

Comparative Study of Electoral Systems Macro-Level Data

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Part I: Data Pertinent to the Election at which the Module was Administered

1. Variable number/name in the dataset that identifies the primary electoral district for each respondent.

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2. Names and party affiliation of cabinet-level ministers serving at the time of the dissolution of the most recent government.

Name of Cabinet Member	Name of the Office Held	Political Party
Name of Cabinet Minister	Office	Party
W. Kok	General Affairs, Prime Minister	PvdA
H.F. Dijkstal	Home Affairs, Vice-Prime Minister	VVD
H.A.F.M.O. van Mierlo	Foreign Affairs, Vice-Prime Minister	D66
W. Sorgdrager	Justice	D66
J.M.M. Ritzen	Education, Culture and Science	PvdA
G. Zalm	Finance	VVD
J.J.C. Voorhoeve	Defense	VVD
M. de Boer	Public Planning, Housing and Environment	D66 PvdA.
A. Jorritsma-Lebbink	Transport and Communication	VVD
G.J. Wijers	Economic Affairs	D66
J.J. van Aartsen	Agriculture, Nature Conservation and Fishing	VVD
A.P.W. Melkert	Social Affairs and Employment	PvdA
E. Borst-Eilers	Public Health, Welfare and Sport	D66
J.P. Pronk	Development Cooperation	PvdA

3. Political Parties (active during the election at which the module was administered).

Name of Political Party	Year Founded	Ideological Family Party is Closest to	International Organization Party Belongs to (if any)
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Main parties competing in 1998 election:

Partij van de Arbeid (PvdA) – Labor Party – 1946 - Social Democratic - Socialist International
 Christen-Democratisch Appèl (CDA) – Christian Democratic Appeal – 1980 – Christian Democratic – Christian Democratic International
 Volkspartij voor Vrijheid en Democratie (VVD) – People’s Party for Freedom and Democracy – 1948 – Liberal – Liberal International
 Democraten '66 (D66) – Democrats '66 – 1966 – Liberal – Liberal International
 GroenLinks (GL) – Green Left – 1990 – Ecology – The Greens
 Socialistische Partij (SP) – Socialist Party – 1971 - Socialist
 Staatkundig Gereformeerde Partij (SGP) – Political Calvinist Party – 1918 – Other Parties
 Gereformeerd Politiek Verbond (GPV) – Calvinist Political Alliance – 1948 – Other Parties
 Reformatorische Politieke Federatie (RPF) – Reformatory Political Federation – 1975 – Other Parties
 Algemeen Ouderen Verbond/ Unie 55+ (AOV/Unie55+) – General Alliance of the Elderly/Union 55+ - 1994 – Other Parties
 Centrumdemocraten (CD) – Center Democrats – 1986 – Other Parties

Ideological Party Families:

Ecology Parties	Liberal Parties	Ethnic Parties
Communist Parties	Right Liberal Parties	Regional Parties
Socialist Parties	Christian Democratic Parties	Other Parties
Social Democratic Parties	Conservative Parties	Independents
Left Liberal Parties	National Parties	
	Agrarian Parties	

International Party Organizations:

Socialist International	Liberal International
Confederation of Socialist Parties of the European Community	Federation of European Liberal, Democrat, and Reform Parties
Asia-Pacific Socialist Organization	
Socialist Inter-African	International Democrat Union
	Caribbean Democrat Union
Christian Democratic International	European Democrat Union
European Christian Democratic Union	Pacific Democrat Union
European People’s Party	
	The Greens

4. (a) Parties' position in left-right scale (in the expert judgment of the CSES Collaborator):

Party Name	LEFT											RIGHT
1. PvdA	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
2. CDA	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
3. VVD	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
4. D66	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
5. GL	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
6. GPV	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	

4. (b) If you have asked respondents to rank political parties on a dimension other than the left-right dimension, please also provide your own rankings on this other dimension.

→ issue dimension

Name of dimension: "euthanasia"

Label for "left" position: Doctors should always be allowed to end life on patient's request

Label for "right" position: Euthanasia should always be forbidden.

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5. In your view, what are the five most salient factors that affected the outcome of the election (e.g. major scandals; economic events; the presence of an "independent actor;" specific issues)?

