Release Notes for the Manifesto Project Dataset / MARPOR Full Dataset: Updates (2011-2019a), changes, corrections, and known errors

MARPOR Full Dataset 2019a: July 2019 Version

Elections added:

- Sweden 2018

- Iceland 2016

- Belgium 2014 (Flanders only)

- Italy 2018

- New Zealand 2017

- Turkey 2018

- Lithuania 2016

- North Macedonia 2016

- Slovenia 2014

Corrections and changes:

- We renamed Macedonia to North Macedonia.

- We corrected the party code of Syriza for the June 2012 election, where the party was already running as a party and not as an alliance anymore. Thus the party code was changed from 34020 (Syriza's alliance code) to 34212 (Syriza's party code).

- We corrected the variable *edate* in the following cases:

  - Israel 1959
  - Mexico 1946
  - Mexico 1955
  - Mexico 1961

- Mexico 1967
- Mexico 1976
- Ukraine 2002
- South Africa 1994

- We corrected the variable *date* in the following cases:

  - Israel 1959
  - Portugal 1979

- We changed the progtype of a few documents:

  - Pact for Italy (32528) 1994 is a program of an electoral alliances and was corrected to 8 (Party bloc programme).
  - The Union Prodi (32955) 2006 is a program of an electoral alliances and was corrected to 8 (Party bloc programme).

- We corrected the variables *pervote*, *absseat*, and *voteest* following newly established coding criteria for electoral alliances and the corresponding member parties (please see the Codebook for the corresponding coding rules). The following cases were affected (party_date):

  - Albania: 75320_199103, 75320_199605, 75421_199203, 75421_199605, 75621_199103, 75622_199203, 75623_199103, 75722_199103, 75810_199103, 75810_199605
  - Belgium: 21221_200706, 21321_200706, 21330_200706
  - Bosnia-Herzegovina: 79223_199609
  - Bulgaria: 80110_199412, 80110_199704, 80220_199110, 80220_199412, 80220_199704, 80220_200506, 80812_199412, 80951_199704, 80952_199704
  - Croatia: 81021_200001, 81111_199004, 81112_199004, 81220_199004, 81221_199004, 81222_199004, 81223_200001, 81712_199510, 81810_199510, 81953_199208, 81954_199208, 81955_199208, 81956_199510
  - Cyprus: 55421_199605
  - Czech Republic: 82413_199206, 82520_199006, 82521_199206
  - Estonia: 83320_199209, 83713_199503
  - Georgia: 84223_199910, 84810_199210
  - German Democratic Republic: 85421_199003, 85422_199003, 85423_199003
  - Hungary: 86421_200204, 86429_200204, 86521_200204
  - Ireland: 53230_201102
  - Italy: 32110_200604, 32212_200604, 32213_200604, 32221_200604, 32329_200105, 32329_200604, 32520_199403, 32528_199403, 32629_200105, 32902_200604, 32903_200604, 32904_200604, 32953_200604, 32955_200604
  - Lithuania: 88521_199210, 88522_199210, 88522_199610, 88523_199210

- Macedonia: 89221_199410, 89222_199410, 89320_199410
- Mexico: 171032_200907, 171032_201207, 171034_200907, 171035_201207
- Montenegro: 91030_201610, 91220_199805, 91229_199012, 91322_201610, 91610_201610, 91959_199012
- Poland: 92211_199110, 92433_199110, 92523_199110
- Portugal: 35220_199110, 35220_199510, 35220_199910, 35229_200203, 35229_200502
- Romania: 93523_199005, 93524_199005, 93711_199005, 93714_199005
- Russia: 94421_199512
- Serbia: 95221_199709, 95222_199212, 95223_199709, 95421_199312, 95422_199212, 95422_199312, 95422_199709, 95710_199312, 95955_199312
- Slovakia: 96431_199206, 96712_199409, 96951_199206, 96951_199409, 96953_199409, 96954_199409
- Slovenia: 97810_199004
- Spain: 33210_201606
- Ukraine: 98421_199404, 98713_199404

- We corrected the party family in the variable *parfam* for the following parties:

  - Belgian Vlaams Block (21914) to 70 (Nationalist)
  - Belgian Vlaams Belang (21917) to 70 (Nationalist)
  - Italian Partito Democratico (32440) to 30 (Social democratic)
  - Katter's Australian Party (63710) to 95 (Special issue)
  - New Zealand First (64621) to 70 (Nationalist)
  - New Zealand's Mori Party (64901) to 90 (Ethnic/regional)
  - Lithuanian Partija tvark ir teisingums (88460) to 70 (Nationalist)

- We deleted the document of the Slovakian Smer (96423) in 2016 from dataset and corpus, as we had coded the wrong document.

- We corrected codings in the document of the Green Party of Switzerland (43110) in 2015, as the first section of the document was not coded.

