Voting behavior and left/right political views in Europe:

In this research assignment, you will investigate how left/right political ideology relates to voting behavior in Europe. To do this, you will use data from the 2020 ESS (ESS Round 10). A sample of these data will be uploaded to LISAM, but you are also free to register and download these data yourself. Data and documentation can be found at the ESS website. In addition, we will make use of data from the party manifesto project.

1) Using data for all of Europe, examine how participation in the election is shaped by left-right political views. Be sure to control for age, education, and gender in your analysis.

2) Analyze which party family people voted for as a function their left-right political views. Your outcome should be polytomous, with different categories for different parties or voting blocs. We suggest merging in the "parfam" variable from the Party Manifesto data, potentially aggregating into party "blocs" as we did with the ESS data.

3) Using ESS data for the whole of Europe, along with Party Manifesto Data, analyze how left-right political views are related to party choice, where you consider left-rate ideological placement at the party and individual level as explanatory variables. Note that you should use the analytic weights when estimating your model.