## Picom Codebook

UID Unique participant identifier

Country the survey was conducted in

Sex Participant sex

Age Participant age

Pol\_Ori Political orientation on a left-right dimension

**ZPO** Within-country centered political orientation

ZmeanPO Country level centered average political orientation

CMQ\_1-CMQ\_5 Conspiracy Mentality Questionnaire sensu Bruder et al.,

(2013)

CM4x,CM5x CMQ score for four items (Item CMQ\_2 excluded), re-

spectively all five items

CT\_left, CT\_right, CT\_neutral

Endorsement of country-specific conspiracy theories perselected to be representative example of left-wing, right-

wing or politically neutral conspiracy theory

Winner\_state Dummy-coded variable whether preferred political party

was part of the government at time of data collection

CHES\_version CHES version the CHES ratings are taken from

zlrgen Centered CHES rating of preferred political party on gen-

eral left-right dimension

zlrecon Centered CHES rating of preferred political party on

economicleft-right dimension

zgaltan Centered CHES rating of preferred political party on so-

cial left-right dimension

**gini** Country level social inequality

corruption Country level perceived corruption

democracy Country level democracy index

hdi Country level human development index

 $ethnic\_fragmentation$ 

Country level ethnic fragmentation

political\_stability Country level political stability

peace Country level threat to peace index

lrgengov Country level; ruling parties at time of data collection

on general left-right dimension

lrecongov Country level; ruling parties at time of data collection

on economic left-right dimension

galtangov Country level; ruling parties at time of data collection

on social left-right dimension