

CODE BOOK

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This codebook accompanies replication data for:

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Variable name	Variable description
time	Number of the Federal Convention's convocation
year	Year of convocation
fc_size	Total size (number of members) of the Federal Convention
date	Date of the Federal Convention's convocation
last_btw	Date of the last federal election
last_ltw	Date of the last state election
daysfedel	Days since the last federal election
dayslandel	Days since the last state election
early	Early presidential elections (dummy for 2010 and 2012)
incumbenrunning	Incumbent president running for re-election
lt_enc	Effective number of candidates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Calculated using Laakso and Taagepera (1978) $lt_enc = \frac{1}{\sum_i^n p_i^2}$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parties not supporting any candidate are treated as having virtual candidates whose support equals the party's vote share in the Federal Convention
grand	Grand coalition in the federal government
party	Party name
land	Name of Land (federal state)
epe_perc	Percentage of extra-parliamentarian electors (EPEs) in party's state delegation
llvictory	Likelihood of victory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The candidate with highest prospective vote share (based on party support for nominations) is assigned the value of 1 ▪ Each subsequent candidate is assigned a value equal to their prospective vote share divided by that of the leading candidate's support ▪ Parties not supporting any candidate are assigned a value of 0
owncandidate	Candidate holds membership in party
gov_bund	Party is part of the federal government
gov_land	Party is part of the state government
voteshare_land	Party vote share in the last state election
landsize	Share of a party's state delegation (members of the Bundestag + party's state electors) in the Federal Convention
landshare	Share of state parliaments in which party is represented