



# Codebook bundeslaenderR

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## Introduction

Most election results data are provided by the Bundeswahlleiter. A machine-readable version of the Bundeswahlleiter's compiled data contained in the -periodically published- pdf available here (<https://www.bundeswahlleiter.de/service/landtagswahlen.html>) was kindly provided to me. Election data outside the timeframe covered by Bundeswahlleiter's data provided to me was collected from the states' local election authorities' (Landeswahlleiter) websites. More information on parties and the continuity of parties under different labels was collected by me.

The Bundeswahlleiter's election data in many cases contains differing names for the same party. Both between states (eg. "Christlich Demokratische Union Deutschlands" vs. "Christlich Demokratische Union Deutschlands in Niedersachsen") as well as within states between elections -in many cases due to parties being renamed- ("BÜNDNIS 90/DIE GRÜNEN, Landesverband Hamburg, Grün-Alternative Liste" vs. "BÜNDNIS 90/DIE GRÜNEN, Landesverband Hamburg"). Efforts were made to reconcile both of these inconsistencies by adding two new, harmonized variables identifying parties (`partyname_short` and `partyname`). This harmonized party identifier also covers merging of parties. The `partyname` given to the resulting party (eg. "Linke", "Grüne") is given to the largest of the preceding parties contesting an election unless a smaller party joined a government following the election. The original names provided by the Bundeswahlleiter (and Landeswahlleiters in elections after June 2021) are still available (`partyname_short_bundeswahlleiter` and `partyname_bundeswahlleiter`).

Information on governments is mainly taken from replication data from Linhart, Pappi, and Schmitt (2008) which can be found online here: <https://www.tu-chemnitz.de/phil/politik/pspi/foorschung/daten.php>. Information outside the timeframe of Linhart et al. as well as information on the names and party affiliations of the Ministerpräsidenten was collected by me, mainly from German Wikipedia.

All datasets can be accessed through the R Package *bundeslaender*.<sup>1</sup> This package further includes one function `bundeslaender::de_states_geofacet_grid_4x4()` - that is documented below. Alternatively all datasets can be downloaded in a single .zip file including all six datasets as .csv, .rds and .dta files.

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<sup>1</sup>Calling `bundeslaender::ltw_elections`, `bundeslaender::ltw_governments`, `bundeslaender::ltw_combined`, `bundeslaender::ltw_elections_meta`, `bundeslaender::link_manifestos` and `bundeslaender::link_coalitionagreements`.

Table 1: Structure of ltw\_elections

State Variables Name, Abbreviation, NUTS1 Code			Election Variables Election date, Size Electorate, Turnout, ...			Party Variables Names, Abbreviations, several IDs			Party-Election Variables Vote Count, -Share, Seat Count, -Share, ...		
state	nuts1	...	election_date	turnout	...	partyname_short	ches_id	...	party_vshare	party_seat_count	...
BE	DE3	...	2015-09-18	0.765	...	Party A	001	...	0.45	46	...
BE	DE3	...	2015-09-18	0.765	...	Party B	002	...	0.30	12	...
BE	DE3	...	2015-09-18	0.765	...	Party C	003	...	0.25	18	...
NI	DE9	...	2012-12-16	0.560	...	Party A	001	...	0.17	12	...
NI	DE9	...	2012-12-16	0.560	...	Party B	002	...	0.33	27	...
NI	DE9	...	2012-12-16	0.560	...	Party D	004	...	0.50	46	...

## ltw\_elections

ltw\_elections is a long-form dataset containing one row per contesting party per election. For a schematic version of ltw\_elections's structure see table 1. The data can be accessed in R using `bundeslaendeR::ltw_elections`.

## ltw\_elections Variable Information

state

### State Abbreviation

ISO 3166-2:DE-code of the state; including BA for the former state of Baden, WH for the former state of Württemberg-Hohenzollern and WB for the former state of Württemberg-Baden.

nuts1

### NUTS1 Code of State

NUTS1 code of state. NA for former states Baden, Württemberg-Baden, Württemberg-Hohenzollern.

state\_name\_de

### German Name of State

German name of the state.

state\_name\_en

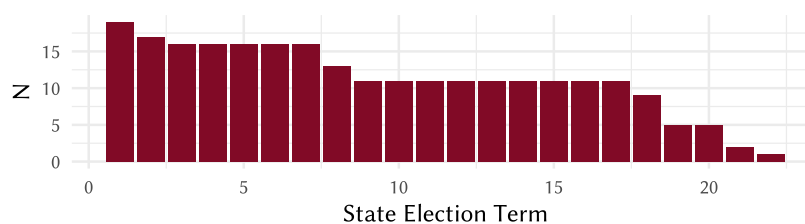
### English Name of State.

English name of the state.

state\_election\_term

### Election Term of State

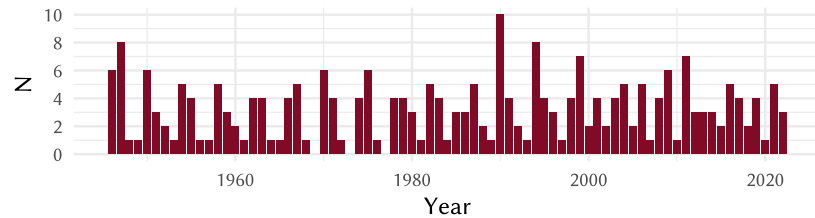
Election term in the state. Counts up from 1.



election\_date

**Election Date**

Date of the election. ISO 8601 or R-Date format.

election\_id\_  
bundeswahlleiter**Election ID Bundeswahlleiter**

Specific election\_id as denoted by the Bundeswahlleiter. Note that BA, WH and WH are named as BW and the number counts down. NA for cases taken from Landeswahlleiters (i.e. elections after ST 2021).

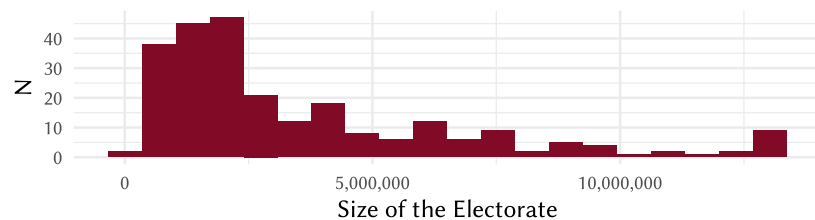
election\_remarks\_  
wahlleiter**Election Remarks Bundeswahlleiter**

Remarks on the election as given by the Bundeswahlleiter.

electorate

**Size of the Electorate**

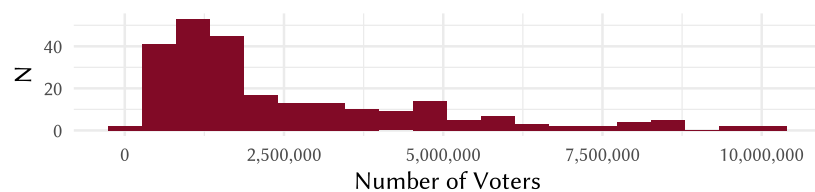
Number of eligible voters. For more totals also see the last six columns.



number\_of\_voters

**Number of Voters**

Number of voters turning out. For more totals also see the last six columns.

