

Delegation and Accountability Dataset Codebook (D&A)

Contains: Delegation and Accountability variables (v001z-v246z)*

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*This dataset is based on *Delegation and Accountability in Parliamentary Democracies* (2003, paperback 2006), edited by Kaare Strøm, Wolfgang C. Müller, and Torbjörn Bergman, Oxford: Oxford University Press. (The data set is based on the paperback version.)

Please note that non applicable (N.A.) is coded as 88888 in this dataset
Missing data is coded as blank or 99999

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Tab	New name	Code	Comment
	ctryear	Country and Year	First two digits=country, following four digits=year (11945 = Austria 1945)
	v001z	Year	
	v002z	Country	01= Austria, 02=Belgium, 03=Denmark, 04=Finland, 05=France, 06=Germany, 07=Greece, 08=Iceland, 09=Ireland, 10=Italy, 11=Luxemburg, 12= the Netherlands, 13=Norway, 14=Portugal, 15=Spain, 16=Sweden, 17=United Kingdom
	v003z	Cabinet 1	Cabinet code, cabinet in power 1/1
	v004z	Cabinet 2	Cabinet code, cabinet in power 31/12
3	v005z	Electoral formula	1=Plurality, 2=Majority-plurality, 3=Alternative vote, 4=STV, 5=List PR, 6=Plurality+PR combination
	v006z	District magnitude; only one national constituency	0=No, 1=Yes
	v007z	District magnitude; regional (smallest) constituency	
	v008z	District magnitude; regional (largest) constituency	*For Germany, see footnote d Table 4.5 D&A
	v009z	District magnitude; no. supplementary seats	
	v010z	Primaries	0=No, 1=Yes
	v011z	Primaries: legally required/binding	1=legally required and binding, 2=legally required but not binding, 3=not legally required but binding, 4=Not legally binding required and not legally binding
	v012z	Intra-party preference voting	0=No, 1=Yes
	v013z	Inter-party preference voting	0=No, 1=Yes
	v014z	Does extra election end term of parliament?	0=No, 1=Yes
	v015z	Length of term	Year
	v016z	Regulated term limits	0=No, 1=Yes
	v017z	Term limits	Number of terms
	v018z	Regulated mandatory retirement age	0=No, 1=Yes
	v019z	Mandatory retirement age	Year
	v020z	Legally enforced recall mechanism	0=No, 1=Yes
	v021z	Can parliament expel its members	0=No, 1=Yes
	v022z	Conditions under which an MP loses his/her seat, brief description	Brief description in text
	v023z	Conditions under which an MP loses his/her seat (Categories not mutually exclusive)	0=None (other than voluntary resignations), 1=Election annulled, 2=Campaign or election violation, 3=Election/appointment to incompatible office, 4=Incompatible occupation, 5=Bankruptcy or incompatible economic interest, 6=Insanity, 7=Membership in illegal organization, 8=Automatically upon conviction of certain crimes, 9=By discretionary court decision upon conviction of certain crimes, 10=By parliamentary decision upon conviction of certain crimes, 11=By parliamentary decision in the absence of conviction of a crime, 12=By successful impeachment through special procedure.
	v024z	Rules of ineligibility for parliamentary office	0=None (other than age or lack of citizenship), 1=Election annulled,

		2=Campaign or election violation, 3=Election/appointment to incompatible office, 4=Incompatible occupation, 5=Bankruptcy or incompatible economic interest, 6=Insanity, 7=Membership in illegal organization, 8=Automatically upon conviction of certain crimes, 9=By discretionary court decision upon conviction of certain crimes, 10=By parliamentary decision upon conviction of certain crimes, 11=By parliamentary decision in the absence of conviction of a crime, 12=By successful impeachment through special procedure.
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4	v025z	Minimum length of campaign	Days, 8888=0
	v026z	Legal cap on campaign spending	0=No, 1=Yes
	v027z	Free broadcasting time for parties	0=No, 1=Yes
	v028z	Public broadcasting time: Free time for parliamentary parties	0=No, 1=Yes
	v029z	Public broadcasting time: Allocation	1=Equal. 2=Proportional
	v030z	Public broadcasting time: Free time for non parliamentary parties	0=No, 1=Yes
	v031z	Public broadcasting time: Allocation (in comparison to parliamentary parties)	1=Equal. 2=Minimum quota, 3=Less time, but over minimum quota
	v032z	Unrestricted purchase of broadcasting time/Commercial advertising permitted	0=No purchase allowed, 1=Purchase allowed but restricted, 2=Purchase not restricted (purchase permitted)
	v033z	Restriction on the publications of opinion polls	0=No, 1=Yes

