Code		Files	Items
Patronage		**144**	**905**
Concept of patronage		43	59
allocation of public offices by political parties		19	30
clientelist relationship		2	2
concept of patronage is not clear		3	3
discretionary distribution of posts		8	8
distribution of posts by merit-based criteria		0	0
distribution of posts by non-merit criteria		11	11
distribution of public jobs by political criteria		2	2
distribution of public jobs to allies		11	14
exchange of goods for electoral support		4	6
patron-client relationships		7	8
pork-barrel allocations		1	1
selection by political leaders		2	2
Patronage goals	Based on Bearfield's typology (2009) and bibliometrics research.	19	54
Control over the government	It includes not only control over policies but also linkages with the State (Di Mascio, 2014) and control over state resources (usually connected with party-building). It refers to control over bureaucrats, agencies, policies, or government resources (Kopecký & Mair, 2012)	15	32
Creation of political organisations	Similar to the first one, it is related to creating or strengthening political organisations, such as parties, by employing state resources	2	2
Democratic goals	Patronage directed at achieving democratic or egalitarian goals. It refers to providing equal access to public jobs through patronage (Bearfield, 2009)	0	0
Policy goals	It is related to the implementation of policies.	5	7
Political support or loyalty	The purpose is gaining political support	15	27

Reforms	According to Bearfield (2019), patronage might aim to reform the system by replacing former corrupted officials.	2	2
Reward to partisans or allies	Refers to compensation to partisans or allies, either in exchange (related to the previous one) for future support or reward for previous work (Bersch et al., 2022; Brassiolo et al., 2020)	12	21
Value of patronage		17	59
Benefits	General benefits for society, democracy, or state performance.	9	16
Costs	Costs related to service delivery or state performance.	11	15
Rent-seeking benefits	Self-regarding individual benefits.	5	5
Views on patronage		29	110
Negative	Criticism to patronage based upon its alleged links with corruption, clientelism, or poor service delivery.	26	41
Positive		9	20