QoG Social Policy Dataset

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Associated documentation

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Description

The QoG Institute is an independent research institute within the Department of Political Science at the University of Gothenburg. Overall 30 researchers conduct and promote research on the causes, consequences and nature of Good Governance and the Quality of Government - that is, trustworthy, reliable, impartial, uncorrupted and competent government institutions. The primary aim of QoG is to conduct and promote research on corruption. One aim of the QoG Institute is to make publicly available cross-national comparative data on QoG and its correlates.The aim of the QoG Social Policy Dataset is to promote cross-national comparative research on social policy output and its correlates, with a special focus on the connection between social policy and Quality of Government (QoG).

The main objective of our research is to address the theoretical and empirical problem of how political institutions of high quality can be created and maintained. A second objective is to study the effects of Quality of Government on a number of policy areas, such as health, the environment, social policy, and poverty.

The dataset was created as part of a research project titled "Quality of Government and the Conditions for Sustainable Social Policy". The aim of the dataset is to promote cross-national comparative research on social policy output and its correlates, with a special focus on the connection between social policy and Quality of Government (QoG).

The data comes in three versions: one cross-sectional dataset, and two cross-sectional time-series datasets for a selection of countries. The two combined datasets are called "long" (year 1946-2009) and "wide" (year 1970-2005).

The data contains six types of variables, each provided under its own heading in the codebook: Social

policy variables, Tax system variables, Social Conditions, Public opinion data, Political indicators, Quality of government variables.

QoG Social Policy Dataset can be downloaded from the Data Archive of the QoG Institute at http://qog.pol.gu.se/data/datadownloads/data-archive Its variables are now included in QoG Standard.

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Data contains personal data

No

Language

English

Unit of analysis

Geographic unit

Population

Countries

Time Method

Cross-section

Time series

Sampling procedure

Total universe/Complete enumeration

Non-probability

Cross-sectional dataset: All countries recognized by United Nations as of year 2002, plus Taiwan and Serbia and Montenegro (both as a unit and as two separate states). Total 194 countries.

Time-serie dataset, long and wide: Selected accordning to two criteria. I) countries among the 30 most data-rich countries in the global sample, or II) is a current member of the European Union. Total 40 countries.

Time period(s) investigated

2002 – 2002

Data format / data structure

Numeric

Geographic spread

Geographic location: Sweden, Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Ireland, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Canada, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, New Caledonia, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Switzerland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, United Kingdom, Czech Republic, Turkey, Germany, Hungary, United States, Austria, Korea, the

[Republic of](#)
Geographic description:
Time-series datsets ("long" and "wide"): 40 countries

Cross-sectional dataset: 194 countries

Lowest geographic unit

Country

Highest geographic unit

Country

Responsible department/unit

Quality of Government Institute

Research area

[Government, political systems and organisations](#) (CESSDA Topic Classification)

[Social sciences](#) (Standard för svensk indelning av forskningsämnen 2011)

[Political science](#) (Standard för svensk indelning av forskningsämnen 2011)

Keywords

[Public opinion](#), [State control](#), [Political institutions](#), [Corruption](#), [Data](#), [Bureaucracy](#), [Public administration](#), [Government organizations](#), [Political, social and economic issues](#)

Publications

Link to publication list:
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Accessibility level

Access to data through an external actor
Data are freely accessible

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