

Codebook bundeslaendeR Government Data

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`ltw_election_results_and_governments`

This codebook only concerns variables specific to the `ltw_election_results_and_governments` dataset. For further variables please refer to the `ltw_election_results` dataset's codebook.

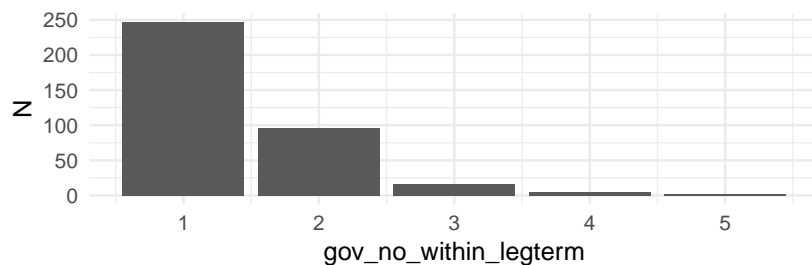
`ltw_election_results_and_governments` returns a data frame (tibble if the tibble package is loaded) containing both election results as well as linked information on governments in the German states. Each row contains information on one party during the time in office of one cabinet.

Election results data are provided by the Bundeswahlleiter. A machine-readable version of the data in the 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. Information on Governments mainly taken from the replication data of Linhart, Eric, Franz U. Pappi und Ralf Schmitt (2008): Die proportionale Ministerienaufteilung in deutschen Koalitionsregierungen: Akzeptierte Norm oder das Ausnutzen strategischer Vorteile?, Politische Vierteljahresschrift 49(1): 46-67. To be found online here: <https://www.tu-chemnitz.de/phil/politik/pspi/forschung/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.

`gov_no_within_
legterm`

Number of cabinet within legislative term

Number of cabinet within legislative term (i.e. First cabinet in the 1990-1994 legislative term of state X).



`gov_id`

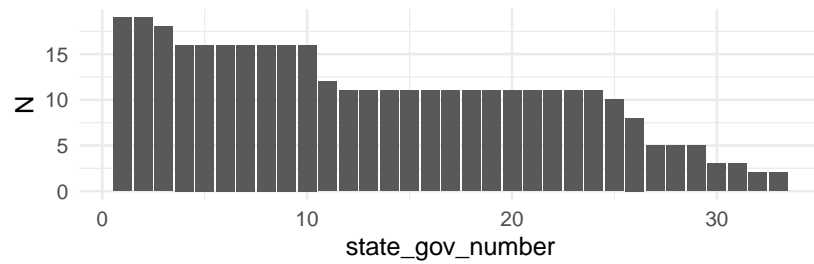
Government ID

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 an 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_party

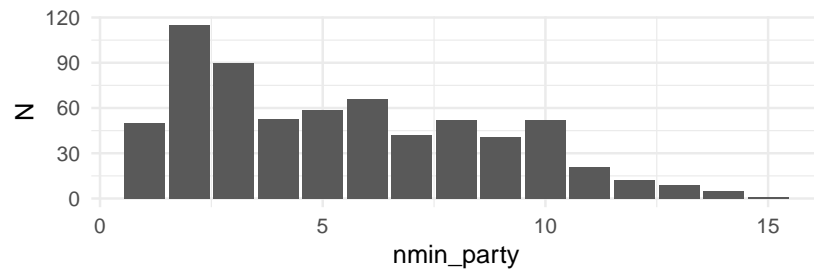
Government Party

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.



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.

is_mp_party

Is MP Party?

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.