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The Comparative Parliamentary Democracy Data Archive dataset consists of cabinet-level data for 17 Western European democracies for post-WWII cabinets through January 1, 1999. All together, a total of 424 coalitions, single party and non-partisan cabinets are included. Data for Greece, Portugal and Spain exists only after their democratizations in the 1970s, while data on France is limited to the Fifth Republic beginning in 1959. For the purposes of our data set, it can be said that the world ‘froze’ on January 1, 1999. The last observation in each country is coded on the basis on the information that was available on that day.

The main sources for this data are as follows:

- a. The paperback edition of *Coalition Governments in Western Europe* (2003) edited by Wolfgang C. Müller and Kaare Strøm, Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- b. In addition to the thirteen countries included in the *Coalition Governments in Western Europe* book, data for Iceland, Spain, Greece and the United Kingdom has been collected by the Comparative Parliamentary Democracy project – further details are available on the project home page www.erdda.se
- c. The paperback edition of *Delegation and Accountability in Parliamentary Democracies* (2006), edited by Kaare Strøm, Wolfgang C. Müller, and Torbjörn Bergman. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- d. Drawing on the assistance by Magnus Blomgren, Scott Kastner, Benjamin Nyblade and Ivy Hamerly Orr, the project directors have over time coded and estimated remaining variables – an immense job. Further details on the project are again available on the project home page www.erdda.se

For more details on variable definitions and statistical methods, we refer to Chapter 3 (including footnotes): Bergman, Torbjörn; Gerber, Elisabeth R.; Kastner, Scott and Nyblade, Benjamin (2008), “The Empirical Study of Coalition Governance”, in Strøm, Kaare; Müller, Wolfgang C. and Bergman, Torbjörn eds. *Cabinets and Coalition Bargaining: The Democratic Life Cycle in Western Europe*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

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Block 0: Cabinet Identification

Variable	Name	Coding
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 = Netherlands, 13 = Norway, 14 = Portugal, 15 = Spain, 16 = Sweden, 17 = United Kingdom
v002x	Cabinet code	First digits = country code, Second digits = cabinet number code
v003x	Cabinet	
v004x	Date in	
v005x	Date out	

Block 1: Space-Time

Variable	Other Names	Name	Coding	# (of 424)	Notes
v001y	Aust	Austria	1 = Austria	22	Country Dummies
v002y	Belg	Belgium	1 = Belgium	33	
v003y	Denm	Denmark	1 = Denmark	31	
v004y	Finl	Finland	1 = Finland	44	
v005y	Fran	France	1 = France	23	
v006y	Germ	Germany	1 = Germany	26	
v007y	Gree	Greece	1 = Greece	11	
v008y	Icel	Iceland	1 = Iceland	26	
v009y	Irel	Ireland	1 = Ireland	22	
v010y	Ital	Italy	1 = Italy	51	
v011y	Luxe	Luxembourg	1 = Luxembourg	16	
v012y	Neth	Netherlands	1 = Netherlands	23	
v013y	Norw	Norway	1 = Norway	26	
v014y	Port	Portugal	1 = Portugal	14	
v015y	Spai	Spain	1 = Spain	10	
v016y	Swed	Sweden	1 = Sweden	26	
v017y	Brit	UK	1 = Britain	20	
v030y	Startdec	Start Decade	One Digit #	424	17 cabinets are 0's (end after closing date of the dataset)
v030y2	Enddec	End Decade	One Digit #	424	
v031y	v1940s	1940s	1 = 1940s	38	Decade Dummies: Decade in which cabinet starts
v032y	v1950s	1950s	1 = 1950s	80	
v033y	v1960s	1960s	1 = 1950s	68	
v034y	v1970s	1970s	1 = 1950s	90	
v035y	v1980s	1980s	1 = 1950s	86	
v036y	v1990s	1990s	1 = 1950s	62	
v031y2	v1940s-end	1940s	1 = 1940s	26	Decade Dummies: Decade in which cabinet ends
v032y2	v1950s-end	1950s	1 = 1950s	79	
v033y2	v1960s-end	1960s	1 = 1960s	68	
v034y2	v1970s-end	1970s	1 = 1970s	87	
v035y2	v1980s-end	1980s	1 = 1980s	85	
v036y2	v1990s-end	1990s	1 = 1990s	62	

