

Codebook

Landtagswahlen_v01_sept2017

Data usage:	<p><i>If you use the dataset please cite the corresponding article:</i></p> <p>Baethge, Christopher, Mirko Dallendörfer and André Kaiser (2019): Federal-level Government Participation and State-level Electoral Performance: A Party-based Analysis of Land Elections in Germany, 1949–2017. German Politics. Advance online publication. DOI: 10.1080/09644008.2019.1602121</p>
General info:	<p>The dataset comprises all federal, European and Land election results in Germany between June 1946 and September 2017 for the Parties CDU/CSU, SPD, FDP, the Green Party (Greens) and the Left Party (Die Linke). CSU and CDU are counted as a single party; the DVP is subsumed to the FDP; the Green-Alternative-List (GAL) as well as different Land-level Green List predecessor parties (Grüne Liste Berlin, Grüne Liste Hamburg) are counted as part of the Green Party; and both the PDS and the WASG are subsumed to Die Linke. The dataset also contains information on government participation of these parties on the federal and Land level. One observation corresponds to one federal/European/Land election.</p>
Variables:	Description & coding:
id	<p>Unique identification number of elections</p> <p>Identification number for each election, not sorted by date</p>
lwahlid	<p>Running election-ID, unique within each area of election</p> <p>Defines the order of elections, ordered by date (ascending) within an area of election given by the variable <i>land1</i>. For example election 1 to 16 in Baden-Württemberg, 1 to 17 in Bavaria, 1 to 18 for federal elections and 1 to 8 for EU elections.</p>
jahr	Year of election
wahl	Election code (Land+year)
wahl_wied1	Repetition of election code
wahl_wied2	Repetition of election code
datum	<p>Date of election</p> <p>Election-date in STATA date format: 01.01.1960=0</p>
epoche	<p>Before or after German reunification (3rd October 1990)</p> <p><i>Dummy variable</i></p> <p>0 pre reunification</p> <p>1 post</p>

abuneubu	<p>Election in old or new Länder or Germany as a whole</p> <p>Categorization of elections according to the area in which it took place, either in old (west-German) States, new (east-German) States, west-Germany as whole pre-reunification or Germany as a whole post-unification. First two categories refer to Land elections, the latter categories to Federal and European elections.</p> <p>1 old Bundesländer (west) + Berlin 2 new Bundesländer (east) 3 (west-)Germany whole, pre-reunification 4 Germany whole, post-reunification</p>
stadtsta	<p>Dummy for city-states</p> <p><i>Dummy variable</i></p> <p>Indicates elections in city-states (Berlin, Hamburg, Bremen).</p> <p>0 area-state 1 city-state .b missing (federal election) .e missing (European election)</p>
baseline	<p>1. Election (Land/federal/EU), serving as baseline calculating differences</p> <p><i>Dummy variable</i></p> <p>0 no baseline 1 baseline-election</p>
land	<p>Area of election (Land name/federal/EU)</p> <p><i>String variable</i></p> <p>Entity of election as text-code, e.g. sho=Schleswig-Holstein, bu=Bund (federal election), eu=European election</p>
land1	<p>Area of election (numeric)</p> <p>1 Baden-Württemberg 2 Bayern (Bavaria) 3 Berlin 4 Brandenburg 5 Bremen 6 Bund (federal election) 7 EU (European election) 8 Hamburg 9 Hessen (Hesse) 10 Mecklenburg-Vorpommern 11 Niedersachsen (Lower Saxony) 12 Nordrhein-Westfalen (North Rhine-Westphalia) 13 Rheinland-Pfalz (Rhineland Palatinate) 14 Saarland 15 Sachsen (Saxony) 16 Sachsen-Anhalt (Saxony-Anhalt) 17 Schleswig-Holstein 18 Thüringen (Thuringia) 19 Württemberg-Baden 20 Württemberg-Hohenzollern</p>

buregbev	Pre-election federal government (text) <i>String variable</i> Federal Government at the time of election as text-code.
groko	Grand coalition governments (1./2./3. grand coalition) Number of the grand coalition in case the federal government was a grand coalition at the time of election. Missing for federal and European elections. 0 not a grand coalition 1 first grand coalition 2 second grand coalition 3 third grand coalition .b missing (federal election) .e missing (European election)
dgroko	Dummy for grand coalition federal governments <i>Dummy variable</i> Based on variable <i>groko</i> 0 not a grand coalition 1 grand coalition .b missing (federal election) .e missing (European election)
cdustat spdstat fdpstat grustat	Federal opposition status of the CDU at the time of election Federal opposition status of the SPD at the time of election Federal opposition status of the FDP at the time of election Federal opposition status of the Greens at the time of election <i>Dummy variables</i> 0 party in federal government 1 party in federal opposition
linkestat	Federal opposition status of Die Linke at the time of election <i>Dummy variable</i> No variance so far, has not been in federal Government 1 party in federal opposition
wahlbet	Turnout Voter turnout in percent
cdu	Result of the CDU Election result of the CDU in percent
cdudiff	Difference of the CDU compared to the previous Land election Difference of the CDU compared to the previous election result in the same Land (for federal and European elections compared to the result in the previous federal/European election). [$cdu_{[i]}$ - $cdu_{[i-1]}$]
cduquot	Relative change of the CDU Change of the CDU in percent/100 relative to the previous result in the same Land (for federal and European elections relative to the result in the previous federal/European election). [$cdudiff_{[i]} / cdu_{[i-1]}$]