- We corrected the vote shares of smaller parties – *pervote* – in the following cases (party_date):

  - Albania: 75623_199605, 75722_199203, 75722_199706, 75810_199706
  - Australia: 63321_200111
  - Austria: 42220_200211
  - Bosnia-Herzegovina: 79423_200011, 79722_199809, 79901_200011

- Croatia: 81430_199510, 81951_199208
- Hungary: 86320_199003
- Italy: 32521_199604
- Latvia: 87420_199306
- Mexico: 171601_194607
- Montenegro: 91321_199611, 91710_199611
- Netherlands: 22430_200301
- Poland: 92322_199709
- Romania: 93810_199209
- Slovakia: 96220_200209
- Slovenia: 97421_201112, 97440_201112, 97710_201112
- Spain: 33903_200803, 33906_199306, 33909_200803
- Turkey: 74321_199904
- Ukraine: 98521_199404, 98951_199404
- United Kingdom: 51951_200106
- South Korea: 11332_200004

- We corrected the number of seats won by smaller parties – *absseat* – in the following cases (party_date):

  - Albania: 75722_199605, 75722_199706
  - Bosnia-Herzegovina: 79423_200011, 79722_199809, 79901_200011
  - Croatia: 81430_199510, 81951_199208
  - Italy: 32521_199604
  - Macedonia: 89320_199810
  - Mexico: 171601_194607

- We changed the variable *voteest* in the following case (party_date):

  - Montenegro: 91710_199611

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<u>**MARPOR Full Dataset 2018b: December 2018 Version**</u>

Elections added:

- Norway 2013

- Portugal 2015

- Austria 2017

- Switzerland 2015

- United Kingdom 2017

- Australia 2016

- Czech Republic 2017

- Romania 2016

- Slovakia 2016

- South Korea 2016

Corrections and changes:

- We changed various party family codings:

    - German AfD (41953) to 70 (Nationalist)
    - Portuguese PSD (76930) to 60 (Conservative)
    - Armenian Unity (M) (76903)
    - Norwegian Centre Democrats (13330) to 60 (Conservative)
    - Union of Macedonia (89227) to 30 (Social democrat)
    - Sri Lankas United National Party (73330) to 60 (Conservative)

- We changed the progtype of a few documents:

    - Fidesz (86421) 1990, Alliance of Free Democrats (86422) 1994, Independent Smallholders Party FKgP (86810) 1994 are summaries of the original programs and are therefore recoded to 9 (other document).

- Coalition of Coexistence and the Hungarian Christian-Democratic Movement ESWS-MKdH (96952) 1990 is a general program and was corrected to 6 (General program).

- We corrected and deleted codes in quite a number of documents where empty lines were assigned a code. The total number of codes affected per document is extremely small. The following documents are affected: party:date

  - 12320:200509, 12420:200509, 12520:200509,12620:200509,12620:200909,12810:200509,12951:200509,
  - 13229:201109,13420:201109,13720:201109,
  - 15620:200305,
  - 22952:198605,
  - 23520:200906,23951:201310,
  - 31110:201206,
  - 32230:201302,
  - 33220:200003,33610:200003,33908:200803,33909:200403,33911:201606,
  - 34313:200403,
  - 35311:201106,35313:201106,35520:201106,
  - 42320:199910,42520:199910,
  - 43420:201110,43540:201110,
  - 51620:201505,51951:201505,
  - 53240:201602,53320:200705,53320:201602,53321:201602,53520:201602,53620:200705,53620:201102,53951:200705,
  - 62320:201105,62420:201105,62901:201105,
  - 74628:200211,74628:200707,74712:201506,
  - 79321:201010,79730:200210,
  - 80510:201305,
  - 81230:201112,81711:201609,
  - 83430:201103,
  - 84450:201610,84716:201610,84730:201610,
  - 86220:201004,
  - 92210:201110,
  - 95712:201205,
  - 96423:201203,96440:201006,96440:201203,96521:201006,96710:201006,96955:201006

MARPOR Full Dataset 2018a: July 2018 Version

Elections added:

- Cyprus 2016

- Mexico 2015

- Netherlands 2017

- USA 2016

Corrections and changes:

- Changed parfam of the Dutch D66 (22330) to 40 (Liberal)

- Corrected the coding of one quasi-sentence in the 2017 manifesto of the French Front National (31720)

- Corrected date and edate of an election in Northern Ireland from March 1963 to May 1962.

- Corrected date and edate for a Dutch election from 28 March 1971 (wrong) to 28 April 1971 (correct).

Digitalization and Alignment

- We digitized a bunch of documents (including the codes) from the past. In some cases we corrected codes during this process, this is why the per-variables changed. You can use the Dataset Comparison Dashboard, if you want to have a closer at the specific changes. The following manifesto are affected: (party_date)

    - Australia: 63620_200111, 63810_200111
    - Czech Republic: 82320_200206
    - Hungary: 86220_200204
    - Italy: 32061_200804, 32440_200804, 32720_200804, 32212_200105, 32629_200105, 32901_200105, 32902_200105
    - Mexico: 171601_198207, 171601_198507, 171601_198807,
    - New Zealand: 64320_199911, 64321_199911, 64420_199911, 64320_199311, 64321_199311, 64620_199311,
    - Poland: 92431_199110, 92212_200109, 92622_200109, 92811_200109, 92953_200109,
    - Portugal: 35220_199910, 35313_199910, 35220_200203

- Switzerland: 43110_199910, 43320_199910, 43420_199910, 43530_199910, 43810_199910, 43110_200310, 43220_200310, 43320_200310, 43530_200310, 43531_200310, 43711_200310, 43810_200310
- UK: 51320_200106
- Slovakia: 96952_199006, 96522_199809, 96424_200209, 96523_200209, 96711_200209,
- Russia: 94221_199312, 94222_199312, 94321_199512, 94711_199512, 94424_199912, 94621_199912

MARPOR Full Dataset 2017b: December 2017 Version

Elections added:

- Austria 2013
- France 2017
- Germany 2017
- Israel 2006 & 2009
- New Zealand 2014
- Sweden 2014

Individual manifestos added or replace:

We added manifestos of several smaller Dutch parties at past elections that gained seat(s) in parliament but were not included in the dataset or where we missed documents and these observations were interpolated from adjacent elections:

- Reformatory Political Federation (22528) in 1981
- Communist Party of the Netherlands (22210) in 1982
- Reformed Political League (22527) in 1982
- Reformatory Political Federation (22528) in 1982 (same manifesto used as in the 1981 election)
- Centre Party (22710) in 1982
- Reformed Political Party (22952) in 1982

Corrections and changes:

- We corrected the party id of 55323 to 55322 (EDEK) in the 2001 election (this was incorrectly coded as another party)
- We corrected progtype of the alliance of the Israeli Labour Party with Democratic State (72323) at the 2003 election to 4 (manifesto taken from main party)

New variable:

- We added the variable "id_perm" as a last column to the dataset. This variables contains six-digit character vectors that permanently identify observations across different versions of the dataset. In most cases this can also be achieved by using party-date as identifier. However, we sometimes correct or change party codes between different dataset versions.

