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## Variables

The total number of variables in the dataset is 186.

The following variables have all been coded on the basis of the *Folketingets Årbog* (the parliamentary hansard) and (to a smaller degree) the parliamentary website ([www.ft.dk](http://www.ft.dk)):

- nr            The number given in the parliamentary hansard (*Folketingets Årbog*), or (in recent years) the law number.
- sam          The legislative session.

eu	Whether or not the particular piece of legislation was EU/EEC initiated.
change	Whether or not the particular piece of legislation was a change of already existing legislation.
vedt	Whether the particular piece of legislation was passed or not.
type	From which cabinet ministry the particular piece of legislation was initiated.
day	The day of the third reading in parliament.
month	The month of the third reading in parliament.
year	The year of the third reading in parliament.
gov_prop	Whether the particular piece of legislation was initiated by the government (or not).
private	Whether the particular piece of legislation was initiated by a private member.
for	The number of votes in favor of the particular piece of legislation.
imod	The number of votes against the particular piece of legislation.
abstain	The number of votes abstaining.
enstem	Whether or not the particular piece of legislation was passed unanimously.
brud	Whether there was any break in party discipline at the vote.
forlig	Whether the particular piece of legislation was part of a bargain (a “forlig”, as defined by Christiansen 2004).
flertal	Whether the government at the time was a majority government or a minority government.

The following variables indicate whether the particular parliamentary party (or the particular member of parliament) voted for or against a particular proposal or abstained:

cd	Centrum-Demokraterne (Center-Democrats).
df	Dansk Folkeparti (Danish People’s Party).
dkp	Danmarks Kommunistiske Parti (Communist Party).
dr	Danmarks Retsforbund (Justice Party).

ds	Dansk Samling (Danish Unity).
el	Enhedslisten (Socialist Unity List).
fd	De Frie Demokrater (Free Democrats).
fk	Fælles Kurs (Common Course).
fred	Fredspolitisk Folkeparti (Peace Party)
fri	Frihed 2000 (Freedom 2000).
kf	Konservative Folkeparti (Conservative People's Party).
krf	Kristeligt Folkeparti (Christian People's Party); later Kristen Demokraterne (Christian Democrats).
lc	Liberalt Centrum (Liberal Center).
lh	Liberalt Højre (Liberal Right).
rv	Radikale Venstre (Social Liberals).
s	Socialdemokraterne (Social Democrats).
sf	Socialistisk Folkeparti (Socialist People's Party).
soa	Socialistisk Arbejdsgruppe (Socialist Working Group).
sp	Slesvigsk Parti (Slesvig Party).
uaf	Partiet De Uafhængige (Party of Independents).
v	Venstre (Liberal Party).
vs	Venstresocialisterne (Left-Socialists).
z	Fremskridtspartiet (Progress Party).
f	Faroese representative(s).
g	Greenlandic representative(s).
behnke	Kim Behnke.
donner	Ole Donner.
eidg	Joannes Eidesgaard.
frank	Frank Dahlgaard.

The following variables are the distances between the first mentioned party (e.g. *s* or *v*) and the second mentioned party (e.g. *dr* or *el*), where *af* is a coding of each variable that states the distance between the two in this category. The distances are calculated as a replication and

extension of Pedersen's work (Pedersen 1967a; Pedersen 1967b; Pedersen, Damgaard and Nannestad Olsen 1971) and the method used for calculating these variables are as suggested in those works:

scdaf	Distance, Social-Democrats – Center-Democrats.
sdfaf	Distance, Social-Democrats – Danish People's Party.
sdkpaf	Distance, Social-Democrats – Danish Communist Party.
sdraf	Distance, Social-Democrats – Justice Party.
sdsaf	Distance, Social-Democrats – Danish Unity.
selaf	Distance, Social-Democrats – Socialist Unity List.
sfkaf	Distance, Social-Democrats – Common Course.
sfriaf	Distance, Social-Democrats – Freedom 2000.
skfaf	Distance, Social-Democrats – Conservative People's Party.
skrfaf	Distance, Social-Democrats – Christian People's Party.
slcaf	Distance, Social-Democrats – Liberal Center.
srhaf	Distance, Social-Democrats – Social-Liberals.
ssfaf	Distance, Social-Democrats – Socialist People's Party.
suafaf	Distance, Social-Democrats – Party of Independents.
svaf	Distance, Social-Democrats – Liberal Party.
svsaf	Distance, Social-Democrats – Left-Socialists.
szaf	Distance, Social-Democrats – Progress Party.

The following variables give the number of seats (*mandater*) in the *Folketing* held by the party in question at the time of the third reading; the last three letters indicate that the variable belongs in this category:

cdman	No. of seats, Center-Democrats.
dfman	No. of seats, Danish People's Party.
dkpman	No. of seats, Danish Communist Party.
drman	No. of seats, Justice Party.
dsman	No. of seats, Danish Unity.
elman	No. of seats, Socialist Unity List.