5	v034z	Existing public party financing	0=No, 1=Yes
	v035z	Amount of public party financing (NOTE: not for present use)	To all parties (including non-parliamentary ones), amount given in a year (local currency), in total
	v036z	Public money for non-parliamentary parties	0=No, 1=Yes
	v037z	Allocation among parliamentary parties (NOTE: not for present use)	Degree of proportionality to vote share

6a	v038z	Involvement of voters in cand select (intra-party primaries) party 1	0=No party-specific primaries of this type. 1=Non-binding primaries. 2=Conditionally or partially binding primaries. 3=Fully binding primaries
	v039z	Involvement of voters in cand select (intra-party primaries) party 2	0=No party-specific primaries of this type. 1=Non-binding primaries. 2=Conditionally or partially binding primaries. 3=Fully binding primaries
	v040z	Involvement of voters in cand select (intra-party primaries) party 3	0=No party-specific primaries of this type. 1=Non-binding primaries. 2=Conditionally or partially binding primaries. 3=Fully binding primaries
	v041z	Involvement of voters in cand select (intra-party primaries) party 4	0=No party-specific primaries of this type. 1=Non-binding primaries. 2=Conditionally or partially binding primaries. 3=Fully binding primaries
	v042z	Involvement of voters in cand select (intra-party primaries) party 5	0=No party-specific primaries of this type. 1=Non-binding primaries. 2=Conditionally or partially binding primaries. 3=Fully binding primaries
	v043z	Involvement of voters in cand select (intra-party primaries) party 6	0=No party-specific primaries of this type. 1=Non-binding primaries. 2=Conditionally or partially binding primaries. 3=Fully binding primaries
	v044z	Involvement of voters in cand select (intra-party primaries) party 7	0=No party-specific primaries of this type. 1=Non-binding primaries. 2=Conditionally or partially binding primaries. 3=Fully binding primaries
	v045z	Involvement of voters in cand select (intra-party primaries) party 8	0=No party-specific primaries of this type. 1=Non-binding primaries. 2=Conditionally or partially binding primaries. 3=Fully binding primaries
	v046z	Involvement of voters in cand select (intra-party primaries) party 9	0=No party-specific primaries of this type. 1=Non-binding primaries. 2=Conditionally or partially binding primaries. 3=Fully binding primaries
	v047z	Involvement of voters in cand select (intra-party primaries) party 10	0=No party-specific primaries of this type. 1=Non-binding primaries. 2=Conditionally or partially binding primaries. 3=Fully binding primaries
	v048z	Involvement of voters in cand select (intra-party primaries) party 11	0=No party-specific primaries of this type. 1=Non-binding primaries. 2=Conditionally or partially binding primaries. 3=Fully binding primaries
	v049z	Involvement of voters in cand select (intra-party primaries) party 12	0=No party-specific primaries of this type. 1=Non-binding primaries. 2=Conditionally or partially binding primaries. 3=Fully binding primaries
	v050z	Involvement of voters in cand select (intra-party primaries) party 13	0=No party-specific primaries of this type. 1=Non-binding primaries. 2=Conditionally or partially binding primaries. 3=Fully binding primaries
	v051z	Involvement of voters in cand select (intra-party primaries) party 14	0=No party-specific primaries of this type. 1=Non-binding primaries. 2=Conditionally or partially binding primaries. 3=Fully binding primaries
	v052z	Involvement of voters in cand select (intra-party primaries) party 15	0=No party-specific primaries of this type. 1=Non-binding primaries. 2=Conditionally or partially binding primaries. 3=Fully binding primaries
	v053z	Involvement of voters in cand select (intra-party primaries) party 16	0=No party-specific primaries of this type. 1=Non-binding primaries. 2=Conditionally or partially binding primaries. 3=Fully binding primaries
	v054z	Involvement of voters in cand select (intra-party primaries) party 17	0=No party-specific primaries of this type. 1=Non-binding primaries. 2=Conditionally or partially binding primaries. 3=Fully binding primaries
	v055z	Involvement of voters in cand select (intra-party primaries) party 18	0=No party-specific primaries of this type. 1=Non-binding primaries. 2=Conditionally or partially binding primaries. 3=Fully binding primaries
	v056z	Involvement of voters in cand select (intra-party primaries) party 19	0=No party-specific primaries of this type. 1=Non-binding primaries. 2=Conditionally or partially binding primaries. 3=Fully binding primaries
	v057z	Involvement of voters in cand select (intra-party primaries) party 20	0=No party-specific primaries of this type. 1=Non-binding primaries. 2=Conditionally or partially binding primaries. 3=Fully binding primaries
	v058z	Involvement of voters in cand select (intra-party primaries) party 21	0=No party-specific primaries of this type. 1=Non-binding primaries. 2=Conditionally or partially binding primaries. 3=Fully binding primaries
	v059z	Involvement of voters in cand select (intra-party primaries) party 22	0=No party-specific primaries of this type. 1=Non-binding primaries. 2=Conditionally or partially binding primaries. 3=Fully binding primaries

