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# Manifesto Project Primary Documents Dataset

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## 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

<b>Units</b>	parties at national elections	
<b>Number of countries</b>	52	
<b>Number of parties</b>	697	
<b>Number of elections</b>	310	
<b>Time period covered</b>	Various free and competitive elections between 1920 and 2014	
<b>Number of cases</b>	1498	
<b>Number of variables</b>	4	identification variables
	7	document information variables

### 3 Variables

#### 3.1 Identification Variables

<b>country</b>	MPDS code of the country
<b>year</b>	Year national election
<b>date</b>	Year and month of national election
<b>party</b>	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

<b>general_type</b>	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
<b>text_by_party</b>	Text written by party 0 No 1 Yes
<b>length_by_party</b>	Length determined by party 0 No 1 Yes
<b>policies_by_party</b>	Policies determined by party 0 No 1 Yes
<b>rel_election</b>	Document is related to an election 0 No 1 Yes
<b>broad_policies</b>	Document covers multiple policies 0 No 1 Yes

<b>cnt_documents</b>		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	104	0.86
12	Norway	113	94	0.83
13	Denmark	226	195	0.86
14	Finland	145	61	0.42
15	Iceland	101	91	0.90
21	Belgium	170	142	0.84
22	Netherlands	139	108	0.78
23	Luxembourg	75	58	0.77
31	France	106	86	0.81
32	Italy	167	139	0.83
33	Spain	118	73	0.62
34	Greece	71	30	0.42
35	Portugal	95	69	0.73
41	Germany	83	4	0.05
42	Austria	71	62	0.87
43	Switzerland	136	102	0.75
51	Great Britain	68	56	0.82
52	Northern Ireland	33	33	1.00
53	Ireland	93	76	0.82
54	Malta	4	2	0.50
55	Cyprus	22	6	0.27
61	United States	51	27	0.53
62	Canada	89	65	0.73
63	Australia	104	93	0.89
64	New Zealand	88	72	0.82
71	Japan	96	87	0.91
72	Israel	146	146	1.00
73	Sri Lanka	13	13	1.00
74	Turkey	60	53	0.88
75	Albania	38	14	0.37
76	Armenia	28	8	0.29
77	Azerbaijan	9	2	0.22
78	Belarus	8	0	0.00
79	Bosnia-Herzegovina	31	10	0.32
80	Bulgaria	46	10	0.22
81	Croatia	61	17	0.28
82	Czech Republic	54	5	0.09
83	Estonia	41	9	0.22
84	Georgia	50	10	0.20
85	German Democratic Republic	15	15	1.00
86	Hungary	48	14	0.29
87	Latvia	31	5	0.16
88	Lithuania	45	18	0.40
89	Macedonia	65	20	0.31
90	Moldova	23	8	0.35
91	Montenegro	24	5	0.21
92	Poland	60	10	0.17
93	Romania	46	16	0.35

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94	Russia	45	10	0.22
95	Serbia	69	11	0.16
96	Slovakia	60	10	0.17
97	Slovenia	56	14	0.25
98	Ukraine	45	9	0.20
113	South Korea	24	16	0.67
171	Mexico	85	12	0.14
181	South Africa	17	1	0.06

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