fkman	No. of seats, Common Course.
hvman	No. of seats, Liberal Party of the Capital (Hovedstadens Venstre).
kfman	No. of seats, Conservative People's Party.
krfman	No. of seats, Christian People's Party.
lcman	No. of seats, Liberal Center.
rvman	No. of seats, Social-Liberals.
sman	No. of seats, Social-Democrats.
sfman	No. of seats, Socialist People's Party.
slman	No. of seats, Slesvig Party
vman	No. of seats, Liberal Party.
vsman	No. of seats, Left-Socialists.
zman	No. of seats, Progress Party.
uafman	No. of seats, Party of Independents (incl. Birgit Busk, who left the Progress Party).
gman	No. of seats, Grenlandic Representatives.
fman	No. of seats, Fareose Representatives.
up2man	No. of seats, Storgaard (left Socialist People's Party).
up3man	No. of seats, Jensen (left Socialist People's Party).
up4man	No. of seats, Rasmussen (left Socialist People's Party).
up5man	No. of seats, Didirichsen (left Liberal Party).
up6man	No. of seats, Westerby (left Liberal Party).
up7man	No. of seats, Moltke and Reintoft (left Left-Socialists).
up8man	No. of seats, Reintoft (left up7man).
up9man	No. of seats, Vestergaard (left Progress Party).
up10man	No. of seats, Lindholt (left Progress Party).
up11man	No. of seats, Bay (left Progress Party).
up12man	No. of seats, Lembourn (left Conservative People's Party).
up13man	No. of seats, Lindinger (left Center-Democrats).
up14man	No. of seats, Junior (left Progress Party).
up15man	No. of seats, Jørgensen (left Progress Party).

up16man	No. of seats, Thorndal (left Progress Party).
up17man	No. of seats, Sørensen (left Progress Party).
up18man	No. of seats, Barsøe-Carnefelt (left Progress Party).
up19man	No. of seats, Maisted (left Progress Party).
up20man	No. of seats, Bjerregaard (left Centrum Democrats).
up21man	No. of seats, Hugo Holm (left Progress Party).
up22man	No. of seats, four members (left Danish People's Party, later formed "Trivselspartiet").
up23man	No. of seats, Juncker (left Center-Democrats).
up24man	No. of seats, Refshauge, Andreasen and Donner (left Danish People's Party, later formed "Liberal Right").
up25man	No. of seats (Donner left up22man).
up26man	No. of seats, four members (left Progress Party, later formed "Freedom 2000").
up27man	No. of seats, Dahlgaard (left Conservative People's Party).
mankon	Sum of seats. Has to be 179 after 1953.
reg1	A government defined by elections. This definition counts a new government every time an election has been held, using only this criteria.
reg2	A government defined by election or there has been a change in Prime Minister.
reg3	A government defined by changes in party composition of the government or when an election is held (Lijphart 2004).
regman	Number of parliamentary seats ( <i>mandater</i> ) controlled by the government.

The following variables give the distance between the four "old" parties and the party in question. The distance measure is used as presented by Pedersen (Pedersen 1967a; Pedersen 1967b):

gcddist	Distance between “four old parties” and Center-Democrats.
gdfdist	Distance between “four old parties” and Danish People’s Party.
gdkpdist	Distance between “four old parties” and Danish Communist Party.
gdrdist	Distance between “four old parties” and Justice Party.
gdsdist	Distance between “four old parties” and Danish Unity.
geldist	Distance between “four old parties” and Socialist Unity List.
gfkdist	Distance between “four old parties” and Common Course.
gkrfdist	Distance between “four old parties” and Christian People’s Party.
glcdist	Distance between “four old parties” and Liberal Center.
gsfdist	Distance between “four old parties” and Socialist People’s Party.
guafdist	Distance between “four old parties” and Party of Independents.
gvsdist	Distance between “four old parties” and Left-Socialists.
gzdist	Distance between “four old parties” and Progress Party.
gl_prt_1	Whether the legislation was passed with all four “old” parties for and at least one other party for.
gl_prt_2	Whether the legislation was passed with all four “old” parties for, and the remaining parties either against or abstaining.

The following variables use the definition of a government as variable *reg1* and give the distance between the parties in the particular government and the party in question:

reg1_cd	Distance between government and Center-Democrats.
reg1_df	Distance between government and Danish People’s Party.
reg1_dkp	Distance between government and Danish Communist Party.
reg1_dr	Distance between government and Justice Party.
reg1_ds	Distance between government and Danish Unity.
reg1_el	Distance between government and Socialist Unity List.
reg1_fk	Distance between government and Common Course.
reg1_fri	Distance between government and Freedom 2000.
reg1_kf	Distance between government and Conservative People’s Party.
reg1_krf	Distance between government and Christian People’s Party.



reg1_lc	Distance between government and Liberal Center.
reg1_s	Distance between government and Social-Democrats.
reg1_sf	Distance between government and Socialist People's Party.
reg1_rv	Distance between government and Social-Liberals.
reg1_uaf	Distance between government and Party of Independents.
reg1_v	Distance between government and Liberal Party.
reg1_vs	Distance between government and Left-Socialists.
reg1_z	Distance between government and Progress Party.

The following variables use the definition of a government as variable *reg2* and give the distance between the parties in the particular government and the party in question:

reg2_cd	Distance between government and Center-Democrats.
reg2_df	Distance between government and Danish People's Party.
reg2_dkp	Distance between government and Danish Communist Party.
reg2_dr	Distance between government and Justice Party.
reg2_ds	Distance between government and Danish Unity.
reg2_el	Distance between government and Socialist Unity List.
reg2_fk	Distance between government and Common Course.
reg2_fri	Distance between government and Freedom 2000.
reg2_kf	Distance between government and Conservative People's Party.
reg2_krf	Distance between government and Christian People's Party.
reg2_lc	Distance between government and Liberal Center.
reg2_s	Distance between government and Social-Democrats.
reg2_sf	Distance between government and Socialist People's Party.
reg2_rv	Distance between government and Social-Liberals.
reg2_uaf	Distance between government and Party of Independents.
reg2_v	Distance between government and Liberal Party.
reg2_vs	Distance between government and Left-Socialists.
reg2_z	Distance between government and Progress Party.

The data have been validated vis-à-vis data set collected by other:

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## Use of data

The data set has so far been used by, e.g. Hansen 2004; Hansen 2005.

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