v104z	Term limits, party 17	0=No term limits, 1=one term limit, 2=two term limit... etc.
v105z	Term limits, party 18	0=No term limits, 1=one term limit, 2=two term limit... etc.
v106z	Term limits, party 19	0=No term limits, 1=one term limit, 2=two term limit... etc.
v107z	Term limits, party 20	0=No term limits, 1=one term limit, 2=two term limit... etc.
v108z	Term limits, party 21	0=No term limits, 1=one term limit, 2=two term limit... etc.
v109z	Term limits, party 22	0=No term limits, 1=one term limit, 2=two term limit... etc.
v110z	Term limits, party 23	0=No term limits, 1=one term limit, 2=two term limit... etc.
v111z	Term limits, party 24	0=No term limits, 1=one term limit, 2=two term limit... etc.
v112z	Term limits, party 25	0=No term limits, 1=one term limit, 2=two term limit... etc.

6d	v113z	Mandatory retirement age, party 1	Years, 0=no mandatory retirement age
	v114z	Mandatory retirement age, party 2	Years, 0=no mandatory retirement age
	v115z	Mandatory retirement age, party 3	Years, 0=no mandatory retirement age
	v116z	Mandatory retirement age, party 4	Years, 0=no mandatory retirement age
	v117z	Mandatory retirement age, party 5	Years, 0=no mandatory retirement age
	v118z	Mandatory retirement age, party 6	Years, 0=no mandatory retirement age
	v119z	Mandatory retirement age, party 7	Years, 0=no mandatory retirement age
	v120z	Mandatory retirement age, party 8	Years, 0=no mandatory retirement age
	v121z	Mandatory retirement age, party 9	Years, 0=no mandatory retirement age
	v122z	Mandatory retirement age, party 10	Years, 0=no mandatory retirement age
	v123z	Mandatory retirement age, party 11	Years, 0=no mandatory retirement age
	v124z	Mandatory retirement age, party 12	Years, 0=no mandatory retirement age
	v125z	Mandatory retirement age, party 13	Years, 0=no mandatory retirement age
	v126z	Mandatory retirement age, party 14	Years, 0=no mandatory retirement age
	v127z	Mandatory retirement age, party 15	Years, 0=no mandatory retirement age
	v128z	Mandatory retirement age, party 16	Years, 0=no mandatory retirement age
	v129z	Mandatory retirement age, party 17	Years, 0=no mandatory retirement age
	v130z	Mandatory retirement age, party 18	Years, 0=no mandatory retirement age
	v131z	Mandatory retirement age, party 19	Years, 0=no mandatory retirement age
	v132z	Mandatory retirement age, party 20	Years, 0=no mandatory retirement age
	v133z	Mandatory retirement age, party 21	Years, 0=no mandatory retirement age
	v134z	Mandatory retirement age, party 22	Years, 0=no mandatory retirement age
	V135z	Mandatory retirement age, party 23	Years, 0=no mandatory retirement age
	V136z	Mandatory retirement age, party 24	Years, 0=no mandatory retirement age
	V137z	Mandatory retirement age, party 25	Years, 0=no mandatory retirement age

7	V138z	Appointment by head of state	0=No, 1=Formal role only, 2=Discretionary role. NOTE: only lower chamber rules
	v139z	Inauguration by parliament/ investiture vote requirement	0=No, 1=Yes. NOTE: only lower chamber rules
	v140z	Inauguration by parliament/ investiture vote; formal proposal by...?	1=Head of state, 2=President of parliament, 3=Formateur, 4=Other. NOTE: only lower chamber rules
	v141z	What is proposed...?	1=PM, 2=Cabinet. NOTE: only lower chamber rules
	v142z	Mandatory ex ante screening of program?	0=No screening procedure, 1=Government program is read to parliament at the act of inauguration/ investiture
	v143z	Brief description of mandatory screening procedure	Description in text. NOTE: only lower chamber rules
	v144z	Parliamentary voting rules: Minimum quorum requirement	0=No quorum requirements, 1=50%+1 of all members or more, 2=50% of all members or less. NOTE: only lower chamber rules
	v145z	Parliamentary voting rules: Decision rule	1=50%+1 of all members in favor, 2=50%+1 of all members present voting in favor, 3=50% of all members in favor, 4=50% of all members present voting in favor, 5=Fewer than 50%+1 of all members voting against, 6=50%+1 of all valid votes cast (blank votes excluded) NOTE: only lower chamber rules *The distinction between 2 and 6 is unimportant. Can collapse 2 and 3 without much loss of information.
	v146z	Parliamentary voting rules: Voting procedure	1=Secret vote, 2=Anonymous vote, 3=Recorded votes. NOTE: only lower chamber rules

