

Research Methods

Codebook for `koch-nicholson_cleaned.csv`

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Overview

This document contains variable descriptions for Koch and Nicholson's dataset from "Death and Turnout" (2016). The authors combine data from the 2005 and 2010 waves of the British Election Study with data on the number of war casualties in different UK regions. I have already merged and cleaned the datasets.

Original questionnaires for the BES data are available here: [LINK](#).

Variable Descriptions

region

Region in which respondent lives.

- 1 east anglia
- 2 east midlands
- 3 greater london
- 4 north
- 5 north west
- 6 scotland
- 7 south east
- 8 south west
- 9 wales
- 10 west midlands
- 11 yorkshire & humberside

year

Year in which survey was taken.

- 2005
- 2010

pmwar

Opinion of government's handling of the Iraq War.

(How well do you think the present government has handled the war in Iraq?)

- 1 very well
- 2 fairly well
- 3 neither well nor badly
- 4 fairly badly
- 5 very badly

partyid

Party identification.

- 1 labour
- 2 conservative
- 3 liberal democrat
- 4 scottish national party (snp)
- 5 plaid cymru
- 6 green party
- 7 united kingdom independence party (ukip)
- 8 british national party (bnp)
- 9 other
- 10 none

likelyvote

Likelihood of voting in the general election.

(From 1 to 10, how likely is it that you will vote in the general election?)

- 0 very unlikely
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10 very likely

pmtherm

Prime Minister feeling thermometer (i.e., like / dislike Prime Minister).

(From 1 to 10, how do you feel about the present prime minister?)

- 0 strongly dislike
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10 strongly like

perception_economy

Retrospective evaluation of the national economy.

(How do you think the general economic situation in this country has change over the last 12 months?)

- 1 got a lot worse
- 2 got a little worse
- 3 stayed the same
- 4 got a little better
- 5 got a lot better

birthyr

Year of birth.

1 1900 or earlier	31 1930	61 1960
2 1901	32 1931	62 1961
3 1902	33 1932	63 1962
4 1903	34 1933	64 1963
5 1904	35 1934	65 1964
6 1905	36 1935	66 1965
7 1906	37 1936	67 1966
8 1907	38 1937	68 1967
9 1908	39 1938	69 1968
10 1909	40 1939	70 1969
11 1910	41 1940	71 1970
12 1911	42 1941	72 1971
13 1912	43 1942	73 1972
14 1913	44 1943	74 1973
15 1914	45 1944	75 1974
16 1915	46 1945	76 1975
17 1916	47 1946	77 1976
18 1917	48 1947	78 1977
19 1918	49 1948	79 1978
20 1919	50 1949	80 1979
21 1920	51 1950	81 1980
22 1921	52 1951	82 1981
23 1922	53 1952	83 1982
24 1923	54 1953	84 1983
25 1924	55 1954	85 1984
26 1925	56 1955	86 1985
27 1926	57 1956	87 1986
28 1927	58 1957	88 1987
29 1928	59 1958	
30 1929	60 1959	

education

Highest education and/or work qualification attained. NOTE: The authors treat this variable as an ordinal variable.

- 1 postgraduate degree
- 2 university or cnaa first degree, e.g. ba, bsc
- 3 university or cnaa diploma
- 4 teaching qualification (not degree)
- 5 nursing qualification (e.g., sen, src, scm, rgc)
- 6 higher national certificate (hnc) or higher national diploma
- 7 gce a level, s level, a2 level, as level, international bacc
- 8 scottish higher/higher still grades, scottish slc/supe at hi
- 9 ordinary national certificate (onc) or diploma (ond), city &
- 10 gcse a*-c, cse grade 1, gce o level grade a-c, school certi
- 11 scottish ordinary bands a-c or pass, scottish standard grade
- 12 gcse grades d-g, cse grades 2-5, gce o level grade d-e, sho
- 13 city & guilds level 2 (craft/intermediate/ordinary) or scotv
- 14 city & guilds level 1, scotvec national certificate modules,
- 15 clerical and commercial qualification (e.g., typing, shortha
- 16 recognised trade apprenticeship completed
- 17 youth training certificate, skill seekers
- 18 other technical, professional or higher qualification

marital_status

Marital status.

- 1 married
- 2 living with a partner
- 3 separated (after being married)
- 4 divorced
- 5 widowed
- 6 single (never married)

income

Annual household income before taxes (in British Pounds).

- 1 less than 5,000
- 2 5,000-10,000
- 3 10,001-15,000
- 4 15,001-20,000
- 5 20,001-25,000
- 6 25,001-30,000
- 7 30,001-35,000

- 8 35,001–40,000
- 9 40,001–45,000
- 10 45,001–50,000
- 11 50,001–60,000
- 12 60,001–70,000
- 13 70,001 or more

race

Respondent race.

- 1 white
- 2 mixed background
- 3 asian or asian british
- 4 black or black british
- 5 other ethnic background

gender

Respondent gender.

- 1 male
- 2 female

white

Is the respondent White?

- 0 No
- 1 Yes

female

Is the respondent female?

- 0 No
- 1 Yes

age

Respondent age (derived from birthyr).

Ranges 18–110

low_attention

Respondent's level of attention to politics.

- 0 High
- 1 Low

married

Is the respondent married? (derived from marital_status)

- 0 No
- 1 Yes

partstrength

Strength of respondent's partisan identity.

- 1 Not low (medium and high)
- 2 Low

besid

Unique numeric identifier for different BES respondents.

region_cas

Number of war casualties in a given UK region.

population

Population size of a given UK region.

income_pc

Mean per capita annual income of a given UK region.

unemploy_rate

Unemployment rate of a given UK region.

pct white

Proportion of the population in a given UK region that is White.

weights

Survey weights.