Coalition Governments in Western Europe
(Coalition variables v001x-v280x, not v114x-v279x)

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Publications using this data should acknowledge in writing that the information comes from the *Parliamentary Democracy Data Archive* and the two books (C1 and D&A) listed below:

First (C1), the paperback edition of Coalition Governments in Western Europe (2003) edited by Wolfgang C. Müller and Kaare Strøm, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

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Note that the data set does not include the ministry portfolio data (v115x-v279x). That data is to be published separately within the data archive.

Also note that (D&A) variables 269x-280x are from the country tables (Table 1) in the country chapters *Delegation and Accountability in Parliamentary Democracies* (2003, paperback 2006), edited by Kaare Strøm, Wolfgang C. Müller, and Torbjörn Bergman, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Non applicable (N.A.) is coded as 88888. Missing data is coded as blank or 99999.

To use the information coded by political party, you will need the *Party code book*, also published in the data archive.

Coalition I

Tab	Variable	Label	Code
3	v001x	Country	01= Austria, 02=Belgium, 03=Denmark, 04=Finland, 05=France, 06=Germany, 07=Greece, 08=Iceland, 09=Ireland,10=Italy, 11=Luxembourg, 12= the Netherlands, 13=Norway, 14=Portugal, 15=Spain, 16=Sweden, 17=United Kingdom
	v002x	Cabinetcode	First digits=countrycode, Second digit=cabinetcode
	v003x	Cabinet	
	v004x	Date in	
	v005x	Date out	
	v006x	Decade by date of formation	40=1940-1949, 50=1950-1959, 60=1960-1969 and so on…
	v007x	Maximum possible duration (days)	
	v008x	Duration (days)	
	v009x	Relative duration	Duration in days divided by maximum possible duration
	v010x	Relative duration 100%	0=No, 1=Yes
	v011x	Cabinet composition	
	v012x	Non partisan cabinet	0=no, 1=yes
	v013x	No of cabinet parties	
	v014x	Coalition	0=No coalition, 1=Coalition
	v015x	Cabinet majority (50%+1)	0=No, 1=Yes
	v016x	Cabinet surplus majority	0=No, 1=Yes
	v017x	Does the cabinet represent the start of a new government	0=No, 1=Yes, 3=non partisan cabinet

1a	v018x	Proximity to election, popularly elected / lower chamber, Coal 1-book *This variable is organized by government; there can be multiple cabinets for each government. It is a replica of the C1 book tables.	F=Cabinet immediately following an election. E=Cabinet ended by an election. FE=Cabinet immediately following an election and ended by the next election, N=neither immediately following or ended by an election
	v019x	Proximity to election, popularly elected /lower chamber, cabinet (updated) *This variable is v018x but re-organized by cabinet. This is the variable consistent with the unit of analysis in this dataset.	F=Cabinet immediately following an election. E=Cabinet ended by an election. FE=Cabinet immediately following an election and ended by the next election, N=neither immediately following or ended by an election
	v020x	Party seats lower chamber, Party 1	
	v021x	Party seats lower chamber, Party 2	
	v022x	Party seats lower chamber, Party 3	
	v023x	Party seats lower chamber, Party 4	
	v024x	Party seats lower chamber, Party 5	
	v025x	Party seats lower chamber, Party 6	
	v026x	Party seats lower chamber, Party 7	
	v027x	Party seats lower chamber, Party 8	
	v028x	Party seats lower chamber, Party 9	
	v029x	Party seats lower chamber, Party 10	
	v030x	Party seats lower chamber, Party 11	
	v031x	Party seats lower chamber, Party 12	
	v032x	Party seats lower chamber, Party 13	
	v033x	Party seats lower chamber, Party 14	
	v034x	Party seats lower chamber, Party 15	
	v035x	Party seats lower chamber, Party 16	
	v036x	Party seats lower chamber, Party 17	
	v037x	Party seats lower chamber, Party 18	
	v038x	Party seats lower chamber, Party 19	
	v039x	Party seats lower chamber, Party 20	
	v040x	Party seats lower chamber, Party 21	
	v041x	Party seats lower chamber, Party 22	
	v042x	Party seats lower chamber, Party 23	
	v043x	Party seats lower chamber, Party 24	
	v044x	Party seats lower chamber, Party 25	
	v045x	Party of the median legislator, first dimension	Party label
	v046x	Total no. of seats, lower chamber	
	v047x	Cabinet strength, lower chamber	
	v048x	Cabinet share of seats	Cabinet strength divided by total no of seats in parliament
	v049x	Effective no. of parliamentary parties, lower chamber	
	v050x	Party of the median legislator, second policy dimension, lower chamber	Party label