8	v147z	Rules of no confidence: Directed against: PM/cabinet collectively	0=No, 1=Yes
	v148z	Rules of no confidence: Directed against: Individual minister	0=No, 1=Yes
	v149z	Rules of no confidence: Right to propose	1=Any individual MP, 2=Minimum number of MP's required to introduce motion or put it to a vote, 3=Recognized party groups, 4=Recognized party groups or minimum number of MP's
	v150z	Rules of no confidence: Constraints time	0=no, 1=Yes
	v151z	Rules of no confidence: Constraints time in days	Time in days
	v152z	Rules of no confidence: Constraints number of no conf proposals	0=no, 1=Yes
	v153z	Rules of no confidence. Voting rules: Quorum requirement	0=No quorum requirements, 1=50%+1 of all members or more, 2=50% of all members or less.
	v154z	Rules of no confidence. Voting rules:	1=50%+1 of all members, 2=50%+1 of all votes cast, 3=50%+1 of all valid

	decision rule	votes cast (blank votes excluded) *The distinction between 2 and 3 is unimportant. Can collapse 2 and 3 without much loss of information.
v155z	Voting procedure	1=Secret vote. 2=Anonymous vote. 3=Recorded vote

9	v156z	Rules of confidence: Regulated confidence votes	0=No, 1=Yes
	v157z	Rules of confidence: Unregulated confidence votes as convention	0=No provision for such votes, 1=By convention only (i.e. No specific provision in constitution or parliamentary rules of procedure, but in practice the cabinet can legitimately threaten to resign in the event of a parliamentary defeat), 2=By specific regulation only, 3=By specific regulation and convention
	If and only if, a country has an explicit and formal confidence vote (i.e. code 2 or 3 in the variable above), the following variables should be coded for this specific mechanism.		
	v158z	Rules of confidence: Object of vote: PM/cabinet collectively	0=No, 1=Yes
	v159z	Rules of confidence: Object of vote: Individual minister	0=No, 1=Yes
	v160z	Rules of confidence: Right to propose	1=PM only, 2=Cabinet collectively only, 3=Any member of the cabinet, 4=Any member of the cabinet or any MP
	v161z	Rules of confidence: Constraints: Time	0=No, 1=Yes
	v162z	Rules of confidence: Constraints, time	Time in hours
	v163z	Rules of confidence: Constraints: other	Brief description of regulations
	v164z	Rules of confidence: Voting rules: Quorum requirements 1	0=No quorum requirements, 1=50%+1 of all members or more, 2=50% of all members or less.
	v165z	Rules of confidence: Voting rules: Decision rule 1	1=50%+1 of all members, 2=50%+1 of all votes cast, 3=50%+1 of all valid votes cast (blank votes excluded) *The distinction between 2 and 3 is unimportant. Can collapse 2 and 3 without much loss of information.
	v166z	Rules of confidence: Voting rules: voting procedure	1=Secret vote. 2=Anonymous vote. 3=Recorded vote

10	v167z	Rules of parliamentary dissolution: Constitution permits early dissolution	0=No, 1=Yes
	v168z	Rules of parliamentary dissolution: Head of state	0=No, 1=Yes
	v169z	Rules of parliamentary dissolution: Head of state rules	1=Formal role only, 2=May propose only, subject to discretionary approval of other constitutional agent, 3=May discretionarily deny proposal by other constitutional agent, but does not have the power to initiate proposal, 4=May dissolve on own initiative, but does not have the power to prevent other constitutional agents from dissolving, 5=May dissolve on own initiative and has exclusive discretionary power to dissolve *Table 4.12 of the D&A book has mistakes for Finland, France Ireland and Portugal, but the dataset is correct
	v170z	Rules of parliamentary dissolution: PM	0=No, 1=Yes
	v171z	Rules of parliamentary dissolution: PM rules	1=Formal role only, 2=May propose only, subject to discretionary approval of other constitutional agent, 3=May discretionarily deny proposal by other constitutional agent, but does not have the power to initiate proposal, 4=May dissolve on own initiative, but does not have the power to prevent other constitutional agents from dissolving, 5=May dissolve on own initiative and has exclusive discretionary power to dissolve
	v172z	Rules of parliamentary dissolution: Cabinet	0=No, 1=Yes
	v173z	Rules of parliamentary dissolution: Cabinet rules	1=Formal role only, 2=May propose only, subject to discretionary approval of other constitutional agent, 3=May discretionarily deny proposal by other constitutional agent, but does not have the power to initiate proposal, 4=May dissolve on own initiative, but does not have the power to prevent other constitutional agents from dissolving, 5=May dissolve on own initiative and has exclusive discretionary power to dissolve
	v174z	Rules of parliamentary dissolution: Parliamentary majority	0=No, 1=Yes
	v175z	Rules of parliamentary dissolution: Parliamentary majority rules	1=Formal role only, 2=May propose only, subject to discretionary approval of other constitutional agent, 3=May discretionarily deny proposal by other constitutional agent, but does not have the power to initiate proposal, 4=May dissolve on own initiative, but does not have the power to prevent other constitutional agents from dissolving, 5=May dissolve on own initiative and has exclusive discretionary power to dissolve
	v176z	Rules of parliamentary dissolution: Automatic Constitutional provision	0=No, 1=Yes *Table 4.12 in D&A book has mistake for UK, but dataset is correct
	v177z	Rules of parliamentary dissolution: Automatic Constitutional provision rules (Categories not mutually exclusive)	1=Pending or following constitutional amendment, 2=In conjunction with attempts to unseat the head of state, 3=If parliament is unable to elect a PM, 4=Other
	v178z	Rules of parliamentary dissolution: Restriction on these powers to dissolve	0=No, 1=Yes
	v179z	Rules of parliamentary dissolution: Restriction on these powers to dissolve	1=Time restrictions, 2=Not during states of emergency or the like, 3=Only when parliament is in session, 4= Other

