(De-)politicization in times of Polycrisis: A comparative analysis of the drivers and effects of (de-)politicization strategies in a multilevel polity

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Project abstract:

The overarching goal of this research is to unravel mechanisms and drivers that underlie the emergence of politicization and depoliticization among different types of stakeholders, in order to contribute to the conceptualization and operationalization of (de-)politicization as a strategy. By helping to better understand whether and how depoliticization and politicization are related, this project breaks new ground by allowing it to assess the potential consequences of different behavioral constellations for policymaking processes and outcomes. In this way, it can shed light on strategic (communicative, procedural) behaviors/practices that are usually informal in nature, but nevertheless capable of shaping decision-making processes, namely by exposing or shielding them from polarization, salience and mobilization. Consequently, it has concrete policy implications that can lead to greater awareness of the implications of different strategies, especially in terms of policy support/acceptance.

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Research Data Summary

List and describe all datasets or research materials that you plan to generate/collect or reuse during your research project. For each dataset or data type (observational, experimental etc.), provide a short name & description (sufficient for yourself to know what data it is about), indicate whether the data are newly generated/collected or reused, digital or physical, also indicate the type of the data (the kind of content), its technical format (file extension), and an estimate of the upper limit of the volume of the data.

Dataset name / ID	Description	New or reuse	Digital or Physical data	Data Type	File format	Data volume	Physical volume
		*Indicate: **N**(ew data) or **E**(xisting data)*	Indicate: **D**(igital) or **P**(hysical)	Indicate: **A**udiovisual **I**mages **S**ound **N**umerical **T**extual **M**odel **SO**ftware Other (specify)		Indicate: <1GB <100GB <1TB <5TB >5TB NA	
Codebook_MediaContentAnalysis_WP1	Codebook contains all relevant codes that will be used during coding process of content analysis (News media sources)	New	Digital	Textual	.pdf	<1GB	
Coded_MediaClaims_ContentAnalysis_WP2	Dataset containing the coded claims which will be analyzed during the content analysis.	New	Digital	Textual/Numerical	.nvpx	<1GB	
QuestionList_Interviews_WP1	Topic and questions list that contains topics and questions included in pre-interview questionnaire and during the face-to-face interviews	New	Digital	Textual	.pdf	<1GB	
WrittenResponses_Questionnaire_WP3	Written responses to the pre-interview questionnaire distributed to repondants.	New	Digital	Textual	.pdf	<1GB	
Recordings_Interviews_WP3	Audio recordings of the interviews	New	Digital	Sound	.mp3	<100GB	
Coded_Interviews&Questionnaires_Content Analysis_WP3	Dataset containing the observational notes and transcripts of the interviews and written responses accompanied by the codes that are ascribed to the participants' responses and the codebook that will be created based on these responses	New	Digital	Textual/Numerical	.nvpx	<1GB	
ScriptAnalysis_RStudio	Data triangulation involving public opinion media content analysis and questionnaire and interview data through statistical analysis coded in Rstudio	New	Digital	Numerical	.R	<1GB	

If you reuse existing data, please specify the source, preferably by using a persistent identifier (e.g. DOI, Handle, URL etc.) per dataset or data type:

NA

Are there any ethical issues concerning the creation and/or use of the data (e.g. experiments on humans or animals, dual use)? If so, refer to specific datasets or data types when appropriate and provide the relevant ethical approval number.

- No

Subjects are volunteers in Social Science research.

Will you process personal data? If so, please refer to specific datasets or data types when appropriate and provide the KU Leuven or UZ Leuven privacy register number (G or S number).

- Yes (Provide PRET G-number or EC S-number below)

Work packages 3, 4, 5 make use of human subject data (basic personal data)
For all the studies ethical approval will be asked from SMEC in the near future and obtained before the data collection begins.

Does your work have potential for commercial valorization (e.g. tech transfer, for example spin-offs, commercial exploitation, …)? If so, please comment per dataset or data type where appropriate.

- No

Do existing 3rd party agreements restrict exploitation or dissemination of the data you (re)use (e.g. Material or Data transfer agreements, Research collaboration agreements)? If so, please explain in the comment section to what data they relate and what restrictions are in place.

- No

Are there any other legal issues, such as intellectual property rights and ownership, to be managed related to the data you (re)use? If so, please explain in the comment section to what data they relate and which restrictions will be asserted.

- No

Documentation and Metadata

Clearly describe what approach will be followed to capture the accompanying information necessary to keepdata understandable and usable, for yourself and others, now and in the future (e.g. in terms of documentation levels and types required, procedures used, Electronic Lab Notebooks, README.txt files, codebook.tsv etc. where this information is recorded).

The main researcher will collect all data and group the different datafiles according to the different work packages (WP) in the secured KU Leuven folder.
WP1 has 2 datasets and receive the names **Codebook_MediaContentAnalysis_WP1** [Codebook contains all relevant codes that will be used during coding process of content analysis (News media sources)] and **QuestionList_Interviews_WP1** [Topic and questions list that contains topics and questions included in pre-interview questionnaire and during the face-to-face interviews].

WP2 has 1 datasets and receives the name **Coded_MediaClaims_ContentAnalysis_WP2** [Dataset containing the coded claims which will be analyzed during the content analysis].
WP3 has 2 datasets and receives the name **WrittenResponses_Questionnaire_WP3** [Written responses to the pre-interview questionnaire distributed to repondants.] and **Coded_Interviews&Questionnaires_Content Analysis_WP3** [Dataset containing the observational notes and transcripts of the interviews and written responses accompanied by the codes that are ascribed to the participants' responses and the codebook that will be created based on these responses].

