Codebook: Dataset of Party Positions on Economic Issue Areas

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The dataset primarily includes data that was collected by the ERC Project "Political Conflict in Europe in the Shadow of the Great Recession (POLCON)" (Project ID: 338875). Other data were collected as control variables for the analysis. The dataset contains the following variables:

1. country: country in which the election took place
2. year: year in which the election took place
3. party: political party
4. party_family: party family to which the party belongs
5. elec: dummy variable that takes a value of 1 if the election was the second election in a given year and country, otherwise the value is 0
6. election: type of election (4 = pre-crisis election, 3 = first crisis election, 2, second, crisis election, 1 = third crisis election)
7. crisis: dummy variable that takes a value of 1 if the election took place during the crisis (2009-2015), otherwise the value is 0
8. prop_all: share of sentences in which the party addressed all economic issues during the electoral campaign (Source: POLCON)
9. mean_wel: average position of the party on welfare (Source: POLCON)
10. N_wel: share of sentences in which the party addressed all issues relating to welfare during the electoral campaign (Source: POLCON)
11. mean_eco: average position of the party on economic liberalism (Source: POLCON)

12. N_eco: share of sentences in which the party addressed issues relating to economic liberalism during the electoral campaign (Source: POLCON)
13. mean_eco: average position of the party on economic liberalism (Source: POLCON)
14. N_eco: share of sentences in which the party addresses all issues relating to budgetary rigour during the electoral campaign (Source: POLCON)
15. wm: weighted mean of party positions on all three economic issue categories
16. growth_1: gdp growth rate in the year prior to the election (Source: Eurostat)
17. inflation_1: inflation rate in the year prior to the election in the country (Source: Eurostat)
18. unempl_total_1: unemployment rate in the year prior to the election (Source: Eurostat)
19. deficit_1: government budget deficit in the year prior to the election (Source: Eurostat)
20. debt_1: government debt in the year year prior to the election (Source: Eurostat)
21. growth: gdp growth rate in the year of the election (Source: Eurostat)
22. inflation: inflation rate in the year of the election (Source: Eurostat)
23. unempl_total: unemployment rate in the year of the election (Source: Eurostat)
24. deficit: government budget deficit in the year of the election (Source: Eurostat)
25. debt: government debt in the year year of the election (Source: Eurostat)
26. gov: dummy variable that takes a value of 1 if the party was in government, otherwise the value is 0
27. pm: dummy variable that takes a value of 1 if the prime minister was from the party, otherwise the value is 0
28. austria: dummy variables that takes a value of 1 if the country is austria, otherwise the value is 0
29. france: dummy variables that takes a value of 1 if the country is france, otherwise the value is 0
30. germany: dummy variables that takes a value of 1 if the country is germany, otherwise the value is 0
31. netherlands: dummy variables that takes a value of 1 if the country is netherlands, otherwise the value is 0
32. switzerland: dummy variables that takes a value of 1 if the country is switzerland, otherwise the value is 0
33. uk: dummy variables that takes a value of 1 if the country is uk, otherwise the value is 0
34. greece: dummy variables that takes a value of 1 if the country is greece, otherwise the value is 0

35. italy: dummy variables that takes a value of 1 if the country is italy, otherwise the value is 0
36. portugal: dummy variables that takes a value of 1 if the country is portugal, otherwise the value is 0
37. spain: dummy variables that takes a value of 1 if the country is spain, otherwise the value is 0
38. ireland: dummy variables that takes a value of 1 if the country is ireland, otherwise the value is 0