

This document contains the codebook with question wordings and response options for the panel survey data in Study 1 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 files “study1.RData” and “study1_unbalanced.RData” contain the following variables:¹

[Numbers in square brackets refer to question numbers in full questionnaire; see questionnaire_study1_wave1]

sex	Respondent’s gender. “What is your sex?”
	0 Female
	1 Male
age	Respondent’s age in years. “What is your age?”
occupation	Respondent’s occupational status
	1 Other
	2 Unemployed
	3 Skilled worker
	4 House-making wife/husband
	5 Higher salariat
	6 Lower salariat
	7 Employed spouse
	8 Old-age pensioner, early retirement recipient, disability pensioner, or the like
	9 Self-employed
	10 Unskilled worker
	11 Pursuing education / trainee
	12 Prefer not to say
education	Respondent’s education. “What is the highest education level that you have attained?”
	1 Compulsory schooling (“Grundskole”)
	2 Vocational school (“Erhvervsfaglig uddannelse”)
	3 Business / Vocational high school (“HH,” “HHX,” “HTX”)
	4 High school (“Gymnasium, STX”)

¹ The data file “study1_wide.RData” contains the panel data in wide format where the order or the variables is slightly different. In the wide format, timevarying variables are also indexed according to survey wave (e.g. the dependent variable “bi” will appear as five columns in the data matrix according to the survey wave, that is “bi.1” for the first wave, “bi.2” for the second and so forth).

- 5 Short higher education (“Kort videregående uddannelse”)
- 6 Medium long higher education (“Mellemlang videregående uddannelse”)
- 7 Long higher education (“Lang videregående uddannelse”)

income Respondent’s personal income. “What is your personal, total income, gross, that is, before taxes?” [q64]

- 1 Up to DKK 99,999
- 2 DKK 100,000 - DKK 199,999
- 3 DKK 200,000 - DKK 299,999
- 4 DKK 300,000 - DKK 399,999
- 5 DKK 400,000 - DKK 499,999
- 6 DKK 500,000 - DKK 599,999
- 7 DKK 600,000 - DKK 699,999
- 8 DKK 700,000 - DKK 799,999
- 9 DKK 800,000 - DKK 899,999
- 10 DKK 900,000 - DKK 999,999
- 11 DKK 1 million or above
- 12 Don't know / refuse to answer

follow_media Respondent’s attention to media. “Lately, there has been debate in the media about the country’s economic situation. How closely have you followed this debate?” [q49 wave2]

- 1 I have followed the debate very closely
- 2 I have followed the debate closely
- 3 I have not followed the debate that closely
- 4 I have not followed the debate at all
- 5 Don’t know

timer “We would now like to ask you where you see and hear news about politics. How many days during a typical week do you read each of the following newspapers? 24 Timer” [q53 wave2] (Don’t know is coded as missing).

- 0 0 days
- 1 1 day
- 2 2 days
- 3 3 days
- 4 4 days
- 5 5 days
- 6 6 days
- 7 7 days
- NA Don’t know

berlingske “We would now like to ask you where you see and hear news about politics. How many days during a typical week do you read each of the following

newspapers? Berlingske Tidende” [q54 wave2] (Don’t know is coded as missing).

- 0 0 days
- 1 1 day
- 2 2 days
- 3 3 days
- 4 4 days
- 5 5 days
- 6 6 days
- 7 7 days
- NA Don’t know

BT

“We would now like to ask you where you see and hear news about politics. How many days during a typical week do you read each of the following newspapers? BT” [q55 wave2] (Don’t know is coded as missing).

- 0 0 days
- 1 1 day
- 2 2 days
- 3 3 days
- 4 4 days
- 5 5 days
- 6 6 days
- 7 7 days
- NA Don’t know

Børsen

“We would now like to ask you where you see and hear news about politics. How many days during a typical week do you read each of the following newspapers? Børsen” [q56 wave2] (Don’t know is coded as missing).

- 0 0 days
- 1 1 day
- 2 2 days
- 3 3 days
- 4 4 days
- 5 5 days
- 6 6 days
- 7 7 days
- NA Don’t know

EB

“We would now like to ask you where you see and hear news about politics. How many days during a typical week do you read each of the following newspapers? Ekstra Bladet” [q57 wave2] (Don’t know is coded as missing).