- Economic situation: continuous growth, decreasing unemployment, ⇒ great economic performance
- Popularity of some party leaders, notably Kok, Bolkestein, Rosenmüller ⇒ trust
- Lack of popularity of politicians of main opposition party, CDA.
- Room for smaller parties on left as PvdA maintained center course ⇒ GL, SP
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6. Electoral Alliances

Sometimes, electoral alliances are made at the constituency level as, for example, in Finland. Documenting who is allied with whom, and how, in each constituency is a large task and we do not expect you to do more than make some general reference to the existence of constituency-level alliances. Sometimes, electoral alliances are made at the national level -- these are the alliances that we would like you will identify. Information is sought on who is allied with whom and on the nature of the electoral alliance.

a) Were electoral alliances permitted during the election campaign?

Yes No

b) (If yes) Did any electoral alliances form?

Yes No

c) (If yes to b) List the party alliances that formed:

Alliance does not form single list → only for purpose of increasing probability of obtaining residual seats.

	<u>Name of Alliance</u>	<u>Parties in the Alliance</u>
Alliance 1:	—	GPU, SGP, RPF
Alliance 2:	_____	_____
Alliance 3:	_____	_____
Alliance 4:	_____	_____
Alliance 5:	_____	_____

7. (If a presidential election was held concurrently with the legislative elections) List presidential candidates

Name of Presidential Candidate	Party of Candidate*

*or parties, if multiple endorsements are allowed.

8. If the national team plans to collect aggregate election returns (or constituency-level returns) please include these returns with the study materials provided when the data are archived.

Part II: Data on Electoral Institutions

A central theme in the Comparative Study of Electoral Systems concerns the impact of electoral institutions on voting behavior and election outcomes. In order to assess the impact of institutions properly, a necessary preliminary step is to obtain accurate information on those institutional arrangements. The purpose of this document is to describe the kind of information we are asking you to provide.

Overview of Information Needed

In most countries, the best source of the needed information is the electoral statute or code that currently governs lower house elections. If the text of the law is available in a variety of different languages, please send a version in the most accessible language available. In any event, please also provide full bibliographic information on the source of the information sent.

In a few countries, such as the U.K., there may not be a single statute that governs elections. In such cases, our hope is that you will do your best to provide an accurate description of the electoral system in response to the detailed questions described below.

For those countries in which there is an electoral statute, there may also be other sources of information on the electoral procedure that you know of: perhaps the constitution specifies part of the electoral system, or perhaps a local scholar has written a description of the electoral system, or perhaps there is a map of the electoral districts available. It would be helpful if these materials could be sent as well.

Details of Information Needed

The kinds of details that are needed are indicated by the following list of questions. *If you are sending a copy of the electoral code, then there is no need to answer these questions separately.* If you are not sending the electoral code, then these questions may help in deciding what to send.

I. QUESTIONS ABOUT ELECTORAL DISTRICTS.

Definitions: An electoral district is defined as a geographic area within which votes are counted and seats allocated. If a district cannot be partitioned into smaller districts within which votes are counted and seats allocated, it is called primary. If it can be partitioned into primary districts, and there is some transfer of votes and/or seats from the primary districts to the larger district, then the larger district is called secondary. If a district can be partitioned into secondary districts (again with some transfer of votes and/or seats), it is called tertiary.

In some electoral systems, there are electoral districts that are geographically nested but not otherwise related for purposes of seat allocation. In Lithuania, for example, there are 71 single-member districts that operate under a majority runoff system, and also a single nationwide district that operates under proportional representation (the largest remainders method with the Hare quota). Neither votes nor seats from the single-member districts transfer to the nationwide district, however. The two processes are entirely independent (with voters having one vote in each district). In this case, the nationwide

district, although it contains the 71 single-member districts, is not considered to be secondary. It is primary. One might say that there are two *segments* to the electoral system in such cases.

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1) How many segments (as just defined) are there in the electoral system?

