

Codebook

2014 Chapel Hill Expert Survey

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This dataset provides the data for the 2014 Chapel Hill Expert Survey on the positioning of 268 political parties on political ideology, European integration, and policy positions in 31 countries, including all EU member states.¹ The survey also includes parties in Norway, Switzerland and Turkey. The survey was administered between December 2014 and February 2015 to 337 experts specializing in political parties and European integration in one of the countries considered.

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¹Luxembourg, Cyprus, and Malta are included, but users should note that fewer than 4 surveys were completed for each country. Norway also has a low response rate, with only 3 complete surveys.

²The dataset files and questionnaires are available on the website (chesdata.eu) in Stata (.dta) and .csv formats.

General Questions

COUNTRY = unique identifier for each country.

CNAME = country name (in English).

Country ID	Country Abbreviation	Country
1	BE	Belgium
2	DK	Denmark
3	GE	Germany
4	GR	Greece
5	ESP	Spain
6	FR	France
7	IRL	Ireland
8	IT	Italy
10	NL	Netherlands
11	UK	United Kingdom
12	POR	Portugal
13	AUS	Austria
14	FIN	Finland
16	SV	Sweden
20	BUL	Bulgaria
21	CZ	Czech Republic
22	EST	Estonia
23	HUN	Hungary
24	LAT	Latvia
25	LITH	Lithuania
26	POL	Poland
27	ROM	Romania
28	SLO	Slovakia
29	SLE	Slovenia
31	CRO	Croatia
34	TUR	Turkey
35	NOR	Norway
36	SWI	Switzerland
37	MAL	Malta
38	LUX	Luxembourg
40	CYP	Cyprus

PARTY_ID = unique identifier for each party.

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Country	Party ID	Party Abbrev	Party Name	Party Name (English)	
BE	102	PS	Parti Socialiste	Socialist Party	
	103	SPA	Socialistische Partij Anders	Socialist Party Different	
	104	ECOLO	Ecolo	Ecolo	
	105	Groen	Groen	Green	
	106	MR	Mouvement Réformateur	Reformist Movement	
	107	VLD	Open Vlaamse Liberalen en Democraten	Open Flemish Liberals and Democrats	
	108	cdH	Centre Démocrate Humaniste	Humanist Democratic Centre	
	109	CD&V	Christen-Democratisch en Vlaams	Christian Democratic and Flemish	
	110	NVA	Nieuw-Vlaamse Alliantie	New Flemish Alliance	
	111	FDF	Fédéralistes Démocrates Francophones	Francophone Democratic Federalists	
	112	VB	Vlaams Belang	Flemish Interest	
	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	Danish Social Liberal Party
		203	KF	Det Konservative Folkeparti	Conservative People's Party
		206	SF	Socialistisk Folkeparti	Socialist People's Party
		211	V	Venstre, Danmarks Liberale Parti	Venstre, Liberal Party of Denmark
		213	EL	Enhedslisten—De Rød-Grønne	Red-Green Alliance
215		DF	Dansk Folkeparti	Danish People's Party	
217		FolkB	Folkebevægelsen mod EU	People's Movement Against the EU	
218		LA	Liberal Alliance	Liberal Alliance	
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
		306	Linke	Die Linke	The Left
		308	CSU	Christlich Soziale Union in Bayern	Christian Social Union in Bavaria
		309	NPD	Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands	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	

