

Codebook
Chapel Hill Expert Survey—Trend File
1999 – 2014

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The dataset *1999–2014_dataset_means.dta* combines data from the 1999, 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014 Chapel Hill Expert Surveys.¹ In the 1999 survey, 116 experts estimated positioning of 143 political parties in the 14 largest EU member states (EU-14). For 2002, 250 experts evaluated 171 parties in the EU-14 countries plus 10 prospective EU members. For 2006, 235 experts provided evaluations on 227 political parties on European integration in all EU member states (24) apart from Luxembourg, Cyprus, and Malta. For the 2010 survey, 343 experts evaluated 237 political parties on European integration, ideology, and issue positions in all EU member states, except for Luxembourg, Cyprus and Malta. For the 2014 survey, 337 experts evaluated 268 parties in all EU countries, including Luxembourg, Malta and Cyprus.²

In papers or publications utilizing this dataset, we ask users to refer to the dataset as the 1999–2014 Chapel Hill Expert Survey trend file and cite documentation as follows:

Bakker, Ryan, Erica Edwards, Liesbet Hooghe, Seth Jolly, Jelle Koedam, Filip Kostelka, Gary Marks, Jonathan Polk, Jan Rovny, Gijs Schumacher, Marco Steenbergen, Milada Vachudova, and Marko Zilovic. 2015. “1999 – 2014 Chapel Hill Expert Survey Trend File.” Version 1.1³ Available on chesdata.eu. Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

To facilitate comparison across time we made party id, party labels, and variable names for identical questions consistent across datasets. Where questions are not identical we use different variable names across datasets. This dataset can also be merged with the Marks/Steenbergen/Ray dataset of expert evaluations of party positions, which covers the EU-14 countries from 1984 – 1996 (also available on <http://chesdata.eu>). Together these datasets enable the user to create a time series from 1984 to 2014 tracking the position, salience of and internal dissent on European integration for national political parties in the EU-14.

¹The dataset is available on the website (chesdata.eu) in Stata (.dta) and .csv formats.

² The experts in the 2014 survey also evaluated parties in 3 non-EU countries: Norway, Switzerland, and Turkey. Please consult the 2014 codebook and survey data on chesdata.eu for those countries. The team also surveyed candidate countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia) and the Ukraine. That survey is also available on chesdata.eu.

³In the 1.1 version, we corrected a minor coding error in the salience measure to make them comparable across years. Email info@chesdata.eu for the details.

General Questions

COUNTRY = unique identifier for each country.

Country ID	Country Abbreviation	Country	Country ID	Country Abbreviation	Country
1	BE	Belgium	20	BUL	Bulgaria
2	DK	Denmark	21	CZ	Czech Republic
3	GE	Germany	22	EST	Estonia
4	GR	Greece	23	HUN	Hungary
5	ESP	Spain	24	LAT	Latvia
6	FR	France	25	LITH	Lithuania
7	IRL	Ireland	26	POL	Poland
8	IT	Italy	27	ROM	Romania
10	NL	Netherlands	28	SLO	Slovakia
11	UK	United Kingdom	29	SLE	Slovenia
12	POR	Portugal	31	CRO	Croatia
13	AUS	Austria	37	MAL	Malta
14	FIN	Finland	38	LUX	Luxembourg
16	SV	Sweden	40	CYP	Cyprus

EASTWEST = 0: party from Central/Eastern Europe, 1: party from EU-15

EUMEMBER = 0: country of this party not an EU member in **YEAR**, 1: country of this party an EU member in **YEAR**

YEAR = year for which party experts were asked to evaluate: 1999, 2002, 2006, 2010, 2014.

EXPERT = number of experts who evaluated this party.

PARTY_ID = unique identifier for each party.

CMP_ID = Comparative Manifesto Project Party Code⁴

⁴We include this id to facilitate matching with the CMP data, which we gathered from <https://manifesto-project.wzb.eu>.

PARTY = party abbreviation

Country	Party ID	Party Abbrev	Party Name	Party Name (English)
BE	102	PS	Parti Socialiste	Socialist Party
	103	SP; SPA	Socialistische Partij;	Socialist Party;
			Socialistische Partij Anders	Socialist Party Different
	104	ECOLO	Ecolo	Ecolo
	105	AGALEV; Groen!	Agalev; Groen!	Agalev; Green!
	106	PRL; MR	Parti Réformateur Libéral;	Liberal Reformist Party;
			Mouvement Réformateur	Reformist Movement
	107	VLD	Open Vlaamse Liberalen en Democraten	Open Flemish Liberals and Democrats
	108	PSC; CDH	Parti Social Chrétien;	Christian Social Party;
	109	CVP; CD&V	Centre Démocrate Humaniste	Humanist Democratic Centre
			Christelijke Volkspartij;	Christian People's Party;
			Christen-Democratisch & Vlaams	Christian Democratic & Flemish
	110	VU; NVA	Volksumie; Nieuw-Vlaamse Alliantie	People's Union; New Flemish Alliance
	111	FDF	Front Démocratique des Francophones	Francophone Democratic Front
	112	VB	Vlaams Blok; Vlaams Belang	Flemish Bloc; Flemish Interest
	113	MCC	Mouvement des Citoyens pour le Changement	Citizens' Movement for Change
	114	ID21	ID21	ID21
	115	FN	Front National	National Front
	117	LDD	Lijst Dedecker	List Dedecker
118	SLP; Spirit	Sociaal-Liberale Partij; Spirit	Social-Liberal Party; Spirit	
119	PVDA	Partij van de Arbeid van België	Workers' Party of Belgium	
120	PP	Parti Populaire	People's Party	
DK	201	SD	Socialdemokraterne	Social Democrats
	202	RV	Det Radikale Venstre	Radical Left-Social Liberal Party
	203	KF	Det Konservative Folksparti	Conservative People's Party
	204	CD	Centrum-Demokraterne	Centre Democrats
	206	SF	Socialistisk Folkeparti	Socialist People's Party
	210	KRF	Kristeligt Folkeparti	Christian People's Party
	211	V	Venstre, Danmarks Liberale Parti	Venstre, Liberal Party of Denmark
	212	FP	Fremskridtspartiet	Progress Party
	213	EL	Enhedslisten	Unity List-Red/Green Alliance
	215	DF	Dansk Folkeparti	Danish People's Party
	216	JuniB	JuniBevægelsen	June Movement
	217	FolkB	Folkebevægelsen mod EU	People's Movement Against the EU
	218	LA	Liberal Alliance	Liberal Alliance