1b	v051x	Proximity to election, upper chamber, Coal 1-book *This variable is organized by government; there can be multiple cabinets for each government. It is a replica of the C1 book tables.	F=Cabinet immediately following an election. E=Cabinet ended by an election. FE=Cabinet immediately following an election and ended by the next election, N=neither immediately following or ended by an election
	v052x	Proximity to election, upper chamber, cabinet *This variable is v051x but re-organized by cabinet. This is the variable consistent with the unit of analysis in this dataset.	F=Cabinet immediately following an election. E=Cabinet ended by an election. FE=Cabinet immediately following an election and ended by the next election, N=neither immediately following or ended by an election
	v053x	Party seats upper chamber, party 1	
	v054x	Party seats upper chamber, party 2	
	v055x	Party seats upper chamber, party 3	
	v056x	Party seats upper chamber, party 4	
	v057x	Party seats upper chamber, party 5	
	v058x	Party seats upper chamber, party 6	
	v059x	Party seats upper chamber, party 7	
	v060x	Party seats upper chamber, party 8	
	v061x	Party seats upper chamber, party 9	
	v062x	Party seats upper chamber, party 10	
	v063x	Party seats upper chamber, party 11	
	v064x	Party seats upper chamber, party 12	
	v065x	Party seats upper chamber, party 13	
	v066x	Party seats upper chamber, party 14	
	v067x	Party seats upper chamber, party 15	

	v068x	Party seats upper chamber, party 16	
	v069x	Party seats upper chamber, party 17	
	v070x	Party seats upper chamber, party 18	
	v071x	Party seats upper chamber, party 19	
	v072x	Party seats upper chamber, party 20	
	v073x	Party seats upper chamber, party 21	
	v074x	Party seats upper chamber, party 22	
	v075x	Party seats upper chamber, party 23	
	v076x	Party seats upper chamber, party 24	
	v077x	Party seats upper chamber, party 25	
	v078x	Total no. of seats, upper chamber	
	v079x	Cabinet strength, upper chamber	
	v080x	Effective no of parliamentary parties, upper chamber	
	v081x	Party of the median legislator, first policy dimension, upper chamber	Party label
	v082x	Party of the median legislator, second policy dimension, upper chamber	Party label

2	v083x	No of parties in parliament	
	v084x	No of inconclusive bargaining rounds	
	v085x	Parties involved in first inconclusive bargaining round	Party labels
	v086x	Parties involved in second inconclusive bargaining round	Party labels
	v087x	Parties involved in third inconclusive bargaining round	Party labels
	v088x	Parties involved in fourth inconclusive bargaining round	Party labels
	v089x	Parties involved in fifth inconclusive bargaining round	Party labels
	v090x	Parties involved in sixth inconclusive bargaining round	Party labels
	v091x	Parties involved in seventh inconclusive bargaining round	Party labels
	v092x	Parties involved in eighth inconclusive bargaining round	Party labels
	v093x	Parties involved in ninth inconclusive bargaining round	Party labels
	v094x	Parties involved in tenth inconclusive bargaining round	Party labels
	v095x	No of days required in cabinet formation	Days of bargaining

