**Dataset on political parties issue ownership**

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In this dataset, I have trawled through all national election studies of advanced democracies for all elections since WWII to collect every available measure of issue ownership. The data cover 35 issues, 17 countries and multiple elections - almost 1000 observations. The unit of analysis is a party on an issue in an election in a country. Each entry measures the proportion of respondents that preferred this party on this issue in this election in this country.

**Variable labels in the dataset:**

**Country\_code: The Country code from the Comparative Manifesto Project.**

**Country\_name: The abbreviated name of the country.**

**Year: year of the observation**

**Issue\_code: The issue category from the Comparative Agendas Project.**

**Issue\_name: The name of the issue**

**Party1-Party8: The “party family” code form the CMP code book, where green parties are coded 1, socialists 2, social democrats 3, liberals 4 etc. Each entry is the issue ownership score of the largest party (based on vote share in the election) in this party family category on this issue in this country in this year. The issue ownership score is aggregated from national election studies and report the proportion of respondents (0-100) that name this party on this issue.**

**Leftright: The issue ownership in this country on this issue in this year. The variable varies from -100 to +100, where -100 is issue ownership by left-wing parties, and +100 is issue ownership by right-wing parties. It is calculated as “leftright = party4+party5+party+party7+party8-party1-party2-party3”.**

**More details** **on the data collection**:
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