MARPOR Full Dataset 2017a: July 2017 Version

Elections added:

- Bulgaria 2014/2017

- Bosnia & Herzegovina 2006

- Croatia 2016

- Georgia 2016

- Ireland 2016

- Montenegro 2016

- Serbia 2016

- Spain 2016

Remarks: In Spain 2016, Podemos contested the election in several regional alliances which all published individual manifestos. However, Podemos also published a separate federal manifesto. We coded the separate as well as the regional alliance manifestos. Depending on the research question, scholars might have to drop the former ones or the latter. Votes and seats of the federal Podemos manifesto are set to zero because they are already included in the regional alliances. Please also note that many Spanish parties contested the June 2016 election with the same manifesto as at the December 2015 election.

Individual manifestos added or replace:

- We added manifestos of several smaller Dutch parties that gained seat(s) in parliament but were not included in the dataset or where we missed documents and these observations were interpolated from adjacent elections:

  - Communist Party of the Netherlands (22210) in 1948
  - Reformed Political Party (22952) in 1948
  - Pacifist Socialist Party (22230) in 1986
  - Reformed Political Party (22952) in 1986 (replaced the coding to reduce the number of different coders at the same election)
  - Socialist Party (22220) in 1994 (replacement of an estimate that was based on the 2002 manifesto)
  - Reformatory Political Federation (22528) in 1998

- We added manifestos of several smaller Dutch parties that gained seat(s) in parliament but were not included in the dataset or where we missed documents and these observations were interpolated from adjacent elections:

- Republican National Party (74710) in 1954

- Republican Peasants' Nation Party (74712) in 1961 (replaced estimate)

- Republican Peasants' Nation Party (74712) in 1965 (replaced estimate)

- National Action Party (74712) in 1969 (replaced estimate)

- National Action Party (74712) in 1995

- National Action Party (74712) in 2002

- Bosnia & Herzegovina 2002: For reasons related to the publication of Mapping Policy Preferences II (the first time the data on BiH 2002 was published) the election was not based on collected documents, but entirely based on the interpolation of observations from the previous election. We started to replace these observations with codings that are based on real documents published for the 2002 election for the following parties:

  - Social Democratic Party of Bosnia and Herzegovina (79321)

  - Party for Bosnia and Herzegovina (79723)

  - Party of Democratic Action (79951)

  - Alliance of Independent Social Democrats (79730)

- Replaced data for the following observations because we found better (longer) documents in Bulgaria:

  - Citizens for European Development of Bulgaria (80510) in 2009

  - National Union Attack (80710) in 2009

Corrections and changes in electoral statistics:

- Portugal: We corrected the vote shares of the Portuguese Social Democratic Party (35313) and the Social Democratic Center Party (35520) in 1980. These were switched.

- Australia: We corrected the vote share (pervote) for the Australian Greens (63110) in 2013 election.

- Latvia: We corrected the vote share (pervote) for the for the Latvian Way Union(87410) in 2002.

- Czech Republic: We corrected the vote share (pervote) for the Pensioners for a Life Security (82901) in 1996 and 1998, and for the Association for the Republic Republican Party of (82710) in 1998 and 2002.

- Estonia: We corrected the vote share (pervote) for the Social Democratic Party (83410) in 2007.

- Turkey: We corrected some vote and seat statistics for various parties at various elections. We corrected the total number of seats in 1954, the number of seats (absseat) for the Republican Peoples Party (74321) in 1954 and the Democratic Party (74621) in 1995, the vote share (pervote) of the Grand Unity Party (74626) in 1999, and the Democratic Turkey Party (74627) at the 1999.

- Spain: We changed the parfam coding for the CiU (33611), the Forum Asturias (33612) and Geroa Bai (33091) to 90 (ethnic-regional).

Minor changes to content analytical data:

- Germany: Die Linke Left Party (41223) in 2013: Very minor re-unitizing of a quasi-sentence resulting in one additional quasi-sentence coded as 106.

- Spain: Canarian Coalition (33907) in 2015: Very minor re-unitizing of quasi-sentences and recoding resulting in two more quasi-sentences coded with 411.

<u>**MARPOR Full Dataset 2016b: December 2016 Version**</u>

Elections added:

- Spain 2015

- Canada 2015

- Japan 2014

- Israel 2003/2015

- Croatia 2011

- Latvia 2011/2014

Individual manifestos added:

- Reformed Political Party (22952: 1986 and 1989)

- Reformed Political League (22527: 1989)

- Reformatory Political Federation (22528:1989)

- Centre Democrats (22711:1989)

Recoded/replaced documents:

- We substituted the document for the Canarian Coalition (33907: 2000) with the correct manifesto

- We replaced the code frequencies for several observations from the Austrian elections 1999 and 2002 with the recodings conducted for Mapping Policy Preferences III. Significant changes in all content analytical categories and changes in the rile up to 18 points (see below).

