Codebook for the ParlText Polish Laws database

This dataset contains information on the laws published in Poland from 23 December 1991 to 30 August 2023, with 4807 observations. The source of the data is the official website of the Sejm.
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, PL_L_1999_00875 for the Polish law published in 1999 under the official law number 875.

law_link: Link to the law text on the official website of the Sejm.

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, PL_B_1993_0062 for the Polish bill introduced in the electoral cycle started in 1993 under the official record number 62.
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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