

Instructions

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Sources/How to cite

The data is based on the method d) as described in Linhart & Shikano (2007: 7) and Linhart & Shikano (2009: 308). That is, all data and graphs refer to ideal positions of parties, not to directions!

The excel file contains

- i) the parties' positions (Table 4 in Linhart & Shikano 2009: 313);
- ii) standard deviations around these positions (Table 6 in Linhart & Shikano 2009: 318);
- iii) salience values (Linhart & Shikano 2009, formula on p. 308, results on page 321).

The image files

- i) are based on Table 4 in Linhart & Shikano (2009: 313): 1949kl.jpeg; 1953kl.jpeg; 1957kl.jpeg; and so forth;
- ii) are identical with those in Linhart & Shikano (2009): Dim1.jpg and Dim2.jpg from Figure 4 on p. 314.

All graphs and data may be used without any restrictions but citing the sources correctly.

The data for the *Bundestag* elections 2009 have not been published yet. Please refer to Linhart & Shikano (2007, 2009) for the method and to Volkens et al. (2009) for the raw data.

References

Linhart, Eric & Susumu Shikano (2007): Die Generierung von Parteipositionen aus vorverschlüsselten Wahlprogrammen für die Bundesrepublik Deutschland (1949-2002). Mannheim: MZES Working Paper No. 98.

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Linhart & Shikano (2007) is available under:

http://www.mzes.uni-mannheim.de/fs_publicationen_d.html

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<http://www.wzb.eu/zkd/dsl/download.en.htm>

Policy dimensions

Dimension 1 refers to ‘economic policy’, dimension 2 to ‘social policy’. A list, which categories are allocated to which of the policy dimensions, can be found in Linhart & Shikano (2007: 3-4) and Linhart & Shikano (2009: 304).

Standard deviations

Method d) from Linhart & Shikano (2007, 2009) estimates both parties’ ideal positions and their standard errors. Denote a position by y and the corresponding standard deviation by s , the Normal Distribution Function $N(y, s^2)$ is an adequate function to draw random samples. These samples give information about the estimation quality in terms of standard errors.

Saliency values

The saliency values x indicate how important a policy dimension is according to a party’s manifesto. We assume the utility function $u_i(o) = -\sum_{k=1}^n x_{ik} |y_{ik} - o|$ or $u_i(o) = -\sum_{k=1}^n x_{ik} (y_{ik} - o)^2$ when using our data. n is the number of policy dimensions. If a two-dimensional policy space with the axes ‘economic policy’ and ‘social policy’ is assumed, the saliency values need a normalization, so that $x_1+x_2=100\%$.

Party acronyms

The following table from Linhart & Shikano (2009: 322) relates the acronyms to the party names.

List of parties and acronyms

<i>Acronym</i>	<i>German name</i>	<i>Translation</i>
CDU/CSU	Christlich Demokratische Union/ Christlich-Soziale Union	Christian Democratic Union/ Christian Social Union
SPD	Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands	Social Democratic Party of Germany
FDP	Freie Demokratische Partei	Free Democratic Party
Grüne	Bündnis 90/Die Grünen	Alliance '90/The Greens
PDS/Linke	Partei des Demokratischen Sozialismus/Die Linke	Party of Democratic Socialism/ Left Party
DP	Deutsche Partei	German Party
BP	Bayernpartei	Bavaria Party
Z	Deutsche Zentrumspartei (Zentrum)	German Centre Party
KPD	Kommunistische Partei Deutschlands	Communist Party of Germany
WAV	Wirtschaftliche Aufbau-Vereinigung	Union for Economic Reconstruction
(DKP-)DRP	(Deutsche Konservative Partei-) Deutsche Rechtspartei	(German Conservative Party-) German Right Party
SSW	Südschleswigscher Wählerverband	South Schleswig Voter Federation
GB/BHE	Gesamtdeutscher Block/Bund der Heimatvertriebenen und Entrechteten	All-German Bloc/League of Expellees and Disenfranchised