Changes due to the Alignment of the Manifesto Dataset with the Manifesto Corpus:

- With this update we aligned the Main Dataset with the Manifesto Corpus (for more information on the Manifesto Corpus, please read: `https://manifesto-project.wzb.eu/information/documents/corpus`) . The code frequencies (per categories, rile,) from all documents that are also covered by the Manifesto Corpus are now automatically calculated from the Manifesto Corpus. This led to many very small changes in the content analytical categories in a large number of observations. Most of these changes are very small and due to the improved cleaning and code checking procedures that were applied when these documents were put into the Manifesto Corpus.

- We made an effort to digitize some documents that were coded on paper copies in the past. As these documents are now in the Manifesto Corpus, we re-counted the codes instead of using the old code frequencies from the dataset that were based on human counting. This produces some differences to the last version of the dataset due to counting errors and some coding corrections during the digitization procedure. This produces in many observations very small changes in the totals and per variables. In an extreme case (Danish Centre Party 13330 at the 1998 election) corrections of 20 codes that were wrongly counted as 505 instead of 506 change the rile by 18 points. A similar case is the Social Democratic Partys manifesto (13320) at the same election where 21 codes were added that changed the rile by about 6 points.

- We added a variable *corpusversion* to the dataset. This variable indicates the version of the Manifesto Corpus used to calculate the code frequencies in the Main Dataset. The variable is missing for all documents that were not taken from the corpus, but are based on paper codings from the past. Thereby, it indicates for which observations in the Main Dataset annotations are available in the Manifesto Corpus.

Overview of observations with significant changes due to the Corpus-Dataset alignment

- The following overview documents significant changes between version 2016b and version 2016a (for the above explained reasons). This list contains all observations with a change in rile larger than 1 or a change in the total number of quasi-sentences larger than 20:

country	party	date	partyname	rile_diff	rile_old	rile_new	total_diff	total_old	total_new
13	13330	199803	Centre Democrats	18.205	4.186	−14.019	1	215	214
33	33907	200003	Canarian Coalition	6.455	−4.725	−11.18	994	1799	805
13	13320	199803	Social Democratic Party	6.03	4.986	−1.044	22	361	383
64	64620	199911	New Zealand National Party	4.946	37.063	32.117	6	143	137
32	32640	201302	Labour and Freedom List	4.649	−5.578	−10.227	13	251	264
33	33907	200403	Canarian Coalition	3.853	−5.258	−9.111	51	951	900
41	41113	199809	Alliance90/Greens	2.978	−19.425	−16.447	702	1426	2128
13	13229	200502	Red-Green Unity List	2.959	−43.119	−46.078	14	218	204
33	33909	200403	Aragonist Council	2.596	−20.193	−17.597	22	1035	1057
33	33910	200403	Navarrese People's Union	2.326	1.19	−1.136	4	84	88
53	53520	200705	Family of the Irish	1.517	−9.743	−11.26	33	2063	2096
33	33902	200803	Basque Nationalist Party	1.514	−4.111	−2.597	24	900	924
53	53620	200705	Soldiers of Destiny	1.43	−11.185	−9.755	246	1958	2204
33	33610	200003	Popular Party	1.419	5.005	3.586	41	2997	2956
53	53420	200705	Progressive Democrats	1.05	−5.815	−6.865	88	1995	2083
53	53951	200705	We Ourselves	1.002	−13.666	−12.664	152	1522	1674
53	53110	200705	Green Party	0.929	−21.058	−20.129	62	1021	1083
33	33610	200803	Popular Party	0.817	−4.603	−3.786	27	4041	4068
51	51902	199705	Scottish National Party	0.755	−0.32	−1.075	26	625	651
33	33907	200803	Canarian Coalition	0.726	−5.523	−4.797	32	1177	1209

33	33610	199603	Popular Party	0.663	10.534	9.871	38	2753	2715
33	33906	200403	Andalusian Party	0.616	−12.679	−12.063	80	2863	2943
33	33905	200803	Catalan Republican Left	0.491	−10.278	−10.769	85	1800	1885
33	33220	200803	United Left	0.409	−16.812	−16.403	21	2064	2085
61	61620	200411	Republican Party	0.34	25.563	25.903	23	1776	1799
51	51421	199705	Liberal Democrats	0.278	−5.86	−5.582	40	802	842
33	33220	200003	United Left	0.251	−27.461	−27.21	23	6471	6494
53	53320	200705	Labour Party	0.203	−18.678	−18.881	56	2179	2235
51	51902	200106	Scottish National Party	0.159	−13.038	−12.879	21	813	792
33	33611	200003	Convergence and Union	0.082	−0.362	−0.444	57	2759	2702
33	33908	200803	Galician Nationalist Bloc	0.023	−11.878	−11.901	31	1347	1378

Smaller corrections:

- Corrected the coderid for Montenegro 2002 elections

- Corrected the party id of an Israeli manifesto at the 1965 elections from 72323 → 72320

- Corrected the party id of a Slovenian manifesto at the 2001 election from 97620 → 97521

- Corrected the party id of a Mexican manifesto at the 1997 election from 171201 → 171101

- Corrected absseat for Social Democratic (35313) and the Social Democratic Center Party (35520) at the Portuguese elections in 1980 (they were switched)

- Corrected pervote for the Croatian HDZ in all elections.

- Corrected the party family coding for the Democratic Party of Socialists of Montenegro (91220) at the 1998 elections to be the same as in all other elections.