4	v096x	Coalition agreement	N=No written coal agreement. PRE=Preelectoral written coal agreement. POST= Postelectoral written coal agreement. IE=Written agreement not immediately following elections. PRE,POST=Pre- and postelectoral written agreement
	v097x	Coalition agreement	0=N, 1=PRE, 2=POST, 3=IE, 4=PRE,POST
	v098x	Agreement public	0=No, 1=Yes
	v099x	Election rule	0=No, 1=Yes
	v100x	Management mechanism	IC=Inner cabinet, CaC=Cabinet committee(s), CoC=Coalition committee, Parl=Parliamentary leaders, Pca=Combination of cabinet members and parliamentarians, PS=Party summit, O=Other
	v101x	The most common conflict management mechanism	IC=Inner cabinet, CaC=Cabinet committee(s), CoC=Coalition committee, Parl=Parliamentary leaders, Pca=Combination of cabinet members and parliamentarians, PS=Party summit, O=Other
	V102x	The conflict management mechanism used for the most serious conflicts	IC=Inner cabinet, CaC=Cabinet committee(s), CoC=Coalition committee, Parl=Parliamentary leaders, Pca=Combination of cabinet members and parliamentarians, PS=Party summit, O=Other
	v103x	Coalition discipline in legislation	1=Yes always. 2=Yes, on all policies except those explicitly exempted. 3=No, except those policies explicitly specified. 4=No
	v104x	Coalition discipline in other parliamentary behavior	1=Yes always. 2=Yes, on all policies except those explicitly exempted. 3=No, except those policies explicitly specified. 4=No
	v105x	Freedom of appointment	0=No (=subject to coalition approval/veto), 1=Yes
	v106x	Policy agreement (coalition agreement)	0=No explicit agreement. 1=On few selected policies. 2=On a variety of issues, but not comprehensive. 3= Comprehensive policy platform
	v107x	Junior ministers included in agreement	0=No, 1=Yes
	v108x	Non-cabinet positions included in agreement	0=No, 1=Yes

5	v109x	Size of agreement (approx. words)	

	v110x	General procedural rules (in %)	
	v111x	Policy specific procedural rule (in %)	
	v112x	Distribution of offices (in %)	
	v113x	Distribution of competences (in %)	
	v114x	Policies (in %)	

7	v218x	Cabinet termination, technical: regular parliamentary election	0=No, 1=Yes
	v219x	Cabinet termination, technical: Other Constitutional reason	0=No, 1=Yes
	v220x	Cabinet termination, technical: Death of PM	0=No, 1=Yes
	v221x	Cabinet termination, behavioral / discretionary: Early parliamentary election	0=No, 1=Yes *v221x is from the country specialists; this is the variable that goes with Table 8 of C1. For a cross-national definition of early elections see v279x.
	v222x	Cabinet termination, behavioral / discretionary: Voluntary enlargement of coalition	0=No, 1=Yes
	v223x	Cabinet termination, behavioral / discretionary: Cabinet defeat in parliament	0=No, 1=Yes
	v224x	Cabinet termination, behavioral / discretionary: Conflict between coalition parties, policy	0=No, 1=Yes
	v225x	Cabinet termination, behavioral / discretionary: Conflict between coalition parties, personal	0=No, 1=Yes
	v226x	Cabinet termination, behavioral / discretionary: Conflict between coalition parties, parties involved	Party labels
	v227x	Cabinet termination, behavioral / discretionary: Intra party conflict	0=No, 1=Yes
	v228x	Cabinet termination, behavioral / discretionary: Intra party conflict, party involved	Party labels
	v229x	Type of conflict	L=Conflict in national party leadership. NL=Conflict between united national party leadership and non-leaders. LNL=Conflict in national party leadership involving non-leaders.
	v230x	Terminal events: Non-parliamentary elections	0=No, 1=Yes
	v231x	Terminal events: Popular opinion shock	0=No, 1=Yes
	v232x	Terminal events: International or national security event	0=No, 1=Yes
	v233x	Terminal events: Economic event	0=No, 1=Yes
	v234x	Terminal events: Personal event	0=No, 1=Yes
	v235x	Policy area dominant	0=No, 1=Yes
	v236x	Ministry involved	Ministry-code
	v237x	Description of dominant policy area	Summarized in one word
	v238x	If technical resignation/ termination?	0=No, 1=Yes
	v239x	Cabinet resignation/ termination by terminal event?	0=No, 1=Yes
	v240x	Behavioral / discretionary termination (country experts)	0=No, 1=Yes