Block 2: Structural Attributes

Variable	Other Names	Name	Coding	n	Notes
v040y	folelec	Post Election Cabinet	1 = Yes, 0 = No	424	
v041y	v007x	Max Possible Cab Duration	# (unit = days)	418	
v042y	v083x	Absolute No. Parl Parties	# (unit = parties)	419	
v043y	v049x	Effective No. Parl Parties	# (unit = parties)	415	
v044y	bpifrag	Bargaining Power Fragmentation	# (unit= Frag Index)	415	
v044y2	cabbpifrag	Cabinet Bargaining Power Frag	# (unit= Frag Index)	406	
v045y	lppern	Largest Party Seat Share	# (range 0 to 1)	415	
v046y	bpmax	Bargaining Power of Largest Party	# (unit = Banzhaf Index)	415	
v047y	minosit	Minority Situation in Parliament	1 = Minority Situation	415	
v048y	v012x	Non partisan cabinet	1 = Yes, 0 = No	424	
v049y	v014x	Coalition Cabinet	1 = Yes, 0 = No	406	
v050y	v048x	Cabinet Seat Share	# (unit = % points)	415	
v051y	v013x	Number of Cabinet Parties	# (unit = parties)	424	
v051y2	v051ychsimp	Change in Cabinet Parties	1 = Inc, 0 = No Ch, -1 = Dec	407	
v052y	bpmaxcab	Max Bargaining Power Pty in Cab	1 = Yes, 0 = No	415	
v053y	majone	Single Party Majority Cabinet	1 = Yes, 0 = No	415	
v054y	minone	Single Party Minority Cabinet	1 = Yes, 0 = No	415	
v055y	minmul	Minority Coalition	1 = Yes, 0 = No	415	
v056y	v015x	Majority Cabinet	1 = Yes, 0 = No	415	
v057y	mwc	Minimal Winning Coalition	1 = Yes, 0 = No	415	
v058y	surplus, v016x	Surplus Majority Cabinet	1 = Yes, 0 = No	415	
v058y2	govtype	Government Type	1 = Minority, 2 = MWC, 3 = Surplus	353	
v059y	v216x	Number of Ministries	# (unit = ministries)	423	

v059y2	v059ychsimp	Change in Number of Ministries	1 = Inc, 0 = No Ch, -1 = Dec	405	
v060y	v217x	Number of Cabinet Members	# (unit = people)	423	
v060y2	v060ychsimp	Change in Number of Ministers	1 = Inc, 0 = No Ch, -1 = Dec	405	
v061y	undmin	Disproportionality Index	# (unit = disproportionality index)	260	
v062y	newdmin2	Weighted Disproportionality Index	# (unit = disproportionality index)	260	
V063y	jmin	Watchdog junior ministers	1 = Yes, 0 = No	264	

Block 3: Preferences

Variable	Other Names	Name	Coding	n	Notes
v080y	perncp	Extremist Party Seat Share	# (seat share in %)	415	
v081y	manrangp	Parliamentary Preference Range	# (points)	411	
v082y	bppolar	Polarization (BP Weighted)	# (manifesto points)	413	<p>Polarization is based on the following equation:</p> $\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^x b_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$ <p>b is for bargaining power of party i, x is the left-right position of party i, and x bar is the weighted average of left-right positions of all parties.</p>
v083y	dim-we	Effective # of Issue Dimens	# (# dims)	411	
v084y	no core party, ddndimen3	No Core Party	1 = No DDM, 0 = DDM	415	
v085y	medparbp	Median Party Bargaining Power	# (unit = Banzhaf Index)	414	
v086y	lpmeddist	Largest Party Distance to Median	# (manifesto points)	397	
v088y	manranc1	Cabinet Preference Range	# (manifesto points)	402	
v089y	medleg1	Median Party (1 st Dim) in Cab	1 = Yes, 0 = No	415	
v090y	newmedleg2	Median Party (2 nd Dim) in Cab	1 = Yes, 0 = No	415	Experts coded Denm, Fran, Gree as having 1 dim., for these countries, this variable is coded with the 2 nd dim equalling the 1 st dim.
v091y	connect	Connected Cab	1 = Yes, 0 = No	415	
v091y2	mcwc	Minimal Winning Connected Cab	1 = Yes, 0 = No	415	
v092y	ceconmaj	Conservative Cab	1 = Yes, 0 = No	415	Coded 1 if cabinet majority is from conservative bloc
v093y	cesocmaj	Socialist Cab	1 = Yes, 0 = No	415	Coded 1 if cabinet majority is from socialist bloc