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GR	401	PASOK	Πανελλinio Sosialistikó Kínima	Panhellenic Socialist Movement	
	402	ND	Néa Dimokratía	New Democracy	
	403	SYRIZA	Synaspismós Rizospastikís Aristerás	Coalition of the Radical Left	
	404	KKE	Kommounistikó Kómma Elládas	Communist Party of Greece	
	410	LAOS	Laikós Orthódoxos Synagermós	Popular Orthodox Rally	
	412	ANEL	Anexartítoi Ellines	Independent Greeks	
	413	Potami	To Potami	The River	
	414	DIMAR	Dimokratiki Aristera	Democratic Left	
	415	XA	Laikós Sýndesmos—Chrysi 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 Union	
506		EAJ/PNV	Euzko Alderdi Jeltzalea/ Partido Nacionalista Vasco	Basque Nationalist Party	
507		EA	Eusko Alkartasuna	Basque Solidarity	
511		ERC	Esquerra Republicana de Catalunya	Republican Left of Catalonia	
513		BNG	Bloque Nacionalista Galego	Galician Nationalist Bloc	
517		CC	Coalición Canaria	Canarian Coalition	
518		ICV	Iniciativa per Catalunya Verds	Initiative for Catalonia 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	Radical Party of the Left
	605	EELV	Europe Écologie—Les Verts	Europe Ecology—The Greens	
	609	UMP	Union pour un Mouvement Populaire	Union for Popular Movement	
	610	FN	Front National	National Front	
	612	MPF	Mouvement Pour la France	Movement for France	
	613	MODEM	Mouvement Démocrate	Democratic 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	803	RC	Partito della Rifondazione Comunista	Communist Refoundation Party
		811	LN	Lega Nord	Northern League
814		UDC	Unione di Centro	Union of the Centre	
815		FI	Forza Italia	Forward Italy	
827		SVP	Südtiroler Volkspartei	South Tyrolean People's Party	
837		PD	Partito Democratico	Democratic Party	
838		SEL	Sinistra Ecologia Libertá	Left Ecology Freedom	
843		CD	Centro Democratico—Diritti e Libertá	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
	1014	SP	Socialistische Partij	Socialist Party	
	1016	CU	ChristenUnie	Christian Union	
	1017	PVV	Partij voor de Vrijheid	Party for Freedom	
	1018	PvdD	Partij voor de Dieren	Party for the Animals	
	1020	50PLUS	50PLUS	50PLUS	

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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	
	POR	1201	CDU	Coligação Democrática Unitária	Democratic Unitarian Coalition
1202		PP	Partido Popular	People's Party	
1205		PS	Partido Socialista	Socialist Party	
1206		PSD	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	NEOS	NEOS—Das Neue Österreich	NEOS—The New Austria	
	1307	BZÖ	Bündnis Zukunft Österreich	Alliance for the Future of Austria	
	1310	TeamStronach	Team Stronach für Österreich	Team Stronach for Austria	
	FIN	1401	SDP	Suomen Sosialidemokraattinen Puolue	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	Persusuumalaiset	True Finns	
1406		RKP/SFP	Ruotsalainen kansanpuolue/Svenska folkpartiet	Swedish People's Party	
1408		VIHR	Vihreä Liitto	Green League	
1409		KD	Kristillisdemokraatit	Christian Democrats	

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SV	1601	V	Vänsterpartiet	Left Party	
	1602	SAP	Sveriges Socialdemokratiska Arbetareparti	Swedish Social Democratic Party	
	1603	C	Centerpartiet	Center Party	
	1604	FP	Folkpartiet liberalerna	Liberal People's Party	
	1605	M	Moderata Samlingspartiet	Moderate Party	
	1606	KD	Kristdemokraterna	Christian-Democrats	
	1607	MP	Miljöpartiet de Gröna	Environment Party—The Greens	
	1610	SD	Sverigedemokraterna	Sweden Democrats	
	1611	PIRAT	Piratpartiet	Pirate Party	
	1612	FI	Feministiskt initiativ	Feminist Initiative	
	BUL	2002	SDS	Sayuz na demokratichните сили	Union of Democratic Forces
		2003	BSP	BSP—Lyava Bulgaria	BSP—Left Bulgaria
		2004	DPS	Dvizhenie za Prava i Svobodi	Movement for Rights and Freedoms
2005		VMRO-BND	VMRO—Bulgarsko Natsionalno Dvizhenie	VMRO—Bulgarian National Movement	
2007		Ataka	Ataka	Attack	
2008		DSB	Demokrati za Silna Bălgarija	Democrats for a Strong Bulgaria	
2010		GERB	Grazhdani za evropeysko razvitiie na Bălgariya	Citizens for European Development of Bulgaria	
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	
CZ		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-	
			Československá strana lidová	Czechoslovak People's Party	
	2107	SZ	Strana zelených	Green Party	
	2109	TOP09	TOP 09	TOP 09	
	2111	ANO2011	ANO 2011, Akce nespokojených občanů	ANO 2011, Action of Dissatisfied Citizens	
	2112	USVIT	Úsvit přímé demokracie	Dawn of Direct Democracy	
	2113	SVOBODNI	Strana svobodných občanů	Party of Free Citizens	

