# Codebook for ”When Do Citizens Consider Political Parties Legitimate?”

Note: in all files, missing data is reported by NA.

**PartyLeg_crosssec.csv**

Note: This dataset is based on survey data and in long format.

| **variable** | **description** |
|---|---|
| X | personal identifier for each respondent, automatically generated |
| CID | Personal identifier for each respondent, original |
| Leg_01 | Perceived party legitimacy index<br><br>Numeric: 0-1 |
| Leg_SameRights | Evaluation of need to grant party the same rights<br><br>Numeric: 0-1 |
| Leg_DiscussProposals | Evaluation of need to discuss party’s proposals<br><br>Numeric: 0-1 |
| Leg_AcceptDecisions | Evaluation of need to accept party’s decision<br><br>Numeric: 0-1 |
| Trust_01 | Institutional trust index<br><br>Numeric: 0-1 |
| DemBeh_01 | Perceived democratic behaviour index<br><br>Numeric: 0-1 |
| Sympathy | Sympathy for the party<br><br>Survey question: “1 dislike very much” – “7 like very much” |
| VoteProbability | Voting probability for the party in %<br><br>Survey question: 0-100 |
| wFactor | Survey weight, generated by Gallup |
| PartyName | Abbreviations of party names |
| CountryName | Country names |

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| | Categories: “Denmark”, “France”, “Germany”, “Netherlands”, “Portugal”, “Spain”, “UK” |
| ComplyLaws | Party’s perceived compliance with laws<br><br>Categories in survey questionnaire: “1 Is willing to ignore laws and regulations” – “7 Will comply with laws and regulations under all circumstances” |
| EndorseDemo | Party’s perceived level of endorsement of democratic practices<br><br>Categories in survey questionnaire: “1 challenges current democratic practices” – “7 endorses current democratic practices” |
| Party | Numerical identifier for each party |
| COUNTRY | Numerical identifier for each party |
| female | Respondents’ reported female gender<br><br>Categories: 1 (yes), 0 (no) |
| Age | Respondents’ reported age |
| Edu_o | Respondents’ reported educational status, based on survey question asking about the age when respondents stopped full-time education<br><br>Categories: “low” (<16), “medium” (16-19), “high” (>19) |
| Extremity_SelfLRN | Respondents’ ideological extremity, based on survey question asking about ideological self-placement on a 5-point scale<br><br>Categories: “centre”, “moderate left/right”, “left/right wing” |
| gov_exp | Party’s experience in government<br><br>Categories: “no”, “yes” |
| newer_party | Party’s age<br><br>Categories: “new”, “old” |
| IdeolModeration_LR | Party’s ideological left-right moderation<br><br>Numerical: 0-5 |
| Q13_101 | Respondents’ reported level of trust in Parliament |

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| | Categories: “1 no trust at all” – “7 completely trust” |
| Q13_102 | Respondents’ reported level of trust in politicians<br><br>Categories: “1 no trust at all” – “7 completely trust” |
| Q13_103 | Respondents’ reported level of trust in political parties<br><br>Categories: “1 no trust at all” – “7 completely trust” |
| Q13_104 | Respondents’ reported level of trust in EU Parliament<br><br>Categories: “1 no trust at all” – “7 completely trust” |
| IdeolModeration_GT | Party’s ideological left-right moderation<br><br>Numerical: 0-5 |

**PartyLeg_exp.csv**

Note: this dataset is based on survey data.

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| Leg_01 | Perceived party legitimacy index<br><br>Numeric: 0-1 |
| Leg_SameRights | Evaluation of need to grant party the same rights<br><br>Numeric: 0-1 |
| Leg_DiscussProposals | Evaluation of need to discuss party’s proposals<br><br>Numeric: 0-1 |
| Leg_AcceptDecisions | Evaluation of need to accept party’s decision<br><br>Numeric: 0-1 |
| treat_ideol | Ideological position of the party, experimental treatment<br><br>Categories: “centre”, “centre left”, “centre right”, “left wing”, “right wing” |

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| treat_mod | Ideological moderation of the party, based on 5-level experimental treatment<br><br>Categories: “centre”, “moderate left/right”, “left/right wing” |
| treat_demo | Democratic behavior of the party, experimental treatment<br><br>Categories: “pro-democratic”, “anti-democratic” |
| PercDemnorm | Party’s perceived level of endorsement of democratic practices<br><br>Categories in survey questionnaire: “1 challenges current democratic practices” – “7 endorses current democratic practices” |
| threat | Respondents’ perceptions of party posing a threat to democracy (reversed coding)<br><br>Categories in survey questionnaire: “1 it will pose a real threat to democracy if in power” – “7 it will definitely not pose a threat to democracy if in power” |
| PercIdeol | Party’s perceived ideological position (reversed coding)<br><br>Categories: “1 right wing”, “2 centre right”, “3 centre”, “4 centre left”, “5 left wing” |

**PartyLeg_pilot.csv**

Note: this dataset is based on survey data.

| **variable** | **description** |
|---|---|
| X | personal identifier for each respondent, automatically generated |
| treat_ideol | Ideological position of the party, experimental treatment<br><br>Categories: “centre”, “centre left”, “centre right”, “left wing”, “right wing” |
| PercIdeol_a | Party’s perceived ideological position in first article (reversed coding)<br><br>Categories: “1 right wing”, “2 centre right”, “3 centre”, “4 centre left”, “5 left wing” |

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| PercIdeol_b | Party's perceived ideological position in second article (reversed coding)<br><br>Categories: "1 right wing", "2 centre right", "3 centre", "4 centre left", "5 left wing" |
| PercIdeol_c | Party's perceived ideological position in third article (reversed coding)<br><br>Categories: "1 right wing", "2 centre right", "3 centre", "4 centre left", "5 left wing" |
| PercIdeol_d | Party's perceived ideological position in fourth article (reversed coding)<br><br>Categories: "1 right wing", "2 centre right", "3 centre", "4 centre left", "5 left wing" |
| treat_demo | Democratic behavior of the party, experimental treatment<br><br>Categories: "pro-democratic", "anti-democratic" |
| PercDemo_a | Party's perceived level of endorsement of democratic practices in first article<br><br>Categories in survey questionnaire: "1 challenges current democratic practices" – "7 endorses current democratic practices" |
| PercDemo_b | Party's perceived level of endorsement of democratic practices in second article<br><br>Categories in survey questionnaire: "1 challenges current democratic practices" – "7 endorses current democratic practices" |
| PercDemo_c | Party's perceived level of endorsement of democratic practices in third article<br><br>Categories in survey questionnaire: "1 challenges current democratic practices" – "7 endorses current democratic practices" |
| PercDemo_d | Party's perceived level of endorsement of democratic practices in fourth article<br><br>Categories in survey questionnaire: "1 challenges current democratic practices" – "7 endorses current democratic practices" |