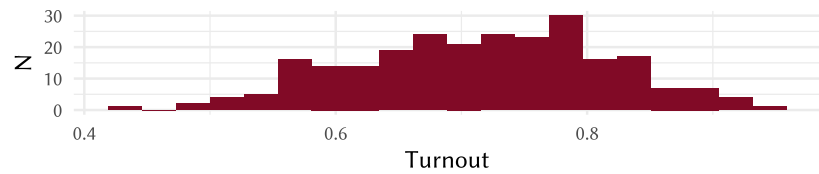


One missing observation: 1946 HB election.

turnout

**Turnout**

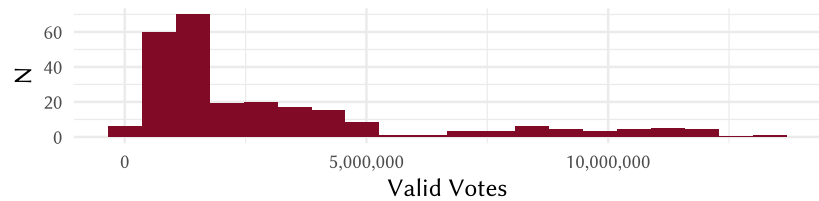
Turnout. Share of eligible voters turning out.



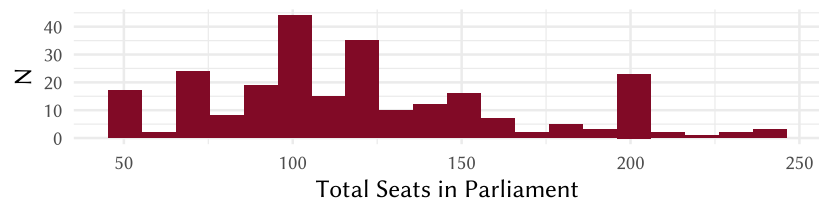
valid\_votes

**Valid Votes**

Number of valid votes. Does not have to be equal to the number of ballots cast, as sometimes a ballot contains multiple votes! For more totals also see the last six columns.

total\_seats\_  
parliament**Total Seats in Parliament**

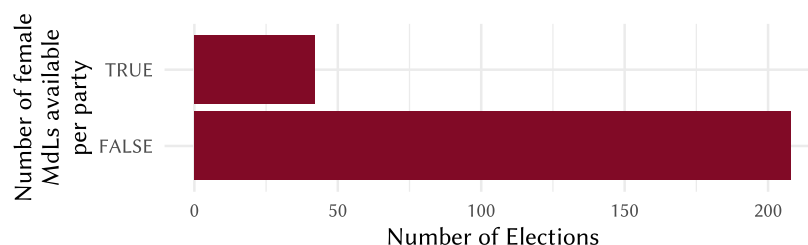
Total number of members of the newly elected Landtag.



female\_party\_  
seats\_available

### Number of female MdLs available per party

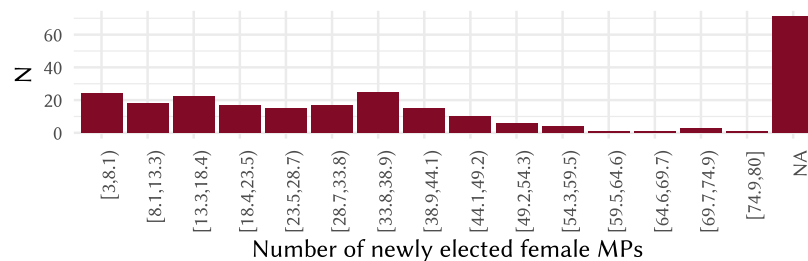
Denotes whether information on the no. of female members of the Landtag per party is available for this election. Note that for parties not elected to the new Landtag party\_female\_mps always is marked as missing.



total\_female\_  
mps\_parliament

### Number of Female MPs in Parliament

Number of newly elected female MPs.



partyname\_short

### Abbreviated Party Name

Harmonized abbreviation of the party's name. 379 unique parties.

partyname

### Party Name

Harmonized name of the party. 379 unique parties.

partyname\_short\_  
bundeswahlleiter

### Party Name Abbreviation from Bundeswahlleiter

Partyname abbreviation as documented by the Bundeswahlleiter. 467 different abbreviations.

partyname\_  
bundeswahlleiter

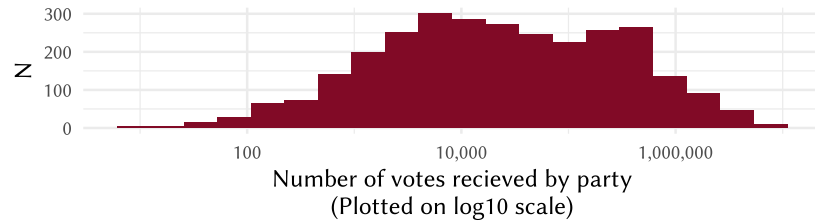
### Party Name from Bundeswahlleiter

Partyname as documented by the Bundeswahlleiter. 508 different names.

party\_vote\_count

**Party Vote Count**

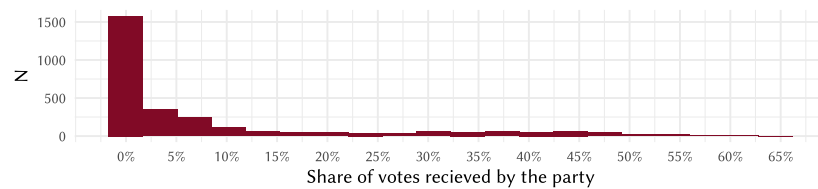
Number of votes recieved by the party.



party\_vshare

**Party Vote Share**

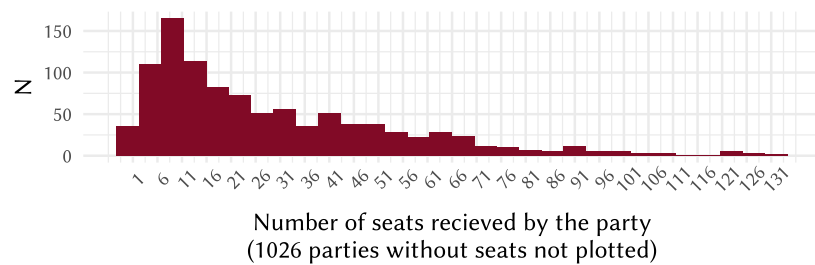
Share of votes recieved by the party.



party\_seat\_count

**Party Seat Count**

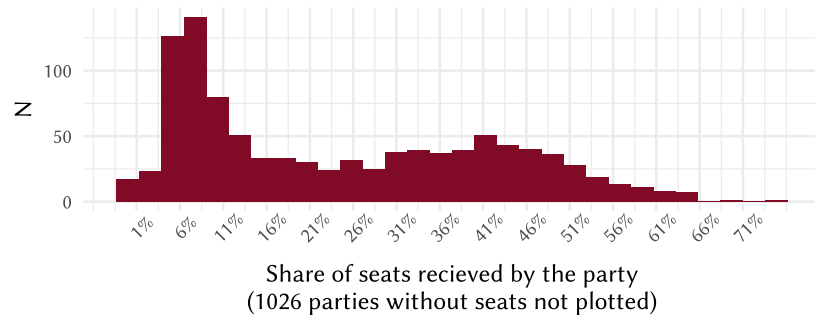
Number of seats recieved by the party.