	rules (Categories not mutually exclusive)		
12	v180z	Parliamentary accountability of cabinet: Parliamentary questions: Written	0=No, 1=Yes
	v181z	Parliamentary accountability of cabinet: Parliamentary questions: Written (These categories are not mutually exclusive, but some combinations are mutually inconsistent)	0=No restriction on any Mp's right to ask such questions, 1=Restrictions on the right to ask such questions, 2=Restrictions on the conditions under which such questions can be asked, 3=Several types of such questions, 4=Some such questions may be followed by parliamentary debate and motions of no confidence, 5=Government may ignore such questions at will, 6=Restrictions on the right of the government to ignore such questions, 7=The government must respond to at least some types of such questions, 8=The government must respond to all such questions, 9=The government must respond to some such questions within a specified time limit, 10=The government must respond to all such questions within a specified time limit, 11=Parliament can force response to be given by a specified cabinet member, 12=Response can be given by any member cabinet member, 13= Response can be given by any member of government, 14=Response can even be given by member of the administration.
	v182z	Parliamentary accountability of cabinet: Parliamentary questions: Oral	0=No, 1=Yes
	v183z	Parliamentary accountability of cabinet: Parliamentary questions: Oral (These categories are not mutually exclusive, but some combinations are mutually inconsistent)	0=No restriction on any Mp's right to ask such questions, 1=Restrictions on the right to ask such questions, 2=Restrictions on the conditions under which such questions can be asked, 3=Several types of such questions, 4=Some such questions may be followed by parliamentary debate and motions of no confidence, 5=Government may ignore such questions at will, 6=Restrictions on the right of the government to ignore such questions, 7=The government must respond to at least some types of such questions, 8=The government must respond to all such questions, 9=The government must respond to some such questions within a specified time limit, 10=The government must respond to all such questions within a specified time limit, 11=Parliament can force response to be given by a specified cabinet member, 12=Response can be given by any member cabinet member, 13= Response can be given by any member of government, 14=Response can even be given by member of the administration.
	v184z	Parliamentary accountability of cabinet: Parliamentary questions: Urgent	0=No, 1=Yes
	v185z	Parliamentary accountability of cabinet: Parliamentary questions: Urgent (These categories are not mutually exclusive, but some combinations are mutually inconsistent)	0=No restriction on any Mp's right to ask such questions, 1=Restrictions on the right to ask such questions, 2=Restrictions on the conditions under which such questions can be asked, 3=Several types of such questions, 4=Some such questions may be followed by parliamentary debate and motions of no confidence, 5=Government may ignore such questions at will, 6=Restrictions on the right of the government to ignore such questions, 7=The government must respond to at least some types of such questions, 8=The government must respond to all such questions, 9=The government must respond to some such questions within a specified time limit, 10=The government must respond to all such questions within a specified time limit, 11=Parliament can force response to be given by a specified cabinet member, 12=Response can be given by any member cabinet member, 13= Response can be given by any member of government, 14=Response can even be given by member of the administration.
	v186z	Parliamentary accountability of cabinet: Parliamentary questions: Other	0=No, 1=Yes
	v187z	Parliamentary accountability of cabinet: Parliamentary questions: Other (These categories are not mutually exclusive, but some combinations are mutually inconsistent)	0=No restriction on any mp's right to ask such questions, 1=Restrictions on the right to ask such questions, 2=Restrictions on the conditions under which such questions can be asked, 3=Several types of such questions, 4=Some such questions may be followed by parliamentary debate and motions of no confidence, 5=Government may ignore such questions at will, 6=Restrictions on the right of the government to ignore such questions, 7=The government must respond to at least some types of such questions, 8=The government must respond to all such questions, 9=The government must respond to some such questions within a specified time limit, 10=The government must respond to all such questions within a specified time limit, 11=Response given by a specified cabinet member, 12=Response given by any cabinet member, 13=Response given by any member of the government, 14=Response given by any member of the administration
	v188z	Formal reporting requirements	0=No, 1=Yes
	v189z	Ex post committee supervision of cabinet (These categories are not mutually exclusive)	0=No such supervision, 1=Permanent committees to supervise ministries, 2=Permanent committees with right to read cabinet minutes, 3=Ad Hoc committees of investigation or inquiry, 4=Audit offices, 5=Minister can be compelled to testify before any parliamentary committee of any type, but can refuse to answer certain questions, 6=Minister can be compelled to testify before any committee on any matter, 7=Other
13	v190z	Formal cabinet decision rule	0=No, 1=Yes
	v191z	Type of actual decision rule	1=Unanimity, 2=Majority, 3=Consensus defined by PM, 4=Consensus