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GE	301	CDU	Christlich Demokratische Union Deutschlands	Christian Democratic Union of Germany	
	302	SPD	Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands	Social Democratic Party of Germany	
	303	FDP	Freie Demokratische Partei	Free Democratic Party	
	304	Grünen	Bündnis '90; Die Grünen	Alliance 90; The Greens	
	305	REP	Republikaner	Republikaner	
	306	PDS; Linkspartei; Linke	Partei des Demokratischen Sozialismus; Die Linkspartei; Die Linke	Party of Democratic Socialism; Left Party; The Left	
	308	CSU	Christlich Soziale Union in Bayern	Christian Social Union in Bavaria	
	309	DVU; NPD	Deutsche Volksumion; Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands	German People's Union; National Democratic Party of Germany	
	310	AfD	Alternative für Deutschland	Alternative for Germany	
	311	Piraten	Piratenpartei Deutschland	Pirate Party of Germany	
	312	DieTier	Mensch Umwelt Tierschutz	Human Environment Animal Protection	
	GR	401	PASOK	Panellinio Sosialistikó Kinima	Panhellenic Socialist Movement
402		ND	Néa Dimokratía	New Democracy	
403		SYN; SYRIZA	Synaspismós tis Aristerás kai tis Proódou; Synaspismós's Rizospastikís Aristerás	Coalition of the Left and Progress; Coalition of the Radical Left	
404		KKE	Kommounistikó Kómma Elládas	Communist Party of Greece	
408		POLA	Politiki Anixi	Political Spring	
409		DIKKI	Dimokratiko Kinoniko Kinima	Democratic Social Movement	
410		LAOS	Laikós Orthódoxos Synagermós	Popular Orthodox Rally	
411		OP	Oikologoi Prasinoi	Ecologist Greens	
412		ANEL	Anexartitoi Ellines	Independent Greeks	
413		Potami	To Potami	The River	
414		DIMAR	Dimokratiki Aristera	Democratic Left	
415		XA	Laikós Sýndesmos—Chrysí Avgí	Popular Association—Golden Dawn	
ESP		501	PSOE	Partido Socialista Obrero Español	Spanish Socialist Workers' Party
		502	PP	Partido Popular	People's Party
		504	IU	Izquierda Unida	United Left
	505	CiU	Convergència i Unió	Convergence and Unity	
	506	PNV	Euzko Alderdi Jeltzalea/Partido Nacionalista Vasco	Basque Nationalist Party	
	507	EA	Eusko Alkartasuna	Basque Solidarity	
	508	EH	Euskal Herriarrok	We Basque Citizens	
	510	PAR	Partido Aragonés	Aragonese Party	
	511	ERC	Esquerra Republicana de Catalunya	Republican Left of Catalonia	
	512	UV	Unión Valenciana	Valencian Union	

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ESP (cont'd)	513	BNG	Bloque Nacionalista Galego	Galician Nationalist Bloc	
	514	VERDE	Los Verdes	The Greens	
	516	PA	Partido Andalucista	Andalusian Party	
	517	CC	Coalición Canaria	Coalition Canaria	
	518	IC	Iniciativa per Catalunya	Initiative for Catalonia	
	519	PSC	Partit dels Socialistes de Catalunya	Catalan Socialist Party	
	520	CHA	Chunta Aragonesista	Aragonese Council	
	521	CpE	Coalición por Europa	Coalition for Europe	
	522	EaP-V	Europa de los Pueblos-Los Verdes	Europe of the Peoples-Greens	
	523	UPyD	Unión Progreso y Democracia	Union, Progress, and Democracy	
	524	Amaiur	Amaiur	Amaiur	
	525	Podemos	Podemos	We Can	
	526	Cs	Ciudadanos—Partido de la Ciudadanía	Citizens—Party of the Citizenry	
	FR	601	PCF	Parti Communiste Français	French Communist Party
		602	PS	Parti Socialiste	Socialist Party
		603	PRG	Parti Radical de Gauche	Left Radical Party
605		VERTS	Les Verts	Green Party	
609		RPR; UMP	Rassemblement pour la République; Union pour un Mouvement Populaire	Rally for the Republic; Union for Popular Movement	
610		FN	Front National	National Front	
612		RPF/MPF; MPF	Rassemblement pour la France/Mouvement Pour la France; Mouvement Pour la France	Rally for France/Movement for France; Movement for France	
613		UDF; Modem	Union pour la Démocratie Française	Union for French Democracy	
614		LO-LCR	Lutte Ouvrière/Ligue communiste révolutionnaire	Workers' Struggle/Revolutionary Communist League	
615		DL	Démocratie Libérale	Liberal Democracy	
617		MEI	Mouvement Ecologiste Indépendant	Independent Ecological Movement	
618		D	La Droite	The Right	
619		CPNT	Chasse, Pêche, Nature, Traditions	Hunting, Fishing, Nature, Tradition Party	
620		MN	Mouvement National Républicain	National Republican Movement	
621		NC	Nouveau Centre	New Center	
622		PRV	Parti radical	Radical Party	
623	AC	Alliance centriste	Centrist Alliance		
624	PG	Parti de Gauche	Left Party		
625	Ens	Ensemble	Together		

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IRL	701	FF	Fianna Fáil	Soldiers of Destiny	
	702	FG	Fine Gael	Family of the Irish	
	703	Lab	Páirtí Lucht Oibre	Labour	
	705	GP	Comhaontas Glas	Green Party	
	707	SF	Sinn Féin	We Ourselves	
	708	SP	Páirtí Sóisialach	Socialist Party	
	709	PBPA	People Before Profit Alliance	People Before Profit Alliance	
	IT	802	PDS; DS	Partito Democratico della Sinistra; Democratici di Sinistra	Democratic Party of the Left; Democrats of the Left
		803	RC	Partito della Rifondazione Comunista	Communist Refoundation Party
805		AN	Alleanza Nazionale	National Alliance	
806		PRI	Partito Repubblicano Italiano	Italian Republican Party	
807		PSDI; SDI	Partito Socialista Democratico Italiano; Socialisti Democratici Italiani	Italian Democratic Socialist Party; Italian Democratic Socialists	
808		FdV; Verdi	Federazione dei Verdi	Federation of Greens	
811		LN	Lega Nord	Northern League	
813		RAD	Radicali Italiani	Italian Radicals	
814		CCD; UDC	Centro Cristiano Democratico; Unione dei Democratici Cristiani e die Democratici di Centro; Unione di Centro	Christian Democratic Center; Union of Christian and Center Democrats; Union of the Centre	
815		FI	Forza Italia	Forward Italy	
817		CU/UD	Unione Democratica	Democratic Union	
818		CDU	Cristiani Democratici Uniti	United Christian Democrats	
819		DEM; DL	I Democratici; Democrazia è Libertà— La Margherita	The Democrats; Democracy is Freedom— The Daisy	
820		LB	Lista Bonino	Bonino List	
821		MS	Movimento Sociale Fiamma Tricolore	Tricolor Flame Social Movement	
822		PdUP	Partito di Unità Proletaria	Party of Proletarian Unity for Communism	
823		PPI	Partito Popolare Italiano	Italian Popular Party	
824		PSDA	Partito Sardo d'Azione	Sardinian Action Party	
825		RI	Rinnovamento Italiano	Italian Renewal-Dini List	
826		SEG	Patto Segni	Segni Pact	
827		SVP	Südtiroler Volkspartei	South Tyrolean People's Party	
828		IdV	Di Pietro-Italia dei Valori	Italy of Values	
829		UDEUR	Popolari-UDEUR	Popular-UDEUR	
830		PP	Partito dei Pensionati	Pensioners' Party	
832		MRE	Movimento Repubblicani Europei	European Republican Movement	

