German Bundestag Lobbylist Dataset (LOBBYLIST)

Variable Codebook

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Reference:

All works which use or refer to these data should cite at least one of the following references:

> *Klüver, Heike. 2019. "The Survival of Interest Groups: Evidence from Germany." West European Politics 43(7): 1436–54.*
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> *Klüver, Heike. 2020. "Setting the Party Agenda: Interest Groups, Voters and Issue Attention." British Journal of Political Science 50(3): 979–1000.*

Overview:

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Description of variables included in the LOBBYLIST Dataset

Units	Interest groups registered at the German Bundestag
Number of cases	62,246 (3617)
Time period covered	1974-2014
Number of variables	7 *identification variables* *4 sector variables* *10 address variables* *9 type variables* *7 Incentive variables* *7 Other variables*
Data Source	The lobbylist of the German Bundestag as released in the "Bundesanzeiger".
	Variables extracted from lobbying register
year	year in which interest group registered
id	unique interest group identifier
number	running number in yearly interest group register
name	interest group name
shortform	short form of interest group name
postcode	postcode of interest group residence in yearly register
members	membership numbers of the interest group in yearly register

affilorg	number of affiliated organizations in yearly interest group register
	Sector variables
pagenda1	main category of the "Policy Agendas Topic Codebook"(PAC) of the US Policy Agendas Project that covers policy sectors. Pagenda1 covers 23 major topics**.**
pagenda2	240 subtopics of the policy sectors
isic1	main category of the "International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities" employed by the United Nations that covers economic sectors. Isic1 covers 21 major topics.
isic2	88 subtopics of the economic sectors
	Type variables Type variables relate to organizational characteristics and behavioral definitions
type	group type of registered interest group 10 Business groups - 11 umbrella associations - 12 sectoral business associations 20 Professional groups/Occupational associations 30 Chambers 40 Trade Unions 50 Firms 60 Institutional Associations 70 Leisure associations 80 Identity groups - 81 Patients - 82 Elderly - 83 Students - 84 Racial or ethnic groups - 85 Handicapped - 86 Gender

	- 87 Sexual orientation - 88 Other identity groups 90 Cause groups - 91 Environment and animal welfare - 92 Humanitarian - 93 Consumer - 94 Social welfare - 95 Education - 96 Peace - 97 Church/religious groups - 98 Other cause groups 100 Other groups
membership	membership structure of interest group 0 No members 1 Human members 2 Firms 3 Public institutions 4 Other associations 5 Mixed membership 6 Other
umbrella	umbrella association 0 No 1 Yes
	Address variables
website	website address of interest group
pers_address	address of contact person
surname	surname of contact person
firstname	first name of contact person
email	email address of contact person
street	street of interest group residence
zip	current postcode of interest group according to website (status 12/2015)
city	city of interest group residence

country	country of interest group residence
phone	phone number of interest group residence