2008, 2012; Lithuania 2008; Poland 2011; Turkey 2011; United States 2012.
changes	general changes	<p>eu Change of eu variable. The variable is now coded depending on the election. It is no longer reporting if a country was EU member at some point of time but if the country was member or applicant at the time of the specific election. See the codebook for more information. To make this change obvious the name of the variable changed to eumember.</p> <p>oecd Change of oecd variable. The variable is now coded depending on the election. It is no longer reporting if a country was OECD member as some point of time but if the country was member or applicant at the time of the specific election. See the codebook for more information. To make this change obvious the name of the variable changed to oecdmember.</p>
	on the coder level	<p>testresult corrected for a number of coders.</p> <p>manual corrected for a number of coders.</p>
corrections	on the election level	<p>Belgium 2010 month in edate corrected. month in date corrected.</p> <p>Hungary 1994-2010 totseats corrected. absseat corrected for a few parties.</p> <p>Italy 2001 totseats corrected.</p> <p>Lithuania 2004 totseats corrected.</p> <p>Luxembourg 2009 absseat corrected for four parties.</p>
	on the party level for all elections	<p>Lithuanian Peasant and Green Union 88081 (Lithuania) party code changed to 88820.</p> <p>New Zealand first Party (New Zealand) label corrected.</p>

	Maori Party (New Zealand)	label corrected.
	New Zealand Democratic Party (New Zealand)	label corrected.
on the party level at one election point	Basque Nationalist Party 33902 (Spain 2011)	parfam changed to regional (90).
	Catalan Republican Left 33905 (Spain 2011)	parfam changed to regional (90).
	Canarian Coalition 33907 (Spain 2011)	parfam changed to regional (90).
	Galician Nationalist Bloc 33908 (Spain 2011)	parfam changed to regional (90).
	Social Democratic Party 83320 (Estonia 2007 and 2011)	the party evolved out of an alliance that was already coded in 2003 under the code 83410. In 2007 the alliance formed a real party. In our dataset the code had then changed to 83320, which is the code of one of the founding members of the party. The code changed to the alliance code (83410).
	Vojvodinian Coalition 95951 (Serbia 1997)	party code changed to 95091. 95951 was the code of another Vojvodinian party.
	People's Democratic Party 89954 (Macedonia 1994 and 1998)	appeared with two party codes in the dataset, in 1990 it appeared in the dataset with its Albanian name (89952) and in 1994 and 1998 the same party appeared with its Macedonian name but a new code (89954). The party is now only listed as 89952.
	United Democratic Forces 80418 (Bulgaria 2001)	In 2001 the party appeared twice in the dataset, also with the same content analytical data. One of these cases was dropped (80418). Now the party appears only as 80411 in the dataset.
	Alliance for Mexico 171305 (Mexico 2000)	Before it appeared under the code of the Democratic Revolutionary Party (171305) which was just one of the members of the alliance. Now the alliance has its own code (171031).

Union of Peasants and New Democracy Party 88820 (Lithuania 2004)	absseat changed.
Bridge 96955 (Slovakia 2010)	absseat changed.
Unified Democratic Coalition 35229 (Portugal 2002 and 2005)	absseat and pervote changed.
Navarrese People's Union 33910 (Spain 2004 and 2008)	absseat changed.
Christian Democratic and Flemish 21521 (Belgium 2007)	absseat and pervote changed.
New Flemish Alliance 21916 (Belgium 2007)	absseat and pervote changed.

