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Introduction

This document describes the data on party newspaper ads and campaign posters from the 2013 parliamentary elections in Austria, as gathered by the Austrian National Election Study (AUTNES), a National Research Network funded by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF) (grant no. S10903-G11).

More information on the variables can be found in the documentation for the AUTNES Content Analysis of Party Press Releases. Inquiries on further details regarding the data and coding can be directed at Laurenz Ennser-Jedenastik (laurenz.ennser@univie.ac.at) at the University of Vienna's Department of Government.

Note that the coding of newspaper ads generates multiple observations for multiple placements of the same ad. The coding of campaign posters does not. No information is available about the number of campaign posters displayed during the campaign.

How to cite these data:

Data users are kindly asked to acknowledge the data *and* the accompanying release document. Please refer to the GESIS data catalogue (www.gesis.org) for a recommendation on how to cite the data and the documentation.

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Conditions of use

Restrictions

The data are available for non-profit use without restrictions.

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Deposit requirement

In order to facilitate exchanges within the scientific community and to provide funding agencies with essential information about use of archival resources users of the AUTNES data are requested to notify the AUTNES team of all forms of publications making use of AUTNES data.

v1 id

- *Description:* Individual identification number for each observation.
- *Type:* numeric

v2 medium

- *Description:* Type of advertising medium
- *Type:* numeric
- *Values:*
 - (1) newspaper ad
 - (2) campaign poster

v3 source

- *Description:*
 - Title of publication [daily or weekly newspaper] for all observations. Note that 'Österreich' and 'Österreich (free edition)' include the same ads. Only the page numbers may differ.
 - For the posters, this variable refers to the source from which the designs were identified. Mediafocus is a company that observes the advertising industry; 'party website' refers to ads collected from there.
- *Type:* numeric
- *Values:*
 - (1) Der Standard [daily]
 - (2) Die Presse [daily]
 - (3) Falter [weekly]
 - (4) Format [weekly]
 - (5) Heute [daily]
 - (6) Kleine Zeitung (Graz) [daily]
 - (7) Kronenzeitung [daily]
 - (8) Kurier [daily]
 - (9) News [weekly]
 - (10) Österreich [daily]
 - (11) Österreich (free edition) [daily]
 - (12) Profil [weekly]
 - (13) Salzburger Nachrichten [daily]
 - (14) Tiroler Tageszeitung [daily]
 - (15) Vorarlberger Nachrichten [daily]
 - (20) Mediafocus
 - (21) party website

v4 date

- *Description:* Date on which the ad was published.
- *Type:* date (DD MMM YY)
- *NOTE:* no information available for posters; values set to missing.

v5 week

- *Description:* Number of the week in which the ad was published.
- *Type:* numeric
- *NOTE:* no information available for posters; values set to missing.

v6 position

- *Description:* Ads placed in the main part of the newspaper were coded as ‘Hauptblatt’ (main part of the newspaper). Placements in other parts (e.g. enclosures) were coded using the specific name or a description (as in code 5 and 6).
- *Type:* numeric
- *Values:*
 - (1) Aus Stadt und Land
 - (2) Bunt
 - (3) Einlage
 - (4) Extra
 - (5) Fakecover
 - (6) Fakecover Seite 2
 - (7) Hauptblatt
 - (8) Herbstmesse
 - (9) Programm
 - (10) Tele
 - (11) Wahl Extra
 - (12) Wahl-Extra
 - (13) Weekend
 - (14) Zukunft
- *NOTE:* no information available for posters; values set to missing.

v7 page

- *Description:* Number of page that features the ad.
- *Type:* string (because some publications use page numbers such as ‘A1’)
- *NOTE:* no information available for posters; values set to missing.

v8 size_horizontal

- *Description:* Horizontal size of the ad in centimeters.
- *Type:* numeric
- *NOTE:* no information available for posters; values set to missing.

v9 size_vertical

- *Description:* Vertical size of the ad in centimeters.
- *Type:* numeric
- *NOTE:* no information available for posters; values set to missing.

v10 subject_advertiser

- *Description:* Name of the organization (parties and ancillary organizations) sponsoring the ad/poster.
- *Type:* numeric
- *Values:* according to AUTNES list of organizations

v11 subject_advertiser: simplified

- *Description:* Organizations coded in v11 summarized into political parties.
- *Type:* numeric
- *Values:* according to AUTNES list of organizations

v12 design

- *Description:* During the coding process the ads and posters were given a specific name including the party and a short description of the content (in most cases using the ads' or posters' slogan). These names are unofficial and only serve identification purposes.
- *Type:* numeric
- *Values:* not shown since N=487. Example:
 - (1) BZÖ_Fair teilen

v13 type

- *Description:* Type of ad/poster.
- *Type:* numeric
- *Values:*
 - (1) classical ad
 - (2) announcement [campaign events etc.]
 - (3) pseudo-article [ad looks like an article]
 - (4) other

v14 testimonial

- *Description:* Does the ad/poster include a testimonial (thus an endorsement from outside the party)?
- *Type:* numeric
- *Values:*
 - (1) yes
 - (2) no

v15 issue1

- *Description:* Main issue mentioned in ad/poster.
- *Type:* numeric
- *Values:* according to AUTNES list of issues (Level II)

v16 issue2

- *Description:* Second issue mentioned in ad/poster. This variable was coded only for specific ads by the Greens which prominently referred to the campaign slogan 'Saubere Umwelt. Saubere Politik' (clean environment, clean politics) and thus to two different issues. Other observations set to missing.
- *Type:* numeric
- *Values:* according to AUTNES list of issues (Level II)

v17 pledge

- *Description:* Does the ad/poster include a pledge by the advertising party?
- *Type:* numeric
- *Values:*
 - (1) yes, regarding coded issue
 - (2) yes, regarding other issue
 - (3) no pledge

v18 subject_advertiser: record

- *Description:* Does the ad/poster include a reference to the advertiser's track record?
- *Type:* numeric
- *Values:*

