

CCODE: country code based on COW Project key:

CCODE	Country
2	United States
20	Canada
200	United Kingdom
205	Ireland
210	Netherlands
211	Belgium
220	France
225	Switzerland
230	Spain
235	Portugal
260	Germany
305	Austria
325	Italy
350	Greece
375	Finland
380	Sweden
385	Norway
390	Denmark
740	Japan
900	Australia

YEAR

IDEAEYR: election year = 1 (lower house of parliament, except the United States, where year of presidential election is given), 0=otherwise. Source: Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance.

IDEAPART: Participation rate in most recent election. Percent of voting age poulation. Source: Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance.

VOTICGRA: Electoral center of political gravity at most recent election.

LEGICGRA: Legislative (lower house) center of political gravity.

CABICGRA: Cabinet center of political gravity.

Center of political gravity measures based on Gross and Sigelman's (1984) index using data on electoral results, legislative seat distribution, and cabinet seat distribution data (drawn from a variety of sources), as well as data on ideological position of parties based on Castles and Meir's expert survey data. Note that each of the indices ranges from 1 (far left) to 5 (far right). See, e.g., Cusack (1997).