8	v241x	In office at election	0=No, 1=Yes
	v242x	Election year following cabinet	
	v243x	Gain/loss of cabinet parties, party 1	
	v244x	Gain/loss of cabinet parties, party 2	
	v245x	Gain/loss of cabinet parties, party 3	
	v246x	Gain/loss of cabinet parties, party 4	
	v247x	Gain/loss of cabinet parties, party 5	
	v248x	Gain/loss of cabinet parties, party 6	
	v249x	Gain/loss of cabinet parties, party 7	
	v250x	Gain/loss of cabinet parties, party 8	
	v251x	Gain/loss of cabinet parties, party 9	
	v252x	Gain/loss of cabinet parties, party 10	
	v253x	Gain/loss of cabinet parties, party 11	
	v254x	Gain/loss of cabinet parties, party 12	
	v255x	Gain/loss of cabinet parties, party 13	
	v256x	Gain/loss of cabinet parties, party 14	
	v257x	Gain/loss of cabinet parties, party 15	
	v258x	Gain/loss of cabinet parties, party 16	
	v259x	Gain/loss of cabinet parties, party 17	
	v260x	Gain/loss of cabinet parties, party 18	
	v261x	Gain/loss of cabinet parties, party 19	
	v262x	Gain/loss of cabinet parties, party 20	
	v263x	Gain/loss of cabinet parties, party 21	
	v264x	Gain/loss of cabinet parties, party 22	
	v265x	Gain/loss of cabinet parties, party 23	
	v266x	Gain/loss of cabinet parties, party 24	

	v267x	Gain/loss of cabinet parties, party 25	
	v268x	Gain/loss cabinet	

D&A	v269x	No of unsuccessful investiture votes before cabinet was installed	
	v270x	Voting result, final vote of investiture: pro government	
	v271x	Voting result, final vote of investiture: against government	
	v272x	Voting result, final vote of investiture: abstentions	
	v273x	Voting result, final vote of investiture: other	
	v274x	No of no confidence votes	
	v275x	Cabinet removed by no confidence vote	0=No, 1=Yes
	v276x	Cabinet resigned to preempt no confidence vote	0=No, 1=Yes
	v277x	No of confidence votes under specific institutional mechanism	
	v278x	Cabinet removed by failed confidence vote	0=No, 1=Yes (v278x = 1 IF v219x = 1 OR v221x = 1 OR v223x = 1. If any of these events are followed by an immediate election [instead of a new cabinet] AND IF the resignation occurs before 10% or less remains of the maximum length [in days] of the constitutionally mandated period for that particular cabinet.) This means that there should be a "1" only if there is an "E" or an "FE" in v019x and v0008x amounts to less than 90% of v0007x.
	v279x	Did the cabinet end with an early election?	0=No, 1=Yes *v279x imposes a cross-national definition of an early election. The cross-national definition shows up in Table 1 in the country chapters in the D&A book and Table 4.13 in D&A book. For definition, see page 166-167 in D&A book. ** In cases where an early election was called for overriding constitutional reasons (technical resignations), v279x = 0 (i.e. Denmark 1953, Spain 1979, etc.)
	v280x	Who dissolved parliament? (decisive actor)	1=H o S, 2=PM, 3=Cabinet, 4=Parliamentary majority, 5=Automatic constitutional provision (This identifies the main constitutional actor that caused the early election. We have not coded the formal signatory, but rather the person or body that made the final decision.)