Codebook

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The database was created for the following paper:

> Abel Bojar, Björn Bremer, Hanspeter Kriesi, and Chendi Wang. Forthcoming. The Effect of Austerity Packages on Government Popularity during the Great Recession. *British Journal of Political Science*.

It consists of two separate files:

1. **austeritypaper_bjps.dta**
2. **mits_greece.dta**

austeritypaper_bjps.dta includes pooled data on vote intention in 15 European countries prior and during the Great Recession[1]. It includes country series from 2005 to 2015.

mits_greece.dta includes data on vote intention in Greece and four austerity packages that we included in the pooled file for Greece: the First bailout (May, 2010), the Mid-term Adjustment Programme (June, 2011), the Second Bailout (February, 2012), and the Third Bailout (July, 2015).

Dataset for pooled analysis:

1. **country** = ISO code for the country.
2. **countryid** = numeric code for the country.
3. **country1** = numeric encoded ISO for the country.
4. **trend** = year month.
5. **voteintention_cabinet** = raw vote intention series of cabinets.
6. **voteintention_pmparty** = raw vote intention series of prime minister's parties.
7. **voteintention_fmparty** = raw vote intention series of finance minister's parties.

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[1]The 15 European countries that are included in the database are the following: Austria, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, and UK.

8. vi_csipolate = raw vote intention series of cabinets (natural cubic spline interpolation for gaps).

9. vipm_csipolate = raw vote intention series of prime minister's parties (natural cubic spline interpolation for gaps).

10. vifm_csipolate = raw vote intention series of finance minister's parties (natural cubic spline interpolation for gaps).

11. voteintention_cabinet_filtered = filtered vote intention series of cabinets.

12. voteintentionpm_filtered = filtered vote intention series of prime minister's parties.

13. voteintentionfm_filtered = filtered vote intention series of finance minister's parties.

14. vicab_raw_diff = differenced (interpolated) vote intention series of cabinets.

15. vipm_raw_diff = differenced (interpolated) vote intention series of cabinets.

16. vifm_raw_diff = differenced (interpolated) vote intention series of cabinets.

17. austerity_6m = dummy variable for austerity announcement. The variable takes the value 1 in the month with an austerity announcement and stays at 1 in the next five months; otherwise the variable takes the value 0.

18. austerity_3m = dummy variable for austerity announcement. The variable takes the value 1 in the month with an austerity announcement and stays at 1 in the next two months; otherwise the variable takes the value 0.

19. austerity_12m = dummy variable for austerity announcement. The variable takes the value 1 in the month with an austerity announcement and stays at 1 in the next eleven months; otherwise the variable takes the value 0.

20. dunemployment_yoy = year on year change of unemployment.

Source: based on monthly unemployment data from Eurostat (une_rt_m)

21. retail = monthly retail sales volume.

Source: based on monthly volume of sales in wholesale and retail trade data from Eurostat (sts_trtu_m)

22. imf = dummy variable that measures whether there is external involvement associated with austerity episodes. The variable takes the value 1 for austerity episodes introduced as a part of conditionality following external intervention and 0 otherwise.

23. popw_econ_public = number of public economic protest events (weighted by population size) in a month.[2]

24. honeymoon = dummy variable for honeymoon period. The variable takes the value 1 in the month when a new government comes to power and stays at 1 in the next two months; otherwise the variable takes the value 0.

[2]Note: For more information on this dataset please refer to Kriesi et al. (forthcoming).

25. cabinetleft = the portfolio shares of left-wing members in the cabinet. The variable ranges from 0 to 100, with 100 representing all members in the cabinet are from left-wing parties.

Source: Hallitukset

26. season = seasonal dummies

27. govts = government dummies

28. electioncounter = linear electoral cycle trend

29. electioncounter2 = quadratic electoral cycle trend

Dataset for analysis of Greek case:

1. trend1 = linear trend

2. year = year

3. month = month

4. voteintention_cabinet_filtered = filtered vote intention series of cabinets.

5. austerity_6m = dummy variable for austerity announcement. The variable takes the value 1 in the month with an austerity announcement and stays at 1 in the next five months; otherwise the variable takes the value 0.

6. austerity_3m = dummy variable for austerity announcement. The variable takes the value 1 in the month with an austerity announcement and stays at 1 in the next two months; otherwise the variable takes the value 0.

7. austerity_12m = dummy variable for austerity announcement. The variable takes the value 1 in the month with an austerity announcement and stays at 1 in the next eleven months; otherwise the variable takes the value 0.

8. firstbailout_step = dummy variable for the First bailout (May, 2010). The variable takes the value 1 in the month with the First bailout announcement and stays at 1 in the next five months; otherwise the variable takes the value 0.

9. midterm_step = dummy variable for the Mid-term Adjustment Programme (June, 2011). The variable takes the value 1 in the month with the Mid-term Adjustment Programme announcement and stays at 1 in the next five months; otherwise the variable takes the value 0.

10. secondbailout_step = dummy variable for the Second Bailout (February, 2012). The variable takes the value 1 in the month with the Second Bailout announcement and stays at 1 in the next five months; otherwise the variable takes the value 0.

11. thirdbailout_level = dummy variable for the Third Bailout (July, 2015). The variable takes the value 1 in the month with the Third Bailout announcement and stays at 1 in the next five months; otherwise the variable takes the value 0.

Refernces

Kriesi, Hanspeter, Jasmine Lorenzini, Bruno Wüest, and Silja Häusermann, eds. 2020 *Contention in Times of Crisis: Recession and Political Protest in Thirty European Countries.* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.