Codebook for the ParlText Slovak Laws database

This dataset contains information on the laws published within Slovakia (or the Slovak Republic within Czechoslovakia until 1992) from 4 December 1990 to 28 February 2024, with 4205 observations. The source of the data is the Slov-Lex 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, SK_L_1997_0151 for the Slovak law published in 1997 under the official law number 151.

law_link: Link to the law text on the website of the Slov-Lex legal database.

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_passed: The date when the law was passed by the Slovak legislature (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, SK_B_2016_00258 for the Slovak bill introduced in the electoral cycle started in 2016 under the official record number 258.
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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