Replication Data Codebook
for

Note: Missing data is denoted “NA” throughout.

Change Data Set (used to estimate Models 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6):

cntry: Country.
cmppartyid: Comparative Manifestos Project party identification code.
party: Abbreviation of party name.
unit: Character equivalent of cmppartyid combining abbreviations for country and party.
year: Year of election (t).
cntryyear: Combination of abbreviation for country and year.
pshiftsc: Party’s left-right ideological shift between the previous and the current election (i.e., between t and t-1) using the CMP’s measure of party left-right positions, calculated after first re-scaling the CMP’s positional scores to a 1 to 10 scale from their original -100 to +100 scale.
pshiftmin1sc: Party’s lagged left-right ideological shift (i.e., between t-1 and t-2) using the CMP’s measure of party positions.
pshiftgh: Party’s left-right ideological shift between the previous and the current election (i.e., between t and t-1) using Gabel and Huber (2000)’s “vanilla” measure of party positions.
pshiftmin1gh: Party’s lagged left-right ideological shift (i.e., between t-1 and t-2) using Gabel and Huber’s (2000) “vanilla” measure of party positions.
pshiftlg: Party’s left-right ideological shift between the previous and the current election (i.e., between t and t-1) using Laver and Garry’s (2000) measure of party positions constructed using the explicitly positional portions of the CMP’s coding of party manifestos.
pshiftmin1lg: Party’s lagged left-right ideological shift (i.e., between t-1 and t-2) using Laver and Garry’s (2000) measure of party positions constructed using the explicitly positional portions of the CMP’s coding of party manifestos.
lparty: Dummy variable for left parties. Coded “1” if the party was classified by the CMP as either a Social Democratic or Communist party and “0” otherwise.
lpartyd66: The same as variable “lparty”, with the exception that the Dutch D66 party is coded as a non-left party, contrary to the CMP.
idparty: Dummy variable for ideological (“niche”) parties. Coded “1” if the party was classified by the CMP as an Ecological, Communist or Radical Right (Nationalist) party and “0” otherwise.
lrpty: Dummy variable for parties not competing along the classic left-right dimension. Coded “1” if the party was classified by the CMP as a Radical Right (Nationalist), Agrarian, Ecology, Ethnic/Regional or Special Interest party and “0” otherwise.
sdpty: Dummy variable for Social Democratic parties. Coded “1” if the party was classified by the CMP as a Social Democratic party and “0” otherwise.
sdptyd66: The same as variable “sdptty”, with the exception that the Dutch D66 party is coded as a non-Social Democratic party, contrary to the CMP.

vshift: Change in mean citizen (respondent) Eurobarometer left-right self-placement between the previous and current elections (i.e., between t and t-1).

votegain: Variable coded “1” if a party gained votes in the previous (t-1) election and “1” if the party lost votes.

trtotch: Change in the volume of total trade (sum of exports and imports) as a percentage of gross domestic product from the election year to the previous year (not the previous election).

capflch: Change in gross private capital flows as a percentage of GDP from the election year to the previous year (not the previous election).

fdich: Change in new foreign direct investment as a percentage of GDP from the election year to the previous year (not the previous election).

ingov: Dummy variable for parties in government at any time during the period of analysis. Coded “1” if the party served in a government at any time between 1976 and 1998 and “0” otherwise.

Levels Data Set (used to estimate Model 4):

Variables are as described above, except:

pposition: CMP measure of party’s left-right position in the current election (t).

ppositionsc: Variable “pposition” re-scaled to range from 1 to 10 from the original -100 to +100 scale.

pprevpos: CMP measure of party’s left-right position in the previous election (t-1).

pprevpossc: Variable “pprevpos” re-scaled to range from 1 to 10 from the original -100 to +100 scale.

vposition: Mean citizen (respondent) Eurobarometer left-right self-placement in the current election year (t).

trtot: Volume of total trade (sum of exports and imports) as a percentage of gross domestic product in the election year.

trtotAVE: Three year average volume of total trade (sum of exports and imports) as a percentage of gross domestic product for the previous year, the election year, and the following year.

capfl: Gross private capital flows as a percentage of GDP in the election year.

capflAVE: Three year average gross private capital flows as a percentage of GDP for the previous year, the election year, and the following year.

fdi: New foreign direct investment as a percentage of GDP in the election year.

fdiAVE: Three year average new foreign direct investment as a percentage of GDP for the previous year, the election year, and the following year.

All Parties Data Set (a new set of cases used to estimate Model 1; Model 30 in the supplemental paper):

Variables are as described above, except:

edate: Date of election in day-month-year format.