MARPOR Full Dataset 2016a: May 2016 Version

Elections added:

- Bosnia & Herzegovina 2010/2014

- Estonia 2015

- Greece January/September 2015

- Japan 2003/2005/2009/2012

- Latvia 2006/2010

- Moldova 2014

- Montenegro 2001/2002/2006/2009/2012

- Turkey June/November 2015

- UK 2015

Raw data (digitalized and annotated electoral programs) for most of these observations can be accessed via the Manifesto Corpus (see `https://manifesto-project.wzb.eu/information/documents/corpus`). These entries are based on version 2016-3 of the Manifesto Corpus.

Individual manifestos added:

We added 12 electoral programs of (mostly) smaller Dutch parties, and one UK party:

- Communist Party of the Netherlands (22210:1946),

- Reformed Political Party(22952:1946,1994,1998,2002),

- Reformed Political League (22527:1994),

- Reformatory Political Federation (22528:1994,1998),

- Centre Democrats (22711:1994),

- General Elderly Alliance (22954:1994),

- Union55+ (22955:1994),

- Scottish National Party (51902:1997).

New variables:

- A new variable datasetversion, constant for all observations, indicates the version of the dataset. It helps keep track of the dataset version even if, for example, the filename is changed.

- We decided to split the information contained in the partyname variable (party abbreviation + partyname) into two variables in order to facilitate labeling graphs with party abbreviations. Now partyname only represents the name of the party, in English. The new variable partyabbrev represents the abbreviation of the party name.

- We added a new variable indicating a coders reliability based on his/her coding of the entry test. This measure compares the sequence of codes from a coders entry test to the sequence of codes from the master copy of the entry test. The new variable testeditsim indicates the relative Levensthein distance between the two sequences of codes, and subtracts it from 1 (a value of 0 indicates no matching codes, 1 indicates all codes match).

Corrections and changes:

- 28 observations (elections from Hungary, Cyprus and Greece) coded with version 5 of the coding instructions incorrectly left out one new sub-category (606_1:civic mindedness: general +) in the calculation of the rile variable. We corrected this. For these 28 observations this led to an average error of 2.2 in the rile. In four cases the rile error was more than 5, with a maximum error of 22.

- We completed the standardization the calculation of the coding reliability by slightly changing the coding of the entry test master copy of manual 4 and 5, and recalculated the reliability scores (Krippendorff's Alpha, variable testresult) of the coders that were trained with manual 4 or 5. This affects 456 cases. The change in Krippendorfs alpha for these cases ranges from -0.13 to $+0.23$ with a median of 0.003. We also added a new variable to measure the coding reliability called testeditsim, see above.

- We substituted the document that was coded for the New Zealand Nationals Party from the 2011 election. The former coding was based on a speech, the new coding is based on the partys manifesto. All per variables, progtype and the indicators have changed.

Smaller changes:

- The Serbian Democratic party appeared twice in the dataset with different codes (79955 and 79952). We changed 79952 to 79955.

- The Democratic Party of Socialists of Montenegro (91220 and 91322) appeared twice in the dataset. We changed 91322 to 91220.

- The manual variable (indicating the version of the coding instructions used to code the program) was corrected and changed from 3 to 4 for the Lithuanian elections in 2008.

- We deleted the entry for the joint list bloc (81899) from the 2000 Croatian elections as it resulted in showing a higher number of seats than the size of the parliament. The observation for the electoral alliance first appeared with MPP2, and was an estimate based on codings from prior elections. It should have been but was not removed when the individual parties of the electoral alliance were coded and added to the dataset.

- We also deleted a single estimate for the Montenegrin 2002 election and replaced it with the coded 2002 manifesto.

- We set the pervote of the Fidesz-MPP-MDF alliance to 0, because the two parties are individually in the dataset with their respective voteshare.

- Changed parfam from 60 (conservative) to 20 (socialist) for the Progressive Party (61622), a minor US party from the 1948 election.

- We recoded some entries of parfam from 0 to 98 and other more meaningful codes to avoid the 0 parfam code. This only concerns electoral alliances.

- Changed the name of country 51 from Great Britain to United Kingdom.

MARPOR Full Dataset 2015a: May 2015 Version

New elections:

Armenia 2012, Cyprus 2006/2011, Greece 2007/2009/2012 May election/2012 June election, Hungary 2014, Macedonia 2014, Netherlands 2012

A note on the Greek data:
We advise to use the Greek data, in particular after the financial crisis, with caution for two reasons. First, collecting proper electoral programs is a challenge in Greece. In many cases, electoral programs in the classical sense do or did not exist. Many of the coded documents are the best equivalents that we could find, however some of them are very short and hardly cover a broad range of policy issues. Second, we advise to use other estimates than the rile for left-right positions. After the financial crisis a huge part of the political discourse in Greece was based on blaming the political elites for their failures. Such statements fall under the 305 category in the MARPOR scheme. Especially the Left parties (Syriza and KKE) blamed the former elites from PASOK and ND for the crisis. The rile score considers 305 as a right-wing category, moving these left parties to (extremely) right-wing positions. Considering 305 a right-wing category is definitely problematic in Greece and we advise to use other estimates than the rile to measure left-right positions in Greece.

Changes:

For the first time, we release data coded with the new version of the coding instructions/category scheme (version 5). This version contains new subcategories which are easily identifiable in the dataset as they contain an underscore (eg. per301_1). The first three digits indicate the main category to which they are related. The new coding instructions foresee that the new subcategories are used instead of the respective main categories. Currently, the new categories are aggregated into the former main categories according to the scheme below to ensure the over-time comparability of the dataset. So, scholars interested in long-time series can simply continue to use the existing main categories (per101-706, including eg. the rile) as they did in the past and ignore the new categories. Scholars interested in the new categories should be aware that the respective main categories of the new subcategories are aggregates of the new categories (i.e. if one uses the main categories together with the new subcategories the per-variables will likely add up to more than 100%). For more information on the new coding scheme, please visit our website.

