VUC 2013 Elections Dataset Codebook

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1 Source

Official elections results were scraped from http://osk2013.statistics.sk/.

2 Elections

- First round date: 9 November 2013

- Second round date: 23 November 2013.

The second round took place in the following five self-governing regions:

- Banska Bystrica

- Bratislava

- Kosice

- Nitra

- Trnava

3 Coding

Variable names are modular, see Table 3 for details.

Table 1: Basic variable name elements.

Element	Description
r1_	data specific to first round
r2_	data specific to second round
_g_	data specific to gubernatorial elections; either `votes` or `name`
_c_	data specific to council elections; either `votes` or `name`
name_	a name; if followed by a number a name of a candidate, otherwise a territorial name

Table 2 shows variable name elements specific to turnout variables. Note that there is only one envelope also when there are two ballots – governor and council – in the first round.

Table 2: Variable name elements specific to turnout.

Element	Description
registered_voters	number of voters on rolls
envelopes_given	number of envelopes picked-up by voters
envelopes_valid	_governor or _council

Table 3 shows the English translations of Slovak terms used in the coding.

Table 3: Slovak & English terms.

Slovak	English
samospravny kraj	(self-governing) region
vyssi uzemno-spravny celok (VUC)	(self-governing) region
predseda VUC	governor
zastupitelstvo VUC	regional council
clen zatupitelstva VUC	councilor
kraj	region
obvod	district
obec	municipality
okrsok	ward/polling station

Since ballot length varies widely across districts, the number of columns for candidate-related variables – `_name_` & `_votes_` – is set to the district with the longest ballot. As a result there are plenty of `NA`. These are not missing data.

4 Files

There are two files:

- `vuc_2013_ward.dat` where each row is a polling station (ward).

- `vuc_2013_municipality.dat` where each row is a municipality.

Both files are in tab-separated format.