party\_sshare

**Party Seat Share**

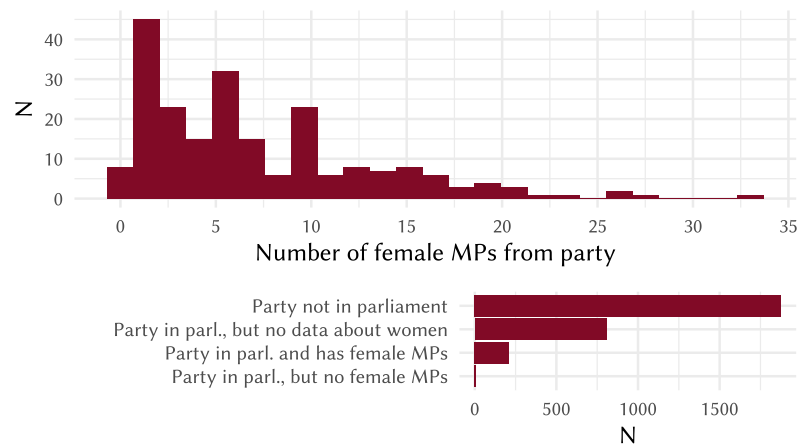
Share of seats recieved by the party.



party\_female\_mps

**Number of female MPs from party**

Number of female MPs elected for the party. Note that for parties not elected to the new Landtag party\_female\_mps always is marked as missing.

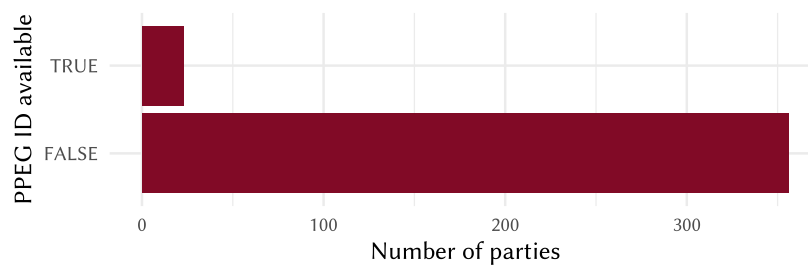




ppeg\_id

**PPEG ID**

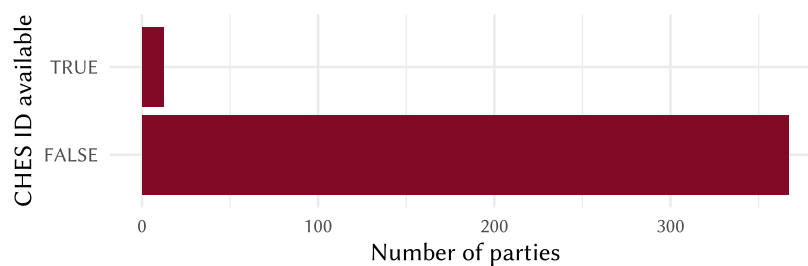
If available, party id of the party in the PPEG database (PPEG 2022). These party IDs are chiefly based on party IDs from Mackie and Rose (1991).



ches\_id

**CHES ID**

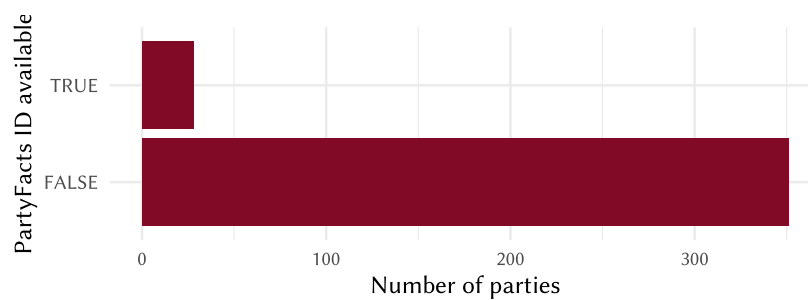
If available, ID of the party in the Chapel-Hill Expert Survey (Jolly et al. 2022).



partyfacts\_id

**PartyFacts ID**

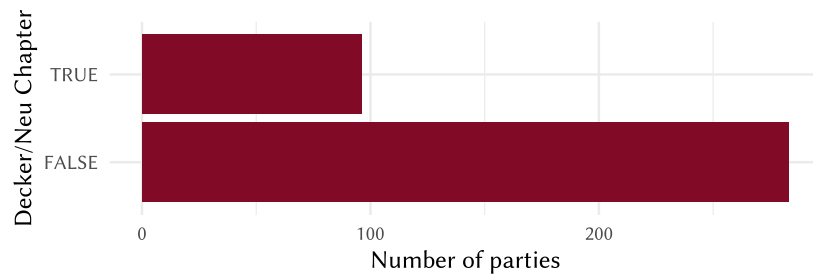
If available, ID of the party in the partyfacts database (Döring and Regel 2019).



decker\_neu

**Chapter Parteienhandbuch**

Denotes, whether the Handbuch der deutschen Parteien (3. ed.) by Decker and Neu (Decker and Neu 2018) has a chapter on the party.



url\_info

**URL with additional info on the party**

URL to information on the party on the web. Can contain multiple URLs!

party\_remarks\_  
stelzle**Party remarks Stelzle**

Remarks on the party by me.

party\_remarks\_  
bundeswahlleiter**Party remarks Bundeswahlleiter**

Remarks on the party as listed by the Bundeswahlleiter.

gueltige\_stimm  
-zettel\_hh\_hb**Gültige Stimmzettel HH and HB**

Messy totals.

gesamtstimmen\_by

**Gesamtstimmen BY**

Messy totals.

ausgefallene\_  
stimmen\_be**Ausgefallene Stimmen BE**

Messy totals.

abgegebene\_  
stimmen\_hh**Abgegebene Stimmen HH**

Messy totals.

ungueltige\_  
stimmen\_except\_  
hh\_hb**Ungültige Stimmen except in HH and HB**

Messy totals.

ungueltige\_  
stimmzettel\_hh\_hb

**Ungültige Stimmzettel in HH and HB**  
Messy totals.

## ltw\_governments

This section of the codebook only concerns variables specific to the ltw\_governments dataset. For further variables please refer to the ltw\_elections section.

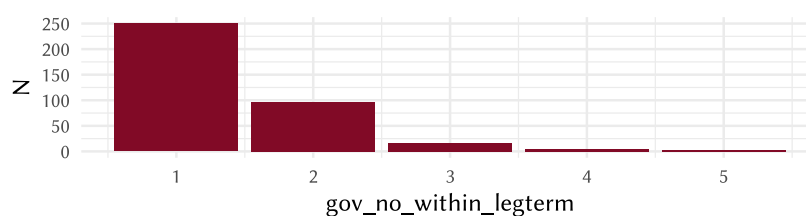
ltw\_governments is a long-form dataset containing information on governments in the German states. Each row contains information on one state government. The data can be accessed in R using `bundeslaendeR::ltw_governments`.