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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	
	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	Fidesz—Magyar Polgári Szövetség	Fidesz—Hungarian Civic Union
2308		JOBBIK	Jobbik Magyarorszáért Mozgalom	Jobbik—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		2402	LKS	Latvijas Krievu savienība	Latvian Russian Union
		2405	ZZS	Zaļo un Zemnieku Savienība	Union of Greens and Farmers
	2406	NA	Nacionālā apvienība "Visu Latvijai!"— "Tēvzemei un Brīvībai/LNNK"	National Alliance "All For Latvia!"— "For Fatherland and Freedom/LNNK"	
	2410	SDPS	Sociāldemokrātiskā Partija "Saskaņa"	Social Democratic Party "Harmony"	
	2412	V	Vienotība	Unity	
	2413	NSL	No sirds Latvijai	For Latvia from the Heart	
	2414	LRA	Latvijas Reģionu apvienība	Latvian Association of Regions	
	LITH	2501	LSDP	Lietuvos socialdemokratų partija	Social Democratic Party of Lithuania
2506		TS-LKD	Tėvynės sąjunga—Lietuvos krikščionys demokratai	Homeland Union—Lithuanian Christian Democrats	
2507		LVZS	Lietuvos valstiečių ir Žaliųjų sąjunga	Lithuanian Peasant and Greens Union	
2511		LLRA	Lietuvos lenkų rinkimų akcija	Electoral Action of Lithuania's Poles	
2515		TT	Tvarka ir Teisingumas	Order and Justice	
2516		DP	Darbo Partija	Labour Party	
2518		LRLS	Liberalų Sąjūdis	Liberal Movement	
2520		DK	Drąsos Kelias	The Way of Courage	

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POL	2601	SLD	Sojusz Lewicy Demokratycznej	Democratic Left Alliance	
	2603	PO	Platforma Obywatelska	Civic Platform	
	2605	PiS	Prawo i Sprawiedliwość	Law and Justice Party	
	2606	PSL	Polskie Stronnictwo Ludowe	Polish People's Party	
	2613	RP	Twój Ruch (Ruch Palikota)	Your Movement (Palikot's Movement)	
	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	PC	Partidul Conservator	Conservative Party
		2704	PDL	Partidul Liberal Democrat	Democratic Liberal Party
		2705	PNL	Partidul Național Liberal	National Liberal Party
2706		UDMR	Uniunea Democrată Maghiară din România	Hungarian Democratic Union 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		2802	SDKU-DS	Slovenská demokratická a kresťanská únia— Demokratická strana	Slovak Democratic and Christian Union— Democratic Party
	2803	Smer-SD	Smer—sociálna demokracia	Direction—Social Democracy	
	2804	SMK-MKP	Strana maďarskej komunity— Magyar Közösség Pártja	Party of the Hungarian Coalition	
	2805	KDH	Kresťanskodemokratické hnutie	Christian Democratic Movement	
	2809	SNS	Slovenská národná strana	Slovak National Party	
	2812	SaS	Sloboda a Solidarita	Freedom and Solidarity	
	2813	MH	Most-Hid	Bridge	
	2814	OLaNO	Obyčajní ľudia a nezávislé osobnosti	Ordinary People and Independent Personalities	
	2815	NOVA	Nová Väčšina	New Majority	
	2816	Siet	Sieť	Net / Network	

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SLE	2902	SDS	Slovenska Demokratska Stranka	Slovenian Democratic Party	
	2903	SD	Socijalni Demokrati	Social Democrats	
	2904	SLS	Slovenska Ljudska Stranka	Slovenian People's Party	
	2905	NSI	Nova Slovenija-Kršćanska Ljudska Stranka	New Slovenia-Christian People's Party	
	2906	DeSUS	Demokratska Stranka Upokojenecv Slovenije	Democratic Party of Pensioners of Slovenia	
	2911	SMC	Stranka Mira Cerarja	Party of Miro Cerar	
	2912	ZL	Združena Levica	United Left	
	2913	ZaAB	Zaveznitstvo Alenke Bratušek	Alliance of Alenka Bratušek	
	2914	PS	Positivna 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 Starcevic	
3114		ORaH	Održivi Razvoj Hrvatske	Croatian Sustainable Development	
TUR		3401	AKP	Adalet ve Kalkinma Partisi	Justice and Development Party
		3402	CHP	Cumhuriyet Halk Partisi	Republican People's Party
		3403	MHP	Milliyetçi Hareket Partisi	Nationalist Movement Party
	3407	HDP	Halkların Demokratik Partisi	Peoples' Democratic Party	
NOR	3501	Ap	Arbeiderpartiet	Labour Party	
	3502	FrP	Fremskrittspartiet	Progress Party	
	3503	H	Høyre	Conservative Party	
	3504	SV	Sosialistisk Venstreparti	Socialist Left Party	
	3505	Sp	Senterpartiet	Centre Party	
	3506	KrF	Kristelig Folkeparti	Christian Democratic Party	
	3507	V	Venstre	Liberal Party	
	3508	MDG	Miljøpartiet De Grønne	Green Party	