- 0 0 days
- 1 1 day
- 2 2 days

3	3 days
4	4 days
5	5 days
6	6 days
7	7 days
NA	Don't know

Information “We would now like to ask you where you see and hear news about politics. How many days during a typical week do you read each of the following newspapers? Information” [q58 wave2] (Don't know is coded as missing).

0	0 days
1	1 day
2	2 days
3	3 days
4	4 days
5	5 days
6	6 days
7	7 days
NA	Don't know

KD “We would now like to ask you where you see and hear news about politics. How many days during a typical week do you read each of the following newspapers? Kristeligt Dagblad” [q59 wave2] (Don't know is coded as missing).

0	0 days
1	1 day
2	2 days
3	3 days
4	4 days
5	5 days
6	6 days
7	7 days
NA	Don't know

JP “We would now like to ask you where you see and hear news about politics. How many days during a typical week do you read each of the following newspapers? Jyllands-Posten” [q60 wave2] (Don't know is coded as missing).

0	0 days
1	1 day
2	2 days
3	3 days
4	4 days
5	5 days

6 6 days
7 7 days
NA Don't know

METRO “We would now like to ask you where you see and hear news about politics.
How many days during a typical week do you read each of the following
newspapers? MetroXpress” [q61 wave2] (Don't know is coded as missing).

0 0 days
1 1 day
2 2 days
3 3 days
4 4 days
5 5 days
6 6 days
7 7 days
NA Don't know

POL “We would now like to ask you where you see and hear news about politics.
How many days during a typical week do you read each of the following
newspapers? Politiken” [q62 wave2] (Don't know is coded as missing).

0 0 days
1 1 day
2 2 days
3 3 days
4 4 days
5 5 days
6 6 days
7 7 days
NA Don't know

URBAN “We would now like to ask you where you see and hear news about politics.
How many days during a typical week do you read each of the following
newspapers? Urban” [q63 wave2] (Don't know is coded as missing).

0 0 days
1 1 day
2 2 days
3 3 days
4 4 days
5 5 days
6 6 days
7 7 days
NA Don't know

Local “We would now like to ask you where you see and hear news about politics.

How many days during a typical week do you read each of the following newspapers? A regional or local daily” [q64 wave2] (Don’t know is coded as missing).

- 0 0 days
- 1 1 day
- 2 2 days
- 3 3 days
- 4 4 days
- 5 5 days
- 6 6 days
- 7 7 days
- NA Don’t know

DR1

“How many days in the course of a typical week do you watch each of the following newscasts? TV-Avisen on DR1” [q66 wave2] (Don’t know is coded as missing).

- 0 0 days
- 1 1 day
- 2 2 days
- 3 3 days
- 4 4 days
- 5 5 days
- 6 6 days
- 7 7 days
- NA Don’t know

TV2

“How many days in the course of a typical week do you watch each of the following newscasts? Nyhederne on TV2” [q67 wave2] (Don’t know is coded as missing).

- 0 0 days
- 1 1 day
- 2 2 days
- 3 3 days
- 4 4 days
- 5 5 days
- 6 6 days
- 7 7 days
- NA Don’t know

TV2NEWS

“How many days in the course of a typical week do you watch each of the following newscasts? TV2 News” [q68 wave2] (Don’t know is coded as missing).

- 0 0 days
- 1 1 day

2	2 days
3	3 days
4	4 days
5	5 days
6	6 days
7	7 days
NA	Don't know

DR2 “How many days in the course of a typical week do you watch each of the following newscasts? Deadline on DR2” [q69 wave2] (Don't know is coded as missing).

0	0 days
1	1 day
2	2 days
3	3 days
4	4 days
5	5 days
6	6 days
7	7 days
NA	Don't know

DRupdate “How many days in the course of a typical week do you watch each of the following newscasts? DR Update” [q70 wave2] (Don't know is coded as missing).