### ltw\_governments Variable Information

gov\_no\_within\_  
legterm

#### Number of cabinet within legislative term

Number of cabinet within legislative term (e.g. First/Second/Third/... cabinet in the 1990-1994 legislative term of state X).



gov\_id

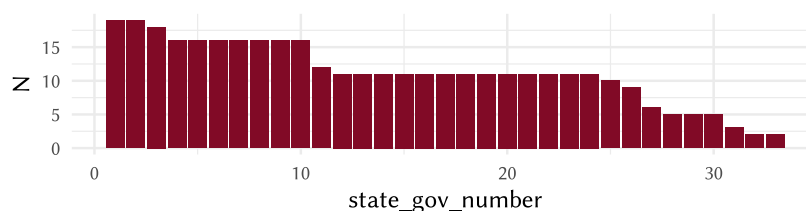
#### Government ID

Unique ID of government. Taken from Linhart et al. However, this ID is not counting up within state by time. In cases where Governments were missing from Linhart et al. before the timeframe covered by Linhart et al. (eg. in Berlin) these earlier governments have a higher ID than later cabinets contained in Linhart et al. data.

state\_gov\_number

#### Number of government in state.

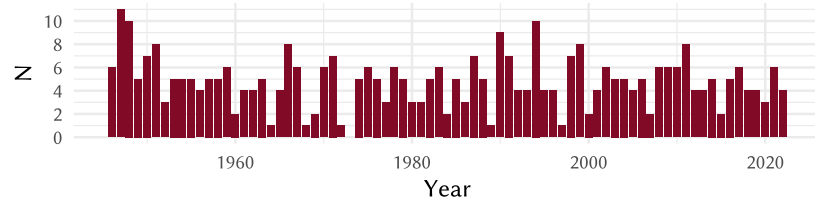
Number of government in state.



gov\_start\_date

**Government Starting Date**

Starting date of the government. ISO 8601 or R-Date format.



gov\_source

**Government Source**

Source of the information on the government. Either Linhart et al. or the URL of the German Wikipedia Page containing information on the cabinet.

gov\_remarks\_  
stelzle**Governments remarks Stelzle**

My remarks on governments.

minister\_president

**Name of minister president**

Name of minister president.

mp\_party

**Minister President's Party**

Party of the minister president. partyname\_short format used. Note: There is a single cabinet with an independent minister president: Heinrich Welsch's caretaker government in the Saarland (at the time not yet a member of the FRG) in 1955.

gov\_parties

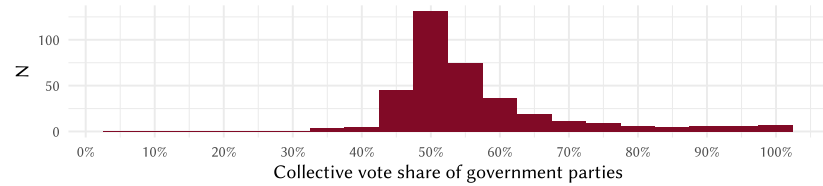
**Names of Government Parties**

String containing the names (partyname\_short format) of all government parties separated by ' ~ '. The MP's party first, followed by other government parties in the order of their seatshare.

gov\_vshare

**Government Vote Share**

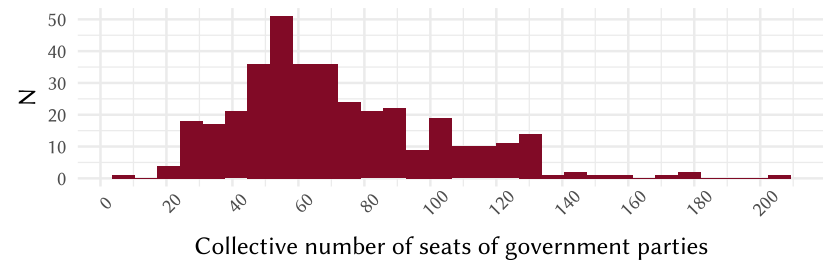
Collective vote share of government parties.



gov\_seat\_count

**Government Seat Count**

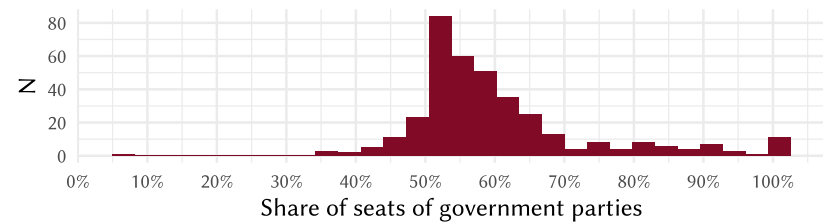
Collective number of seats of government parties.



gov\_sshare

**Government Seat Share**

Share of seats of government parties.



gov\_tog

**Type of Government**

Type of Government:

- Single Party Majority
- Oversized Coalition
- Minimal Winning Coalition
- Single Party Minority
- Multi Party Majority
- Caretaker.

Note that this classification is done automatically based on the number of seats of each governing party *at the beginning of the legislative term*. MPs defecting between parties and thus potentially changing the majority status of governments can thus not be incorporated!

## ltw\_combined

This section of the codebook only concerns variables specific to the ltw\_combined dataset. For further variables please refer to the sections on ltw\_elections and ltw\_governments.

ltw\_combined is a long-form dataset containing both election results as well as linked information on governments in the German states. Each row contains information on one party during the time in office of one cabinet. For a schematic version of ltw\_combined's structure see table 2. The data can be accessed in R using `bundeslaendeR::ltw_combined`.

### ltw\_combined Variable Information

gov\_party

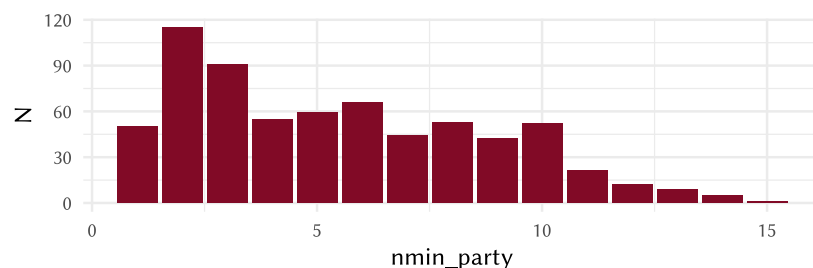
#### Government Party

Boolean whether the party was a cabinet party. Note: There is a single cabinet where no party is marked as part of the cabinet: Heinrich Welsch's caretaker government in the Saarland (at the time not yet a member of the FRG) in 1955.

nmin\_party

#### Number of Ministers of Party

Number of ministers of party. Note that the number of party-independent ministers is not collected. Thus, the sum of the number of ministers of all government parties can not reliably be understood as the size of the cabinet.



is\_mp\_party

#### Is MP Party?

Is the governments minister president from this party? Note: There is a single cabinet where the minister president is not part of any party: Heinrich Welsch's caretaker government in the Saarland (at the time not yet a member of the FRG) in 1955.



