Minding (your own and) Others' Business:
Assigning Co-Responsibility in Cabinet Decisions

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Codebook

id: Unique decision ID

DecisionTitle: Decision title

DecisionDate: Decision date

year: Decision year

Government: Cabinet number

BudgetAppropriation: Binary, have budget appropriations been made for the decision

NewProgram: Binary, is a new comprehensive program in place

majorIL: Major topic, CAP-IL codebook

minorIL: Minor topic, CAP-IL codebook

Ministry_Code: The code of the primary responsible ministry

1 - Defence, 2-Public Safety, 3-Economy, 4-Agriculture, 5-Tourism, 6-Communication, 7-Envieronment, 8-Education, 9-Welfare, 10-Health, 11 – Immigration, 12- Science, 13-Finance, 14, Prime Minister Office, 15 – Foreign Affairs, 16 – Justice, 17 – Interior, 18- Transportation, 19 – Energy, 20 – Housing

No_responsible: Number of ministries assigned as responsible for the decision (including the primary responsible ministry)

Minister_Code: Code of the primary responsible minister

Minister: Name of the primary responsible minister

Noseats: The number of seats the party received in the last elections

PartyPM: Binary, is the primary responsible minister is from the prime minister's party

RivalJM: Binary, does the primary responsible minister has a junior minister from a rival party assigned

Coresponsibility: Binary, 1 id the decision has more than one minister assigned as responsible

PM_Elect: Binary, is the decision made during the period when direct elections to the prime minister were in place

Seatshare: Share of the seats the party of the primary responsible minister received in the last elections

Partyrival: Binary, 1 if the co-responsible minister is from a different party than the primary responsible minister

RILE: Left-Right ideological scores as calculated by the CMP project

RILEGOV: Left-Right ideological score of the government calculated as the average of the RILE scores of the parties in each cabinet weighted by their seat share

diffRILE: Absolute difference between the RILE score of each minister and of the government

gov_range_av: Ideological cohesion calculated as the average of the differences between the RILE score of the minister and of the government.

z_gov_range_av: Standardized ideological cohesion

Saliency: Binary, 1 if the ministry primary responsible for the decision is salient to the party of the primary responsible minister

Coresponsibility_no_MOF: Binary, 1 if there are co-responsible ministers excluding decisions where the only co-responsible minister is the Minister of Finance

CMPdecision: The party's ideological position on the issue of the decision based on CMP scores. See Appendix C for more details.

CMPgov: The government ideological position on the issue of the decision calculated as the weighted average of the position on the issue of all parties in government

CMPdifference: Absolute difference between CMPdecision and CMPgov

PartyLeader: Binary. Coded 1 if the primary responsible minister is the party leader