Prime Ministers in Europe. Changing Career Experiences and Profiles

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The dataset contains career and sociodemographic data on prime ministers in Europe starting with 1945 or the respective democratization years of European countries (prime minister Winston Churchill was also included despite his earlier investiture). The dataset includes one observation for each prime minister and tracks career data until their first time of investiture into office. Additional variables track prime ministers governance of different types of government, interruptions and overall time in office. This data has been tracked past their first investiture into office until the last year of observation (2019).

All gathered information in this dataset has come from a variety of sources: ParlGov, ERD, and official government websites or prime ministers personal websites. Presidential power measures are taken from: Doyle, David and Robert Elgie. 2015. Maximizing the reliability of cross-national measures of presidential power. British Journal of Political Science. Prime ministers institutional powers have been collected from Bergman et al. (2013: 186-188, 2019: 535).

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER VAR 1

Individual ID, country ID plus *n*th prime minister of country

Ordered by first democratic prime minister in office after 1945

PM NAME VAR 2

Name of Prime Minister

COUNTRY VAR 3

1 Austria
2 Belgium
3 Bulgaria
4 Croatia
5 Czech Republic
6 Denmark
7 Estonia

8 Finland
9 France
10 Germany
11 Greece
12 Hungary
13 Ireland
14 Italy
15 Latvia
16 Lithuania
17 Netherlands
18 Norway
19 Poland
20 Portugal
21 Romania
22 Slovakia
23 Slovenia
24 Spain
25 Sweden
26 United Kingdom

SEX VAR 4

1 female
2 male

AGE VAR 5

Age when entering office as PM for the first time (in years)

OCCUPATION (First) VAR 6

1 blue collar employee (factory worker / operative)
2 cadre / engineer / technician
3 industry / business
4 capital market / banking
5 legal profession (lawyer/judge)
6 journalist / media/artist
7 teacher
8 university teacher / lecturer / professor or equivalent
9 civil servant
10 political consultant
11 full-time politician
12 full-time union official
-1 not known
-66 other

OCCUPATION WHEN ENTERING OFFICE AS PM FOR THE FIRST TIME VAR 7

1 blue collar employee (factory worker / operative)
2 cadre / engineer / technician
3 industry / business
4 capital market / banking
5 legal profession (lawyer/judge)
6 journalist / media/artist

7 teacher
university teacher / lecturer / professor or
8 equivalent
9 civil servant
10 political consultant
11 full-time politician
12 full-time union official
-1 not known
-66 other
-88 not available
-99 not applicable

UNIVERSITY DEGREE VAR 8

1 agriculture, forestry
2 medicine / psychology

3 biology / chemistry / biotechnology
mathematics / physics /
4 informatics/geosciences
5 engineering
6 architecture
7 paedagogics/teaching

8 languages / philology / literature/art/music
9 history / philosophy
10 theology
11 political science / sociology
12 journalism
economics / business administration /
13 finance
14 law / public administration
15 mixed title
-1 not known
-66 other
-88 not available
-99 not applicable

MEMBER OF POLITICAL ASSEMBLY – LOCAL/REGIONAL AND/OR LOCAL_ EXECUTIVE_ EXPERIENCE VAR 9

0 no
1 yes, head
2 yes, member
3 yes, both
-1 not known
-66 other
-88 not available
-99 not applicable

MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL PARLIAMENT WHEN ENTERING OFFICE AS PM (FIRST CHAMBER) VAR 10

0 no

1 yes
-66 other
-88 not available
-99 not applicable

DURATION AS MEMBER OF NATIONAL PARLIAMENT PRIOR TO BECOMING PM (FIRST CHAMBER) VAR 11

Total duration (continuous or discontinuous); in months

-88 not available

PARTY HEAD PRIOR TO BECOMING PM VAR 12

0 no
1 yes (national)
-1 not known
-66 other
-88 not available

OFFICE HELD IN NATIONAL INTEREST GROUPS PRIOR TO BECOMING PM (HEAD) VAR 13

0 no
1 yes, in union
2 yes, in employers organization
3 yes, in interest group (others)
4 yes, in more than one of the above
-1 not known
-66 other
-88 not available

SENIOR CIVIL SERVANT, PRIOR TO BECOMING PM VAR 14

0 no
1 yes
-1 not known
-66 other
-88 not available

MEMBER OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISE PRIOR TO BECOMING PM VAR 15

0 no
1 yes
-1 6
-66 other
-88 not available

Member of PRIVATE ENTERPRISE PRIOR TO BECOMING PM VAR 16

0 no
1 yes

-1 not known
-66 other
-88 not available

Member of INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION PRIOR TO BECOMING PM VAR 17

