The PopuList 3.0 – Codebook

The PopuList 3.0 dataset consists of 1) information about the parties, 2) four dimensions of expert classifications, and 3) links to other data sets.

Variable Table

Variable Name	Description	Variable Type
party_name	Name of the party in native language(s).	partyinfo
country_name	Name of country.	partyinfo
party_name_english	English translation of party name.	partyinfo
party_name_short	Party name abbreviation.	partyinfo
populist, farright, farleft, eurosceptic	Classification of party.	expertclass
populist_start, farright_start, etc.	Beginning of validity of classification. 1900 here stands for the beginning of the classification period, i.e. 1989.	expertclass
populist_end, farright_end, etc.	End of validity of classification period. 2100 here stands for the last time the list was updated, i.e. end of 2022.	expertclass
populist_bl, farright_bl, farleft_bl, etc.	Indication of borderline status of classification.	expertclass
populist_startnobl, farright_startnobl, etc.	Beginning of classification period without borderline cases.	expertclass
populist_endnobl, farright_endnobl, etc.	End of classification period without borderline cases.	expertclass
in_parliament	Whether or not in parliament at the time of classification (i.e., 31 December 2022)	Partyinfo

Variable Name	Description	Variable Type
partyfacts_id	Identification number of party in the partyfacts database.	party id
parlgov_id	Identification number of party in the ParlGov database.	party id

The borderline status of a classification (for more information see populist.org) is indicated by a variable with the same name ending on '_bl'. (e.g. populist_bl).

So if you want to keep borderline classifications in the analysis, simply use the main variables (e.g. *populist_begin, populist_end*). If you want to restrict your analysis to uncontested cases, use the x_endnobl time classifications instead of the x_end column.

The PopuList 3.0 can thus either be used with static classifications, or with the time-dynamic classifications. Moreover, users can decide to exclude or keep cases which have less consensus amongst experts.