MARPOR Full Dataset 2012b: October 2012 Version

new data	whole election	Belgium 2007: Flemish parties; Denmark 2011; Finland 2011; Ireland 2011; Japan 2005; Norway 2009; Portugal 2011; Serbia 2012; Slovakia 2012; Slovenia 2011; Spain 2011; Turkey 2007.		
	whole election – replacing estimates	Japan 2003, Turkey 2002.		
	single parties	Hungary 2006	Alliance of Free Democrats (86422)	
		Italy 2008	Northern League (32720)	
		Lithuania 2004	Union of Peasants and New Democracy Party (88081)	
Luxembourg 2009		Déi Lenk (23230)		
Netherlands 2010	D66 (22330) and Christian Union (22526)			
changes	general changes	pervote	is changed to . if missing instead of 999 to avoid wrong total votes when adding up.	
		eu	changed eu applicant 2004 to eu applicant in general.	
corrections	on the country level	Croatia	eu changed to eu applicant.	
		Hungary	eu changed to eu member.	
		Iceland	eu changed to eu applicant.	
		Macedonia	eu changed to eu applicant.	
		Montenegro	eu changed to eu applicant.	
		Serbia	eu changed to eu applicant.	
on the election level	Finland 2007	day in edate corrected.		
	France 2007	month in date corrected.		

	Hungary 1998 and 2010	totseats corrected.
	Iceland 2009	month in date corrected.
	Japan 2003	month in date corrected.
	Lithuania 1996	totseats corrected.
	Lithuania 2004	absseat corrected for five parties.
	Macedonia 2002	dropped. It only reported one estimate on the basis of the 1998 data.
on the party level	Socialist Party Different (Belgium 2007)	parfam changed.
	Croatian People's Party 81430 (Croatia 2000, 2003 and 2007)	from 2000-2007 it was incorrectly reported under the code 81430, which belongs to another party. Now it has the correct code, which is 81712.
	Danish People's Party 13720 (Denmark 2005)	voteest changed.
	The Greens 23112 (Luxembourg 2004)	was incorrectly reported under the code 23112, which belongs to another party. Now it has the correct code, which is 23114.
	Maori Party 64951 (New Zealand 2005 and 2008)	was incorrectly reported under the code 64951, which belongs to another party. Now it has the correct code, which is 64901.
	Social Democratic Center-Popular Party 35995 (Portugal 2009)	was incorrectly reported under the code 35995, even though the party already had a code. Now it has the correct code, which is 35520.

MARPOR Full Dataset 2012a correction: May 2012 Version

corrections	on the country level	Czech Republic 2010	year in edate corrected (2009 to 2010).
		Iceland 2009	month in date corrected.
	on the party level	Italy 2009	data for the Northern League (32720) eliminated.

MARPOR Full Dataset 2012a: April 2012 Version

new data	whole election	Belgium 2007, 2010; Canada 2008; Croatia 2011; Estonia 2011; Iceland 2007, 2009; Italy 2008; Lithuania 2004; Moldova 2010; Netherlands 2006; Russia 2011; Serbia 2003, 2007; Slovakia 2010.		
	whole election – replacing estimates	Iceland 2003		
	single parties	Hungary 1994	Hungarian Social Democratic Party (86320)	
		Hungary 1998	Christian Democratic People’s Party (86522)	
		Hungary 2002	Hungarian Democratic Forum (86521) and Independent Smallholders’ Party (86810)	
Hungary 2006		Hungarian Social Democratic Party (86320)		
	Hungary 2010	Hungarian Social Democratic Party (86320)		
corrections	on the party level	Estonian Center Party 83411 (Estonia 1999)	coderid, coderyear and manual corrected.	

MARPOR Full Dataset 2011b: October 2011 Version

new data	whole election	Czech Republic 2010; Estonia 2007, Netherlands 2010.
corrections	on the election level	Sweden 2010 There had been a mistake in the frequencies, this was fixed, i.e. frequencies and indices corrected for all Swedish parties in 2010.

MARPOR Full Dataset 2011a: July 2011 Version

new data	whole election	Austria 2006, 2008; Czech Republic 2006; Finland 2007; Hungary 2006, 2010; Luxembourg 2004, 2009; Moldova 2009.	
	single parties	Austria 2002	Austrian Freedom Party (42420)
		Czech Republic 2002	Association for the Republic – Republican Party of Czechoslovakia (82710)
		Portugal 2009	Socialist Party (35311)
		Romania 1996	Greater Romania Party (93712)