1 segment _____

2 segments _____

For the first segment, please answer the following questions (questions 2 through 11):

2) How many primary electoral districts are there? _____

3) For each primary electoral district, how many members are elected from in that district? _____

4) How many secondary electoral districts are there? _____

5) How many tertiary electoral districts are there? _____

II. QUESTIONS ABOUT VOTING.

6) Exactly how are votes cast by voters? _____

6a) How many votes do they or can they cast? _____

6b) Do they vote for candidates, for lists, or for both? (Explain) _____

7) Are the votes transferable? _____

8) If more than one vote can be cast, can they be cumulated? _____

9) Are there any other features of voting that should be noted? _____

III. QUESTIONS ABOUT CONVERTING VOTES INTO SEATS.

10) Exactly how are votes converted into seats? _____

10a) Are there legally mandated thresholds that a party must exceed before it is eligible to receive seats? _____ If so, what is the threshold? _____

10b) What electoral formula or formulas are used? _____

11) If there are lists, are they closed, open, or flexible?

- closed _____
- flexible, but in practice virtually closed _____
- flexible _____
- flexible, but in practice virtually open _____
- open _____

Definitions: A list is *closed* if the seats that are awarded to that list are always occupied by the candidates in order of their appearance on the list (i.e., if the list gets x seats then necessarily the top x names on the list get the seats). A list is *open* if the question of which candidates on the list get the seats that are awarded to the list is determined solely by the votes that each candidate receives. A list is *flexible* if it is neither closed nor open.

IV. QUESTIONS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES OF ELECTORAL ALLIANCE.

12) What are the possibilities of alliance in the system? _____

12a) Can parties run joint lists? _____

12b) Is there *apparentement* or “linking” of lists? _____

12c) Can candidates run with the endorsement of more than one party? _____

12d) Do parties withdraw their lists or candidates in some constituencies, urging their supporters there to vote for an ally’s list or candidate?

12e) Other? _____

Definitions: A *joint list* refers to one on which candidates of different parties run together. *Apparentement* refers to a legal agreement between two or more lists to pool their votes for the purposes of an initial seat allocation, with seats initially allocated to the alliance then reallocated to the lists in the alliance.

13) If joint lists are possible, are they subject to different regulations than single-party lists? For example, higher thresholds, different numbers of candidates that may appear on the list, etc.

14) If *apparentement* is possible, what lists can participate in such agreements?

lists of the same party in the same constituency? _____

lists of the same party from different constituencies? _____

lists of different parties in the same constituency? _____

15) If candidates can run with the endorsement of more than one party, is this reflected on the ballot?

Yes, candidate's name appears once, together with the names of all supporting parties _____

Yes, candidate's name appears as many times as there are different parties endorsing
him or her, each time with the name of the endorsing party _____

Yes, other (please explain) _____

No party endorsements are indicated on the ballot paper _____

Part III: Data on Regime Type

Below are various questions about the type of regime--presidential, parliamentary, semi-presidential--in your country. There are two potential problems with these questions that should be noted at the outset. First, in some countries there may be a discrepancy between the *de jure* (or legal) situation and the *de facto* (or practical) situation. For example, in Great Britain the Queen still possesses a legal right to veto legislation, but this right has not been exercised since 1707. In the case of such obviously obsolete powers, please answer according to the *de facto* situation. Otherwise, describe the *de jure* situation. A second potential problem is that the questions may not be phrased optimally for the situation in your particular country. In such cases, please answer as best you can, providing some indication of the difficulties as you see them.

I.) Questions regarding the Head of State.

1) Who is the Head of State?

- President
 Monarch
 Prime Minister serves as ceremonial head of state
 Other (please specify) _____

2) How is the head of state selected?

- Direct election
 Indirect election
 Birth right
 Divine right
 Other (Explain) _____

a) If by direct election, by what process?

- Plurality election
 Run-off or two-ballot system
 Other (Explain) _____

(i) If by run-off system, what is the

Threshold for first-round victory? _____
Threshold to advance to second round? _____
Threshold for victory in second round? _____

b) If by indirect election, by what process?

- Electoral college
 Selection by the legislature
 Other (Explain) _____

(i) If by electoral college,

How are electors chosen?

Does the electoral college deliberate? ___ Yes ___ No

What is the voting procedure used by the electoral college?

(ii) If by the legislature,

By which chamber(s) of the legislature?

What is the voting procedure used?