Coding Instructions Version 5 codes	Replaced categories Coding Instructions Version 4 and before
per103_1 state centred anti-imperalism per103_2 foreign financial influence -	per103 anti-imperalism
per201_1 freedom per201_2 human rights	per201 freedom & human rights
per202_1 democracy: general + per202_2 democracy: general -* per202_3 representative democracy + per202_4 direct democracy +	per202 democracy
per305_1 political authority: party competence per305_2 political authority: personal competence per305_3 political authority: strong government per305_4 transition: pre-democratic elites + per305_5 transition: pre-democratic elites - per305_6 rehabilitation and compensation	per305 political authority
per416_1 anti-growth economy + per416_2 sustainability +	per416 anti-growth economy +
per601_1 national way of life: general + per601_2 national way of life: immigration -	per601 national way of life +
per602_1 national way of life: general - per602_2 national way of life: immigration +	per602 national way of life -
per605_1 law and order + per605_2 law and order -*	per605 law and order +
per606_1 civic mindedness: general + per606_2 bottom-up activism	per606 civic mindedness +
per607_1 multiculturalism: general + per607_2 multiculturalism: immigrants diversity per607_3 multiculturalisn: indigenous rights +	per607 multiculturalism +
per608_1 multiculturalism: general - per608_2 mulitculturalism: immigrants assimilation per608_3 multiculturalism: indigenous rights -	per608 multiculturalism -

per703_1 agriciulture and farmers + per703_2 agriculture and farmers -*	per703 agriculture +

To make data coded with version 5 comparable with data coded with former versions, the summed shares of the new subcategories can be aggregated to the share of the main category.

*The only exceptions are the categories 202_2, 605_2 and 703_2 which have to be added to the uncoded sentences, as such issues were not covered in the handbook 4 category scheme and these sentences were thus previously coded as 000.

MARPOR Full Dataset 2014b: December 2014 Version

new data	whole election	Luxembourg 2013, Australia 2013, Armenia 2007, Georgia 1990, South Africa 2014, Mexico 2009/2012, Serbia 2014, Czech Republic 2013.	
	whole election - replacing existing data	Germany 1998 / 2002	All codings replaced by more recent recodings. The former coding of the Green party in 1998 was based on a bad proxy document (see Chapter on Coder Training: Key to Enhancing Coding Reliability and Estimate Validity for more details on the recoding). Therefore we replaced it. As we prefer (if possible) to provide data from the one coder for all parties from one election, we replaced the other data as well.
	single parties - additions and updating of missing data	Italy 2013 Turkey 2007 Macedonia	Added manifesto of the South Tyrolean Peoples Party (32904) Added manifesto for Democratic Society Party (74326) Added manifesto for Democratic Union for Integration (89940:2011), Socialist Party of Macedonia (89320:2008), Democratic Party of Turks (89920:2006)
changes	general changes	per301	The label of per301 was changed from federalism to decentralization to reflect more accurately the content of the category.
	election level	The edate variable for all elections from the update 2014a were wrong (by one day) and are corrected with this update. These concerns the following elections: Canada 2011 edate corrected France 2012 edate corrected New Zealand 2011 edate corrected Slovakia 1998 edate corrected Switzerland 2011 edate corrected	

		Portugal 1979	edate corrected
		Iceland 2013	edate corrected
		Bulgaria 2013	edate corrected
		Macedonia 2002, 2006, 2008, 2011	edate corrected
		Romania 2012	edate corrected
		Mexico 2006	edate corrected
		South Africa 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009	edate corrected
		Lithuania 2008	Totseats was corrected from 70 to 141.
		Turkey 2011	corrected eumember-variable from 0 (no member) to 20 (applicant)
		Macedonia 2006, 2008 and 2011	eumember was corrected to 20 (eu applicant)
	party level	Lithuania 2008	Absseat incorrectly indicated only the seats from the proportional tier. We corrected absseat to cover seats from the proportional and the majoritarian tier.
		Luxembourg 2004 / 2009	Codes 101 and 102 should not be used in Luxembourg, quasi-sentences with these codes were recoded which causes small changes in some per-categories. Partyid for the Green Party in 2004 and 2009 was corrected from 23114 to 23113.

MARPOR Full Dataset 2014a: August 2014 Version

| new data | whole election | Bulgaria 2013; Canada 2011; France 2012; Iceland 2013; Macedonia 2002/2006/2008/2011; Mexico 2006; New Zealand 2011; Romania 2012; South Africa 1994/1999/2004/2009; Switzerland 2011. |
| changes | general changes | The coding of missings was changed: Missing Information / Not Applicable is now coded as . for continuous variables (testresult, coderyear, pervote, presvote, absseat, totseats, perXXX, peruncod, total, rile, planeco, markeco, welfare, intpeace). Missing data in categorical variables (parfam, coderid, manual, progtype) was not changed. It is still coded as 998 (not applicable) and 999/99 (missing information). |