Block 4: Institutions

Variable	Other Names	Name	Coding	n	Notes
v120y	listpr	List PR	1 = Yes, 0 = No	424	0 = France (except 1 cabinet), Iceland (p), Ireland, Italy (p). (p) is used when the institutional dummy (1) applies for some cabinets but not others. Hence, (p) stands for "partially"., UK
v121y	v228zis5	Lower Chamber Only Decides Leg	1 = Yes, 0 = No	424	0 = Belgium, Denmark, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden (p)
v122y	ddconsref4	Supermajority for Const Amend	1 = Yes, 0 = No	424	0 = Denmark, France, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Sweden, UK
v123y	strong2nd	Strong Second Chamber	1 = Yes, 0 = No	424	1 = Belgium (–95), Italy, Sweden (–70)
v124y	weak2nd	Weak Second Chamber	1 = Yes, 0 = No	424	1 = Aust, Belg (95–), Fran, Germ, Irel, Neth, Spai, UK
V124y2	bicameral	Bicameralism	1 = Yes, 0 = No	424	1 = Aust, Belg, Denm (p), Fran, Germ, Ire, Ital, Neth, Spai (p), Swed (p), UK
v125y	oppinflh	Opposition Influence	Range: 2-7.13	424	Coded as Laver-Hunt (92), except Iceland=4
v126y	invest	Positive Parliamentarism	1 = Yes, 0 = No	424	1 = Belgium, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Spain
v127y	screen	Ex Ante Gvt Program Screen	1 = Yes, 0 = No	424	1 = Belgium, Greece, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Spain
v128y	noconf	Abs Majority No-confidence	1 = Yes, 0 = No	424	1 = Fran, Germ, Gree, Icel, Port, Spain, Swed (70–)
v129y	construct	Constructive No-Confidence	1 = Yes, 0 = No	424	1 = Germany, Spain, Belgium 1995–
v130y	cabunan	Cabinet Rule: Unanimity	1 = Yes, 0 = No	424	1 = Austria, Italy, Portugal
v131y	cabconsPM	Cabinet Rule: PM Consensus	1 = Yes, 0 = No	424	1 = Belgium, Denmark, Spain, Sweden, UK
v132y	v227zis4	Cabinet Co-decides Leg	1 = Yes, 0 = No	424	1 = Denmark, Netherlands, Sweden (–70)
v133y	pmpow	PM Cabinet Powers	Range: 1 to 7	424	1 point each of 7 PM Cabinet Powers
v134y	pmdiss	PM Dissolution Powers	1 = Yes, 0 = No	424	1 = Belgium, Denmark, Luxembourg, Spain
v135y	pmappdism	PM Cab Appt Power	1 = Yes, 0 = No	424	0 = Belgium, Finland, Italy, Netherlands
v136y	v138zis2	HoS Discretionary Cab Appt Role	1 = Yes, 0 = No	424	1 = Finland, France
v137y	semip	Semi-Presidentialism	1 = Yes, 0 = No	424	1 = Finland, France, Portugal (–82)
V138y	jmininst	Junior Minister Institution	1 = Yes, 0 = No	424	0 = Denmark, Finland, Iceland
V139y	V046x	Size of Lower Chamber	# of Seats	415	Missing 101, 1001, 1002, 1201, 1403-5, 1501, 1502
v140y	continrule	Continuation Rule	1 = Yes, 0 = No	424	1 = Denm, Fran, Gree, Icel, Irel, Luxe, Neth, Norw, Swe

