## Codebook for "Voter Responses to Austerity"

| Variable | Dataset | Description | Values |
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| ResponseId | Both | Unique ID for each respondent | -- |
| RecordedDate | Both | Date/time respondent filled in the survey | -- |
| Q16_1 | Both | Self-positioning of respondent on left-right axis.<br><br>**Question asked**: In politics people sometimes talk of left and right. Where would you place yourself on the following scale? | 0 (extreme left) to 10 (extreme right) |
| Q1010 | Both | Monthly household income. The increments are based on the country specific increments used in the European Social Survey (see ESS8 Appendix A2 Income).<br><br>**Question asked:** If you add up the income from all sources, what is your household's total net income per month? | 1 to 10, where 1 represents the lowest category and 10 the highest category. |
| age | Both | Age (in years)<br><br>**Question asked**: What is your age? | Continuous variable |
| gender | Both | Gender<br><br>**Question asked:** Are you male or female? | 1 = male, 0 = female |
| eisced | Both | Level of education.<br><br>Variable has been constructed based on country specific questions modeled after the education questions used in the European Social Survey. Country specific categories were then recoded into the variable included in this dataset using the instructions given in the ESS documentation (ESS8 Appendix A1 Education). | 1 = less than lower secondary<br>2 = lower secondary<br>3 = lower tier upper secondary<br>4 = upper tier upper secondary<br>5 = advanced vocational, sub-degree<br>6 = lower tertiary education, BA level<br>7 = higher tertiary (MA, PhD)<br>55 = other |
| E2Vignettes | Vignette | Treatment variable representing the three different scenarios (for a detailed description of the wording of the three scenarios see the online Appendix, section A5.1). | 1 = Tax increases<br>2 = Cuts in spending<br>3 = Status quo (no action taken) |
| E2app | Vignette | Level of policy approval, given policy treatment.<br><br>**Question asked**: To what extent would you approve this announcement?<br>For analyses, scale is reversed. | 1 = Strongly approve<br>2 = Somewhat approve<br>3 = Neither nor<br>4 = Somewhat disapprove<br>5 = Strongly disapprove |
| E2vote | Vignette | Vote Intention given policy treatment.<br><br>**Question asked**: Would you vote for the prime minister after this announcement?<br>For the analyses, the variable has been recoded into: 0 = no, 1 = yes. | 1 = Yes<br>2 = No |
| vote_gov | Vignette | Dummy variable, whether the respondent voted for the prime minister party in the previous election | 1 = respondent voted for prime minister party<br>0 = respondent voted for any other party |

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| E5task | Conjoint | Takes values 1 to 5 as each respondent has been exposed to five different conjoint screens. Each screen included two policy packages, with one being proposed by a conservative and the other being proposed by a leftist party, respectively. | |
| platform | Conjoint | Type of party proposing the policy package. Variable taking two values, as policy proposals came either from a conservative or a leftist party.<br><br>(for a detailed description of the Conjoint experiment see online Appendix section 5.2) | 1 = conservative<br>2 = leftist |
| leftid | Conjoint | Party identification: Dummy variable, if the respondent identifies with the dominant central left party in the given country. **Question asked**: Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as Labour, Conservative, Liberal Democrat, or what?<br>Dominant center left party in Germany: SPD; in Spain: PSOE; in Portugal: Socialists, in the UK: Labour; in Italy: Partito Democratico. | 0 = no (all other parties)<br>1 = yes |
| health_rec | Conjoint | Spending cuts to public health care | Small = 1<br>Large = 2 |
| pension_rec | Conjoint | Spending cuts to public pension | Small = 1<br>Large = 2 |
| educ_rec | Conjoint | Spending cuts on education | Small = 1<br>Large = 2 |
| unemp_rec | Conjoint | Spending cuts on unemployment benefits | Small = 1<br>Large = 2 |
| infra_rec | Conjoint | Spending cuts on public infrastructure | Small = 1<br>Large = 2 |
| tax_rec | Conjoint | Tax increases | None =1<br>Across the board = 2<br>For the wealthy only = 3 |
| id | Conjoint | Individual responder identification code. Used to cluster errors in conjoint. | |
| weighttoess | Both | Population weights. For a detailed description of the way the weights were constructed, see the online appendix (section X). | -- |