Codebook

This codebook describes the datasets of party platforms of 321 parties in 14 countries in 59 elections from 1980 to 2000 used in:

Bräuninger/Giger. 2016. Strategic ambiguity of party positions in multiparty competition, Political Science Research and Methods (forthcoming).

Dataset: Braeuninger_Giger_2016.dta
Format: Stata 11

Variable	**Variable label**	**Description**
countryname	country name	Country name
country	country ID	Country ID (CMP country code)
countrynew	party system ID	Party system ID (CMP country code except for Belgium-Wallonia (211) and Belgium-Flanders (212)
year	election year	Election year
partyname	party name	Party name
party	party ID	Party ID
y4	Wordscore mean	Wordscore (mean) estimate of party manifesto
sd4	Wordscore standard deviation	Standard deviation of wordscore estimate of party manifesto
N_scored4	N.scored	Percentage of scored words
N_all4	N.all	Total number of scored words
pervote	percent of vote	Percentage of votes in election
meanvoter	(mean) meanvoter	Mean voter on Left-Right (Eurobarometer)
meanpartyvoter	(mean) meanpartyvoter	Mean party voter on Left-Right (Eurobarometer)
nicheparty	niche party recode from parfam	Niche party: communist, green and nationalist parties (dummy)
share_rile	share of CMP rile categories	CMP left-right category statements as a share of all coded quasi-sentences
niche_rile	niche party recode from share_rile	Niche party: parties with CMP left-right category statements less or equal 37.5% (dummy)
min	minimal distance	Distance of party platform mean to platform mean of next neighboring party
govpart	government party	Government party (dummy)