

New Party Entrance Dataset

Codebook (May 4, 2012)

The New Party Entrance Dataset (NPED) consists of data for new party entrances in elections in 18 West European democracies. The dataset includes data on all elections in the only/lower house of parliament held during the period 1960-2010 under democratic regimes. Given this criteria, data for Greece, Portugal and Spain have been collected after their democratizations in the 1970s. Altogether, a total of 238 elections are included. In these elections 180 new parties have entered the national parliaments.

A list of the all parties counted as new entrants is available in *List of new party entrances* also published on <erdda.se>.

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Variable	Label	Note	Source
Var001	Country		
Var002	Year	Year of election	
Var003	Decade	Decade of election	
Var004	Number of new party entrances	A new party entrance is defined as a parliamentary entrance of a party not previously elected for the national parliament. Electoral alliances as well as party mergers are excluded if any of the involved parties have been elected for parliament in earlier elections.	Compilation based on election data as presented in Mackie & Rose (1991; 1997), Political data yearbook 1993-2010 (Katz m.fl. 1993-2010), Nohlen & Stöver (2010), Parties and Elections in Europe (2011)
Var005	Number of new party entrances, dichotomized		See above.
Var006	Number of new party entrances, lagged	Number of new parties in previous election	See above.
Var007	Number of new party entrances, lagged & dichotomized		See above.
Var008	Parliament size	Number of seats in the only/second chamber of parliament.	Mackie & Rose (1991; 1997), Political Data Yearbook (Katz m.fl. 1993-2010)
Var009	District magnitude	The average number of seats in each electoral district	Lundell & Karvonen (2011)
Var010	Electoral districts	Number of electoral districts	
Var011	Electoral threshold	Level of national legal threshold	Lundell & Karvonen (2011)
Var012	Nationwide threshold of representation	According to Taagepera (2002) the vote level at which parties have a 50–50 chance to win their first seat. Calculated with the formula: $75\% / [(M+1)(S/M)^{0.5}]$ where M is the district magnitude and S the parliament size.	Own calculations

Var013	Effective threshold	Highest value of Var008 and Var009	Own calculations
Var014	Executive	Parliamentary government = 0, (Semi-)Presidential government = 1	
Var015	Regional Authority Index		Hooghe <i>et al.</i> (2010)
Var016	Net volatility	Pedersen (1979) index of net volatility. Calculated with the formula: $\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n p_{i,t} - p_{i,t-1} }$, where $p_{i,t}$ denote vote share for party i at election t and n denote the total number of parties.	Knutsen (2011)
Var017	Net volatility, lagged	Net volatility in pervious election	
Var018	Turnout		Lundell & Karvonen (2011)
Var019	Turnout, lagged	Turnout in previous election	
Var020	Unemployment	Unemployment rate	Armingeon <i>et al.</i> (2011), OECD (2010a; 2011)
Var021	Unemployment, lagged	Unemployment rate the year before election	
Var022	Unemployment growth	Var017-Unemployment rate in previous election	
Var023	Economic growth	GDP growth	World Bank (2011)
Var024	Economic growth, lagged	GDP growth the year before election	
Var025	Inflation	Annual percentage change in consumer prices	World Bank (2011)
Var026	Inflation, lagged	Inflation the year before election	
Var027	Immigration	Net migration defined as the total number of immigrant nationals and foreigners minus the total of emigrant foreigners and nationals.	OECD (2010b)
Var028	Immigration, lagged	Immigration the year before election	
Var029	Postmaterialism		World Value Survey (2009)
Var030	Population	Population figures x 1000. An exact number of citizens in each country is not given for every single year. The intervals vary from 1 to 5 years.	Lundell & Karvonen (2011)
Var031	Population (ln)	Transformation of Var027: $\ln(\text{Var027})$	
Var032	Area	Land area, sq. km. Cross-sectional data (2007).	Lundell & Karvonen (2011)
Var033	Area (ln)	Transformation of Var029: $\ln(\text{Var029})$	

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