CODEBOOK INTERNATIONAL DATA

Country specific

Variable	Specification	Values	Source
ID	Identification number	1-333	**DFG-Projekt: Ungleichheit und direkte Demokratie in Europa**
Country	Country the referendum is held in	**Central and South America**: Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Bahamas, Bonaire, Curacao, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Puerto Rico, Saint Barthes, Saint Martin, Saint Vincent **Africa:** Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Comoros, Egypt, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Namibia, Niger, Sao Tome, Senegal, Seychelles, South Africa, Uganda, Zimbabwe **Asia/Oceania:** Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, New Zealand, Russian Federation, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, Turkmenistan Yemen	**Sudd.ch C2d.ch**
Year	Year the referendum takes place	yyyy	**Sudd.ch C2d.ch**

Month	Month the referendum takes place	mm	**Sudd.ch** **C2d.ch**
Day	Day the referendum takes place	dd	**Sudd.ch** **C2d.ch**
Topic	Topic or title of the referendum	Example: "Oil revenue for community welfare and employment programs" (v54)	**Sudd.ch** **C2d.ch**
Short description I	Short explanation of the content of the referendum	Example: "The oil revenues proposal would require the National Assembly to pass laws within five months that ensured that any revenues from the oil industry that was not already allocated in the state budget would be used for social investment or revitalizing the economy" (v54)	**Sudd.ch** **C2d.ch** Legal texts, news articles etc.
Short description II	Short explanation of the circumstances/context		**Sudd.ch** **C2d.ch ;** Legal texts, news articles etc.
Socioeconomic Equality equality regarding socioeconomic status with regard to aspects such as income, education, health, or property	- 1.1) Does the bill propose measures that will increase income for low SES groups? (i.e. raising the minimum wage, give tax cuts to low income people, raising pensions etc.) - 1.2) Does the bill propose measures that make (higher) education	**Relates to Socioeconomic Equality, Political Equality and Legal Equality!** 1: Promotes equality -1: Hinders equality 0: Not equality related n.a.: excluded cases (constitution, direct democracy, not enough information available, international treaties)	**DFG-Projekt: Ungleichheit und direkte Demokratie in Europa**

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- 1.3) Does the bill propose measures that make healthcare more affordable for low SES groups? Does it lower patient contributions in the health care sector?

- 1.4) Does the bill propose measures that make housing more affordable for low SES groups? (i.e. raising housing subsidies, expand public housing, etc.)

- 1.5) Does the bill propose measures that expand social welfare programs?

- 1.6) Does the bill propose measures that abolish/lower other kinds of fees that are not | | |

	proportionally rising with income?	
	- 1.7) Does the bill propose measures to invest in common goods mainly benefitting low SES groups? (e.g. public transportation)	
	- 1.8) Does the bill propose measures that increase the retirement age (if yes code *contra-equality*)	
Political Equality equality regarding the scope of political influence (especiallyof minority groups)	- 2.1) Does the bill propose measures that strengthen the political voice/powers of (political) minorities? - 2.2) Does the bill propose measures that lead to a more proportional composition of parliament? (i.e. get rid of/weaken majoritarian voting procedures, get	

	rid of certain % thresholds for parliamentary elections)	
	- 2.3) Does the bill propose measures that increase the media presence of (political) minorities? Does it propose measures against media monopolies of certain political actors?	
Legal Equality equality regarding the legal status of the inhabitants of a country	- 3.1) Does the bill propose measures that give more legal rights to disadvantaged groups? (i.e. allowing same sex-marriage, allowing adoption for same-sex couples, allowing permanent residents without citizenship to vote in elections, etc.) - 3.2) Does the bill propose measures that facilitate the way to citizenship? (i.e. for immigrants that are long term residents of the	

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country, for children of immigrants that were born/raised in the country, etc.)

- 3.3) Does the bill propose measures that give more rights to immigrants/asylum seekers? Does it increase protection against deportation?

- 3.4) Does the bill propose measures that improve the legal status of foreign residents of a country? (i.e. allow them to buy property, allow them to work in certain professional fields, make them eligible to apply for social welfare programs/unemployment benefits, etc.)

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Type of referendum	How did the referendum come about?	**Top-down** (by legislatures and officeholders) **Mandatory** (By Law/Constitution) **Bottom-up** (by citizens and initiatives)	**Sudd.ch** **C2d.ch**
Result	Was the proposal accepted or dismissed?	1: Yes, accepted -1: No, dismissed	**Sudd.ch** **C2d.ch**
No votes	Absolute number of votes against proposal	In general: Absolute numbers of votes n.a. : no available data	**Sudd.ch** **C2d.ch**
Yes votes	Absolute number of votes in favour of proposal	In general: Absolute numbers of votes n.a. : no available data	**Sudd.ch** **C2d.ch**
Empty votes	Absolute number of ballots that were not filled out	In general: Absolute numbers of votes n.a. : no available data	**Sudd.ch** **C2d.ch**
Invalid votes	Absolute number of ballots were filled out incorrectly, therefore	In general: Absolute numbers of votes n.a. : no available data	**Sudd.ch** **C2d.ch**
Total electorate	Absolute number of people eligible to vote	In general: Absolute numbers of votes n.a. : no available data	**Sudd.ch** **C2d.ch**
Source	Direct link to specific vote	In general: Absolute numbers of votes n.a. : no available data	**Sudd.ch** **C2d.ch**

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Freedom House Index	The combination of the overall score awarded for political rights and the overall score awarded for civil liberties, after being equally weighted, determines the status of	Free Partly Free	**Freedom House Index**

	Free, Partly Free, or Not Free Referenda are only included in partly free or free countries at the time of the referendum		