- (1) yes, regarding coded issue
- (2) yes, regarding other issue
- (3) no record

v19 subject_advertiser: attributes

- *Description*: Does the ad/poster include a reference to attributes of the advertiser?
- *Type*: numeric
- *Values*:
 - (1) competence
 - (2) leadership
 - (3) character
 - (4) appearance

Variables referring to ‘friends’ and ‘opponents’

Note the following definition of two types of actors:

- ‘friend’: any individual or organization positively mentioned in the ad (apart from the advertiser); up to five friends were coded
- ‘opponent’: any individual or organization negatively mentioned in the ad; up to five opponents were coded

v20 object_friend1: individual

- *Description*: Name of friend1 mentioned in the ad (if it is an individual).
- *Type*: numeric
- *Values*: according to AUTNES list of individuals

v21 object_friend1: organization

- *Description*: Organization of friend1 mentioned in the ad (if there is an organizational affiliation or the actor is an organization).
- *Type*: numeric
- *Values*: according to AUTNES list of organizations

v22 object_friend1: text/image

- *Description*: How was friend1 presented in the ad/poster?
- *Type*: numeric
- *Values*:
 - (1) text only
 - (2) text and image
 - (3) image only

v23 object_friend1: record

- *Description*: Does the ad/poster include a reference to friend1’s track record?
- *Type*: numeric
- *Values*:
 - (1) yes, regarding coded issue
 - (2) yes, regarding other issue
 - (3) no record

v24 object_friend1: attributes

- *Description*: Does the ad/poster include a reference to characteristics of friend1?
- *Type*: numeric
- *Values*:
 - (1) competence
 - (2) leadership qualities
 - (3) character
 - (4) appearance

The variables v25 through v44 are coded analogous to v20 through 24:

v25 object_friend2: individual

v26 object_friend2: organization

v27 object_friend2: text/image

v28 object_friend2: record

v29 object_friend2: attributes

v30 object_friend3: individual

v31 object_friend3: organization

v32 object_friend3: text/image

v33 object_friend3: record

v34 object_friend3: attributes

v35 object_friend4: individual

v36 object_friend4: organization

v37 object_friend4: text/image

v38 object_friend4: record

v39 object_friend4: attributes

v40 object_friend5: individual

v41 object_friend5: organization

v42 object_friend5: text/image

v43 object_friend5: record

v44 object_friend5: attributes

v45 object_opponent1: individual

- *Description*: Name of opponent1 mentioned in ad/poster (if it is an individual).
- *Type*: numeric
- *Values*: according to AUTNES list of individuals

v46 object_opponent1: organization

- *Description*: Organization of opponent1 presented in ad/poster (if there is an organizational affiliation or the actor is an organization).
- *Type*: numeric
- *Values*: according to AUTNES list of organizations

v47 object_opponent1: text/image

- *Description*: How was opponent1 presented in the ad/poster?
- *Type*: numeric
- *Values*:
 - (1) text only
 - (2) text and image

- (3) image only

v48 object_opponent1: record

- *Description*: Does the ad/poster include a reference to opponent1's track record?
- *Type*: numeric
- *Values*:
 - (1) yes, (also) with respect to the issue coded
 - (2) yes, with respect to other issues
 - (3) no record

v49 object_opponent1: attributes

- *Description*: Does the ad/poster include a reference to characteristics of opponent1?
- *Type*: numeric
- *Values*:
 - (1) competence
 - (2) leadership qualities
 - (3) character
 - (4) appearance

The variables v50 through v69 are coded analogous to v45 through v49:

v50 object_opponent2: individual
 v51 object_opponent2: organization
 v52 object_opponent2: text/image
 v53 object_opponent2: record
 v54 object_opponent2: attributes
 v55 object_opponent3: individual
 v56 object_opponent3: organization
 v57 object_opponent3: text/image
 v58 object_opponent3: record
 v59 object_opponent3: attributes
 v60 object_opponent4: individual
 v61 object_opponent4: organization
 v62 object_opponent4: text/image
 v63 object_opponent4: record
 v64 object_opponent4: attributes
 v65 object_opponent5: individual
 v66 object_opponent5: organization
 v67 object_opponent5: text/image
 v68 object_opponent5: record
 v69 object_opponent5: attributes

v70 prefencevote_individual

- *Description*: Name of candidate advertising for a preference vote.
- *Type*: numeric
- *Values*: according to AUTNES list of individuals

v71 prefencevote_party

- *Description*: Party affiliation of candidate advertising for a preference vote.

- *Type*: numeric
- *Values*: according to AUTNES list of organizations

v72 web1

- *Description*: URL of first website mentioned.
- *Type*: string

v73 web2

- *Description*: URL of second website mentioned.
- *Type*: string

v74 web3

- *Description*: URL of third website mentioned.
- *Type*: string

v75 facebook

- *Description*: Name of Facebook presence, if mentioned.
- *Type*: string