Codebook for the ParlText Hungarian Laws database

This dataset contains information on the laws published in Hungary from 8 May 1990 to 30 December 2024, with 5031 observations. The source of the data is the CAP Hungary database. The dataset contains the following variables:

law_ID: The unique identifier of the law. It is composed of the two-digit ISO country code, 'L' for laws, the year of official publications and the official record number under which the law was published. For example, HU_L_2013_00208 for the Hungarian law published in 2013 under the official law number 208.

law_link: Link to the law text on the website of the CAP Hungary Project.

law_text: Full text of the law.

electoral_cycle: The electoral cycle during which the law was published.

year_published: The year of the law's publication.

number_published: Record number under which the law was published.

date_published: The date of the law's publication (YYYY-MM-DD).

law_title: The title of the law.

bill_ID: The unique identifier of the bill whose accepted version the law is. It is composed of the two-digit ISO country code, 'B' for bills, the starting year of the electoral cycle in which the bill was introduced, and the official record number under which the bill was introduced. For example, HU_B_2002_18888 for the Hungarian bill introduced in the electoral cycle started in 2002 under the official record number 18888.

major_topic: The policy content of the bills coded based on the methodology of the Comparative Agendas Project (https://comparativeagendas.net/pages/master-codebook). The

codes are mutually exclusive, all-encompassing, and all laws are classified into one category. The codes mean the following policy content of the law:

1 – Macroeconomics

2 – Civil rights

3 – Health

4 – Agriculture

5 – Labour

6 – Education

7 – Environment

8 – Energy

9 – Immigration

10 – Transportation

12 – Law and crime

13 – Social welfare

14 – Housing

15 – Domestic commerce

16 – Defence

17 – Technology

18 – Foreign trade

19 – Foreign affairs

20 – Government operations

21 – Public lands

23 – Culture

999 – No policy content

subtopic: The more precise policy content of the bills coded based on the methodology of the Comparative Agendas Project (https://comparativeagendas.net/pages/master-codebook). The codes are mutually exclusive, all-encompassing, and all laws are classified into one category. The list of codes is available on the link above.