spd spdiff spduquot	Result of the SPD Difference of the SPD compared to the previous Land election Relative change of the SPD [Analogous to <i>cdu</i> , <i>cdudiff</i> and <i>cduquot</i>]
fdp fdpdiff fdpquot	Result of the FDP Difference of the FDP compared to the previous Land election Relative change of the FDP [Analogous to <i>cdu</i> , <i>cdudiff</i> and <i>cduquot</i>]
gru grudiff gruquot	Result of the Greens Difference of the Greens compared to the previous Land election Relative change of the Greens [Analogous to <i>cdu</i> , <i>cdudiff</i> and <i>cduquot</i>]
linke linkediff linkequot	Result of Die Linke Difference of Die Linke im Vergleich compared to the previous Land election Relative change of Die Linke [Analogous to <i>cdu</i> , <i>cdudiff</i> and <i>cduquot</i>]
other	Result of other parties (100% - CDU - SPD - FDP - Greens - Linke) Summe vote shares of the parties not contained in this dataset. Calculated by subtracting the vote shares of CDU, SPD and FDP and as far as available of Greens and Die Linke from 100%. Set to missing if the vote share of CDU, SPD or FDP is not available (ham1949, ham1953, saa1947, saa1952, wba1946a).
otherdiff	Difference of other parties compared to the previous Land election Difference of the parties not contained in this dataset compared to the previous election results in the same Land (for federal and European elections compared to the result in the previous federal / European election). $[other_{[i]} - other_{[i-1]}]$
otherquot	Relative change of other parties Change of the parties not contained in this dataset in percent/100 relative to the previous result in the same Land (for federal and European elections relative to the result in the previous federal / European election). $[otherdiff_{[i]} / other_{[i-1]}]$
laregbev	Landesregierung vor der Landtagswahl <i>String variable</i> Land government at the time of election as text-code.
lcdustat lspdstat lfdpstat lgrustat llinkestat	Land opposition status of the CDU at the time of election Land opposition status of the SPD at the time of election Land opposition status of the FDP at the time of election Land opposition status of the Greens at the time of election Land opposition status of Die Linke at the time of election <i>Dummy variables</i> 0 party in Land government 1 party in Land opposition .b missing (federal election) .e missing (European election)

laregnac	Land government after the election <i>String Variable</i> New government resulting from the Land election as text-code
regwecdu	Land government changes from the perspective of the CDU Government changes as a result of the Land election in detailed coding. Gaining the Land prime ministership is possible both from opposition as well as from federal government if the party previously did not hold the prime ministership. 0 no change in government/opposition status 1 gain of prime ministership 2 entering the coalition as the smaller partner 3 keeping the prime ministership, but change to sole party in power 4 keeping the prime ministership, but change to coalition government 5 loss of prime ministership and no further government participation 6 no further government participation after a time as smaller partner 7 loss of prime ministership but still in the coalition as smaller partner .b missing (federal election) .e missing (European election)
regwespd	Land government changes from the perspective of the SPD Government changes as a result of the Land election in detailed coding. Gaining the Land prime ministership is possible both from opposition as well as from federal government if the party previously did not hold the prime ministership. 0 no change in government/opposition status 1 gain of prime ministership 2 entering the coalition as the smaller partner 3 keeping the prime ministership, but change to sole party in power 4 keeping the prime ministership, but change to coalition government 5 loss of prime ministership and no further government participation 6 no further government participation after a time as smaller partner 7 loss of prime ministership but still in the coalition as smaller partner .b missing (federal election) .e missing (European election)
regwefdp	Land government changes from the perspective of the FDP 0 no change in government/opposition status 2 entering the coalition as the smaller partner 6 no further government participation after a time as smaller partner .b missing (Bundestagswahl) .e missing (Europawahl)
regwegru	Land government changes from the perspective of the Greens Government changes as a result of the Land election in detailed coding. Gaining the Land prime ministership is possible both from opposition as well as from federal government if the party previously did not hold the prime ministership. 0 no change in government/opposition status 1 gain of prime ministership 2 entering the coalition as the smaller partner 6 no further government participation after a time as smaller partner

zseitbw	Time since the last federal election Time since the last federal election in days. Not included for federal and European elections. .b missing (Bundestagswahl) .e missing (Europawahl)
zbisbw	Time until the following federal election Time until the following federal election which actually took place. Not included for federal elections, European elections and those Land elections which took place after the 2013 federal election. .b missing (Bundestagswahl) .e missing (Europawahl)
regwe3_cdu regwe3_spd regwe3_fdp regwe3_gru	Changes of power in the Land for the CDU Changes of power in the Land for the SPD Changes of power in the Land for the FDP Changes of power in the Land for the Greens Power changes in the land, coded based on <i>regwecdu/regwespd/regwefdp/regwegru</i> . Entering the Land government or gaining the prime ministership counts as gain of power, der leaving the Land government or losing the prime ministership counts as loss of power and all other values are coded as no change. -1 loss of power 0 no change 1 gain of power .b missing (Bundestagswahl) .e missing (Europawahl)
dcdugew dspdgew dfdpgew dgrugew dlinkegew dothergew	Dummy for gain of votes of the CDU Dummy for gain of votes of the SPD Dummy for gain of votes of the FDP Dummy for gain of votes of the Greens Dummy for gain of votes of Die Linke Dummy for gain of votes of the other parties <i>Dummy variables</i> 0 loss of votes 1 gain of votes .g no change (accuracy 0.1 percentage points)