0 no
1 yes
-1 not known
-66 other
-88 not available

Member of EUROPEAN INSTITUTION PRIOR TO BECOMING PM VAR 18

0 no
1 yes
-1 not known
-66 other
-88 not available

AMBASSADOR / DIPLOMAT PRIOR TO BECOMING PM VAR 19

0 no
1 yes, ambassador
2 yes, diplomat (or consul)
3 yes, both
-1 not known
-66 other
-88 not available
-99 not applicable

REASON FOR LEAVING PM POSITION (First PM period only) VAR 20

0 end of term: conclusive
1 end of term: returning immediately
2 end of term: returning at later point
3 other
-1 not known
-88 not available
-99 not applicable

PM DURATION (TOTAL) VAR 21

Total Period (1-N) number of months

PM PARTY FAMILY VAR 22

1 Communist
2 Social Democrat
3 Green
4 Liberal

5 Conservative
6 Christian Democrats
7 Agrarian
8 Right-wing and nationalists
-66 other
-99 not applicable

MINISTERIAL POST HELD PRIOR TO BECOMING PM
finance / treasury VAR 23
0 no
1 yes
-1 not known
-88 not available

MINISTERIAL POST HELD PRIOR TO BECOMING PM
economy VAR 24
0 no
1 yes
-1 not known
-88 not available

MINISTERIAL POST HELD PRIOR TO BECOMING PM
justice VAR 25
0 no
1 yes
-1 not known
-88 not available

MINISTERIAL POST HELD PRIOR TO BECOMING PM
foreign affairs VAR 26
0 no
1 yes
-1 not known
-88 not available

MINISTERIAL POST HELD PRIOR TO BECOMING PM
defence VAR 27
0 no
1 yes
-1 not known
-88 not available

MINISTERIAL POST HELD PRIOR TO BECOMING PM
interior VAR 28
0 no
1 yes
-1 not known
-88 not available

MINISTERIAL POST HELD PRIOR TO BECOMING PM labor/social affairs VAR 29

0 no
1 yes
-1 not known
-88 not available

MINISTERIAL POST HELD PRIOR TO BECOMING PM european affairs VAR 30

0 no
1 yes
-1 not known
-88 not available

MINISTERIAL POST HELD PRIOR TO BECOMING PM other VAR 31

0 no
1 yes
-1 not known
-88 not available

TOTAL NUMBER OF MINISTERIAL POST HELD PRIOR TO BECOMING PM VAR 32

Total number (N)

TOTAL DURATION OF MINISTERIAL POSTS VAR 33

Total period (number of months)

OPPOSITION LEADER OF PARLIAMENTARY PARTY PRIOR TO BECOMING PM (FIRST CHAMBER) VAR 34

0 No
1 Yes
-1 Not known
-88 Not available

PARTY LEADER WHILE BEING PM VAR 35

0 No
1 Yes (predominantly)
-1 Not known
-88 Not applicable

NUMBER OF TERMS (CABINETS) IN OFFICE AS PM **VAR 36**
Numerical (1-N)

NUMBER OF SINGLE PARTY MAJORITY GOVERNMENTS THAT PM DIRECTED **VAR 37**
Numerical (1-N)

NUMBER OF MINIMAL WINNING COALITION GOVERNMENTS THAT PM DIRECTED **VAR 38**
Numerical (1-N)

NUMBER OF SURPLUS COALITION GOVERNMENTS THAT PM DIRECTED **VAR 39**
Numerical (1-N)

NUMBER OF SINGLE PARTY MINORITY GOVERNMENTS THAT PM DIRECTED **VAR 40**
Numerical (1-N)

NUMBER OF MULTI PARTY MINORITY GOVERNMENTS THAT PM DIRECTED **VAR 41**
Numerical (1-N)

NUMBER OF CARETAKER GOVERNMENTS THAT PM DIRECTED **VAR 42**
Numerical (1-N)

WESTERN / CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE
Western_Central_Europe_VAR43 **VAR 43**

1	Western Europe
2	Central and Eastern Europe

OCCUPATION FIRST CATEGORIES
Occupation_combined_VAR44 **VAR 44**

1	(university) teacher
2	Civil servants
3	Full-time politicians
4	Legal professionals
5	Business / Banking
6	Political consultant
7	Other
-88	not available

FULL-TIME-POLITICIANS
Full_time_politicians_VAR45 **VAR 45**

1	Full-time-politicians
2	Other
-88	not available

UNIVERSITY DEGREE CATEGORIES
University_Degree_combined_VAR46 **VAR 46**

1 Natural sciences / mechanical engineers
2 Humanities
3 Economics / Law
4 Mixed title

MEMBER OF POLITICAL ASSEMBLY
Member_of_Political_Assembly_VAR47 VAR 47
0 No
1 Yes