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IT	835	NPSI	Nuovo Partito Socialista Italiano	New Italian Socialist Party
(cont'd)	836	PdCI	Partito dei Comunisti Italiani	Party of Italian Communists
	837	PD	Partido Democratico	Democratic Party
	838	SL; SEL	Sinistra e Libertà; Sinistra Ecologia Libertà	Left and Freedom; Left Ecology Freedom
	839	PSI	Partito Socialista Italiano	Italian Socialist Party
	840	MpA	Movimento per le Autonomie	Movement for Autonomies
	842	SD	Sinistra Democratica	Democratic Left
	843	CD	Centro Democratico—Diritti e Libertà	Democratic Centre
	844	FDL	Fratelli d'Italia	Brothers of Italy
	845	M5S	MoVimento Cinque Stelle	Five Star Movement
	846	SC	Scelta Civica	Civic Choice
	847	VdA	Vallée d'Aoste	Aosta Valley
	848	NCD	Nuovo Centrodestra	New Centre-Right
NL	1001	CDA	Christen-Democratisch Appel	Christian Democratic Appeal
	1002	PvdA	Partij van de Arbeid	Labour Party
	1003	VVD	Volkspartij voor Vrijheid en Democratie	People's Party for Freedom and Democracy
	1004	D66	Democraten 66	Democrats 66
	1005	GL	GroenLinks	GreenLeft
	1006	SGP	Staatkundig Gereformeerde Partij	Political Reformed Party
	1007	GPV	Gereformeerd Politiek Verbond	Reformed Political League
	1008	RPF	Reformatische Politieke Federatie	Reformational Political Federation
	1009	CD	Centrum Democraten	Center Democrats
	1014	SP	Socialistische Partij	Socialist Party
	1015	LPF	Lijst Pim Fortuyn	Lijst Pim Fortuyn
	1016	CU	ChristenUnie	ChristianUnion
	1017	PVV	Partij voor de Vrijheid	Party for Freedom
	1018	PvdD	Partij voor de Dieren	Party for the Animals
	1020	50PLUS	50PLUS	50PLUS
UK	1101	Cons	Conservative Party	Conservative Party
	1102	Lab	Labour Party	Labour Party
	1104	LibDem	Liberal Democratic Party	Liberal Democratic Party
	1105	SNP	Scottish National Party	Scottish National Party
	1106	Plaid	Plaid Cymru	Party of Wales
	1107	Green	Green Party	Green Party
	1108	UKIP	United Kingdom Independence Party	United Kingdom Independence Party
	1109	BNP	British National Party	British National Party

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POR	1201	CDU	Coligação Democrática Unitária	Democratic Unitarian Coalition	
	1202	CDS; PP	Centro Democrático e Social; Partido Popular	Democratic and Social Center; People's Party	
	1205	PS	Partido Socialista	Socialist Party	
	1206	PPD; PSD	Partido Popular Democrático;	Democratic People's Party;	
			Partido Social Democrata	Social Democratic Party	
	1208	BE	Bloco de Esquerda	Left Bloc	
	1209	MPT	Partido da Terra	Earth Party	
	AUS	1301	SPÖ	Sozialdemokratische Partei Österreichs	Social Democratic Party of Austria
		1302	ÖVP	Österreichische Volkspartei	Austrian People's Party
1303		FPÖ	Freiheitliche Partei Österreichs	Freedom Party of Austria	
1304		Grüne	Die Grünen	The Austrian Green Party	
1306		LIF; NEOS	Liberales Forum;	Liberal Forum;	
			NEOS—Das Neue Österreich und Liberales Forum	NEOS—The New Austria and Liberal Forum	
1307		BZÖ	Bündnis Zukunft Österreich	Alliance for the Future of Austria	
1308		MARTIN	Liste Dr. Hans-Peter Martin	Hans-Peter Martin's List	
1310		TeamStronach	Team Stronach für Österreich	Team Stronach for Austria	
FIN		1401	SDP	Suomen Sosialidemokraattinen	Social Democratic Party of Finland
	1402	KOK	Kansallinen Kokoomus	National Coalition Party	
	1403	KESK	Suomen Keskusta	Finnish Center Party	
	1404	VAS	Vasemmistoliitto	Left Alliance	
	1405	PS	Persussuomalaiset	True Finns	
	1406	RKP/SFP	Ruotsalainen kansanpuolue/ Svenska folkpartiet	Swedish People's Party	
	1408	VIHR	Vihreä Liitto	Green League	
	1409	SKL; KD	Suomen Kristillinen Liitto; Kristillisdemokraatit	Finish Christian League; Christian Democrats	
	1411	EKA	Eläkeläiset Kansan Asialla	Pensioners for the People	
	1412	REM	Remonttiryhmä	Reform Group	
	1413	KIPU	Kirjava "puolue" - Elonkehän puolesta	Ecological Party	
	1601	V	Vänsterpartiet	Left Party	
	1602	SAP	Arbetspartiet- Socialdemokraterna	Worker's Party-Social Democrats	
			Sveriges Socialdemokratiska Arbetareparti	Swedish Social Democratic Party	
			Centerpartiet	Center Party	
	1603	C	Folkpartiet liberalerna	Liberal People's Party	
	1604	FP	Moderaterna; Moderata Samlingspartiet	Moderate Party	
1605	M	Kristdemokraterna	Christian-Democrats		
1606	KD	Miljöpartiet de Gröna	Environment Party—The Greens		
1607	MP	Ny Demokrati	New Democracy		
1608	NyD	Jumilistan	June List		
1609	JL				

