Representation of Partisan, Territorial, and Institutional Interests in Second Chambers: Evidence from the German Bundesrat and its Committees

CODEBOOK

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Description
bw	Baden-Württemberg
by	Bavaria
be	Berlin
bb	Brandenburg
hb	Bremen
hh	Hamburg
he	Hessia
mv	Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania
ni	Lower Saxony
nw	North Rhine-Westphalia
rp	Rhineland-Palatinate
sl	Saarland
st	Saxony-Anhalt
sn	Saxony
sh	Schleswig-Holstein
th	Thuringia
spd	Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD)
cdu	Christian Democratic Union of Germany (CDU)
csu	Christian Social Union in Bavaria (CSU)
fdp	Free Democratic Party (FDP)
green	Alliance 90/The Greens
left	The Left
west	Western Länder
east	Eastern Länder
don	donor Länder in the fiscal equalization scheme
rec	receiver Länder in the fiscal equalization scheme
area	area states
city	city states

DEFINITIONS AND FURTHER EXPLANATIONS

Party Line	These are understood as an a priori coordinated position, promoted by the Länder whose committee members share the same political party affiliation, in any non-unanimous committee decision. There (i) must be at least two representatives of different Länder, but the same political party involved in the voting procedure (thus the political party has at least two votes) and (ii) at least 70 percent of these Länder opt for the identical position in the voting procedure ("yes", "no", "abstention").

Territorial Alliances	Alliances of the Länder due to common, structural territorial features that lead to the following conflict constellations: eastern vs. western Länder, donor vs. receiver in the fiscal equalization scheme, and city vs. area states. The political lines of the territorial alliances are coneptualized as the party lines.
Manifestations of variables in italics	The variable could not be coded or the conditions to compute the variable were not fulfilled.

VARIABLES

Name	**Description**	**Manifestations**
committee	Committee, in which the decision was made	1 = Agricultural Policy and Consumer Protection 2 = Labour, Integration and Social Policy 3 = European Union Questions 4 = Family and Senior Citizen Affairs 5 = Women and Youth 6 = Finance 7 = Health 8 = Internal Affairs 9 = Cultural Affairs 10 = Legal Affairs 11 = Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety 12 = Transport 13 = Economic Affairs 14 = Urban Development, Housing and Regional Planning
number	Meeting number, consecutive numeration based on the protocol	For example: 552
date	Date of the meeting	For example: 06.09.1993
year	Year of the meeting	For example: 1993
doc_number	Document number (Bundesrat)	For example: 590/93 (the 590th document that the Bundesrat has dealt with in the year 1993)
leg_proc	Legislative procedure, always based on a motion by one Land or a group of Länder	101 = „no objection“ to draft bill 102 = opinion on draft bill 103 = endorsement of consent bill 104 = endorsement of objection bill 105 = call for the Mediation Committee 106 = reasons to call for the Mediation Committee 201 = endorsement of decree 202 = change of decree 301 = endorsement of administrative provision 302 = change of administrative provision 401 = notice of federal government report 402 = opinion on federal government report 501 = approval of federal billing 601 = endorsement of resolution 602 = change of resolution 701 = endorsement of legislative initiative by the Bundesrat