		The following observations were accidentally deleted with the 2013b version due to a programming error: New Clean Government Party (71530) 2003; New Clean Government Party (71530) 2005; New Conservative Party (71626) 2003; Peace and Democracy Party (74325) 2011; ZL Joint List Bloc (81899) 2000; United Opposition (National Council/Rights) (84041)2008; Bidzina Ivanishvili Georgian Dream (84042) 2012; Republican Party of Georgia (84440) 2008; Christian-Democratic Movement (84530) 2008; SzDSz Alliance of Free Democrats (86422) 2002; FiDeSz-MPP/MDF Alliance (86429) 2002; Labour Party and Youth (88042) 2008; Liberal Movement (88450) 2008; Order and Justice (88460) 2008; Homeland Union (88621) 2008; National Resurrection Party (88630) 2008; Palikot's Movement (92440) 2011. All observations were reincorporated in this dataset version. We changed the country abbreviations in the label of the party variable to international iso standard abbreviations.	
corrections	election level	Georgia 2003/2004	The documents in the dataset coded as Georgia 2004 were mainly written for the election in 2003. We changed the election date, pervote, seats, etc. for most of these manifestos to the 2003 values. Moreover, we discovered some of the real 2004 manifestos and coded these documents as well (see above). But be aware that the 2003 election was annulated. In contrast to our general guideline to focus on (rather) democratic elections, we still provide data for this election for the simple reason that the data is already coded and it might be despite the undemocratic character of the elections be useful for researchers interested in Georgian politics.
		Bulgaria 1994, Slovakia 1998, Latvia 2002, Germany 1976/1980	edate was corrected.
		Greece 2004	The incorrect usage of subcategory 6014 (Cyprus-issue) in three manifestos (34313, 34511 and 34210) was corrected. Note: per6014 should only be used in Cyprus. Sentences in this category were recoded to per101 and per102.
	party level	Front National 31720 (France 2002)	pervote was corrected.
		DSP Democratic Left Party 74324 & ANAP Motherland Party 74623 (Turkey 2002)	We decided to drop both observations because both parties gained no seats at this election and both observations were only duplicates (progtype = 3) of the codings from 1999.

MARPOR Full Dataset 2013b: December 2013 Version

new data	whole election	Australia 2010; Germany 2013; Greece 2004; Italy 2013; Lithuania 2012; Norway 2005; South Korea 2012; Switzerland 2007.	
	whole election - replacing estimates	Mexico 2003.	
	single parties	Hungary 2002	SZDSZ Alliance of Free Democrats (86422). (The old data was based on a partially coded document. The new data is based on the coding of the whole document.)
changes	general changes	party	spelling and correct wording of all labels checked and revised if appropriate.
		partyname	spelling and correct wording of all English party names checked and revised if appropriate.
		parfam	made constant over time for all parties. Parfam was coded inconsistently in a few cases mostly due to change from CMP to MARPOR and did not reflect real changes in party family affiliation.
		coderyear	set to 998 if the data is an estimate (progtype = 3) or if we are missing the data completely (progtype = 99).
		manual	set to 998 if the data is an estimate (progtype = 3) or if we are missing the data completely (progtype = 99).
		testresult	set to 998 if the data is an estimate (progtype = 3) or if we are missing the data completely (progtype = 99).
corrections	coder level	manual	corrected for a number of coders.
	election level	UK 1992	totseats corrected.
		Croatia 2000	totseats, pervote and absseat corrected/recalculated and voteest changed to 1 where appropriate.
	party level	Austrian Freedom Party 42420 (Austria)	parfam changed to national.
		VMRO-DPMNE 89710 (Macedonia)	parfam changed to Christian democratic.
		Christian Social Peoples Party 23520 (Luxembourg 2004)	per1013 changed to zero, quasi-sentences in this category recoded to per101.
		Republicans 61620 (USA 2012)	per7062 changed to zero, quasi-sentences recoded to per706.

		Christian Democratic Union/Christian Social Union 41521 (Germany 2009)	absseat corrected.
		FIDESZ-MDF Alliance 86429 (Hungary 2002)	Alliance dropped. The observation only reported the data from the FIDESZ manifesto, which is already in the dataset as FIDESZ. pervote divided between FIDESZ and MDF according to the number of seats they won.

MARPOR Full Dataset 2013a: August 2013 Version

new data	whole election	Belgium 2010: Flemish parties; Georgia 2008, 2012; Lithuania 2008; Poland 2011; Turkey 2011; United States 2012.	
changes	general changes	eu	Change of eu variable. The variable is now coded depending on the election. It is no longer reporting if a country was EU member at some point of time but if the country was member or applicant at the time of the specific election. See the codebook for more information. To make this change obvious the name of the variable changed to eumember.
		oecd	Change of oecd variable. The variable is now coded depending on the election. It is no longer reporting if a country was OECD member as some point of time but if the country was member or applicant at the time of the specific election. See the codebook for more information. To make this change obvious the name of the variable changed to oecdmember.
corrections	coder level	testresult	corrected for a number of coders.
		manual	corrected for a number of coders.
	election level	Belgium 2010	month in edate corrected.
			month in date corrected.
		Hungary 1994-2010	totseats corrected.
			absseat corrected for a few parties.
		Italy 2001	totseats corrected.
		Lithuania 2004	totseats corrected.
		Luxembourg 2009	absseat corrected for four parties.
	party level	Lithuanian Peasant and Green Union 88081 (Lithuania)	party code changed to 88820.
		New Zealand first Party (New Zealand)	label corrected.