TOTAL DURATION AS MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT IN YEARS
Duration_Parliament_Years_VAR48 VAR 48
-99 Not Known

OFFICE HELD IN NATIONAL INTEREST GROUPS
Office_Held_National_Groups_VAR_49 VAR 49
0 No
1 Yes

AMBASSADOR / DIPLOMAT
Ambassador_Diplomat_VAR50 VAR 50
0 No
1 Yes

PM DURATION IN CATEGORIES
PM_Duration_Years_VAR51 VAR 51
1 Duration below 1 year
2 Duration between 1-3 years
3 Duration between3-4 years
4 Duration between 4-6 years
5 Duration between 6-8 years
6 Above 8 years

TOTAL DURATION OF MINISTERIAL POSTS IN YEARS
Duration_Ministerial_posts_Years_VAR52 VAR 52
Total period in years

PM POLITICAL EXPERIENCE CAPITAL BY TYPES
PM_Political_Experience_Capital_VAR53 VAR53
Party Head, Member Parliament, Member
1 Cabinet

2 Party Head, Member Parliament
3 Party Head, Member Cabinet
4 Party Head
5 Member Cabinet
6 Member Parliament

7 Member Cabinet, Member Parliament
8 None

PM DURING COUNTRY TRANSITION

PM_During_Country_Transition_VAR54	VAR54
0	No
1	Yes
-88	Not applicable

REGIME TYPE

Regime_Type_VAR55	VAR55
1	Parliamentary
2	Semi-Presidential

PM INSIDER OUTSIDER

Insider_Outsider_VAR56	VAR56
1	Party Head, Member Parliament, Member Cabinet
2	Party Head, Member Parliament
3	Party Head, Member Cabinet
4	Member Cabinet, Member Parliament
5	Party Head
6	Member Parliament
7	Member Cabinet, Party Member
8	Member Cabinet, no Party Member
9	None

Party Politics Insider

Insider_VAR57	VAR57
0	No
1	Yes

Interruptions_VAR58	VAR58
numerical	Total Number of Interruptions between Terms as Prime Minister

PM Held Party Leadership Prior to PM Office, but not while being Prime Minister

Lost_Party_Leadership_VAR59	VAR59
0	No
1	Yes
-88	Not applicable

Year of first Election into Office

Year_Taken_Office_VAR60	VAR60
numerical	Year when taken office as PM for the first time

Decades West Europe VAR61

Decade of PM Main Activity

1945-1960	**1**
1961-1970	**2**
1971-1980	**3**
1981-1990	**4**
1991-2000	**5**
2001-2010	**6**
2011-2018	**7**

Decades South Europe VAR62

Decade of PM Main Activity

1974-1980	**1**
1981-1990	**2**
1991-2000	**3**
2001-2010	**4**
2011-2018	**5**

Decades Central Europe VAR63

Decade of PM Main Activity

1989-2000	**1**
2001-2010	**2**
2011-2018	**3**

Currently Holding Office VAR64

0	No
1	Yes

Duration as Party Head prior to becoming PM for the first time Var65

Total duration (continuous or discontinuous); in months

-99	not applicable (instead of 0, as 0 means less than one month, but still PH before PM)
-88	not available

Decade when entering office for the first time VAR66

Before 1960	1
1961-1970	2
1971-1980	3
1981-1990	4
1991-2000	5
2001-2010	6
2011-2020	7

Held low prestige ministerial office, prior to investiture VAR67

0	no
1	yes

Held high prestige ministerial office, prior to investiture **VAR68**

0 no
1 yes

Direct presidential election/ Semi-presidential system **VAR69**

0 Parliamentary System
1 Semi-presidential system

Prime Ministerial Power Index **VAR70**

numerical

Prime Minister Agenda Setting Power **VAR71**

0 No control over the cabinet agenda
1 Control over the cabinet agenda

Duration as Member of the European Parliament prior to entering office, in months **VAR72**

Total duration continious in months

Duration as Member of the European Commission prior to entering office, in months **VAR73**

Total duration continious in months

Party-Principal Type Score **VAR74**

numerical — Regression score prediction from factor analysis.

Party-Agent Type Score **VAR75**

numerical — Regression score prediction from factor analysis.

Presidential power 1 (Prespow1, mean method) **VAR76**

numerical — Doyle & Elgie 2015 measure of presidential power

Presidential power 2 (Prespow2, matrix method) **VAR77**

numerical — Doyle & Elgie 2015 measure of presidential power

Technical experience index **VAR78**

Likert scale — Ordinal measure of prime ministers technical experience

Total national political experience **VAR79**

numerical — Sum of standardised duration as party head, member of parliament, cabinet minister

Name of European position (var18) **VAR80**

string — Name of the position