		defined by Head of State
v192z	PM right to appoint	0=No, 1=Yes
v193z	PM right to appoint: rules	1=Yes, PM alone, 2=Yes, through formal act carried out by head of state, 3=No, head of state has discretionary powers
v194z	PM right to dismiss	0=No, 1=Yes
v195z	PM right to dismiss: description of rules	1=Yes, PM alone, 2=Yes, through formal act carried out by head of state, 3=No, head of state has discretionary powers
v196z	Ministers parliamentary accountability	1=Direct, 2=Via PM only
v197z	PM formal right to determine jurisdiction of ministries	0=No, 1=Yes
v198z	PM steering or coordination rights vis-à-vis cabinet ministers	0=No, 1=Yes
v199z	PM full control over agenda for cabinet meeting	0=No, 1=Yes
v200z	Administrative structure under the PM's supervision	0=No, 1=Yes
v201z	Administrative structure under the PM's supervision (These categories are not mutually exclusive)	1=Personal staff (political appointees), 2=Civil service staff, 3=PM occupies specific (PM) portfolio, 4=Other

14	v202z	Direct control of agencies: Minister	0=No, 1=Yes
	v203z	Direct control of agencies: Cabinet	0=No, 1=Yes
	v204z	Direct control of agencies: Parliament	0=No, 1=Yes
	v205z	Freedom of information law	0=No, 1=Yes
	v206z	Freedom of information law (restrictions)	0=No formal restriction, 1=Matters of personal concern only, 2=Jurisdictional (e.g. National security matters exempted), 3=Restrictions with respect to resource constraints, 4=Restrictions with respect to privacy rights of other citizens, 5=Restrictions with respect to levels of national government
	v207z	Are high civil servants appointed in more than one way?	0=No, 1=Yes
	v208z	Categories of high civil servants, by way of different procedures for appointment (These categories are not mutually exclusive)	1=Hierarchical distinctions (e.g. classes or corps), 2=Functional distinctions (e.g. Specialists vs. Generalists, policy making vs. Implementation), 3=Distinctions by terms of appointment (e.g. Tenured vs. Non-tenured)
	v209z	Appointment of high civil servants: one category of civil servants (when appointed)	1=Minister, 2= Cabinet, 3=Head of State, 4=Minister-Cabinet, 5=Minister-Head of State, 6=Cabinet-Head of State, 7=Minister-Cabinet-Head of State, 8=Other
	v210z	Appointment of high civil servants: a second category of civil servants (when appointed)	1=Minister, 2= Cabinet, 3=Head of State, 4=Minister-Cabinet, 5=Minister-Head of State, 6=Cabinet-Head of State, 7=Minister-Cabinet-Head of State, 8=Other
	v211z	Appointment of high civil servants: a third category of civil servants (when appointed)	1=Minister, 2= Cabinet, 3=Head of State, 4=Minister-Cabinet, 5=Minister-Head of State, 6=Cabinet-Head of State, 7=Minister-Cabinet-Head of State, 8=Other
	v212z	Appointment of high civil servants: a fourth category of civil servants (when appointed)	1=Minister, 2= Cabinet, 3=Head of State, 4=Minister-Cabinet, 5=Minister-Head of State, 6=Cabinet-Head of State, 7=Minister-Cabinet-Head of State, 8=Other
	v213z	Accountability of high civil servants: 1	1=Direct, 2=Via minister, 3=Via institution not under control of national government
	v214z	Accountability of high civil servants: 2	1=Direct, 2=Via minister, 3=Via institution not under control of national government
	v215z	Accountability of high civil servants: 3	1=Direct, 2=Via minister, 3=Via institution not under control of national government
	v216z	Accountability of high civil servants: 4	1=Direct, 2=Via minister, 3=Via institution not under control of national government

*Variables v204z, v213z-v216z are not used in D&A book, therefore they have not been checked for accuracy

