

Interpellations Data Codebook

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Overview of the Data Set¹

This dataset contains information about each interpellation introduced since 1865. The source is a brief listing from the official website of the Hungarian National Assembly and the Library of the Hungarian National Assembly and each entry corresponds to an interpellation. (E.g. for the source of the electoral cycle 2010-2014 see:

http://www.parlament.hu/internet/plsql/ogy_irom.irom_kerd?P_CKL=39&P_FOTIP=null&P_FOTI
P=I

Content Coding

We have coded each entry by policy content, along with other variables of interest. We employed the standard Policy Agendas Project topic scheme in our policy content coding, and each entry was assigned one and only one content code. This allows researchers to trace activity on a particular topic across the period. The full description of our content categories may be found in the major topics codebook at <http://cap.tk.mta.hu/en/codebooks>.

This Codebook is a modified version of the pertaining U.S. Policy Agendas codebook. We acknowledge the rights of the original publishers and express our gratitude for the permission to use their version as a starting point.

Variable Names and Descriptions

id

This variable records the unique identifier for each observation. It has no substantive application. Format: RootIDHousePaperNo. Example: I6C56.

year

The year the paper was first on the agenda in Parliament.

majortopic

This column records the Policy Agendas Project's major topic code that corresponds to the information found in the Description column. The codes and examples for this column are found in the Policy Agendas Hungary Policy Codes Codebook.

subtopic

This column denotes the Policy Agendas Project's subtopic code that corresponds to the information found in the Description column. The codes and examples for this column are found in the Policy Agendas Hungary Policy Codes Codebook.

description

The concise description in Hungarian provided by the coder.

source

For each paper, a link to the paper status is made available through the official website of the Hungarian National Assembly. Note: This variable is similar to "Link" in the U.S. codebook. The papers introduced between 1990 and 1994 are not available in the official website of the Hungarian National Assembly, in which case the link refers to the text of the interpellation (hence the link will be the same for multiple papers in this period).

id_root

This variable serves as the basis for creating unique ID numbers for each observation across all of the modules. Format: AXC, where A is the Paper format, X and C refers to government cycle (see all below). *E.g. I2C refers to an interpellation from the first government cycle of the interpellation database.*

electoral_cycle

The starting and ending year of the electoral cycle in which the paper was introduced (e.g. 2010-2014). Note: This is a similar variable to „Congress” in the U.S. codebook.

paper_format

The format of the individual proposal („önálló indítvány”) as specified by the House rules and regulations (http://www.parlament.hu/internet/plsql/ogy_irom.onind_neve) of the period.

1990-1994

T for törvényjavaslat (Bill)

H for határozati javaslat (Proposal for Resolution)

J for jelentés (Report)

I for interpelláció (Interpellation)

K for kérdés (Question)

Y for tájékoztató (Prospectus)

1994-2014

A for azonnali kérdés (Urgent Question)

H for határozati javaslat (Proposal for Resolution)

I for interpelláció (Interpellation)

J for jelentés (Report)

K for kérdés (Question)

Ü for kérelem (Petition)

P for politikai nyilatkozat-tervezet (Proposal for Political Manifesto)

V for politikai vita (Political Debate)

T for törvényjavaslat (Bill)

2014-2018

T for törvényjavaslat (Bill)

H for határozati javaslat (Proposal for Resolution)

J for jelentés (Report)

I for interpelláció (Interpellation)

K for kérdés (Question)

SZ for az Országgyűlés személyi döntését kezdeményező indítvány (Proposal for Personal Affair)

S for az Országgyűlésről szóló törvény 61. § (5) bekezdésében meghatározott kérelem (Petition stipulated in the § 61 (5) of the Act on National Assembly)

A for azonnali kérdés (Urgent Question)

B for beszámoló (Report)

N for népszavazás kezdeményezése (Proposal for Referendum)

PP for politikai nyilatkozatra vonatkozó javaslat (Proposal for Political Manifesto)

V for politikai vita kezdeményezése (Proposal for Political Debate)

Y for tájékoztató (Prospectus)

(Source: <http://www.parlament.hu/iromanyok-elozo-ciklusbeli-adatai>)

house_paper_nr

The number of the paper as registered in the National Assembly database.

complete_title

The complete title of the paper introduced.

description_hu

The concise, substantive description provided by the coder, other than title in Hungarian language.

gov_opp

0 for introducers from opposition parties.

1 for introducers supporting the government at the time.

2 for introducers from both the government and the opposition.

3 for introducers from at least two opposition parties.

4 for introducers from at least two government parties.

5 not applicable (member of the upper chamber)

Notes: As a general rule independents should be coded for opposition. For the cycle 1990-1994 the Floordebate Date is relevant for deciding the value of this variable (this is due to frequent affiliation changes in the era).

party_affiliation

See Party Affiliation Codebook:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fFjVtBWZrXYA2PkVKLyAuoYJJIDEx7tFEO4qbXcyWX8/edit>

Note: In case more than one representative signs the interpellation this code only refers to the name of the representative who gives the oral presentation. If two or more representatives share the duties of the oral presentation this code refers to the affiliation of the first MP to speak.

introducer

The name of the representative who gives the initial oral presentation of the interpellation in parliament. This also applies to cases with more than one introducers for a single paper.

nr_introducers

The number of introducers as specified by the status report on the Hungarian National Assembly website, including late additions.

respondent

The name of the minister or state secretary who responds to the interpellation. In cases where more than one ministry is addressed, only the responding person is coded. The „Dr.“ title is excluded for all respondents.

gov_affiliation

The government affiliation of the respondent. Ministers and state secretaries of a same ministry have the same code.

See Government Affiliation Codebook:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/190NK8Xsb3lhnksXckFITpL1BCa2vkJJZeF9SfeU091w/edit>

geographic

Indicates whether a geographic place was mentioned in the text.
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date_introduced

The date the paper was introduced.

first_debate

The date the paper was first on the agenda in Parliament.

date_passed_house

The date the interpellation was passed by the House. If initially the motion was voted down, „DatePassedHouse“ will be the date of the second vote in the plenary session. 8888 if the answer to the interpellation was never accepted.

nr_yes

The number of „Yes“ votes of the roll call.

99995 if no attempt was made for a vote (as the introducer accepted the answer).

nr_no

The number of „No“ votes of the roll call.

99995 if no attempt was made for a vote (as the introducer accepted the answer).

nr_abs

The number of „Abstention“ votes of the roll call.

99995 if no attempt was made for a vote (as the introducer accepted the answer).

floor_debate

1 if an oral plenary debate was held connected to the interpellation.
0 if no plenary debate was held/unresolved papers from previous electoral cycles.
998 for unfinished business of the current electoral cycle.

passed

0 if the introducer accepted the answer. See nr_yes and related variables: 99995
1 if the paper was passed by parliament
2 if neither the introducer nor Parliament accepted the answer, but they accepted the report of a committee.
3 The answer was refused permanently, and was not accepted until the end of the cycle.
4 Other

Note: Papers with an unresolved status or motions withdrawn are excluded from the database.

chamber

The chamber of the parliament where the interpellation was presented. Not applicable for the period 1920-1926 and from 1945.0

0 lower chamber
1 upper chamber
9999 not applicable