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SWI	3601	SVP/UDC		Swiss People's Party
	3602	SP/PS		Social Democratic Party of Switzerland
	3603	FDP/PLR		FDP. The Liberals
	3604	CVP/PVC		Christian Democratic People's Party
	3605	GPS/PES		Green Party
	3606	GLP/PVL		Green Liberal Party
	3607	EVP/PEV		Evangelical People's Party
	3608	EDU/UDF		Federal Democratic Union
	3610	LdT		Ticino League
	3611	CSP/PCS		Christian Social Party
	3612	BDP		Conservative Democratic Party
	MAL	3701	PL	Partit Laburista
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	Lëtzebuenger Sozialistesesch Aarbechterpartei	Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party
	3805	ADR	Alternativ Demokratesch Reformpartei	Alternative Democratic Reform Party
	3806	DL	Déi Lénk	The Left
CYP	4001	DISY	Dimokratikós Sinagermós	Democratic Rally
	4002	Evroko	Evropaiko Komma	European Party
	4003	AKEL	Anorthotikó Kómma Ergazómenou Laoú	Progressive Party of Working People
	4004	DIKO	Dimokratikó Kómma	Democratic Party
	4005	EDEK	Kínima Sosialdimokraton EDEK	Movement for Social Democracy EDEK
	4006	KOP	Kínima Oikologon Perivallontiston	Ecological and Environmental Movement

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

General Questions on European Integration

EU_POSITION = overall orientation of the party leadership towards European integration in 2014.

- 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 2014.

- 0 = European Integration is of no importance.
- :
- 10 = European Integration is of great importance.

EU_POSITION_SD = standard deviation of expert placement of overall orientation of the party leadership towards European integration in 2014.

EU_DISSENT = degree of dissent on European integration in 2014.

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

EU_BENEFIT = position of the party leadership in 2014 on whether **COUNTRY** has benefited from being a member of the EU.

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

Specific EU Policy Questions

EU_EP = position of the party leadership in 2014 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_INTMARK = position of the party leadership in 2014 on the internal market (i.e. free movement of goods, services, capital and labor).

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

EU_COHESION = position of the party leadership in 2014 on EU cohesion or regional policy (e.g. the structural funds).

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

EU_FOREIGN = position of the party leadership in 2014 on EU foreign and security policy.

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

EU_TURKEY = position of the party leadership in 2014 on EU enlargement to Turkey.

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

EU_BUDGETS = position of the party leadership in 2014 on EU authority over member states' economic and budgetary policies.

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

Ideological Questions

LRGEN = position of the party in 2014 in terms of its overall ideological stance.

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

LRGEN_SD = standard deviation of expert placement of the party in 2014 in terms of its overall ideological stance.

LRECON = position of the party in 2014 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 2014.

0 = No importance.
:
10 = Great importance.

LRECON_SD = standard deviation of expert placement of the party in 2014 in terms of its ideological stance on economic issues.

GALTAN = position of the party in 2014 in terms 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 2014.

0 = No importance.
:
10 = Great importance.

GALTAN_SD = standard deviation of expert placement of the party in 2014 in terms of their views on democratic freedoms and rights.

Policy Dimensions

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

0 = Fully in favour of raising taxes to increase public services
:
10 = Fully in favour of cutting public services to cut taxes.

DEREGULATION = position on deregulation.

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

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

0 = Fully in favor of redistribution
:
10 = Fully opposed to redistribution

ECON_INTERVEN = position on state intervention in the economy.

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

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

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

RELIGIOUS_PRINCIPLE = position on role of religious principles in politics.

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

IMMIGRATE_POLICY = position on immigration policy.

0 = Fully opposed to a restrictive policy on immigration
:
10 = Fully in favor of a restrictive policy on immigration

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

0 = Strongly favors multiculturalism
:
10 = Strongly favors assimilation

URBAN_RURAL = position on urban vs. rural interests.

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

ENVIRONMENT = position towards the environment.

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

REGIONS = position on political decentralization to regions/localities.

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

INTERNATIONAL_SECURITY = position towards international security and peacekeeping missions.

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

ETHNIC_MINORITIES = position towards ethnic minorities.

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

NATIONALISM = position towards nationalism.

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.

0 = Not important at all
:
10 = Extremely important

CORRUPT_SALIENCE = salience of reducing political corruption.

0 = Not important at all
:
10 = Extremely important

Most Important Issue

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.³

MIP_ONE = most important issue for the party over the course of 2014.

MIP_TWO = second most important issue for the party over the course of 2014.

MIP_THREE = third most important issue for the party over the course of 2014.

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³Note 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	