

This document contains the written instruction that was given to the human coders in order to code the statements made by the Prime minister. The coded data were used for 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

CODER INSTRUCTION

Purpose

You are about to code a series of articles that has appeared in four of the most widely circulated dailies (Jyllands-Posten, Politiken, Berlingske, and Information) in the period January 1 2010 to May 31 2010. In all of the articles, the then Prime Minister, Lars Løkke Rasmussen, is quoted directly and it is his statements that you are about to code.

Specifically, we are interested in learning to what extent and how Lars Løkke Rasmussen talked about the deficit on the public budget. For every article where Lars Løkke Rasmussen appears with a statement, we interested in coding the following variable:

Based on his quote(s) in the given article, does Lars Løkke Rasmussen suggest that a deficit of the current size is a problem in the current situation?

- 1 A very big problem
- 2 A pretty big problem
- 3 Somewhat of a problem
- 4 Not a big problem
- 5 Not at all any problem
- 11 Lars Løkke Rasmussen does not talk about the budget deficit
- 00 Lars Løkke Rasmussen is not quoted in the article