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List of variables

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Introduction

This document describes the coding of party manifestos by the Austrian National Election Study (AUTNES), a National Research Network funded by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF) (grant no. S10903-G11). The document contains an overview of all variables with a short description. A more in-depth description of the coding process can be found in the document ‘Coding Instructions for Manifestos’, available from www.autnes.at. 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.

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**id**
- *Description:* Unique ID number for each observation
- *Type:* numerical

**v01 sentence_id**
- *Description:* ID number for each natural sentence per manifesto (note that multiple observations may occur per natural sentence)
- *Type:* numerical

**v02 sentence**
- *Description:* The text of the natural sentence
- *Type:* string

**v03 statement**
- *Description:* Standardized statement derived from the natural sentence
- *Type:* string

**v04 page**
- *Description:* Page number of the manifesto where the natural sentence can be found
- *Type:* numerical

**v05 subjectactor_organization**
- *Description:* Organizational affiliation of the subject actor (usually the party)
- *Type:* numerical
- *Values:* according to AUTNES list of organizations

**v06 subjectactor_name**
- *Description:* Name of subject actor if an individual; notation: last name, first name
- *Type:* numerical
- *Values:* according to AUTNES list of individuals

**v07 subjectactor_attributes**
- *Description:* Attributes of the subject actor
- *Type:* numerical
- *Values:*
  - (0) no attribute
  - (1) competence: +
  - (2) competence: –
  - (3) character: +
  - (4) character: –
  - (5) leadership: +
  - (6) leadership: –
  - (7) appearance: +
  - (8) appearance: –
  - (9) not discernible: +
  - (10) not discernible: –
  - (.) no subject actor coded
v08 predicate
   – **Description:** This variable measures the relation between subject and object (i.e. either between the subject and the coded issue or between the subject and an object actor, if present).
   – **Type:** numerical
   – **Values:**
     - (-1) rejection
     - (-0.5) conditional rejection
     - (0) neutral
     - (0.5) conditional approval
     - (+1) approval
     - (.) no issue coded

v09 predicate_specialcase
   – **Description:** For observations with a predicate value of 0, this variable records whether the observation is a neutral position or a ‘reality statement’ (i.e. a description of objective facts).
   – **Type:** numerical
   – **Values:**
     - (0) no special case
     - (1) neutral position
     - (2) reality statement

v10 issue
   – **Description:** Issue category selected for the statement
   – **Type:** numerical
   – **Values:** according to AUTNES list of issues

v11 eu_reference
   – **Description:** Does the statement refer to regulation of the issue coded in v10 on the European level?
   – **Type:** numerical
   – **Values:**
     - (0) no reference to EU
     - (1) reference to EU
     - (.) no issue coded

v12_01 justification_economy
   – **Description:** Number of justifications referring to the economy
   – **Type:** numerical

v12_02 justification_welfare: expansive
   – **Description:** Number of justifications referring to expansion of the welfare state
   – **Type:** numerical

v12_03 justification_welfare: protective
   – **Description:** Number of justifications referring to protection of the welfare state
   – **Type:** numerical

v12_04 justification_environment
   – **Description:** Number of justifications referring to protection of the environment
   – **Type:** numerical
v12_05 justification_security
   - Description: Number of justifications referring to security
   - Type: numerical

v12_06 justification_education
   - Description: Number of justifications referring to education
   - Type: numerical

v12_07 justification_governance
   - Description: Number of justifications referring to governance
   - Type: numerical

v12_08 justification_ethnic-national
   - Description: Number of justifications referring to ethnic or nationalist rationales
   - Type: numerical

v12_09 justification_religious
   - Description: Number of justifications referring to religion
   - Type: numerical

v12_10 justification_universalistic
   - Description: Number of justifications referring to universalistic values
   - Type: numerical

v12_11 justification_residual
   - Description: Number of justifications in the residual category
   - Type: numerical

v13 record
   - Description: Reference to a party’s own or a political opponent’s past behavior or achievements at different levels of governance
   - Type: numerical
   - Values:
     o (0) no record
     o (1) national level
     o (2) Land level
     o (3) international level
     o (4) historical

v14 pledge
   - Description: Indicates the occurrence of a pledge. Subjective pledges are promises whose evaluation requires a value judgement. Objective pledges are promises that can be objectively tested.
   - Type: numerical
   - Values:
     o (0) no pledge
     o (1) subjective pledge
     o (2) objective pledge
v15 objectactor_organization
   - Description: Organization of the object actor (usually the party)
   - Type: numerical
   - Values: according to AUTNES list of organizations

v16 objectactor_name
   - Description: Name of the object actor if individual; notation: last name, first name
   - Type: numerical
   - Values: according to AUTNES list of individuals

v17 objectactor_attributes
   - Description: Characteristics of the object actor.
   - Type: numerical
   - Values:
     o (0) no attribute
     o (1) competence: +
     o (2) competence: –
     o (3) character: +
     o (4) character: –
     o (5) leadership: +
     o (6) leadership: –
     o (7) appearance: +
     o (8) appearance: –
     o (9) not discernible: +
     o (10) not discernible: –
     o (.) no object actor coded

v18 manifesto_year
   - Description: Year of election for which manifesto was published
   - Type: numerical

v19 manifesto_party
   - Description: Party authoring the manifesto
   - Type: numerical
   - Values:
     o (1100000) SPÖ
     o (1200000) ÖVP
     o (1300000) FPÖ
     o (1400000) Grüne
     o (1500000) BZÖ
     o (1600000) Team Stronach
     o (1900000) LIF
     o (2400000) NEOS

v20 manifesto_title
   - Description: Title of the manifesto
   - Type: string