Codebook/Decision Rules

“Left” and “right” are woefully inadequate descriptors for the complicated political currents of transnational social movements (and the dissertations written about them). But pattern-detection requires some degree of reduction, so I tried to do this as systematically as possible. TBH this is a super preliminary attempt and I did it on a plane flight so I’m sure there are error). After reading the title and abstract, I first extracted the specific claim, then grouped it into a meta-claim, and then extrapolated to code as Right or Left.

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| Right codes/key words | Left codes/key words |
| -fascism  -conservative  -liberal (European, LatAm Usage);  -reactionary  -traditional society  -monarchist  -nativist  -xenophobic  -nationalist  -religious conservatives (Pentecostal, evangelical)  -classic liberalism  -pro-capital (owners of the means of production, e.g. agribusiness, finance capital, etc.)  -elite causes  -imperialism  -guns/arms (e.g. NRA)  -military industrial complex  -anti-taxation  -anti-racial justice (e.g. against affirmative action, etc.)  -“corporate” or pro-company/mgmt unions  -police culture; state violence  -colonization  -missionary conversion  -nationalism, militarism  -libertarianism  -small state, privatization | -environmental/green politics (slow or organic food movements, urban agriculture)  -pro-immigrant, migrant, or refugee causes  -human rights  -communism, socialism  -racial justice (e.g. affirmative action, black power, BLM)  -feminism  -liberation theology  -right to the city (housing, transportation)  -anti/alter-globalization; counter-hegemony  -racial, ethnic, sexual, or other economic or political minorities (LGBTQ, peasants, indigenous populations, formerly incarcerated, drug users, sex workers, waste-pickers, proletarianism)  -welfare rights (CCTs, state-led anti-poverty programs)  -nuclear non-proliferation  -anti-colonialism/decolonization  -peace/pacifism  -popular education  -international cooperation  -public arts/music/literature/folk  -anti-poverty/human development  -pro-labor; union  -anarchism  -citizen participation (participatory budgeting)  -nationalization of industry  -liberal (US usage)  -progressive  -emancipation |

**CSR**

I classified studies of social corporate responsibility as elite-led movements, and therefore they were categorized by the above decision rule as Right. I don’t expect this to be a consensus code. However, all of the raw and coded data are in this repo, so I welcome pushback and reclassification suggestions ;)

**Unknown examples:**

Examples of things I coded as unknown (L or R):

—American Zionism and its relation to Progressive Reformism (Justice Brandeis, etc. in US)

—Arab calligraphy

—Open-source software movement

—Militant groups in the Niger Delta

**Education:**

The education meta-claim had several unknowns. There was one dissertation on the homeschooling movement in the US, but it talked about traditional values and the relationship to conservative Christians, so I took the liberty to code it as Right. But I had no idea what to do with, for example, the Theater-in-Education movement in Taiwan and the Imam-Hatip school movement in Turkey, so I coded them as unknown.