Table 2: Structure of ltw\_combined

State Variables Name, Abbreviation, NUTS1 Code			Election Variables Election date, Size Electorate, Turnout, ...			Party Variables Names, Abbreviations, several IDs several IDs			Party-Election Variables Vote Count, -Share, Seat Count, -Share, ...			Government Variables Inauguration date, PM Name, gov. numbering, gov_id, ...			Government-Party Variables Status in government, number of party ministers, ...		
state	nuts1	...	election_date	turnout	...	partyname_short	ches_id	...	party_vshare	party_seat_count	...	gov_start_date	minister_president	...	gov_party	nmin_party	...
BE	DE3	...	2015-09-18	0.765	...	Party A	001	...	0.45	46	...	2015-10-07	Mustermann, Max	...	TRUE	7	...
BE	DE3	...	2015-09-18	0.765	...	Party B	002	...	0.30	12	...	2015-10-07	Mustermann, Max	...	TRUE	4	...
BE	DE3	...	2015-09-18	0.765	...	Party C	003	...	0.25	18	...	2015-10-07	Mustermann, Max	...	FALSE	NA	...
BE	DE3	...	2015-09-18	0.765	...	Party A	001	...	0.45	46	...	2017-02-28	Mustermann, Max	...	TRUE	11	...
BE	DE3	...	2015-09-18	0.765	...	Party B	002	...	0.30	12	...	2017-02-28	Mustermann, Max	...	FALSE	NA	...
BE	DE3	...	2015-09-18	0.765	...	Party C	003	...	0.25	18	...	2017-02-28	Mustermann, Max	...	FALSE	NA	...
NI	DE9	...	2012-12-16	0.560	...	Party A	001	...	0.17	12	...	2013-01-07	Musterfrau, Erika	...	FALSE	NA	...
NI	DE9	...	2012-12-16	0.560	...	Party B	002	...	0.33	27	...	2013-01-07	Musterfrau, Erika	...	FALSE	NA	...
NI	DE9	...	2012-12-16	0.560	...	Party D	004	...	0.50	46	...	2013-01-07	Musterfrau, Erika	...	TRUE	13	...

## ltw\_elections\_meta

This section of the codebook only concerns variables specific to the ltw\_elections\_meta dataset. For further variables please refer to the sections on ltw\_elections.

ltw\_elections\_meta is a long-format dataset containing meta information on election results. Each row contains information on one election. The data can be accessed in R using `bundeslaendeR::ltw_elections_meta`.

For a discussion of the various measures quantifying party system properties see Niedermayer (2013). For descriptions of the various measures of electoral disproportionality see Karpov (2008).

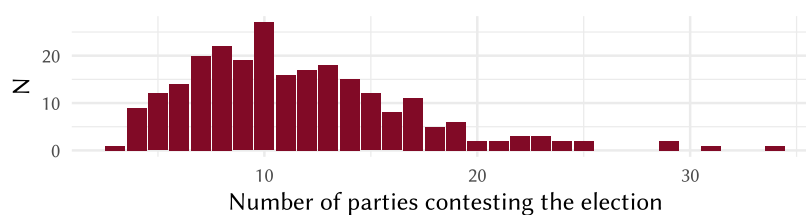
### ltw\_elections\_meta Variable Information

Unless specified otherwise, in the following section  $v_i$  refers to party  $i$ 's vote share,  $s_i$  to party  $i$ 's seat share and  $n$  refers to the number of parties contesting a given election.

number\_parties

#### Number of parties contesting the election

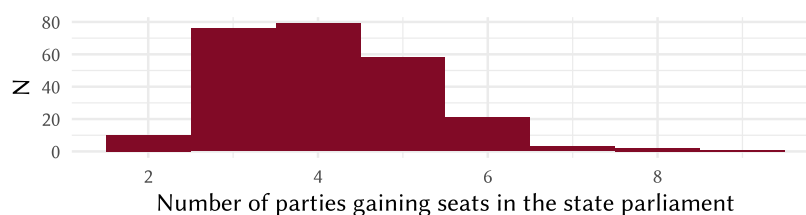
Number of parties  $n$  contesting the election.



number\_parties\_  
parliament

#### Number of parties gaining seats in the state parliament

Number of parties gaining seats in the state parliament.

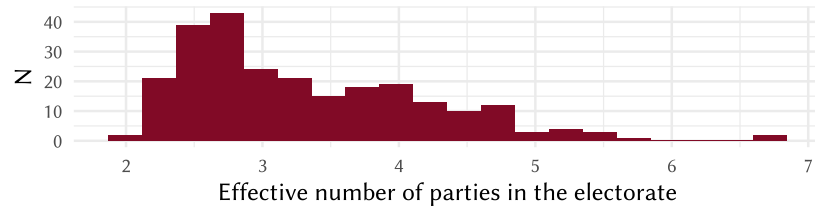


fragmentation\_enep

**Effective number of parties in the electorate**

Effective number of parties in the electorate  $N_{2 \text{ electorate}}$  (Laakso and Taagepera 1979):

$$N_{2 \text{ electorate}} = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n v_i^2}. \quad (1)$$

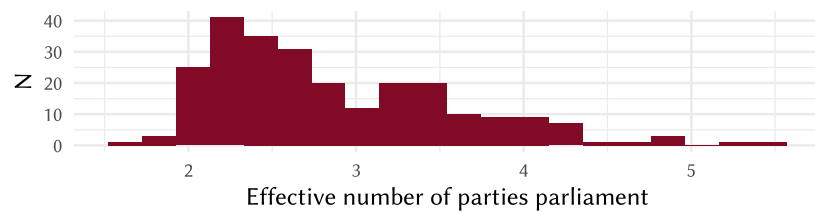


fragmentation\_enpp

**Effective number of parties in parliament**

Effective number of parties in parliament  $N_{2 \text{ parliament}}$  (Laakso and Taagepera 1979):

$$N_{2 \text{ parliament}} = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n s_i^2}. \quad (2)$$