15	v217z	Membership in EU	0=No, 1=Yes
	v218z	Members in the committee for EU affairs	1=MP, 2=MP and MEP NOTE: only lower chamber rules
	v219z	EU Affairs Committee: Jurisdiction includes: Pillar I	0=No, 1=Yes. NOTE: only lower chamber rules
	v220z	EU Affairs Committee: Jurisdiction includes: Pillar II	0=No, 1=Yes. NOTE: only lower chamber rules
	v221z	EU Affairs Committee: Jurisdiction includes: Pillar III	0=No, 1=Yes. NOTE: only lower chamber rules
	v222z	Ministers appear before committee of European affairs	0=No, 1=Yes. NOTE: only lower chamber rules
	v223z	Degree of involvement of other parliamentary committees	1=weak, 2=moderate, 3=strong. NOTE: only lower chamber rules
	v224z	Degree of involvement: plenary meetings	1=weak, 2=moderate, 3=strong. NOTE: only lower chamber rules
	v225z	Overall estimate of parliamentary influence on cabinet ministers	1=weak, 2=moderate, 3=strong. NOTE: only lower chamber rules

1	v226z	Decision-making procedure: Head of state	0=actor has no role in the process, 1=actor has formal role only, i.e. no
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	(actor 1): ordinary legislation	discretionary power, 2=actor can propose, but is subject to discretionary approval of other actor(s), 3=actor has veto power over decisions by other actor(s), 4=actor co-decides with other constitutional actor, 5=actor has discretionary power and can decide the issue, 9=other *3 and 9 are similar enough that they can be collapsed. The only difference between 3 and 9 is that 3 requires a 2/3 majority vote to override; 9 includes simple majority and absolute majority. Portugal is coded as 3; the other countries with vetoes are recorded as 9.
v227z	Decision-making procedure: Cabinet (actor 2): ordinary legislation	0=actor has no role in the process, 1=actor has formal role only, i.e. no discretionary power, 2=actor can propose, but is subject to discretionary approval of other actor(s), 3=actor has veto power over decisions by other actor(s), 4=actor co-decides with other constitutional actor, 5=actor has discretionary power and can decide the issue, 9=other
v228z	Decision-making procedure: Lower chamber (actor 3): ordinary legislation	0=actor has no role in the process, 1=actor has formal role only, i.e. no discretionary power, 2=actor can propose, but is subject to discretionary approval of other actor(s), 3=actor has veto power over decisions by other actor(s), 4=actor co-decides with other constitutional actor, 5=actor has discretionary power and can decide the issue, 9=other
v229z	Decision-making procedure: Procedure in lower chamber: quorum requirement: ordinary legislation	0=no quorum requirements, 1= 50%+1 of all members, 2=33.3+1 of all members, 9=other
v230z	Decision-making procedure: Procedure in lower chamber: decision rule: ordinary legislation	1=50%+1 of all members, 2=50%+1 of all votes cast, 3=50%+1 of all valid votes cast (blank votes excluded), 9=other *The distinction between 2 and 3 is unimportant. Can collapse 2 and 3 without much loss of information.
v231z	Decision-making procedure: Procedure in lower chamber: voting procedure: ordinary legislation	1=secret vote, 2=anonymous vote, 3=recorded vote
v232z	Decision-making procedure: Upper chamber (actor 4): ordinary legislation	0=actor has no role in the process, 1=actor has formal role only, i.e. no discretionary power, 2=actor can propose, but is subject to discretionary approval of other actor(s), 3=actor has veto power over decisions by other actor(s), 4=actor co-decides with other constitutional actor, 5=actor has discretionary power and can decide the issue, 9=other *Please note for Germany footnote d on Table 4.1 and footnote 5 on p.118 D&A
v233z	Decision-making procedure: Other constitutional actor (actor 5): ordinary legislation	0=actor has no role in the process, 1=actor has formal role only, i.e. no discretionary power, 2=actor can propose, but is subject to discretionary approval of other actor(s), 3=actor has veto power over decisions by other actor(s), 4=actor co-decides with other constitutional actor, 5=actor has discretionary power and can decide the issue, 9=other
v234z	Which actors co-decide?	1=head of state, 2=cabinet, 3=lower chamber, 4=upper chamber, 5=other constitutional actor

