This document contains the codebook with question wordings and response options for the panel survey data in Study 2 in the article "Partisan Elites as Culprits: How Partisan Elite Rhetoric Shapes Partisan Perceptual Gaps" by Martin Bisgaard and Rune Slothuus, published in American Journal of Political Science

The data file "study2.RData" contains the following variables:

[Numbers in square brackets refer to question numbers in full questionnaire; see questionnaire_study2]

RecordNo   Respondent ID number

gender   Respondent's gender.

 1   Female ("Kvinde")
 2   Male ("Mand")

education   Respondent's highest education level.

 1   Primary school
 2   High school
 3   Business/vocational high school (hhx, htx)
 4   Vocational training
 5   Short-term higher education
 6   Medium-term higher education
 7   Long-term higher education
 8   Doctoral degree/PhD
 9   Prefer not to say

age   Respondent's age in years.

region   Geographical region where respondent lives

 1   Copenhagen Area (Capital Region)
 2   Region Zealand
 3   Region Southern Denmark
 4   Central Region
 5   Region Northern Denmark

mobile_device Did the respondent answer the survey on a mobile device?

    1   Yes

    2   No

tot_time   Total number of time taken to complete the survey, measured in seconds

VK   Respondent's partisanship including leaners. Measured using the questions "If a national election were held tomorrow, which party would you vote for?" [q5a] and "You have responded that you do not know party would you vote for if a national election were held tomorrow. If you had to choose a party, which party are you leaning towards the most?" [q5b]

    0   Would vote for or leans towards the Social Democratic Party or the Social Liberals (parties in government)
    1   Would vote for or leans towards the Liberal Party or the Conservative Party (main parties in opposition)

budgetint   Respondent's interpretation of the budget deficit. "Do you think that a budget deficit of this size is a problem in the current situation?" [q9a and q9b] (Rescaled 0-1 where 1 = "A very big problem" and "Don't know" is coded as missing).

    1   A very big problem
    .75 A big problem
    .5   Somewhat of a problem
    .25 Not a big problem
    0   No problem at all
    NA Don't know

unempint   Respondent's interpretation of nemployment rate. "Do you think that unemployment of the current size is a problem?" [q10a and q10b] (Rescaled 0-1 where 1 = "A very big problem" and "Don't know" is coded as missing).

    1   A very big problem
    .75 A big problem
    .5   Somewhat of a problem
    .25 Not a big problem
    0   No problem at all

NA   Don't know

Btreat   Budget Experimental treatment condition
          problem   "New key figures show that the public budget deficit will
                         reach around 13.5 billion kroner in 2015. The Social
                         Democrats have commented that a deficit of this size is a
                         serious problem." [q9a]
          noproblem   "New key figures show that the public budget deficit will
                         reach around 13.5 billion kroner in 2015. The Social
                         Democrats have commented that a deficit of this size is <u>not</u>
                         a problem." [q9b]

Utreat   Unemployment Experimental treatment condition
          problem   "New key figures show that there is around 132,000
                         unemployed people in Denmark nowadays. The Social
                         Democrats have commented that unemployment of this
                         scale is a serious problem." [q10a]
          noproblem   "New key figures show that there is around 132,000
                         unemployed people in Denmark nowadays. The Social
                         Democrats have commented that unemployment of this
                         scale is <u>not</u> a problem." [q10b]