

European Parliament elections

Codebook for the PopulisTreeEU dataset

The PopulisTreeEU dataset covers the European Parliament elections from 1979 to 2024 and provides information on the classification of populist parties by ideological variety, their vote shares, number of seats, membership in European Parliament groups, and IDs for cross-dataset linkage.

List of variables

VARIABLE	DESCRIPTION
Country	Name of the country.
Year	Year of the European election.
Party_name	Party name in the original language.
Party_name_short	Party name abbreviation.
Party_name_eng	Party name in English.
Vote_share	Percentage of votes obtained in the election.
Seats	Number of seats obtained in the election.
Right	Ideological classification: 1 for populist right parties; 0 otherwise.
Radical_right	Ideological classification: 1 for populist radical right parties; 0 otherwise.
National_conservative	Ideological classification: 1 for populist national-conservative parties; 0 otherwise.
Neo_liberal	Ideological classification: 1 for populist neoliberal parties; 0 otherwise.
Other_right	Ideological classification: 1 for other populist right parties; 0 otherwise.
Left	Ideological classification: 1 for populist left parties; 0 otherwise.
Radical_left	Ideological classification: 1 for populist radical left parties; 0 otherwise.
Nationalist_left	Ideological classification: 1 for populist nationalist left parties; 0 otherwise.
Other_left	Ideological classification: 1 for other populist left parties; 0 otherwise.
Valence	Ideological classification: 1 for populist valence parties; 0 otherwise.
Agrarian	Ideological classification: 1 for populist agrarian parties; 0 otherwise.
Regionalist	Ideological classification: 1 for populist regionalist parties; 0 otherwise.
EP_group	European Parliament group joined by the party after the election (constitutive session).
Partyfacts_id	Party identification number in the PartyFacts database (if available). For coalitions without a specific ID, the ID of the leading populist party is used.
Parlgov_id	Party identification number in the PartyGov database (if available). For coalitions without a specific ID, the ID of the leading populist party is used.