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SV (cont'd)	1610	SD	Sverigedemokraterna	Sweden Democrats
	1611	PIR.AT	Piratpartiet	Pirate Party
	1612	FI	Feministiskt initiativ	Feminist Initiative
BUL	2001	NDSV	Nacionalno Dvizhenie Simeon Vtori	National Movement Simeon II
	2002	ODS; SDS	Obedineni Demokratichni Sili;	United Democratic Forces;
	2003	KzB; BSP	Sayuz na demokratichnite sili	Union of Democratic Forces
			Koalicija za Bălgarija;	Coalition for Bulgaria;
	2004	DPS	BSP—Lyava Bulgaria	BSP—Left Bulgaria
			Dvizhenie za Prava i Svobodi	Movement for Rights and Freedoms
	2005	G-VMRO/ VMRO-BND	Dvizhenie Gergiovden	Gergiovden-VMRO
	2006	KSII	VMRO—Bulgarsko Natsionalno Dvizhenie	VMRO—Bulgarian National Movement
	2007	NOA; Ataka	Koalicija Simeon II	Coalition Simeon II
			Nacionalno Obedinenie Ataka; Ataka	National Union Attack; Attack
	2008	DSB	Demokrati za Silna Bălgarija	Democrats for a Strong Bulgaria
	2009	BNS	Bălgarski Narodni Săjuz	Bulgarian People's Union
	2010	GERB	Grazhdani za evropeysko razvitiie na Bălgariya	Citizens for European Development of Bulgaria
	2011	L	Lider	Lider
	2012	RZS	Red, zakonnost i spravedlivost	Order, Lawfulness, Justice
2013	DBG	Dvizhenie Bulgaria na grazhdanite	Bulgaria for Citizens Movement	
2014	NFSB	Natsionalen Front za Spasenie na Bulgaria	National Front for the Salvation of Bulgaria	
2015	BBT	Bulgaria bez Tsenzura	Bulgaria without Censorship	
2016	ABV	Alternativa za Bălgarsko Vazrazhdane	Alternative for Bulgarian Revival	
CZECH	2101	CSSD	Česká strana sociálně demokratická	Czech Social Democratic Party
	2102	ODS	Občanská Demokratická Strana	Civic Democratic Party
	2103	KSCM	Komunistická strana Čech a Moravy	Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia
	2104	KDU-CSL	Křesťanská demokratická unie—	Christian Democratic Union—
2105	US-DEU	Československá strana lidová	Czechoslovak People's Party	
		Unie Svobody—Demokratická unie	Freedom Union—Democratic Union	
2106	SNK-ED	Sdružení nezávislých kandidátů—	Union of Independents—European Democrats	
2107	SZ	Evropští demokraté	Green Party	
		Strana zelených	Independents	
		Nezávislí	Top09	
		Top09	Public Affairs	
		Věci Veřejné	ANO 2011, Akce nespokojených občanů	
		ANO 2011, Akce nespokojených občanů	Dawn of Direct Democracy	
		Úsvit přímé demokracie	Party of Free Citizens	
		Strana svobodných občanů		
		SVOBODNI		

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EST	2201	IRL	Erakond Isamaa ja Res Publica Liit	Pro Patria and Res Publica Union	
	2202	EK	Eesti Keskerakond	Estonian Center Party	
	2203	ER	Eesti Reformierakond	Estonian Reform Party	
	2204	SDE	Sotsiaaldemokraatlik Erakond	Social Democratic Party	
	2205	KP	Eestimaa ühendatud Rahvapartei	Constitution Party	
	2206	ERL	Eestimaa Rahvaliid	Estonian People's Union	
	2207	EER	Erakond Eestimaa Rohelised	Estonian Greens	
	2208	EVE	Eesti Vabaerakond	Estonian Free Party	
	HUNG	2301	MSzP	Magyar Szocialista Párt	Hungarian Socialist Party
		2302	Fidesz-M	Fidesz—Magyar Polgári Szövetség	Fidesz—Hungarian Civic Union
2303		MDF	Magyar Demokrata Fórum	Hungarian Democratic Forum	
2304		SzDSz	Szabad Demokraták Szövetsége	Alliance of Free Democrats	
2305		MIEP	Magyar Igazság és élet Pártja	Hungarian Justice and Life Party	
2306		CP	Centrumpárt	Centre Party	
2307		KDNP	Kereszténydemokrata Néppárt	Christian Democratic People's Party	
2308		JOBBIK	Jobbik Magyarországi Mozgalom	Movement for a Better Hungary	
2309		LMP	Lehet Más a Politika	Politics Can Be Different	
2310		E14	Együtt 2014	Together 2014	
2311		DK	Demokratikus Koalíció	Democratic Coalition	
LAT		2401	JL	Jaunais Laikas	New Era Party
		2402	PCTVL;LKS	Par Cilvēka Tiesībām Vienotā Latvijā; Latvijas Krievu savienība	For Human Rights in United Latvia; Latvian Russian Union
		2403	TP	Tautas Partija	People's Party
		2404	LPP	Latvijas Pirma Partija	Latvia's First Party
		2405	ZZS	Zaļo un Zemnieku Savienība	Union of Greens and Farmers
		2406	TB-LNNK; NA	Nacionālā apvienība "Visu Latvijai!"— "Tēvzemei un Brīvībai/LNNK"	National Alliance "All For Latvia!"— "For Fatherland and Freedom/LNNK"
	2407	LC	Latvijas Ceļš	Latvia's Way	
	2408	LSDSP	Latvijas Sociāldemokrātiskā Strādnieku Partija	Latvian Social Democratic Labour Party	
	2410	SC; SDPS	Saskaņas Centrs; Sociāldemokrātiskā Partija "Saskaņa"	Harmony Centre; Social Democratic Party "Harmony"	
	2411	ZRP	Zatlera Reform Partija	Zatler's Reform Party	
	2412	V	Vienotība	Unity	
	2413	NSL	No sirds Latvijai	For Latvia from the Heart	
	2414	LRA	Latvijas Reģionu apvienība	Latvian Association of Regions	

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LITH	2501	LSDP	Lietuvos socialdemokratų partija	Social Democratic Party of Lithuania	
	2502	NDP	Naujosios demokratijos partija	New Democratic Party	
	2503	LRS	Lietuvos rusų sąjunga	Lithuanian Russian Union	
	2504	NS	Naujoji sąjunga (socialliberalai)	New Union (Social Liberals)	
	2505	LLS; LiCS	Lietuvos liberalų sąjunga; Liberalu ir centro sąjunga	Liberal Union of Lithuanian; Liberal and Centre Union	
	2506	TS-LKD	Tėvynės sąjunga—Lietuvos krikščionys demokratai	Homeland Union—Lithuanian Christian Democrats	
	2507	LVP; LVLS	Lietuvos valstiečių partija; Valstieciū ir Naujosios demokratijos partiju sąjunga;	Lithuanian Peasant Party; Lithuanian Peasant Popular Union;	
	2508	LVZS	Lietuvos valstiečių ir Žaliųjų sąjunga	Lithuanian Peasant and Greens Union	
	2509	LKDP	Lietuvos krikščionys demokratai	Lithuanian Christian Democrats	
	2510	LCS	Lietuvos centro sąjunga	Center Union of Lithuania	
	2511	NKS	Nuosaikiųjų konservatoriū sąjunga	Moderate Conservative Union	
	2512	LLRA	Lietuvos lenkų rinkimų akcija	Electoral Action of Lithuania's Poles	
	2513	LLS	Lietuvos laisvės sąjunga	Lithuanian Liberty Union	
	2514	JL-PKS	Lietuviu Nacionaline Partija—“Jaunoji Lietuva”	Young Lithuania—New Nationalists and Political Prisoner’s Union	
	2515	MKDS	Moderniųjų krikščionių demokratų sąjunga	Modern Christian-Democratic Union	
	2516	TT	Tvarka ir teisingumas	Order and Justice	
	2517	DP	Darbo partija	Labour Party	
	2518	TPP	Tautos prisikėlimo partija	National Resurrection Party	
	2519	LRLS	Lietuvos Respublikos Liberalų Sąjūdis; Liberalų Sąjūdis	Liberals’ Movement of the Republic of Lithuania; Liberal Movement	
	2520	FRONT	Fronto Partija	Front Party	
	2521	DK	Drąsos Kelias	The Way of Courage	
	POL	2601	SLD	Sojusz Lewicy Demokratycznej	Alliance of Democratic Left
		2602	UP	Unia Pracy	Union of Labour
		2603	PO	Platforma Obywatelska	Civic Platform
		2604	S	Samobrona RP	Self Defense of the Polish Republic
2605		PiS	Prawo i Sprawiedliwość	Law and Justice Party	
2606		PSL	Polskie Stronnictwo Ludowe	Polish People’s Party	
2607		LPR	Liga Polskich Rodzin	League of Polish Families	
2608		AWSP	Koalicja Akcja Wólcza Solidarność Prawicy	Coalition Electoral Action Solidarity of the Right	
2609		UW; PD	Unia Wolności; Partia Demokratyczna	Freedom Union; Democratic Party	
2611		SDPL	Socjaldemokracja Polska	Social Democracy of Poland	
2612		SD	Stronnictwo Demokratyczne	Democratic Party	
2613		RP	Twój Ruch (Ruch Palikota)	Your Movement (Palikot’s Movement)	

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POL (cont'd)	2614	KNP	Kongres Nowej Prawicy	Congress of the New Right	
	2615	PR	Polska Razem	Poland Together	
	2616	SP	Solidarna Polska	United Poland	
ROM	2701	PSD	Partidul Social Democrat	Social Democratic Party	
	2702	PUR; PC	Partidul Umanist din Romania; Partidul Conservator	Romanian Humanist Party; Conservative Party	
	2703	PRM	Partidul România Mare	Party of Great Romania	
	2704	PDL	Partidul Democrat	Democratic Party	
	2705	PNL	Partidul Național Liberal	National Liberal Party	
	2706	UDMR	Uniunea Democrată Maghiară din România	Hungarian Democratic Union of Romania	
	2707	CDR 2000	Convenția Democrată Română	Romanian Democratic Convention 2000	
	2708	FDGR	Forumul Democrat al Germanilor din România	Democratic Forum of Germans of Romania	
	2709	UNPR	Uniunea Națională pentru Progresul României	National Union for the Progress of Romania	
	2710	PP-DD	Partidul Poporului—Dan Diaconescu	People's Party—Dan Diaconescu	
	2711	PMP	Partidul Mișcarea Populară	People's Movement Party	
	2712	PLR	Partidul Liberal Reformator	Liberal Reformist Party	
	SLO	2801	LS-HZDS	Ludová strana-Hnutie za demokratické Slovensko	People's Party-Movement for a Democratic Slovakia
		2802	SDKÚ; SDKU-DS	Slovenská demokratická a kresťanská únia; Slovenská demokratická a kresťanská únia— Demokratická strana	Slovak Democratic and Christian Union; Slovak Democratic and Christian Union—Democratic Party
2803		Smer; Smer-SD	Strana Smer-Tretia Cesta; Smer-sociálna demokracia	Direction-Third Way; Direction—Social Democracy	
2804		SMK; SMK-MKP	Strana maďarskej koalície—Magyar Koalíció Pártja	Party of the Hungarian Coalition	
2805		KDH	Kresťanskodemokratické hnutie	Christian Democratic Movement	
2806		ANO	Aliancia Nového Občana	Alliance for a New Citizen	
2807		KSS	Komunistická strana Slovenska	Communist Party of Slovakia	
2808		PSNS	Pravá Slovenská národná strana	Right Slovak National Party	
2809		SNS	Slovenská národná strana	Slovak National Party	
2810		HZD	Hnutie za demokraciu	Movement for Democracy	
2811		SF	Slobodné fórum	Free Forum	
2812		SaS	Sloboda a Solidarita	Freedom and Solidarity	
2813		Most	Most-Híd	Bridge	
2814		OLaNO	Obyčajní ľudia a nezávislé osobnosti	Ordinary People and Independent Personalities	
2815		NOVA	Nová Váčšina	New Majority	
2816		Siet	Sieť	Net / Network	