All data transformations and analyses performed on these datasets will be explained in a document and stored in a safe folder.

Will a metadata standard be used to make it easier tofind and reuse the data?
If so, please specify which metadata standard will be used.

If not, please specify which metadata will be created to make the data easier to find and reuse.

- No

For WP1 the codebook will be made accessible. This codebook will contain detailed explanations of all the variables and the accompanying codes. In this way, the codebook can be reused in other studies.
For WP2 a metadatafile will be created including the context specific information in which the interviews were conducted.
For WP2 and WP3 metadatafile (with compiled data from interviews and questionnaires) will be created in the following steps: 1) a unique identification code is

given to each participant; 2) participants answers across different issues will be linked through their unique identification codes. After participants have been linked, the unique identification codes will be deleted and the metadatafile will no longer contain personal information and will be pseudonymized.

Data Storage & Back-up during the Research Project

Where will the data be stored?

- Shared network drive (J-drive)
- Personal network drive (I-drive)

All data will be stored and managed for the duration of the project on the secure central storage infrastructure (network drives) of KULeuven. Access is personal and can only be obtained through the password protected intranet or through VPN. The pseudonimized data will not be stored together with the personal information.

How will the data be backed up?

- Standard back-up provided by KU Leuven ICTS for my storage solution

Data are automatically backed up when stored on the secure central storage infrastructure of KULeuven

Is there currently sufficient storage & backup capacity during the project?

If no or insufficient storage or backup capacities are available, explain how this will be taken care of.

- Yes

KU Leuven ensures sufficient storage for our data which are not large.

How will you ensure that the data are securely stored and not accessed or modified by unauthorized persons?

The secure central storage infrastructure of KU Leuven has very strict rules of access. Access is personal to KU Leuven employees (who received access) and can only be obtained through the password protected intranet or through VPN. The ICTS of KU Leuven guarantees the safety and ensures to update this platform to be resilient to cyber-attacks. The personal data will only be used
by the primary researchers of KU Leven (i.e., PhD student and (co-)supervisors) and will not be distributed to anyone else. This personal data will be stored seperately from the pseudonimized
data sets.

What are the expected costs for data storage and backup during the research project? How will these costs be covered?

There are no additional costs for this project. Costs are covered by the research group. The I- and J-drive can be accessed for this project.

Data Preservation after the end of the Research Project

Which data will be retained for 10 years (or longer, in agreement with other retention policies that are applicable) after the end of the project?

In case some data cannot be preserved, clearly state the reasons for this (e.g. legal or contractual restrictions, storage/budget issues, institutional policies...).

- All data will be preserved for 10 years according to KU Leuven RDM policy

In accordance with the data management policy of KULeuven, all data will be stored for 10 years after completion of the project. After this period, all data will be deleted permanently.
All email addresses, names, dates of birth, ages, and other information that can identify a person will be deleted after completion of the data collection, and before disseminating the results of the study.

Where will these data be archived (stored and curated for the long-term)?

- Shared network drive (J-drive)
- KU Leuven RDR

Data will remain stored on the KULeuven central network drives as well as on the KU Leuven RDR repository where the files will be, in line with open access guidelines, stay available in the long term.

What are the expected costs for data preservation during the expected retention period? How will these costs be covered?

Costs are covered by the research group.

Data Sharing and Reuse

Will the data (or part of the data) be made available for reuse after/during the project?
Please explain per dataset or data type which data will be made available.

- Yes, as embargoed data (temporary restriction)
- Yes, as open data

For work package 1, the codebook and the dataset containing the variables with accompanying codes as well as questionnaires will be made available as open data.
For work package 2, the dataset of coded claims will be under embargo for no longer than 2 years after data collection. After the end of embargo, the data will be freely accessible.
For work package 3, transcripts of the interviews and responses to questionnaires will be made available following an embargo of no longer than 2 years from the data collection. However, all information that can identify a person will be deleted before making these transcripts public.
Participants will be informed about the public availability of the data in the informed consent forms.

If access is restricted, please specify who will be able to access the data and under what conditions.

For members of the research team the temporary embargo does not apply.

Are there any factors that restrict or prevent the sharing of (some of) the data (e.g. as defined in an agreement with a 3rd party, legal restrictions)?

Please explain per dataset or data type where appropriate.

- Yes, privacy aspects
- Yes, ethical aspects

Where will the data be made available?

If already known, please provide a repository per dataset or data type.

- KU Leuven RDR (Research Data Repository)

When will the data be made available?

- Upon publication of research results
- Specific date (specify below)

Following publication and/or no more than 2 years after the data collection.

Which data usage licenses are you going to provide?

If none, please explain why.

- CC-BY 4.0 (data)

Data from the project that can be shared will be made available under a Creative Commons Attribution license (CC-BY 4.0), so that users have to give credit to the original data creators.

Do you intend to add a persistent identifier (PID) to your dataset(s), e.g. a DOI or accession number? If already available, please provide it here.

- Yes, a PID will be added upon deposit in a data repository

What are the expected costs for data sharing? How will these costs be covered?

No costs.

Responsibilities

Who will manage data documentation and metadata during the research project?

Alex Andrione-Moylan

Who will manage data storage and backup during the research project?

Alex Andrione-Moylan

Who will manage data preservation and sharing?

Kolja Raube

Who will update and implement this DMP?

Alex Andrione-Moylan