Codebook for the ParlText Czech Laws database

This dataset contains information on the laws published in Czechia (or the Czech Republic within Czechoslovakia until 1992) from 10 July 1990 to 22 December 2023, with 3214 observations. The source of the data is the ASPI legal 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, CZ_L_1999_00349 for the Czech law published in 1999 under the official law number 349.

law_link: Link to the law text on the ASPI legal database website.

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, CZ_B_1993_00473 for the Czech bill introduced in the electoral cycle started in 1993 under the official record number 473.
This variable is available only from 1993. The missing value for the laws published before is 9999.

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