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## About the Data

This data set provides the Veto Player Indices as discussed in the article "The Veto Player Approach in Macro-Comparative Politics: Concepts and Measurement" by Jahn (2010) on an annual basis.<sup>1</sup> We updated the political data, thus extending the time period from 1944 to 2012. In addition, the revision of the Left/Right index (Jahn 2011) naturally altered the empirical estimates.<sup>2</sup>

The data set 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, Switzerland, Sweden, United Kingdom and the USA.<sup>3</sup>

Note that the indices of institutional constraints on central governments by Schmidt (1996), collective and competitive veto points by Crepaz (Birchfield and Crepaz 1998; Crepaz and Moser 2004), collective veto points by Wagschal (2005), two measures of political constraints by Henisz (2000, 2002) and the veto player index by Tsebelis (2002) were *not* updated. Refer to version 2010-09 in this case.

## Variables included

Variable	Description and value labels
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
year	Year
jahn1	Index Jahn: Time-variant left-right veto player range (Tsebelis' case selection)
jahn2	Index Jahn: Time-variant left-right veto player range (extended case selection)

<sup>1</sup> A second data set with quarterly time variant veto player positions (jahn1 and jahn2) on a Left-Right scale is also available on our website.

<sup>2</sup> For details about our revision and the standardization see the "Research Note on LR Update", which is available for download at [http://pip.uni-greifswald.de/data/research\\_note\\_v2011-11.pdf](http://pip.uni-greifswald.de/data/research_note_v2011-11.pdf).

<sup>3</sup> For Greece, Portugal and Spain data is available for the democratic period.

## Notes on Indices

This table summarizes the main features of the indices. A more detailed description and justification can be found in the article (Jahn 2010). Note: the actual scores for both Jahn indices in this data file deviate slightly from the version in the article, because the Left/Right party scores were updated according to Jahn 2011.

Index	Notes
jahn1	Inclusion of 2 <sup>nd</sup> chambers and presidents based on Tsebelis, but: Greece and the USA included, Switzerland modeled with Swiss party scores; in case of expert governments (Italy 1995 and Portugal 1979) the government position is replaced by the 1 <sup>st</sup> chamber median.
jahn2	2 <sup>nd</sup> chambers considered in Australia, Canada, France, Germany, United States, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden (until 1970), Denmark (until 1953), Belgium (until 1993), Switzerland; presidents included in Portugal, Finland, the USA and France in times without cohabitation; in case of expert governments (Italy 1995 and Portugal 1979) the government position is replaced by the 1 <sup>st</sup> chamber median.

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