		702 = change of legislative initiative by the Bundesrat 801 = endorsement of draft decree by the Bundesrat 802 = change of draft decree by the Bundesrat 901 = notice of EU policy proposal 902 = opinion on EU policy proposal 1001 = personnel decision 1101 = deferral 1102 = sub-committee 1103 = statement that bill needs consent of the Bundesrat 1104 = other points of order 1201 = objection against another committee recommendation 1300 = refrain from recommendation
id_vot	Original ID for each case in the dataset: committee number-meeting number-document number/number based on the order of voting procedures as documented in the committee protocol[1]	The third decision related to document 33/94 in the 560th committee meeting of the Committee on Agricultural Policy and Consumer Protection has the following ID: 1-560-33/94/3
unanimous	Unanimous decision	0 = false 1 = true
vot_bw, vot_by, …, vot_th	Position of the Land	1 = yes 2 = no 3 = abstention *-99 = not voted*
bw_part_1, bw_part_2, bw_part_3, by_part_1, …, th_part_3	Political party affiliation of committee member(s)	1 = SPD 2 = CDU/CSU 3 = FDP 4 = Grüne 5 = Linke 6 = Sonstige *-99 = no representative*[2]
spd_line	Party line of Länder, whose representatives are affiliated with the SPD	0 = no party line 1 = party line „yes“ 2 = party line “no” 3 = party line “abstention” *-88 = unanimous decision* *-99 = less than two representatives*
cdu_line	Party line of Länder, whose representatives are affiliated with the CDU/CSU	0 = no party line 1 = party line „yes“ 2 = party line “no” 3 = party line “abstention”

[1] Decisions which are made via (electronic) polls, the meeting number is missing in the ID. It then takes the following form: „7--45/12/1“.

[2] Between 1991 and 2013, there is a maximum of three committee members with different political party affiliations named by one Land. Normally, there is only one committee member for one Land. Then, the variable displays for the other two members the value “-99”.

		-88 = unanimous decision *-99 = less than two representatives*
fdp_line	Party line of Länder, whose representatives are affiliated with the FDP	0 = no party line 1 = party line „yes“ 2 = party line “no” 3 = party line “abstention” *-88 = unanimous decision* *-99 = less than two representatives*
green_line	Party line of Länder, whose representatives are affiliated with the Greens	0 = no party line 1 = party line „yes“ 2 = party line “no” 3 = party line “abstention” *-88 = unanimous decision* *-99 = less than two representatives*
left_line	Party line of Länder, whose representatives are affiliated with The Left	0 = no party line 1 = party line „yes“ 2 = party line “no” 3 = party line “abstention” *-88 = unanimous decision* *-99 = less than two representatives*
conflict_spdcdu, conflict_spdfdp, conflict_spdgreen, conflict_spdleft, …, conflict_greenleft	party conflict for each possible party dyad (= opposing party lines)	0 = no conflict (both party lines possible) 1 = conflict *-88 = unanimous decision* *-99 = conflict not possible (at least one party line not possible)*
west_line, east_line, don_line, rec_line, area_line, city_line	political line of territorial alliances	0 = no territorial alliance 1 = territorial alliance line „yes“ 2 = territorial alliance line “no” 3 = territorial alliance line “abstention” *-88 = unanimous decision*
conflict_westeast, conflict_donrec, conflict_areacity	territorial alliance conflict (=lines of the respective territorial alliances)	0 = no conflict 1 = conflict *-88 = unanimous decision*
dec_type	Decision-making types	1 = institutionally driven consensus 2 = territorial bargaining 3 = party politics
rom	Majority in the Bundesrat plenary	1 = G-Länder absolute 2 = G-Länder relative 3 = O-Länder absolute 4 = O-Länder relative 5 = M-Länder absolute 6 = M-Länder relative
inv_per	Investigation periods (dataset)	1 = 27.10.1998 - 06.04.1999 2 = 22.11.2005 - 07.11.2006 3 = 29.10.2008 - 04.02.2009 4 = 28.10.2009 - 13.07.2010 5 = 11.12.1991 - 10.06.1992 6 = 07.04.1999 - 30.09.1999

		7 = 14.07.2010 - 15.12.2010 8 = 12.11.1997 - 26.10.1998 9 = 01.11.2004 - 21.11.2005 10 = 11.06.1992 - 16.08.1993 11 = 17.08.1993 - 14.12.1993 12 = 01.10.1999 - 31.12.2000 13 = 12.05.2011 - 25.06.2012 14 = 05.02.2009 - 27.10.2009 15 = 15.12.1993 - 21.07.1994