Maori Party (New Zealand)	label corrected.
New Zealand Democratic Party (New Zealand)	label corrected.
Basque Nationalist Party 33902 (Spain 2011)	parfam changed to regional (90).
Catalan Republican Left 33905 (Spain 2011)	parfam changed to regional (90).
Canarian Coalition 33907 (Spain 2011)	parfam changed to regional (90).
Galician Nationalist Bloc 33908 (Spain 2011)	parfam changed to regional (90).
Social Democratic Party 83320 (Estonia 2007 and 2011)	the party evolved out of an alliance that was already coded in 2003 under the code 83410. In 2007 the alliance formed a real party. In our dataset the code had then changed to 83320, which is the code of one of the founding members of the party. The code changed to the alliance code (83410).
Vojvodinian Coalition 95951 (Serbia 1997)	party code changed to 95091. 95951 was the code of another Vojvodinian party.
Peoples Democratic Party 89954 (Macedonia 1994 and 1998)	appeared with two party codes in the dataset, in 1990 it appeared in the dataset with its Albanian name (89952) and in 1994 and 1998 the same party appeared with its Macedonian name but a new code (89954). The party is now only listed as 89952.
United Democratic Forces 80418 (Bulgaria 2001)	In 2001 the party appeared twice in the dataset, also with the same content analytical data. One of these cases was dropped (80418). Now the party appears only as 80411 in the dataset.
Alliance for Mexico 171305 (Mexico 2000)	Before it appeared under the code of the Democratic Revolutionary Party (171305) which was just one of the members of the alliance. Now the alliance has its own code (171031).
Union of Peasants and New Democracy Party 88820 (Lithuania 2004)	absseat changed.
Bridge 96955 (Slovakia 2010)	absseat changed.
Unified Democratic Coalition 35229 (Portugal 2002 and 2005)	absseat and pervote changed.
Navarrese Peoples Union 33910 (Spain 2004 and 2008)	absseat changed.
Christian Democratic and Flemish 21521 (Belgium 2007)	absseat and pervote changed.

| | | New Flemish Alliance 21916 (Belgium 2007) | absseat and pervote changed. |

MARPOR Full Dataset 2012b: October 2012 Version

new data	whole election	Belgium 2007: Flemish parties; Denmark 2011; Finland 2011; Ireland 2011; Japan 2005; Norway 2009; Portugal 2011; Serbia 2012; Slovakia 2012; Slovenia 2011; Spain 2011; Turkey 2007.	
	whole election - replacing estimates	Iceland 2009	month in date corrected.
	single parties	Hungary 2006 Italy 2008 Lithuania 2004 Luxembourg 2009 Netherlands 2010	Alliance of Free Democrats (86422) Northern League (32720) Union of Peasants and New Democracy Party (88081) Di Lenk (23230) D66 (22330) and Christian Union (22526)
changes	general changes	pervote eu	is changed to . if missing instead of 999 to avoid wrong total votes when adding up. changed eu applicant 2004 to eu applicant in general.
corrections	country level	Croatia Hungary Iceland Macedonia Montenegro Serbia	eu changed to eu applicant. eu changed to eu member. eu changed to eu applicant. eu changed to eu applicant. eu changed to eu applicant. eu changed to eu applicant.
	election level	Finland 2007 France 2007 Hungary 1998 and 2010 Iceland 2009 Japan 2003 Lithuania 1996 Lithuania 2004 Macedonia 2002	day in edate corrected. month in date corrected. totseats corrected. month in date corrected. month in date corrected. totseats corrected. absseat corrected for five parties. dropped. It only reported one estimate on the basis of the 1998 data.
	party level	Socialist Party Different (Belgium 2007) Croatian Peoples Party 81430 (Croatia 2000, 2003 and 2007)	parfam changed. from 2000-2007 it was incorrectly reported under the code 81430, which belongs to another party. Now it has the correct code, which is 81712.

	Danish Peoples Party 13720 (Denmark 2005)	voteest changed.
	The Greens 23112 (Luxembourg 2004)	was incorrectly reported under the code 23112, which belongs to another party. Now it has the correct code, which is 23114.
	Maori Party 64951 (New Zealand 2005 and 2008)	was incorrectly reported under the code 64951, which belongs to another party. Now it has the correct code, which is 64901.
	Social Democratic Center-Popular Party 35995 (Portugal 2009)	was incorrectly reported under the code 35995, even though the party already had a code. Now it has the correct code, which is 35520.

MARPOR Full Dataset 2012a correction: May 2012 Version

corrections	election level	Czech Republic 2010	year in edate corrected (2009 to 2010).
		Iceland 2009	month in date corrected.
	party level	Italy 2009	data for the Northern League (32720) deleted.

MARPOR Full Dataset 2011b: October 2011 Version

new data	whole election	Belgium 2007, 2010; Canada 2008; Croatia 2011; Estonia 2011; Iceland 2007, 2009; Italy 2008; Lithuania 2004; Moldova 2010; Netherlands 2006; Russia 2011; Serbia 2003, 2007; Slovakia 2010.	
	whole election - replacing estimates	Hungary 1994	Hungarian Social Democratic Party (86320)
		Hungary 1998	Christian Democratic Peoples Party (86522)
		Hungary 2002	Hungarian Democratic Forum (86521) and Independent Smallholders Party (86810)
		Hungary 2006	Hungarian Social Democratic Party (86320)
		Hungary 2010	Hungarian Social Democratic Party (86320)
corrections	party level	Estonian Center Party 83411 (Estonia 1999)	coderid, coderyear and manual corrected.

MARPOR Full Dataset 2011b: October 2011 Version

| new data | whole election | Czech Republic 2010; Estonia 2007, Netherlands 2010. | |
| corrections | election level | Sweden 2010 | There had been a mistake in the frequencies, this was fixed, i.e. frequencies and indices corrected for all Swedish parties in 2010. |

MARPOR Full Dataset 2011a: July 2011 Version

| new data | whole election | Austria 2006, 2008; Czech Republic 2006; Finland 2007; Hungary 2006, 2010; Luxembourg 2004, 2009; Moldova 2009 |