Block 5: Bargaining Environment

Variable	Other Names	Name	Coding	n	Notes
v160y	v218xlag	Prior Cab: Reg. El. Termination	1 = Yes, 0 = No	405	
v160y1	techlag	Prior Cab: Technical Termination	1 = Yes, 0 = No	405	
v161y	v219220xlag	Prior Cab: Other Tech Termination	1 = Yes, 0 = No	405	
v161y1	v219xlag	Prior Cab: Other Constitutional Term	1 = Yes, 0 = No	405	
v161y2	v220xlag	Prior Cab: Death of PM Term	1 = Yes, 0 = No	405	
v162y	v227xlag	Prior Cab: Intraparty Conflict Term	1 = Yes, 0 = No	405	
v163y	eelag	Prior Cab: Early Election Term	1 = Yes, 0 = No	405	
v164y	pdefconlag	Prior Cab: Conflict Termination	1 = Yes, 0 = No	405	
v165y	beh2lag-cross	Prior Cab: Behavioral Termination	1 = Yes, 0 = No	407	
v166y	samecpm	Same PM & Cabinet	1 = Yes, 0 = No	407	
V166y2	samepty	Same parties in cabinet	1 = Yes, 0 = No	407	
V166y3	samepm	Same PM	1 = Yes, 0 = No	407	
v167y	v095x	Cabinet bargaining duration	# (days)	418	
v167y2	v095x	Cabinet bargaining duration	# (days)	418	Adds 1 to v167y (for duration analysis)
v168y	ffadum	inconclusive bargaining round	1 = Yes, 0 = No	421	
v168y2	v084x	# of inconclusive bargaining rnds	#	421	
v169y	coalag	Coalition Agreement	1 = Yes, 0 = No	262	
v169y2	v097x	Coalition Agreement	0=None, 1=Pre, 2=Post, 3=IE, 4=Pre & Post	262	
v169y9	v109x	Size of agreement (approx. words)	# (words)	142	
v169y10	v110x	General procedural rules (in %)	# (%)	142	
v169y11	v111x	Policy specific procedural rule (in %)	# (%)	142	
v169y12	v112x	Distribution of offices (in %)	# (%)	142	
v169y13	v113x	Distribution of competences (in %)	# (%)	142	
v169y14	v114x	Policies (in %)	# (%)	142	
v170y	agcomp	Comprehensive Policy Agreement	1 = Yes, 0 = No	262	
v170y2	v106x	Policy Agreement	0 = No, 1 = Basic, 2 = Comprehensive	262	0: v106x=0; 1: v106x=1 or 2; 2: v106x=3
v170y3	v106x	Policy Agreement	0 = No, 1 = Few Issues, 2 = Many Issues, 3 = Comprehensive	255	
v171y	v103x	Coalition Discipline in Legislation	1=Yes always. 2=Yes, except explicitly exempted. 3=No, except explicit policies. 4=No	262	
v171y4	v103xalt	Coalition Discipline in Legislation	As v171y except 3 = 3 or 4	262	
v171yt	v104x	Coalition Discipline in Other Parliamentary Behavior	As v171y	262	
v172y	newagcomp	Comprehensive Policy Agreement (alt)	1 = Yes, 0 = No	408	v169y, except single party cab = 1, not missing
v173y	newcoalag	Coalition Agreement (alt)	1 = Yes, 0 = No	408	v170y, except single party cab = 1, not missing
v174y	newv103x	Coalition Discipline in Legislation (alt)	As v171y	408	v171y, except single party cab = 1, not missing
V174y1		Coalition Discipline in Legislation Dummy	1 = Yes, 0 = No	424	1 if v171y=1 or single party cab, 0 for all others
v175y	ccmmmix	Most common CRA: mixed	1 = Yes, 0 = No	249	CRA = Conflict Resolution Arena
v176y	ccmmext	Most common CRA: external	1 = Yes, 0 = No	249	
v176y2	ccmm2	Most common CRA	0= Internal, 1=Mixed 2 = External	249	
v176y3	ccmm	Most common CRA	1 = Not Internal	249	176y3l also exists (lag)
v176yt	v101x	Most Common CRA	IC, CaC, CoC, Parl, Pca, PS or O	257	IC=Inner cabinet, CaC=Cabinet comm, CoC=Coal comm, Parl=Parl leaders, Pca=Combination of cabinet members & parliamentarians, PS=Party summit, O=Other
v177y	scmmmix	Serious CRA: mixed	1 = Yes, 0 = No	249	
v178y	scmmext	Serious CRA: external	1 = Yes, 0 = No	249	
v178y2	scmm	Serious CRA	As v176y2	235	
v178y3		Serious CRA: Not Internal	1 = Not Internal	235	v178y3l also exists (lag)
v178yt	v102x	CRA for Most Serious Conflicts	As v176yt	257	
v179y	v009x	Relative Cab Duration	%	401	
v179y2	v008x	Absolute Cab Duration	# (Unit = Days)	405	
v180y	eenoon	Early Election (No Conflict)	1 = Yes, 0 = No	407	

