Anything Valuable? Party Support for Electoral System Change in OECD Countries

Codebook

Party = Party name in the CMP dataset

Country = Country three first letters and year the electoral reform proposal reached government's agenda

Status_quo = Variant of the of the status-quo electoral system

Proposal = Variant of the proposed electoral system

Direction_pr = Dummy accounting for whether the proposed electoral system is more inclusive (=1) or less inclusive (=0) than the status-quo electoral system (as discussed in the article)

Year = Year when the electoral reform proposal reached government's agenda

Position_pr_2 = Dummy accounting for whether the party supports the more inclusive electoral system (=1) or not (=0)

Officet0 = Dummy accounting for whether the party was part of the governing coalition when the electoral reform proposal reached the government's agenda

Eyear = Year of the election preceding the government's agenda-setting of the electoral reform proposal

Parfam = Tentative grouping of political parties and alliances into the following party families (as defined by CMP):

10= Ecologist
20= Communist
30= Socialist
40= Liberal
50= Christian-democratic
60= Conservative
70= Nationalist
80= Agrarian
90= Ethno-regionalist
95= Special issue
98= Electoral alliances of diverse origin without dominant party
99= Missing information

Pervote = Party vote share at the election preceding the government's agenda-setting of the electoral reform proposal

Absseat = Absolute number of seats held by each party or party bloc

Totseats = Total number of seats in parliament

Per305 = (CMP item) *Political Authority: Positive* Favorable mention of strong government, including government stability; manifesto party's competence to govern and/or other party's lack of such competence

Per401 = (CMP item) *Free Enterprise: Positive* Favorable mention of free enterprise capitalism;superiority of individual enterprise over state and control systems; favorable mention of private property rights, personal enterprise and initiative; need for unhampered individual enterprises

Per402 = (CMP item) *Incentives: Positive* Need for wage and tax policies to induce enterprise; encouragement to start enterprises; need for financial and other incentives such as subsidies

Per403 = (CMP item) *Market Regulation: Positive* Need for regulations designed to make private enterprises work better; actions against monopolies and trusts, and in defense of consumer and small business; encouraging economic competition; social market economy

Per404 = (CMP item) *Economic Planning: Positive* Favorable mention of long-standing economic planning of a consultative or indicative nature, need for government to create such a plan

Per406 = (CMP item) *Protectionism: Positive* Favourable mention of extension or maintenance of tariffs to protect internal markets; other domestic economic protectionism such as quota restrictions

Per407 = *(CMP item) Protectionism: Negative* Support for the concept of free trade; otherwise as

Per406, but negative

Per412 = (CMP item) *Controlled Economy: Positive* General need for direct government control of economy; control over prices, wages, rents, etc; state intervention into the economic system

Per413 = (CMP item) *Nationalization: Positive* Favorable mention of government ownership, partial or complete, including government ownership of land

Per414 = (CMP item) *Economic Orthodoxy: Positive* 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.

Per504 = (CMP item) *Welfare State Expansion: Positive* Favorable mention 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

Per505 = (CMP item) *Welfare State Limitation: Positive* Limiting expenditure on social services or social security; otherwise as **Per504**, but negative

Per505 = (CMP item) *Education Expansion: Positive* Need to expand and/or improve educational provision at all levels.

Per701 = (CMP item) *Labour Groups: Positive* Favorable reference to labour groups, working class, unemployed; support for trade unions; good treatment of employees

Per702 = (CMP item) *Labour Groups: Negative* Abuse of power by trade unions; otherwise as

Per701, but negative.

Per703 = (CMP item) *Farmers: Positive* Support for agriculture and farmers; any policy aimed specifically at benefiting these

Per704 = (CMP item) *Middle Class and Professional Groups: Positive* Favorable reference to middle class, professional groups, such as physicians or lawyers; old and new middle class

Per705 = (CMP item) *Underprivileged Minority Groups: Positive* Favorable reference to underprivileged minorities who are defined neither in economic nor in demographic terms, e.g. the handicapped, homosexuals, immigrants, etc

Per706 = (CMP item) *Non-economic Demographic Groups: Positive* Favorable mention of, or need for, assistance to women, the elderly, young people, linguistic groups, etc; special interest groups of all kinds

Country_num = Equivalent to **Country** with a numeric coding

Left_family = Dummy accounting for whether the party belongs to one of those party families (based on **Parfam**): Socialist, Communist, Ecologist

Right_family = Dummy accounting for whether the party belongs to one of those party families (based on **Parfam**): Conservative, Christian-democratic, Nationalist

Per301 = (CMP item) *Decentralization: Positive* Support for federalism or devolution; more regional autonomy for policy or economy; support for keeping up local and regional customs and symbols; favorable mention of special consideration for local areas; deference to local expertise