Dissent Scores Data Set

The table below describes the variables in the dissent scores data set. For details on the dissent scores, see "Dissent Scores: Using Events Data to Measure Dissent." This paper describes the measure in detail. We produced a version based on the IDEA data and another version based on the ICEWS data. These data are available on Dataverse ([10.7910/DVN/CL4CA8](10.7910/DVN/CL4CA8)).

Variable Name	Description
release	The release. Current version is V0.1 (Preprint).
release_date	The release date. Latest version is 2023-12-18. This is updated manually with changes to the data or model that create changes in the estimates.
data_source	The source of the events data. We have IDEA and ICEWS versions.
created_date	The date that the dissent scores were created. This updates with every fit of the model.
country_name	The name of the country.
ccode	The numeric COW code for the country.
stateabb	The 3-digit alpha COW code for the country.
year	The year.
n_events	The total number of events (dissent and not-dissent).
n_dissent_events	The total number of dissent events in the country-year.
avg_pi	The posterior average of the parameter from the statistical model.
avg_eta	The posterior average of the parameter from the statistical model.
dissent_score	The dissent score. This is rescaled to have mean = 0 and SD = 0.5.
se_dissent_score	The posterior SD of the dissent score.