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About the Data

This data set provides Left-Right Party Scores as discussed in the article "Conceptualizing Left and Right in Comparative Politics: Towards a Deductive Approach" by Jahn (2011). For details about our revision and the standardization see the "Research Note on LR Update". ¹

It covers 23 OECD-countries: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom and the USA from 1944 until 2013. Because the indices are based on data from the Comparative Manifesto Project (CMP; Budge *et al.* 2001; Klingemann *et al.* 2006; Volkens *et al.* 2014), refer to their appendices for more details about the coding approach and party codes.

Variables included

Variable	Description and value labels		
id	Unique identification code for each observation (i.e. "Iso.Quarter.Partycode")		
iso	Numeric country code (ISO 3166-1)		
isolabel	Numeric country code with labels:		
	36 = Australia	300 = Greece	578 = Norway
	40 = Austria	352 = Iceland	620 = Portugal
	56 = Belgium	372 = Ireland	724 = Spain
	124 = Canada	380 = Italy	752 = Sweden
	208 = Denmark	392 = Japan	756 = Switzerland
	246 = Finland	442 = Luxembourg	826 = United Kingdom
	250 = France	528 = the Netherlands	840 = United States
	276 = Germany	554 = New Zealand	
electiondate	Date of election		
quarter	Quarter of election*		
year	Year of election		
electioncount	Number of election		
source	Origin of main ideological data		
	10 = CMP I	20 = CMP II	30 = CMP Update 2009
	40 = CMP Update 2010	41 = CMP Update 2010b	
	50 = CMP Update 2011a	51 = CMP Update 2011b	
	60 = CMP Update 2012a	61 = CMP Update 2012b	
	70 = CMP Update 2013a	71 = CMP Update 2013b	
	80 = CMP Update 2014a		
	100 = CMP I and CMP II		
party	Party code (according to CMP)		
partylabel	Party code with labels		
partyfamily	Party family (generated from 3rd digit of CMP party code)		

¹ Available for download at http://pip.uni-greifswald.de/data/research note v2011-11.pdf.

Variable	Description and value labels	
lr	Index Jahn: LR (Left-Right)	
lr_imp	Index Jahn: LR Importance	
lr_unstd	Index Jahn: LR (unstandardized scale)	
lr_core	Index Jahn: LR Core	
lr_core_imp	Index Jahn: LR Core Importance	
Ir_core_unstd	Index Jahn: LR Core (unstandardized scale)	
lr_plus	Index Jahn: LR Plus	
lr_plus_imp	Index Jahn: LR Plus Importance	
lr_plus_unstd	Index Jahn: LR Plus (unstandardized scale)	

^{*} Quarter in Stata format, i.e. -1 = 4q1959, 0 = 1q1960, 1 = 2q1960 ...

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