0	0 days
1	1 day
2	2 days
3	3 days
4	4 days
5	5 days
6	6 days
7	7 days
NA	Don't know

poltot_media “Overall, where do you get most news about politics?” [q71 wave2]

1	24timer
2	Berlingske Tidende
3	BT
4	Børsen
5	Ekstra Bladet
6	Information
7	Kristeligt Dagblad
8	Jyllands-Posten
9	MetroXpress
10	Politiken

- 11 Urban
- 12 A regional or local daily
- 13 News on the radio
- 14 TV-Avisen on DR1
- 15 Deadline on DR2
- 16 DR Update
- 17 Nyhederne on TV 2
- 18 TV 2 News
- 19 Regional newscasts
- 20 From online news sites
- 21 Another media not listed here
- 22 Don't know

id Respondent ID number

partytimeinvar Respondent's partisanship by party bloc as measured in wave 1 including leaners (Recode of "partyAll", see below for question wording).

- 0 Identifies with or leans towards the "Liberal Party" or the "Conservative Party"
- 1 Identifies with or leans towards the "Social Democratic Party" or the "Socialist People's Party"

partystrW1 Strength of party identification as measured in wave 1. "Some people are strongly dedicated supporters of their party; others are less dedicated. Do you see yourself as a strongly dedicated supporter or not so dedicated?" [q6]

- 1 Strongly dedicated
- 0 Not so dedicated
- 0 Don't know

partyAll Respondent's partisanship by specific party as measured in Wave 1 including leaners. "Which party do you see yourself as supporting?" [q5] and "Upon reconsideration, is there one party you see yourself as closer to than other parties?" [q7]

- S The Social Democratic Party
- RV The Social-Liberal Party
- C The Conservatives
- SF The Socialist People's Party
- LA Liberal Alliance
- Kr The Christian Democratic Party
- DF The Danish People's Party

V The Liberal Party
 Ø The Red-Green Alliance
 Other Another party
 Refuse Does not wish to answer
 None Respondent did not identify with any party

voteall Respondent's vote intention for one of the party blocs as measured in wave 1 including leaners. "If a national election were held tomorrow, which party would you vote for?" [q1] and "Even if you are not sure which party you would vote for, we still would like to ask you whether there is one party in particular you are leaning towards?" [q2]

0 The "Liberal Party" or the "Conservatives"
 1 The "Social Democratic Party" or the "Socialist People's Party"

biinvar Interpretation of budget deficit as measured in wave 1. "Do you think that a budget deficit of this size is a problem in the current situation?" [q30] Rescaled 0-1 where 1 = "A very big problem" and "Don't know" excluded.

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

time Factor with five levels indicating time of interview.

1 Wave 1
 2 Wave 2
 3 Wave 3
 4 Wave 4
 5 Wave 5

ui Interpretation of unemployment. "Do you think that unemployment of the current size is a problem?" [q28] Rescaled 0-1 where 1 = "A very big problem" and "Don't know" excluded

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

bi Interpretation of budget deficit. "Do you think that a budget deficit of this size is a problem in the current situation?" [q30] Rescaled 0-1 where 1 = "A very big problem" and "Don't know" excluded.

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

bb Factual beliefs about the budget deficit. "Approximately how large do you think the public budget deficit will be this year?" [q29] Rescaled 0-1 where 0 = "There will not be a deficit" and "Don't know" excluded.

- 0 There will not be a deficit
- .14 Below DKK 25 billion
- .29 DKK 25 - 49 billion
- .43 DKK 50 - 74 billion
- .57 DKK 75 - 99 billion
- .71 DKK 100 - 124 billion
- .86 DKK 125 - 149 billion
- 1 More than DKK 150 billion
- NA Don't know

partystAll Strength of party identification including respondents who do not identify with a party (measured in wave 1). [q6]

- 1 Strongly dedicated
- 0 Not so dedicated
- 0 Don't know
- 0 Does not identify with any party

educationClean Recode of education variable.

- 1 Compulsory schooling ("Grundskole")
- 2 Vocational school ("Erhvervsfaglig uddannelse")
- 3 High school or Business / Vocational high school ("Gymnasium," STX, HH, HHX, HTX)
- 4 Short and medium long higher education ("kort og mellemlang videregående uddannelse")
- 5 Long higher education ("Lang videregående uddannelse")

partycue Was the interview conducted before or after the change in party cues in May 2010?

- 0 Before
- 1 After

monthC Numerical variable capturing the distance in months (30 days) from May 19 2010 to the current survey wave.