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SLE	2901	LDS	Liberalna demoracija Slovenije	Liberal Democracy of Slovenia	
	2902	SDS	Socialdemokratska stranka Slovenije;	Social Democratic Party of Slovenia;	
			Slovenska demokratska stranka	Slovenian Democratic Party	
	2903	ZLSD;	Združena lista socialnih demokratov	United List of Social Democrats	
		SD	Socijalni Demokrati	Social Democrats	
	2904	SLS-SKD;	Slovenska ljudska stranka	Slovenian People's Party-Slovenian	
		SLS		Christian Democrats; Slovenian People's Party	
	2905	NSI	Nova Slovenija—Krišcanska ljudska stranka	New Slovenia—Christian People's Party	
	2906	DeSUS	Demokratska stranka upokojencev Slovenije	Democratic Party of Pensioners of Slovenia	
	2907	SNS	Slovenska nacionalna stranka	Slovenian National Party	
	2908	SMS	Stranka Mladih Slovenije	Party of the Slovenia Youth	
	2909	AS	Aktivna Slovenija	Active Slovenia	
	2910	Zares	Zares	Zares—For Real	
	2911	SMC	Stranka Mira Cerarja	Party of Miro Cerar	
	2912	ZL	Združena Levica	United Left	
	2913	ZaAB	Zaveznštvo Alenke Bratušek	Alliance of Alenka Bratušek	
	2914	PS	Pozitivna Slovenija	Positive Slovenia	
	CRO	3101	HDZ	Hrvatska Demokratska Zajednica	Croatian Democratic Union
		3102	SDP	Socialdemokratska Partija Hrvatske	Social Democratic Party of Croatia
		3103	HSS	Hrvatska Seljačka Stranka	Croatian Peasant Party
3104		HSLS	Hrvatska Socijalno Liberalna Stranka	Croatian Social Liberal Party	
3105		HNS	Hrvatska Narodna Stranka—Liberalni Demokrati	Croatian People's Party—Liberal Democrats	
3106		IDS	Istarski Demokratski Sabor	Istrian Democratic Assembly	
3107		HDSSB	Hrvatski Demokratski Sabor Slavonije i Baranje	Croatian Democratic Assembly of Slavonija and Baranja	
3109		HSP	Hrvatska Stranka Prava	Croatian Party of Rights	
3112		HL-SR	Hrvatski Laburisti—Stranka Rada	Croatian Labourists—Labour Party	
3113		HSP-AS	Hrvatska stranka prava dr. Ante Starčević	Croatian Party of Rights dr. Ante Starčević	
3114		ORaH	Održivi Razvoj Hrvatske	Croatian Sustainable Development	
MAL		3701	PL	Partit Laburista	Labour Party
		3702	PN	Partit Nazzjonalista	Nationalist Party
LUX		3801	CSV	Chrëschtlech Sozial Vollekspartei	Christian Social People's Party
		3802	Greng	Déi Gréng	The Greens
		3803	DP	Demokratesch Partei	Democratic Party
	3804	LSAP	Lëtzebuurger Sozialistesesch Aarbechterpartei	Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party	
	3805	ADR	Alternativ Demokratesch Reformpartei	Alternative Democratic Reform Party	
	3806	DL	Déi Lénk	The Left	

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CYP	4001	DISY	Dimokratikós Sinagermós	Democratic Rally
	4002	Evroko	Evropaiko Komma	European Party
	4003	AKEL	Anorthotikó Kómma Ergazómenou Laoiú	Progressive Party of Working People
	4004	DIKO	Dimokratikó Kómma	Democratic Party
	4005	EDEK	Kinima Sosialdimokraton EDEK	Movement for Social Democracy EDEK
	4006	KOP	Kinima Oikologon Perivallontiston	Ecological and Environmental Movement

VOTE = vote percentage received by the party in the national election most prior to **YEAR**.⁵

SEAT = seat share of the party in the national election most prior to **YEAR**.⁶

ELECTIONYEAR = year for national election most prior to **YEAR**, used to calculate **VOTE** and **SEAT**.⁷

EPVOTE = vote percentage received by the party in the European Parliament election most prior to **YEAR**.⁸

FAMILY = classification is primarily based on Hix and Lord (1997), except that we place confessional and agrarian parties in separate categories. Family association for parties in Central/Eastern Europe is based primarily on Derksen classification (now incorporated in Wikipedia), triangulated by a) membership or affiliation with international and EU party associations, and b) self-identification.⁹

Family ID	Family	Dummies for Party Families
1	Radical Right	RADRT
2	Conservatives	CON
3	Liberal	LIB
4	Christian-Democratic	CD
5	Socialist	SOC
6	Radical Left	RADLEFT
7	Green	GREEN
8	Regionalist	REG
9	No family	NOFAMILY
10	Confessional	CONFESS
11	Agrarian/Center	AGRARIAN/CENTER

⁵All party vote shares collected from the ParlGov database (<http://www.parlgov.org>). The citation is Holger Döring and Philip Manow. 2012. "Parliament and government composition database (ParlGov): An infrastructure for empirical information on parties, elections and governments in modern democracies." Version 12/10–15 (October). Parties that either did not run in the most recent election or did not receive enough votes to pass the threshold are coded as missing (.). When vote information is not available for separate coalition partners, vote percentage is calculated on the basis of the proportion of seats held by the coalition partner in parliament.

⁶All party seat shares collected from the ParlGov database (<http://www.parlgov.org>). Parties that either did not run in the most recent election or did not receive enough votes to pass the threshold are coded as missing (.).

⁷An exception to the prior election rule is Latvia in 2010. The Latvian party system underwent numerous changes in 2010 and 2011 during the time of the survey. The CHES survey focused on the 2011 parties and election in Latvia.

⁸Common EP election years are 1999 (used for 1999 CHES and 2002 CHES), 2004 (for 2006 CHES), 2009 (for 2010 CHES), and 2014 (for 2014 CHES). All EP party vote shares collected from the ParlGov database (<http://www.parlgov.org>). Parties that either did not run in the most recent election or did not receive enough votes to pass the threshold are coded as missing (.).

⁹Note: We endeavor to carefully classify all parties; however, some parties are easier to categorize than others. For instance, some parties fit into two or more categories (e.g., Lega Nord can be classified as Radical Right and Regionalist). CHES users are advised to review family codings to ensure they match their own research goals.

GOVT = government participation in **YEAR**.¹⁰

- 0 = Party not in government
- 0.5 = Party in government for part of the year
- 1 = Party in government full year

Entries for the questions on the following pages are the mean of expert responses for a particular party.

General Questions on European Integration

Unless otherwise indicated, questions are available for 1999 – 2014.

POSITION = overall orientation of the party leadership towards European integration in **YEAR**.

- 1 = Strongly opposed
- 2 = Opposed
- 3 = Somewhat opposed
- 4 = Neutral
- 5 = Somewhat in favor
- 6 = In favor
- 7 = Strongly in favor

EU_SALIENCE = relative salience of European integration in the party's public stance in **YEAR** [11-point scale].

- 0 = European Integration is of no importance, never mentioned.
- :
- 10 = European Integration is the most important issue.

EU_DISSENT = degree of dissent on European integration in **YEAR** [11-point scale].

- 0 = Party was completely united.
- :
- 10 = Party was extremely divided.

EU_BENEFIT = position of the party leadership in **YEAR** on whether **COUNTRY** has benefited from being a member of the EU [3-point scale]. (*Asked in 2010 and 2014*)

- 1 = Benefited
- 2 = Neither benefited nor lost
- 3 = Not benefited

¹⁰All government participation measures collected from the ParlGov database (<http://www.parlgov.org>).