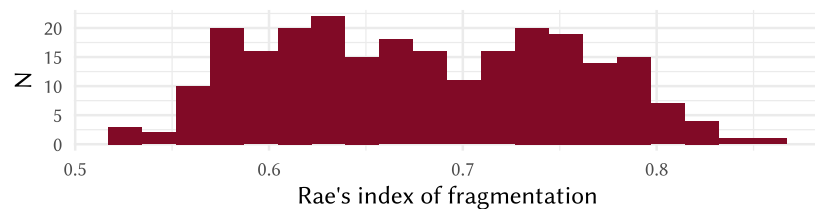


fragmentation\_rae

**Rae's index of fragmentation**

Rae's index of fragmentation (Rae 1968):

$$F = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^n v_i^2. \quad (3)$$



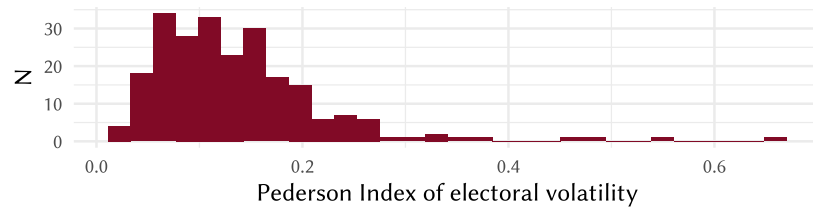
volatility\_pedersen

**Pederson Index of electoral volatility**

Pederson Index of electoral volatility (Pedersen 1979):

$$V_t = \sum_{i=1}^{n_t \wedge n_{t-1}} |v_{i,t} - v_{i,t-1}|. \quad (4)$$

If a party did not contest an election  $t$  or  $t - 1$  its voteshare for the respective election  $v_t$  or  $v_{t-1}$  is 0. Attention: These figures probably slightly overestimate the real extent of electoral volatility, as party splits/mergers are not considered: If parties A (7% at  $t - 1$ ) and B (4% at  $t - 1$ ) contest election  $t - 1$  separately but merge before contesting election  $t$  and gaining 15% under the label of party A, they really only contribute  $|(7\% + 4\%) - 15\%| = 4\%$  to the calculation of the Pedersen Index. Here, they would contribute  $|7\% - 15\%| + |4\% - 0\%| = 12\%$  to the calculation as the merger is not properly accounted for.



All of the disproportionality measures presented here, their calculation and properties are presented and discussed in Karpov (2008). The distributions of these measures are presented in figure 1 below.

disprop\_  
max\_deviation**Maximum deviation index of electoral disproportionality**

Maximum deviation index of electoral disproportionality:

$$MD = \max_{i=1,n} |s_i - v_i|. \quad (5)$$

disprop\_rae

**Rae's index of electoral disproportionality**

Rae's index of electoral disproportionality (Rae 1971):

$$I_{\text{Rae}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |s_i - v_i|. \quad (6)$$

disprop\_  
loosemore\_hanby

**Loosemore-Hanby index of electoral disproportionality**

Loosemore-Hanby index of electoral disproportionality (Loosemore and Hanby 1971):

$$I_{LH} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n |s_i - v_i|. \quad (7)$$

disprop\_grofman

**Grofman index of electoral disproportionality**

Grofman index of electoral disproportionality:

$$I_G = \frac{1}{N_{2 \text{ electorate}}} \sum_{i=1}^n |s_i - v_i|. \quad (8)$$

disprop\_lijphart

**Lijphart index of electoral disproportionality**

Lijphart index of electoral disproportionality:

$$I_L = \frac{|s_i - v_i| + |s_i - v_i|}{2} \quad (9)$$

where only the two largest parties are considered.

disprop\_gallagher

**Gallagher index of electoral disproportionality**

Gallagher index of electoral disproportionality / least squares index (Lsq):

$$Lsq = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (s_i - v_i)^2}. \quad (10)$$

disprop\_monroe

**Monroe index of electoral disproportionality**

Monroe index of electoral disproportionality:

$$I_{\text{Monroe}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (s_i - v_i)^2}{1 + \sum_{i=1}^n v_i^2}}. \quad (11)$$

disprop\_gatev

**Gatev index of electoral disproportionality**

Gatev index of electoral disproportionality:

$$I_{\text{Gatev}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (s_i - v_i)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (s_i^2 + v_i^2)}} \quad (12)$$

disprop\_ryabtsev

**Ryabtsev index of electoral disproportionality**

Ryabtsev index of electoral disproportionality:

$$I_{\text{Ryabtsev}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (s_i - v_i)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (s_i + v_i)^2}}. \quad (13)$$

disprop\_szalai

**Szalai index of electoral disproportionality**

Szalai index of electoral disproportionality:

$$I_{\text{Szalai}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{s_i - v_i}{s_i + v_i} \right)^2}{n}}. \quad (14)$$

disprop\_  
szalai\_weighted**Weighted Szalai index of electoral disproportionality**

Weighted Szalai index of electoral disproportionality:

$$\tilde{I}_{\text{Szalai}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(s_i - v_i)^2}{s_i + v_i}}. \quad (15)$$

disprop\_  
aleskerov\_platonov**Aleskerov-Platonov index of electoral disproportionality**

Aleskerov-Platonov index of electoral disproportionality:

$$R = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{s_i}{v_i} \quad (16)$$

where only overrepresented parties are considered.

disprop\_dhondt

**D'Hondt index of electoral disproportionality**

D'Hondt index of electoral disproportionality:

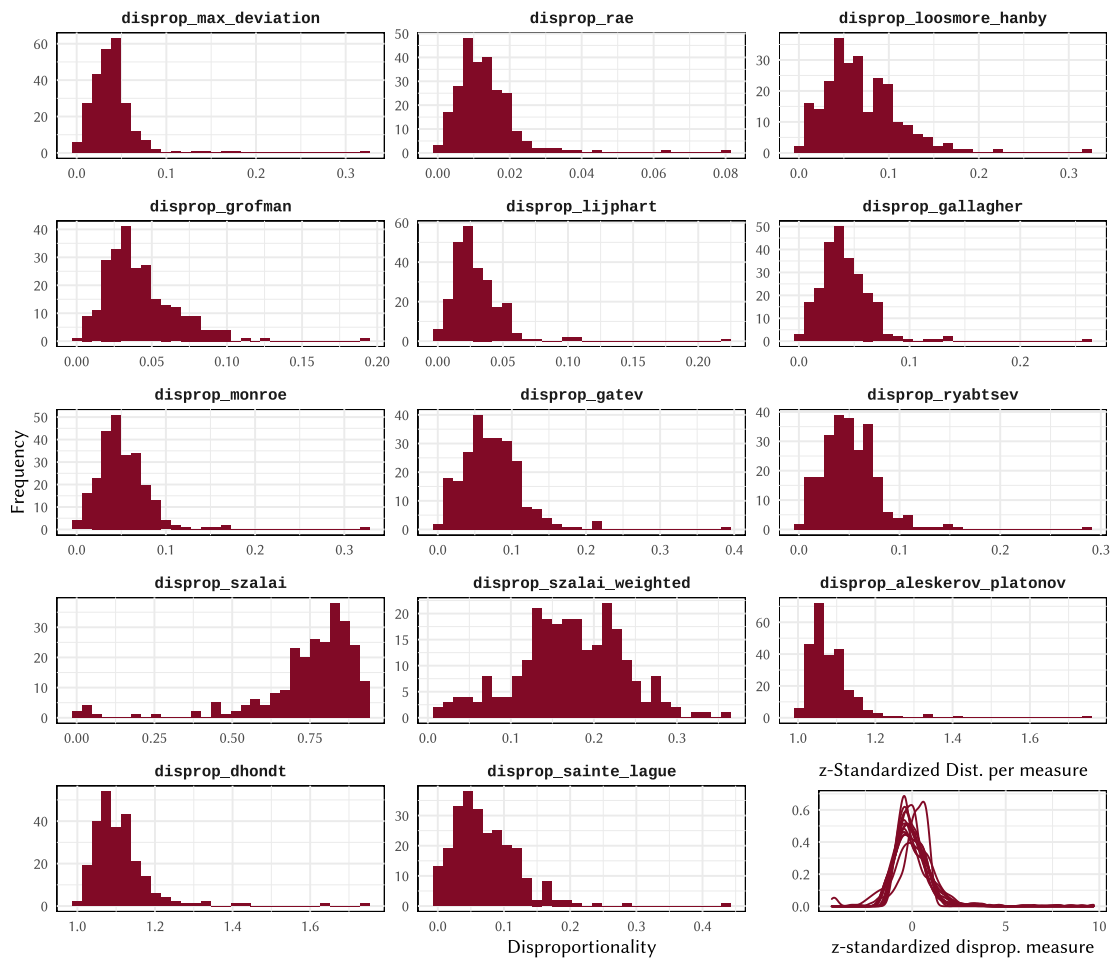
$$H = \max_{i=1,n} \frac{s_i}{v_i}. \quad (17)$$