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v235z	Decision-making procedure: Head of state (actor 1): constitutional amendments	0=actor has no role in the process, 1=actor has formal role only, i.e. no discretionary power, 2=actor can propose, but is subject to discretionary approval of other actor(s), 3=actor has veto power over decisions by other actor(s), 4=actor co-decides with other constitutional actor, 5=actor has discretionary power and can decide the issue, 9=other
v236z	Decision-making procedure: Cabinet (actor 2): constitutional amendments	0=actor has no role in the process, 1=actor has formal role only, i.e. no discretionary power, 2=actor can propose, but is subject to discretionary approval of other actor(s), 3=actor has veto power over decisions by other actor(s), 4=actor co-decides with other constitutional actor, 5=actor has discretionary power and can decide the issue, 9=other
v237z	Decision-making procedure: Lower chamber (actor3): constitutional amendments	0=actor has no role in the process, 1=actor has formal role only, i.e. no discretionary power, 2=actor can propose, but is subject to discretionary approval of other actor(s), 3=actor has veto power over decisions by other actor(s), 4=actor co-decides with other constitutional actor, 5=actor has discretionary power and can decide the issue, 9=other
v238z	Decision-making procedure: Procedure in lower chamber: quorum requirement: constitutional amendments	0=no quorum requirements, 1=50%+1 of all members, 2=33.3+1 of all members, 9=other (for example, when the required majority in the Lower Chamber is conditional on the size of the Upper Chamber majority)
v239z	Decision-making procedure: Procedure in lower chamber: decision rule: constitutional amendments	1=50%+1 of all members, 2=50%+1 of all votes cast, 3=50%+1 of all valid votes cast (blank votes excluded), 4=two-thirds majority, 9=other *The distinction between 2 and 3 is unimportant. Can collapse 2 and 3 without much loss of information.
v240z	Decision-making procedure: Procedure in lower chamber: voting procedure: constitutional amendments	1=secret vote, 2=anonymous vote, 3=recorded vote
v241z	Decision-making procedure: Upper chamber (actor 4): constitutional amendments	0=actor has no role in the process, 1=actor has formal role only, i.e. no discretionary power, 2=actor can propose, but is subject to discretionary approval of other actor(s), 3=actor has veto power over decisions by other actor(s), 4=actor co-decides with other constitutional actor, 5=actor has discretionary power and can decide the issue, 9=other. *For Sweden, data set is correct; book (2003 and second printing 2004) has error for 1975-2000. Book should also be coded n.a.

v242z	Decision-making procedure: Other constitutional actor (actor 5): constitutional amendments	0=actor has no role in the process, 1=actor has formal role only, i.e. no discretionary power, 2=actor can propose, but is subject to discretionary approval of other actor(s), 3=actor has veto power over decisions by other actor(s), 4=actor co-decides with other constitutional actor, 5=actor has discretionary power and can decide the issue, 9=other
v243z	Which actors co-decide?	1=head of state, 2=cabinet, 3=lower chamber, 4=upper chamber, 5=other constitutional actor
v244z	Mandatory intervening constraints: constitutional amendments	0=no, 1=election, 2=referendum, 3=election+referendum, 9=other
v245z	Description of intervening constraints: constitutional amendment	Description in text *See footnotes on Tables 4.3 and 4.4 D&A
v246z	Cabinet position and membership in parliament	1=required, 2=compatible, 3=incompatible *See Table 4.9 in D&A book, second column

Constructed dummy variables

v196zdummy	Dummy version of v196z	0=Direct, 1=Via PM only
pmpow	Scale of Prime Minister powers, ranging from 0 (limited powers) to 7 (wide-ranging powers).	Sum of variables: v192z, v194z, v196zdummy, v197z, v198z, v199z, and v200z.
pmdiss	May the Prime Minister dissolve parliament on own initiative?	1=Yes; 0=No
cabdiss	May the Cabinet dissolve parliament on own initiative?	1=Yes; 0=No
noconf	Majority required to pass no-confidence?	1=Yes; 0=No (equals 1 if v154z equals 1; 0 otherwise)

Country dummy variables

aust	1=Austrian cabinet; 0=otherwise
belg	1=Belgian cabinet; 0=otherwise
denm	1=Danish cabinet; 0=otherwise
finl	1=Finnish cabinet; 0=otherwise
fran	1=French cabinet; 0=otherwise
germ	1=German cabinet; 0=otherwise
gree	1=Greek cabinet; 0=otherwise
icel	1=Icelandic cabinet; 0=otherwise
irel	1=Irish cabinet; 0=otherwise
ital	1=Italian cabinet; 0=otherwise
lux	1=Luxembourg cabinet; 0=otherwise
neth	1=Dutch cabinet; 0=otherwise
norw	1=Norwegian cabinet; 0=otherwise
port	1=Portuguese cabinet; 0=otherwise
spai	1=Spanish cabinet; 0=otherwise
swed	1=Swedish cabinet; 0=otherwise
brit	1=British cabinet; 0=otherwise

Electoral system

plural	Electoral system: plurality	1=Yes; 0=No
majplur	Electoral system: majority-plurality	1=Yes; 0=No
altvote	Electoral system: alternative vote	1=Yes; 0=No
stv	Electoral system: single transferable vote	1=Yes; 0=No
listpr	Electoral system: List PR	1=Yes; 0=No
plurpr	Electoral system: plurality+PR combination	1=Yes; 0=No