Specific EU Policy Questions

Unless otherwise indicated, questions are available for 1999 – 2014.

EU_EP = position of the party leadership in **YEAR** on the powers of the European Parliament.

- 1 = Strongly opposes
- 2 = Opposes
- 3 = Somewhat opposes
- 4 = Neutral
- 5 = Somewhat favors
- 6 = Favors
- 7 = Strongly favors

EU_FISCAL = position of the party leadership in **YEAR** on EU tax harmonization to reduce regime competition. (*Only asked in 1999*)

- 1 = Strongly opposes
- :
- 7 = Strongly favors

EU_INTMARK = position of the party leadership in **YEAR** on the internal market (i.e. free movement of goods, services, capital and labor). (*Not asked in 1999*)

- 1 = Strongly opposes
- :
- 7 = Strongly favors

EU_EMPLOY = position of the party leadership in **YEAR** on a common employment policy. (*Only asked in 1999 and 2002*)

- 1 = Strongly opposes
- :
- 7 = Strongly favors

EU_BUDGETS = position of the party leadership in **YEAR** on EU authority over member states' economic and budgetary policies. (*Only asked in 2014*)

- 1 = Strongly opposes
- :
- 7 = Strongly favors

EU_AGRI = position of the party leadership in **YEAR** on EU's agricultural spending. (*Only asked in 2002*)

1 = Strongly opposes
:
7 = Strongly favors

EU_COHESION = position of the party leadership in **YEAR** on EU cohesion or regional policy (e.g. the structural funds).

1 = Strongly opposes
:
7 = Strongly favors

EU_ENVIRON = position of the party leadership in **YEAR** on a common policy on the environment. (*Only asked in 1999 and 2002*)

1 = Strongly opposes
:
7 = Strongly favors

EU_ASYLUM = position of the party leadership in **YEAR** on a common policy on political asylum. (*Only asked in 1999 and 2002*)

1 = Strongly opposes
:
7 = Strongly favors

EU_FOREIGN = position of the party leadership in **YEAR** on EU foreign and security policy.

1 = Strongly opposes
:
7 = Strongly favors

EU_TURKEY = position of the party leadership in **YEAR** on EU enlargement to Turkey. (*Asked in 2006, 2010 and 2014*)

1 = Strongly opposes
:
7 = Strongly favors

Ideological Questions

Unless otherwise indicated, questions are available for 1999 – 2014.

LRGEN = position of the party in **YEAR** in terms of its overall ideological stance.

0 = Extreme left
:
5 = Center
:
10 = Extreme right

LRECON = position of the party in **YEAR** in terms of its ideological stance on economic issues. Parties can be classified in terms of their stance on economic issues. Parties on the economic left want government to play an active role in the economy. Parties on the economic right emphasize a reduced economic role for government: privatization, lower taxes, less regulation, less government spending, and a leaner welfare state.

0 = extreme left
:
5 = center
:
10 = extreme right

LRECON_SALIENCE = relative salience of economic issues in the party's public stance in **YEAR**. (*Only asked in 2014*)

0 = No importance.
:
10 = Great importance.

GALTAN = position of the party in **YEAR** in terms of of their views on democratic freedoms and rights. “Libertarian” or “postmaterialist” parties favor expanded personal freedoms, for example, access to abortion, active euthanasia, same-sex marriage, or greater democratic participation. “Traditional” or “authoritarian” parties often reject these ideas; they value order, tradition, and stability, and believe that the government should be a firm moral authority on social and cultural issues.

0 = Libertarian/Postmaterialist
:
5 = center
:
10 = Traditional/Authoritarian

GALTAN_SALIENCE = relative salience of libertarian/traditional issues in the party's public stance in **YEAR**. (*Only asked in 2014*)

0 = No importance.
:
10 = Great importance.

Policy Dimensions

Unless otherwise indicated, questions are available for 2006 – 2014.

SPENDVTAX = position on improving public services vs. reducing taxes.

0 = Strongly favors improving public services
:
10 = Strongly favors reducing taxes

SPENDVTAX_SALIENCE = importance/salience of improving public services vs. reducing taxes. (*Not asked in 2014*)

0 = Not important at all
:
10 = Extremely important

DEREGULATION = position on deregulation.

0 = Strongly opposes deregulation of markets
:
10 = Strongly supports deregulation of markets

DEREG_SALIENCE = importance/salience of deregulation. (*Not asked in 2014*)

0 = Not important at all
:
10 = Extremely important

REDISTRIBUTION = position on redistribution of wealth from the rich to the poor.

0 = Strongly favors redistribution
:
10 = Strongly opposes redistribution

REDIST_SALIENCE = importance/salience of redistribution. (*Not asked in 2014*)

0 = Not important at all
:
10 = Extremely important

ECON_INTERVEN = position on state intervention in the economy. (*Only asked in 2014*)

0 = Fully in favor of state intervention
:
10 = Fully opposed to state intervention

CIVLIB_LAWORDER = position on civil liberties vs. law and order.

0 = Strongly promotes civil liberties
:
10 = Strongly supports tough measures to fight crime

CIVLIB_SALIENCE = importance/salience of civil liberties vs. law and order. (*Not asked in 2014*)

0 = Not important at all
:
10 = Extremely important

SOCIALLIFESTYLE = position on social lifestyle (e.g. homosexuality).

0 = Strongly supports liberal policies
:
10 = Strongly opposes liberal policies

SOCIAL_SALIENCE = importance/salience of social lifestyle issues (e.g. homosexuality). (*Not asked in 2014*)

0 = Not important at all
:
10 = Extremely important

RELIGIOUS_PRINCIPLE = position on role of religious principles in politics.

0 = Strongly opposes religious principles in politics
:
10 = Strongly supports religious principles in politics

RELIG_SALIENCE = importance/salience of religious principles in politics. (*Not asked in 2014*)

0 = Not important at all
:
10 = Extremely important

IMMIGRATE_POLICY = position on immigration policy.

0 = Strongly opposes tough policy
:
10 = Strongly favors tough policy

IMMIGRA_SALIENCE = importance/salience of immigration policy. (*Not asked in 2014*)

0 = Not important at all
:
10 = Extremely important

MULTICULTURALISM = position on integration of immigrants and asylum seekers (multiculturalism vs. assimilation).

0 = Strongly favors multiculturalism
:
10 = Strongly favors assimilation

MULTICULT_SALIENCE = importance/salience of integration of immigrants and asylum seekers. (*Not asked in 2014*)

0 = Not important at all
:
10 = Extremely important

URBAN_RURAL = position on urban vs. rural interests.