Block 6: Critical Events

Variable	Other Names	Name	Coding	n	Notes
v200y	v232xlag	Terminal event lag: security	1 = Yes, 0 = No	405	
v201y	v233xlag	Terminal event lag: Economic	1 = Yes, 0 = No	405	
v202y	v234xlag	Terminal event lag: Personal	1 = Yes, 0 = No	405	
v203y	v239xlag	Terminal event lag (Any)	1 = Yes, 0 = No	405	
V203y2	critevtlag	Critical Event Lag	1 = Yes, 0 = No	405	
v204y	vol1	Electoral Volatility	# (0-60.8)	386	
v204y2	cabelvol	Cabinet Electoral Volatility	# (0-29.3)	381	
v205y	cpa3	Inflation (Cab Beginning)	# (-3 to 98)	419	
v206y	jla3	Unemployment (Cab Beginning)	# (0 to 22.2)	383	
v207y	gdppc3	Growth (Beginning)	# (-58.8 to 68.8)	410	
v208y	jla3end	Unemployment (End)	# (.1 to 22.2)	379	
v209y	cpa3end	Inflation (End)	# (-3 to 98)	405	
v210y	cegdppc3	Growth (End)	# (-7.1 to 19)	395	
v211y	ceconcpa	Conservative Cab x Inflation	# (-1.2 to 44.2)	398	
v212y	cesocjla	Socialist Cab x Unemployment	# (0 to 22)	374	
v213y	v231x	Terminal events: Opinion Shock	1 = Yes, 0 = No	405	
v214y	v232x	Terminal events: security	1 = Yes, 0 = No	405	
v215y	v233x	Terminal events: Economic	1 = Yes, 0 = No	405	
v216y	v234x	Terminal events: Personal	1 = Yes, 0 = No	405	
v216y2	critevt	Critical Event	1 = Yes, 0 = No	405	
v216y3	v239x	Terminal Even: Any	1 = Yes, 0 = No	405	
v217y	term3	Government Termination Cause	0 = Tech Term 1 = Conflict Term 2 = Vol Early EI	388	
v217y2	v218x	Government Termination: Regular Election	1 = Yes, 0 = No	405	
v217y3	v219xv220x	Government Termination: Other Technical	1 = Yes, 0 = No	405	
v217y4	v279x	Government Termination: Early Election	1 = Yes, 0 = No	405	
v217y5	eeocon	Government Termination: Voluntary Early Election	1 = Yes, 0 = No	405	v217y5l also exists (lag)
v217y6	otherdis	Government Termination: Discretionary No Election	1 = Yes, 0 = No	405	
v217y7	techdis	Government Termination: Technical	1 = Yes, 0 = No	405	
v217y23	v223x	Government Termination: Cabinet defeat in parliament	1 = Yes, 0 = No	405	
v217y24	v224x	Government Termination: Inter-party policy	1 = Yes, 0 = No	265	Coalitions Only
v217y25	v225x	Government Termination: Inter-party personal	1 = Yes, 0 = No	265	Coalitions Only
v217y27	v227x	Government Termination: Intraparty Conflict	1 = Yes, 0 = No	405	
v217y31	v219x	Government Termination: Other Constitutional Reason	1 = Yes, 0 = No	406	
v217y32	v220x	Government Termination: Death of PM	1 = Yes, 0 = No	406	
v218y	volenl	Cabinet Termination: Voluntary Enlargment	1 = Yes, 0 = No	424	v218yl also exists (lag)
v219y	elecperf	Cabinet EI Performance	# (%)	385	
v219y2	v219y/v050y	Cabinet EI Performance	# (%)	385	Electoral Performance Controlling for Seat Share
v219y3	lagcabelminus	Previous Cab: All Parties Lost Votes	1 = Yes, 0 = No	407	
v219y4	lagcabelmix	Previous Cab: Mixed Electoral Fortunes	1 = Yes, 0 = No	407	
v219y5	lagcabelplus	Previous Cab: All Parties Gained Votes	1 = Yes, 0 = No	407	
v220y	finanpep	Finance Minister's Party Electoral Performance	# (percentage points)	229	Coalitions Only
v221y	pmpep	Prime Minister's Party Electoral Performance	# (percentage points)	234	Coalitions Only