

Codebook: International Court of Justice Data

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Brief Overview of the Dataset

This database contains information on individual judge's votes in the International Court of Justice (n=1,560). There are 103 cases from 1947 to 2003. Information about the nature and outcome of the case as well as a number of measures describing the country of the applicant, respondent, and judge are provided.

These data were extracted from a larger dataset compiled by Eric A. Posner and Miguel de Figueiredo and available (along with a codebook) on Eric Voeten's website:

http://www9.georgetown.edu/faculty/ev42/ICdata_files/Page580.htm

For articles using this database, see Posner and De Figueiredo (2004) and Posner (2005).

Variables

caseNumber: Case Number

Unique label for each phase of each case. For example, preliminary objections, merits decisions, assessments of compensation, etc. for each case have a unique case number.

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caseName: Case Name

Name of case as assigned by the ICJ.

respEU: Respondent's EU membership

Whether the respondent was a member of the EU in the year of the ICJ case.

- 1. Yes
- 0. No

respGDP: Respondent's per capita GDP

Respondent nation's per capita GDP.

respLegalTrad: Respondent's Legal Tradition

Whether the legal tradition of the respondent country is English, French, German, Scandinavian, or Socialist.

decision1: Judge-Vote for Applicant

Did a judge vote for the applicant?

- 1. Yes
- 0. No

judgeEU: EU membership of Judge's country

Whether the Judge's country was a member of the EU in the year of the ICJ case.

- 1. Yes
- 0. No

judgeGDP: Per Capita GDP of Judge's country

Per capita GDP of the nation a Judges is from.

judgeLegalTrad: Legal Tradition of Judge's country

Whether the legal tradition of the judge's country is English, French, German, Scandinavian, or Socialist.

appEU: Applicant's EU membership

Whether the applicant was a member of the EU in the year of the ICJ case.

- 1. Yes
- 0. No

appGDP: Applicant's per capita GDP

Applicant nation's per capita GDP.

appLegalTrad: Applicant's Legal Tradition

Whether the legal tradition of the applicant country is English, French, German, Scandinavian, or Socialist.

jurisBasis: Basis of Jurisdiction

Basis of jurisdiction: treaty, special agreement, or optional clause.

References

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