

The Representative Democracy Data Archive (REPDEM)- Party dataset

This comparative dataset builds on previous datasets (Andersson et al 2020, Bergman et al 2019, Bergman et al 2021, Bergman et al 2024, Hellström et al 2021, Strøm et al 2008), and has been updated in-house to cover additional years, and also includes additional countries vetted by county experts.

The dataset provides detailed information on parties represented in 33 parliamentary democracies from 1945 (or their democratic transitions) until December 2024. The parties are nested in the cabinets present in the Representative Democracy Data Archive (REPDEM) - Basic government datasets.

How to cite

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Structure of the codebook

The following sections each contain detailed information on

- the name of the variable as it is defined in the dataset,
- the label briefly describing the variable,
- the attached value label,
- relevant additional information on specific coding decisions (where applicable),

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For several variables, such as the partisan composition of the cabinet, the information is given using party abbreviations and/or party IDs. Please refer to the corresponding *Party codebook* for further information. For additional information on coding and definition of most variables, please see *Notes on Coding Principles* for details.

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General information on the cabinets

Variable	Label	Value Label/Format	Additional Information
cab_id	Cabinet ID	First two digits: country Second two digits: cabinet	
party_id	Party ID	Party IDs; see party codebook	
party_abbr	Party abbreviation	Party abbreviation; see party codebook	Only lists the latest abbreviation used by a specific party. For a more exhaustive list, consult the party codebook
country_id	Country		
country_name	Country name		Country name in English
country_id_iso	Country numeric ISO code		ISO 3166-1 standard
cab_name	Cabinet		Name of the PM consecutively numbered with Roman figures
date_in	Date in	DDmonYYYY (e.g. 13jul2014)	First day in cabinet life according to official criteria defined as: (a) date that PM/cabinet was appointed by head of state (b) date of investiture vote in parliament (c) date of general election
date_out	Date out	DDmonYYYY (e.g. 13jul2014)	Last day in cabinet life defined as: (a) day of cabinet resignation (b) day of general election
cab_composition1	Cabinet composition	Party abbreviations; see party codebook	List of cabinet parties, beginning with the party of the PM
cab_composition2	Cabinet composition	Party IDs; see party codebook	List of cabinet parties, beginning with the party of the PM
support_parties	Support party	Party abbreviations; see party codebook	
cab_member	Cabinet member	0: no 1: yes	
support_party	Formal support party	0: no 1: yes	

pm_party	Party of Prime Minister	0: no 1: yes	
elecdate	Election date	DDmonYYYY (e.g. 13jul2014)	Date of most recent parliamentary election: (a) two-round elections: date of second round (b) elections held over several days: date of last day
largest_party	Largest party in parliament	0: no 1: yes	Largest party in term of seats.
seats_party	Party seats lower chamber		
seats_total	Total number of seats: lower chamber		
upper_seats_party	Party seats upper chamber		
upper_seats_total	Total number of seats: upper chamber		
median_party_first	Party of the median legislator: first dimension	0: no 1: yes	
median_party_second	Party of the median legislator: second dimension	0: no 1: yes	
others	Other minor parties and independents	0: no 1: yes	
partyfacts_id	Partyfacts ID	Partyfacts Party ID	The corresponding party ID—if any—in the Partyfacts database (Bederke et al. 2023).
manifesto_id	Manifesto Project Party ID	Manifesto Project Party ID	The corresponding party ID—if any—in the Manifesto Project (Lehmann et al. 2023).
ches_id	Chapel Hill Expert Surveys Party ID	Chapel Hill Expert Surveys Party ID	The corresponding party ID—if any—in the Chapel Hill Expert Surveys (Jolly et al. 2022).
family	Manifesto Project Party Family		