0 = Strongly supports urban interests
:
10 = Strongly supports rural interests

URBAN_SALIENCE = importance/salience of urban vs. rural interests. (*Not asked in 2014*)

0 = Not important at all
:
10 = Extremely important

ENVIRONMENT = position towards the environment. (*Asked in 2010 and 2014*)

0 = Strongly supports environmental protection even at the cost of economic growth
:
10 = Strongly supports economic growth even at the cost of environmental protection

ENVIRO_SALIENCE = importance/salience of the environment. (*Only asked in 2010*)

0 = Not important at all
:
10 = Extremely important

COSMO = position on cosmopolitanism vs. nationalism. (*Only asked in 2006*)

0 = Strongly advocates cosmopolitanism
:
10 = Strongly advocates nationalism

COSMO_SALIENCE = importance/salience of cosmopolitanism vs. nationalism. (*Only asked in 2006*)

0 = Not important at all
:
10 = Extremely important

REGIONS = position on political decentralization to regions/localities.

0 = Strongly favors political decentralization
:
10 = Strongly opposes political decentralization

REGION_SALIENCE = importance/salience of decentralization. (*Not asked in 2014*)

0 = Not important at all
:
10 = Extremely important

INTERNATIONAL_SECURITY = position towards international security and peacekeeping missions. (*Asked in 2010 and 2014*)

0 = Strongly favors **COUNTRY** troop deployment
:
10 = Strongly opposes **COUNTRY** troop deployment

INTERNATIONAL_SALIENCE = importance/salience of international security and peace-keeping missions. (*Only asked in 2010*)

0 = Not important at all
:
10 = Extremely important

US = position towards US power in world affairs (*Only asked in 2006*)

0 = Strongly opposes strong US leadership in world affairs
:
10 = Strongly favors strong US leadership in world affairs

US_SALIENCE = importance/salience of US power in world affairs (*Only asked in 2006*)

0 = not important at all
:
10 = extremely important

ETHNIC_MINORITIES = position towards ethnic minorities.

0 = Strongly supports more rights for ethnic minorities
:
10 = Strongly opposes more rights for ethnic minorities

ETHNIC_SALIENCE = importance/salience of ethnic minorities. (*Not asked in 2014*)

0 = Not important at all
:
10 = Extremely important

NATIONALISM = position towards nationalism. (*Only asked in 2014*)

0 = Strongly promotes cosmopolitan rather than nationalist conceptions of society
:
10 = Strongly promotes nationalist rather than cosmopolitan conceptions of society

Salience

ANTIELITE_SALIENCE = salience of anti-establishment and anti-elite rhetoric. (*Only asked in 2014*)

0 = Not important at all
:
10 = Extremely important

CORRUPT_SALIENCE = salience of reducing political corruption. (*Only asked in 2014*)

0 = Not important at all
:
10 = Extremely important

Most Important Issue Only asked in 2014

Entries for the next three questions are a summary of the expert responses to the Most Important Issue question. Each expert ranked one issue as the most important, one issue as the second most important, and one issue as the third most important issue. In this dataset, we aggregate these responses using a simple ordinal voting technique. For each party, an issue received 10 points if it is ranked as the #1 issue by an expert, 5 points if it is ranked #2 by an expert, and 1 point if it is ranked #3 by an expert. After adding together the issue scores for all the experts for each individual party, we ranked each issue by the total number of points, yielding the **MIP_ONE**, **MIP_TWO**, and **MIP_THREE** variables. As the table shows, some parties have ties for the most important issue questions, which reflects the experts' uncertainty or disagreement on particular parties.¹¹

MIP_ONE = most important issue for the party over the course of **YEAR**.

MIP_TWO = second most important issue for the party over the course of **YEAR**.

MIP_THREE = third most important issue for the party over the course of **YEAR**.

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¹¹Note that this expert MIP question must be summarized differently than standard position scores, where we use the mean, because the variable is not ordered in any substantively meaningful way. Survey users are welcome to investigate the raw MIP data in the expert-level dataset, or to handle ties as they see fit.

Most Important Issue Options	
1 = Anti-elite rhetoric	2 = Civil liberties
3 = Corruption	4 = Decentralization
5 = Deregulation	6 = Environment
7 = Ethnic minorities	8 = EU integration
9 = Immigration	10 = International security
11 = Multiculturalism	12 = Nationalism
13 = Public services vs taxes	14 = Redistribution
15 = Religious principles	16 = Social lifestyle
17 = State intervention	18 = Urban vs. rural
Ties	
19 = Tie: Anti-elite rhetoric and Corruption	
20 = Tie: Anti-elite rhetoric and EU integration	
21 = Tie: Anti-elite rhetoric and Immigration	
22 = Tie: Anti-elite rhetoric and Nationalism	
23 = Tie: Anti-elite rhetoric and Public services vs taxes	
24 = Tie: Anti-elite rhetoric and Redistribution	
25 = Tie: Civil liberties and Corruption	
26 = Tie: Civil liberties and Multiculturalism	
27 = Tie: Civil liberties and EU integration	
28 = Tie: Corruption and Deregulation	
29 = Tie: Corruption and Social lifestyle	
30 = Tie: Decentralization and Nationalism	
31 = Tie: Decentralization and State intervention	
32 = Tie: Deregulation and Nationalism	
33 = Tie: Deregulation and Public services vs taxes	
34 = Tie: Deregulation and Redistribution	
35 = Tie: Deregulation and State intervention	
36 = Tie: Ethnic minorities and Social lifestyle	
37 = Tie: EU integration and Redistribution	
38 = Tie: EU integration and Social lifestyle	
39 = Tie: Immigration and International security	
40 = Tie: Multiculturalism and Nationalism	
41 = Tie: Public services vs taxes and Redistribution	
42 = Tie: Public services vs taxes and State intervention	
43 = Tie: Redistribution and Social lifestyle	
44 = Tie: Redistribution and State intervention	
45 = Tie: Social lifestyle and State intervention	
46 = Tie: Social lifestyle and Urban vs rural	
47 = Tie: Anti-elite rhetoric and Deregulation and Ethnic minorities	
48 = Tie: Anti-elite rhetoric and Environment and International security	
49 = Tie: Decentralization and Public services vs taxes and Redistribution	
50 = Tie: Deregulation and Ethnic minorities and State intervention	
51 = Tie: EU integration and Social lifestyle and State intervention	
52 = Tie: Civil liberties and Multiculturalism and Public services vs taxes and Redistribution	
53 = Tie: Decentralization and Ethnic minorities	
54 = Tie: EU integration and Nationalism	
55 = Tie: Deregulation and Multiculturalism and State Intervention	
56 = Tie: Immigration and Social Lifestyle	