**CODEBOOK:**

**Candidates and Results in Irish Elections, 1918-2016**

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**VARIABLE NAME DESCRIPTION**

**GENERAL**

dail Dail term 1-32

electiondate Election date: 1918-2016

elecyear Election year only

district Name of constituency

districtid Unique code for constituency

party Name (in English) of party

partyid Unique party code (see PARTY below)

name Individual candidate’s name: Last, First (numbers follow last name for multiple individuals with same name)

pid Unique person id

duplicate Coded 1 for duplicate observation in case of a candidate running in more than one district (rare, but it has happened)

**ELECTORAL DATA**

m Number of seats in district (constituency)

ncand Number of candidates running

electorate Number of eligible voters in constituency

quota Number of votes needed to pass Droop quota

totalvote Total number of votes cast in the constituency

validvote Total number of valid votes cast in constituency

spoiledvote Total number of spoiled ballots

turnout Overall constituency turnout (totalvotedist/electoratedist)

firstpref Number of first preference votes received

finalvote Final votes on last count before elected or eliminated

voteshare Percentage of first preference votes received by candidate (firstpref/validvote)

quotashare Proportion of quota met by candidate ‘s first preference votes

count Number of counts to determine result

resultnotes Notes about the result

result Coded 1 if elected

seat Rank of seat order elected

enter\_mt Coded 1 only if substitute who did not enter immediately after election and cabinet appointment

exit\_mt Coded 1 only if resigned midterm, not due to cabinet appointment at start of term

byelec Coded 1 if by-election

bynote Reason for by-election (string)

**PERSONAL DATA**

female Coded 1 if female

age Age at time of election

birthyear Year of birth

est\_age Estimated age at time of election for cases of missing age; equals average age of first-time candidates unless photo evidence is available, in which case estimated by looks

est\_birthyear Estimated year of birth

deathyear Year of death (if applicable)

death Coded 1 if died in office (only for last term)

inc Coded 1 if an incumbent

local Coded 1 if previously served in local council

mayor Coded 1 if previously served as mayor

seanad Coded 1 if previously served as Senator

euro Coded 1 if previously served as Member of the European Parliament

cruns Number of times (current inclusive) candidate has run in Dail

cwins Number of times (current inclusive) candidate has won in Dail

birthplace Place of birth

localborn Coded 1 if birthplace within same county as district

occupation Name of former occupation (string)

iscoid Unique occupation code based on ISCO

educode Code for highest degree received: 1 = primary, 2 = secondary, 3 = tertiary, 4 = university, 5 = postgraduate

eduyears Estimated number of years of education based on educode

school Name of primary/secondary school(s) attended

feeschool Coded 1 if fees-paying school

university Name of university attended

ucd Coded 1 if attended UCD

educfield Field in which highest degree received

educfieldcode Code for field in which highest degree received

post\_local Coded 1 if future family members involved in local politics (including Dail or Seanad, and if ran and lost for Dail or Seanad)

pre\_local Coded 1 if past family members involved in local politics (including Dail or Seanad, and if ran and lost for Dail or Seanad)

post\_cand Coded 1 if future family members ran for Dail or Seanad, but not necessarily in same district or with direct succession, or with success

pre\_cand Coded 1 if past family members ran for Dail or Seanad, but not necessarily in same district or with direct succession, or with success

post\_mp Coded 1 if future family members elected to Dail or Seanad, but not necessarily in same district or with direct succession

pre\_mp Coded 1 if past family members elected to Dail or Seanad, but not necessarily in same district or with direct succession

hereditary Coded 1 only if directly succeeded predecessor in same district

cablegacy Coded 1 if directly predecessor served in cabinet

samename Coded 1 if predecessor shared same surname

samedistrict Coded 1 if predecessor ran in same district

samecounty Coded 1 if predecessor ran in same county

pre\_fam List of relatives who preceded the individual in politics (string).

post\_fam List of relatives who followed the individual in politics (string).

familynotes Notes on family relations (string)

generation Number of generations that family has been involved in national politics (Dail or Seanad, not counting local, or if never elected to national seat)

familyline Numerical ordered code within families

family Unique code for each family

predrelation Numerical code for relationship of a legacy candidate to nearest family predecessor: 1: father; 2: father-in-law, adoptive father; 3: brother, half-brother; 4: grandfather/great grandfather; 5: uncle/great uncle; including uncles who adopt their nephews; 6: mother; 7: mother-in-law, adoptive mother; 8: sister, half-sister; 9: grandmother/great grandmother; 10: aunt/great aunt; 11: spouse; 12: cousin; 13: other relative, such as second cousins, younger relatives (e.g., nephews), siblings-in-law, and more distant in-laws; 14: son

govparty Coded 1 if party took part in government

juniorgovparty Coded 1 if junior party in government

cabappt Coded 1 if appointed as minister during term

cab1–cab6 Name of cabinet positions (string)

cabexp Coded 1 if experienced prior appointment to cabinet

juniorappt Coded 1 if appointed as junior minister during term

junior1–junior5 Name of junior positions (string)

juniorexp Coded 1 if experienced prior junior appointment

speaker Coded 1 for speaker of the house

name\_original Name as originally formatted in Elections Ireland or other sources before standardization

**PARTY**

*Partycode Name (Abbreviation)*

0 Ceann Comhairle (Speaker) (CEANN)

1 Anti-Treaty Sinn Fein (ATSF), Republican (R), Fianna Fail (FF)

2 Pro-Treaty Sinn Fein (PTSF), Cumann na nGaedheal (CNAG), Fine Gael (FG)

3 Labour (LAB)

4 Sinn Fein (SF)

5 Progressive Democrats (PD), National Progressive Democrats (NPD)

6 Ecology Party of Ireland (EPI)/Green Alliance (GA)/Green (G)

7 Democratic Left (DL)

8 Christian Solidarity (CS)

9 Christian Centrist (CCP)

10 Independent (IND), Independents Alliance (IA)

11 Independent Fianna Fail (IFF)

12 Independent Fine Gael (IFG), National Centre Party (NCP)

13 Independent Labour (IL, ILB)

14 Sinn Fein Workers’ Party (SFWP), Pro-Treaty Sinn Fein (PTSF)

15 Workers’ Party (WP)

16 Communist Party of Ireland (CPI), Marxist-Leninist (CPIML)

17 Socialist (SOC)

18 Democratic Socialist (DSP)

19 People Before Profit (PBP)

20 New Vision (NV)

21 Clann na Poblachta (CNAP)

22 Farmer’s Party (FP), Clann na Talmhan (CNAT)

23 Independent Farmer (IF)

24 Nationalists (N), National League (NLG)

25 Unionists (U)

26 Renua Ireland (RI)

30 Other Minor Parties/Non Parties: Anti-Austerity Alliance (AAA), An Chomhdhail Phobail/People's Convention (CPPC), Fis Nua (FN), Fathers Rights Responsibilities (FRR), Immigration Control Platform (ICP), Independent Health Alliance (IHA), Irish Socialist Network (ISN), Direct Democracy (DD), Natural Law (NL), National Party (NP), South Kerry Independent Alliance (SKIA), Socialist Labour (SOLAB), Socialist Worker’s Party (SWP), United Left Alliance (ULA), Aontacht Eireann (Irish Unity) (AE), Joint Panel Nomination (Pro/Anti Treaty) (JPN), Irish Worker’s League (IWL), Tenant’s Association (TA), Identity Ireland (II), National Citizens Movement (NCM); Catholic Democrats (CD), Irish Democratic Party (IDP)