disprop\_sainte\_lague

**Sainte-Lague index of electoral disproportionality**

Sainte-Lague index of electoral disproportionality:

$$SL = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i \left( \frac{s_i}{v_i} - 1 \right)^2. \quad (18)$$

**Figure 1: Distribution of Disproportionality Measures**

## link\_manifestos and link\_coalitionagreements

link\_manifestos and link\_coalitionagreements provide easy links of bundeslaendeR data with party manifestos and coalition agreements made available from polidoc.net - The Political Documents Archive (Benoit, Bräuninger, and Debus 2009; Gross and Debus 2018; Pappi and Seher 2014, 2009; for the codebook see Bräuninger et al. 2018) and party manifestos from abgeordnetenwatch.de. While file names from polidoc.net follow a naming pattern (partyID.stateID.year.1.number of party manifesto for election) and abgeordnetenwatch.de provides unique IDs through its API, the provided links make joining the data easier.

Note that polidoc.net provides a manifesto for the Neue Liberale in the HB 2015 election (41441.005.2015.1.1). Since the party withdrew its candidacy before the election and is thus not included in the election results in ltw\_elections, the manifesto id is not included in link\_manifestos. Several party manifestos made available through abgeordnetenwatch.de's API are also not linked, as the respective parties only contested some nominal districts and not the state-wide list election and thus no election result is included in ltw\_elections.

Note that polidoc.net provides a coalition agreement between the SPD and the Greens following the 2008 HE election (41001.006.2008.1.1). Since this potential coalition under leadership of SPD politician Andrea Ypsilanti never came to be due to several SPD MPs opposing the red-green minority cabinet being externally supported by Die Linke the coalition agreement can't be matched with a government in ltw\_combined and is thus not included.

## Linking-Variables Information

The variables state, election\_date, and partyname\_short can be used in order to link manifestos to the bundeslaendeR data. How many manifestos are available per election is plotted in figure 2.

state	<b>State Abbreviation</b> ISO 3166-2:DE-code of the state.
election_date	<b>Election Date</b> Date of the election. ISO 8601 or R-Date format.
partyname_short	<b>Abbreviated Party Name</b> Harmonized abbreviation of the party's name. 379 unique parties.
polidoc_filename and polidoc_filename_2 in link_manifestos	<b>Polidoc File Name of Party Manifesto</b> File name of state party manifesto (or 2nd manifesto if available) in .txt format available in The Political Documents Archive (polidoc.net).

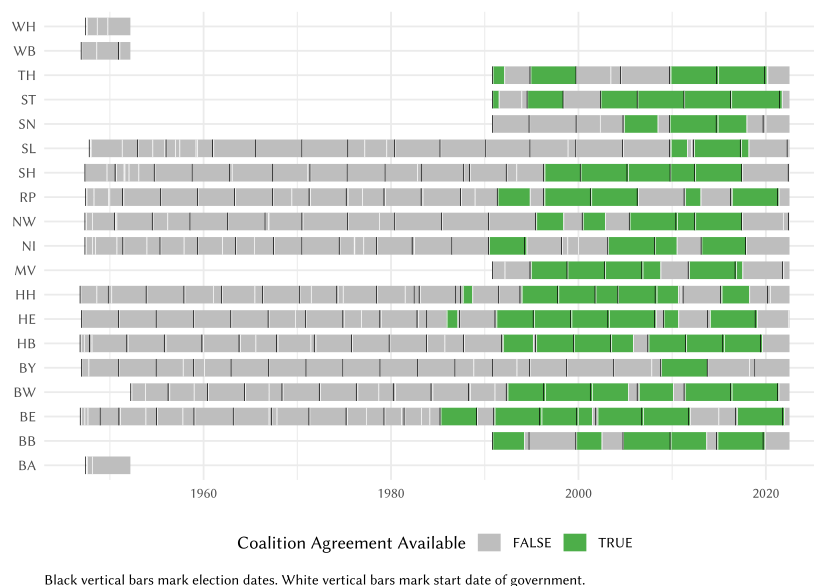


agwatch_pdf_url in link_manifestos	<b>URL of Manifesto on abgeordnetenwatch.de</b> URL of the manifesto in .pdf format on abgeordnetenwatch.de.
agwatch_election_ manifesto in link_manifestos	<b>Is an electoral manifesto not just a general manifesto</b> TRUE if the linked manifesto is an electoral manifesto. FALSE if it appears to be a more general manifesto of the party (Grundsatzprogramm) independent of any specific state election.

The variable gov\_id can be used in order to link manifestos to the bundeslaenderR data.

