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ProLoc – German Local Protest Dataset

Protest events based on manual annotation of local newspapers

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quantitative

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Abstract

The German Local Protests dataset ProLoc includes all protest events reported in the major local newspapers of the four German cities Bremen, Dresden, Leipzig, and Stuttgart between 2000 and 2020, regardless of their objectives, along with a wide range of descriptive characteristics. The four

cities share comparable demographics, with populations ranging from 500,000 to 600,000 inhabitants, and serve as major regional centres. At the same time, they differ in key aspects, including geographic location (East and West Germany) and the political orientation of their governments. ProLoc contains information on 8,190 distinct protest events and 9,621 protest claims made by protesters at these events. Through careful manual annotation of protest events based on local newspaper reporting, ProLoc provides much more detailed coverage of protest activities than existing datasets based on reporting in nationwide newspapers or news agency reports.

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Temporal Coverage

1/2000 - 12/2020

Time Dimension

event based

Sampled Universe

Protest reporting in four local newspapers in Bremen, Dresden, Leipzig, and Stuttgart

Sampling

Keyword-based sampling

Collection Mode

automatic and manual coding

Geograhic Coverage

City (Leipzig, Dresden, Bremen, Stuttgart)

Resource Type

CSV

Availability

Publicly available after login at Gesis

Institution

Gesis

Link

https://search.gesis.org/research_data/ZA9005

Publications

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