3) If there is a Head of State, does the Head of State have the following powers? [Check all that apply.]

a) Introduce legislation? ___ Yes No

b) Require expedited action on specific legislation? ___ Yes No

If yes, what is the default if the legislature takes no action?

Definitions: A Head of State possesses a *partial veto* when he or she can target specific clauses of a piece of legislation for veto, while promulgating the rest. In the U.S., such vetoes are sometimes called "line item vetoes." A Head of State possesses a *package veto* when he or she can veto the entire piece of legislation submitted by the legislature, but cannot veto some parts and accept others.

c) Package veto? ___ Yes No

If yes, what is the requirement to override the veto?

d) Partial veto? ___ Yes No

If yes, what is the requirement to override the partial veto?

e) Legislate by decree? ___ Yes No

If yes, does this require that the legislature must first specifically delegate decree authority to the head of state by statute? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, are there restrictions on the policy areas in which the head of state can legislate by decree? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, are there other restrictions on the head of state's authority to legislate by decree? ___ Yes ___ No

f) Emergency powers? ___ Yes No

If yes, what actions can the head of state take under emergency authority?

If yes, under what conditions can the head of state invoke emergency authority?

If yes, what restrictions are there on the head of state's authority to invoke and exercise emergency authority?

g) Negotiate treaties and international agreements? ___ Yes No

If yes, what other requirements are there for approval of treaties and international agreements negotiated by the head of state?

h) Commander of the armed forces? ___ Yes No

If yes, does the head of state control promotions of high-ranking officers?
___ Yes ___ No

If yes, can the head of state dismiss or demote high-ranking officers?
___ Yes ___ No

If yes, can the head of state mobilize and demobilize troops? ___ Yes ___ No

j) Introduce referenda? ___ Yes No

If yes, under what conditions?

k) Refer legislation to the judicial branch for review of constitutionality?
___ Yes No

m) Convene special legislative sessions? ___ Yes No

If yes, is this the head of state's power exclusively, or can any other (s) do this as well? ___ Yes, other power ___ No other powers

(If yes, explain): _____

II.) Questions about the Head of Government.

1) Who is the Head of Government?

___ President

Prime Minister (or equivalent)

___ Other (please specify) _____

2) If the Head of Government is a prime minister, how is the prime minister selected?

___ Appointed by the head of state alone

___ Appointed by the legislature alone

___ Nominated by the head of state, and approved by the legislature

___ Nominated by the legislature, and approved by the head of state

Other (Explain): *Appointed by Head of State and countersigned by prime-minister*

3) If there is a prime minister, what authorities does the prime minister have over the composition of the cabinet? [Check all that apply.]

___ Names ministers and assigns portfolios alone

___ Nominates ministers for approval by the president

___ Reviews and approves ministerial nominations made by the president

___ Dismisses ministers and reassigns portfolios at own discretion

Other (Explain): *countersigns the appointments for ministers by the Head of State.*

4) If there is a prime minister, what authorities does the prime minister have over the policy making process? [Check all that apply.]

Chairs cabinet meetings

___ Determines schedule of issues to be considered by the legislature

___ Determines which alternatives will be voted on by the legislature, and in which order

___ Refers legislative proposals to party or legislative committees

___ Calls votes of confidence in government

___ Other (Explain)

III.) By what method(s) can cabinet members, or the entire cabinet, be dismissed?

[Check all that apply.]

- By the head of state alone
- By the prime minister alone
- By majority vote of the legislature where a majority of all legislators is required
- By majority vote of the legislature where a majority of those legislators voting is required
- By some combination of the above, acting in concert (Explain)
- Other (Explain)

IV.) Can the legislature be dissolved prior to regularly scheduled elections? Yes No

1) If yes, by what method?

- By the head of state alone
- By the prime minister alone
- By majority vote of the legislature
- By some combination of the above, acting in concert (Explain) _____

Other (Explain) Royal decree countersigned by prime minister

2) If yes, are there restrictions on when and how the legislature can be dissolved?

[Check all that apply.]

- On the timing of dissolution (e.g. not within one year after a legislative election)
(Explain) _____
- As a response to action/inaction by the legislature (e.g. only when the legislature has censured the cabinet; e.g. only if the legislature fails to pass the budget) (Explain)

- Other (Explain) _____