gov_id	<b>Government ID</b> Unique ID of government. Taken from Linhart et al. However, this ID is not counting up within state by time. In cases where Governments were missing from Linhart et al. before the timeframe covered by Linhart et al. (eg. in Berlin) these earlier governments have a higher ID than later cabinets contained in Linhart et al. data.
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polidoc_filename in link_ coalitionagreements	<b>Polidoc File Name of Coalition Agreement</b> File name of coalition agreement available in The Political Documents Archive (polidoc.net).
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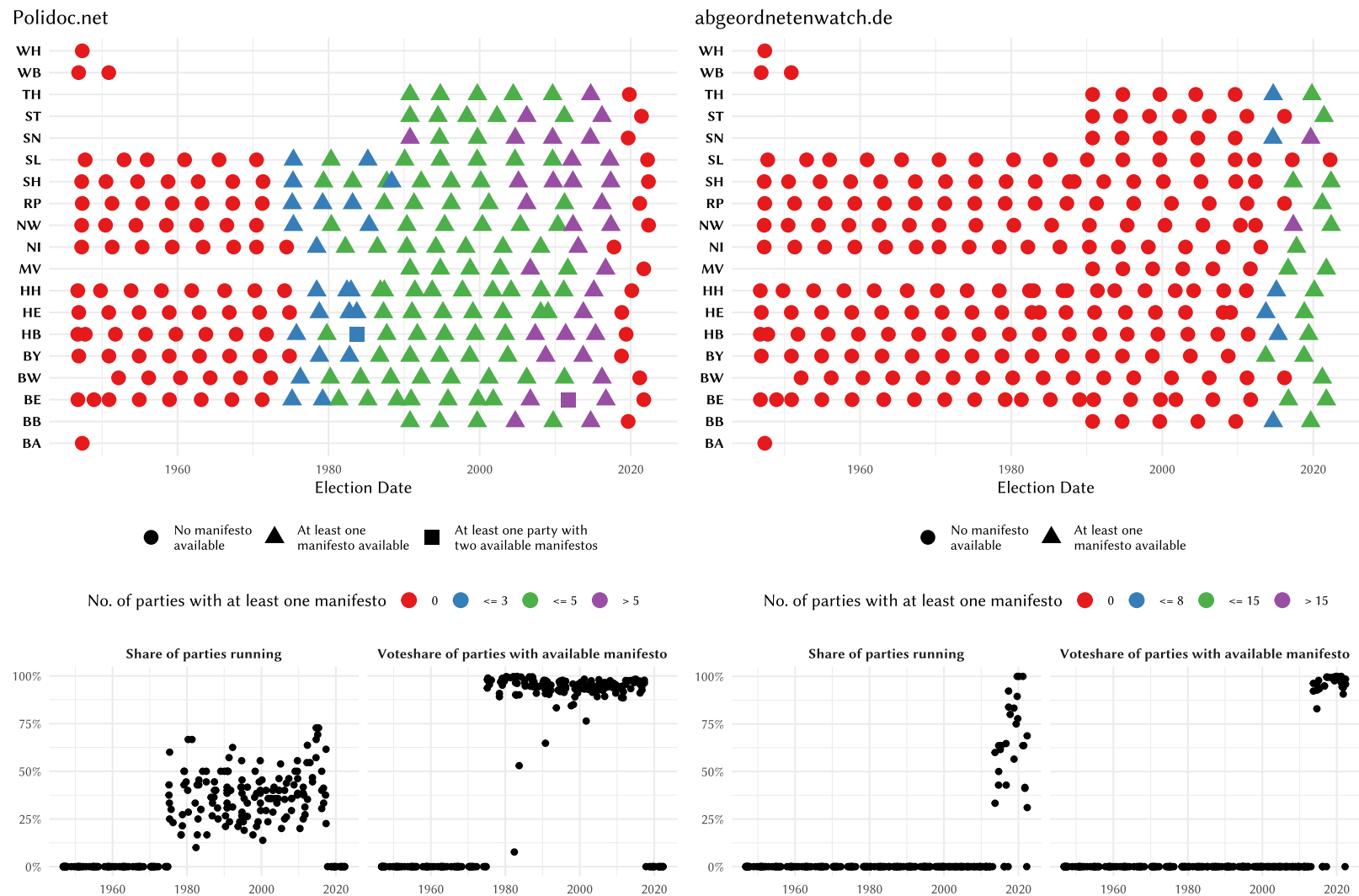


Figure 2: Availability of manifestos from polidoc.net and abgeordnetenwatch.de

## de\_states\_grid\_4x4()

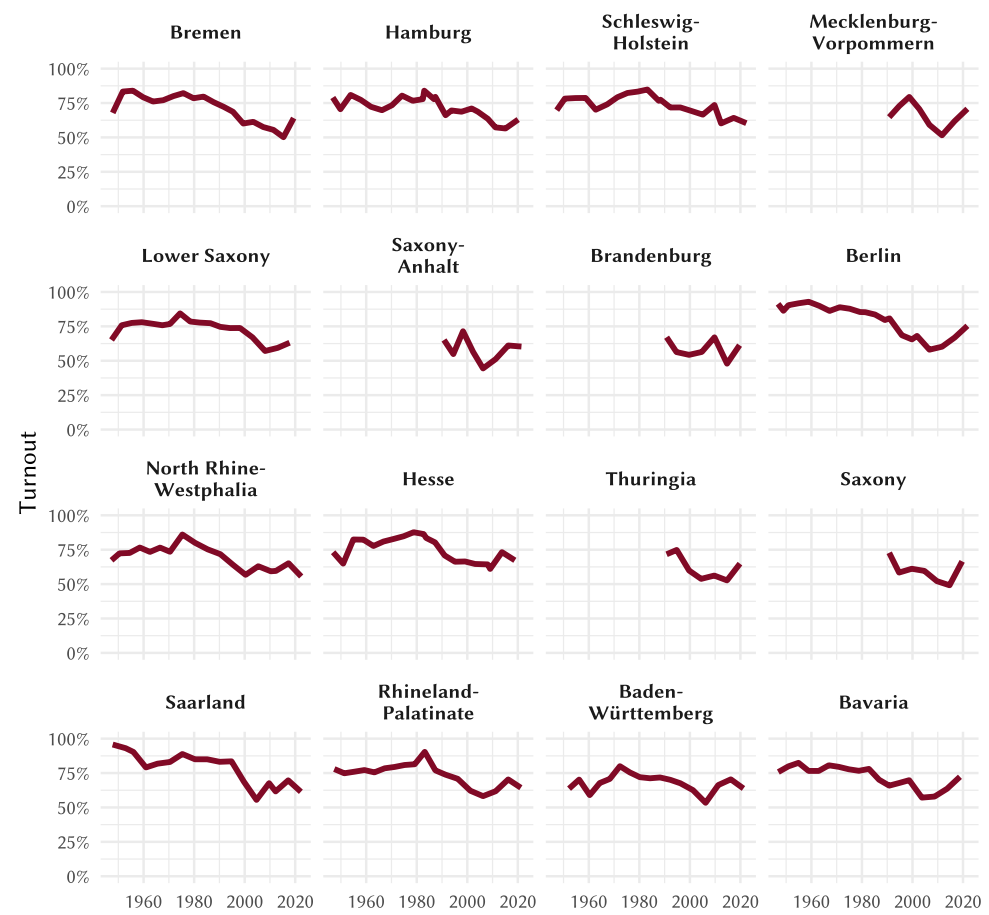
de\_states\_grid\_4x4() exports a data frame containing state IDs, German and English state names and approximate state locations on a 4x4 grid. The exported data frame can be used to approximately plot state-facets in their approximate locations using the ggplot2 extension geofacet (Hafen and Schloerke 2020).

Please find a comparison of state locations and the grid layout as well as some example code below.

### Example Code:

```
library(bundeslaender)
library(tidyverse)
library(geofacet)

turnout_plot <-
ltw_elections %>%
  select(state, election_date, turnout) %>%
  distinct() %>%
  filter(!(state %in% c("WB", "BA", "WH"))) %>%
  filter(!is.na(turnout)) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = election_date, y = turnout)) +
    geom_line(col = "#810a26", size = 1.2) +
    facet_geo(grid = de_states_geofacet_grid_4x4(linebreak = T),
              facets = ~state, label = "name") +
    scale_y_continuous(limits = c(0,1),
                       labels = scales::percent) +
    theme(strip.text = element_text(face = "bold")) +
    labs(x = NULL, y = "Turnout")
```



Map data from geoBoundaries (Runfola et al. 2020).

Figure 3: Comparison of state location and grid layout

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