The data set in “GOV” sheet contains the following information:

- The government number: (CN in column A).
- The dates of government formation: (year, month, day, denoted as DF 1, D172, DF3 in column B-D respectively).
- The dates of government dissolution: (year, month, day, denoted as DC 1, DC2, DC3 in column E-G respectively).
- Government duration counted in days: (denoted as DURAT in column H)
- Numbers of seat for each party in Parliament: (denoted as N1-N24 in column I to AF). Please see Sheet 2 for the coding of the name of party. (For example, in Austria, N1=4 in government 1 indicates Communists had 4 seats at that time.)
- Government participation (1 = yes, · = No): (denoted as P1-P24 in column AG to BD). For example, government 1 in Austria was composed of three parties; there were P1(Communists), P3(Social Democrats) and P4(People's Party). See “CODE” sheet for party names corresponding to party numbers.
- The ideological score for each party created by Warwick (1994): (denoted as BDW1-BDW24 in column BE to CB)
- The ideological score for each party created by Castles and Mair (1984): (denoted as CM1-CM24 in column CC to CZ)
- The ideological score for each party created by Laver and Hunt (1992): (We include first three policy issues, denoted as LH 1.1 to LH 1.24, LH2.1 to LH2.24 and LH3.1 to LH3.24 in column DA-DX, DY-EV and EW-FT respectively.)
- The ideological score for each party created by Huber and Inglehart (1995): (denoted as HI1-HI24 in column FU to GR)
- Government Policy Position Range 1 based on Laver and Hunt (1992): (LH1RANGE in column GX)
- Government Policy Position 3 based on Laver and Hunt (1992): (LH3POSIT in column HC)
- Minority Party Government (1 = yes, 0 = No): (MINORITY in column HF)
- Oversize Government (1 = yes, 0 = No): (OVERSIZE in column HG)
• Single Party or Multiple Party Minimum Winning Coalition (1 = yes, 0 = No): (MWC in column HH)

Sources: BDW, CM, LH, and HI provide ideological scores along the left right policy dimension. For the second and third dimension of LH, see book (below).

1. Information about dates of formation and dissolution, duration, numbers of seat, parties in government: Keesing's Archives and European Journal of Political Research

2. Ideological scores:


