

Note on variables in the Irish Policy Agendas Project (IPAP) Manifestos data set uploaded to the CAP website

Variables included in the data set uploaded to <https://www.comparativeagendas.net/> are described in [this data report](#), available on <http://irishpolicyagendas.eu/>.

In addition to the variables described in the data report, we have added *election_in_year* to the data set uploaded to the CAP website. This variable indicates whether the election was the first or second election in a year and therefore distinguishes the February and November elections in 1982.

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In addition to the variables described in the data report, the Irish Research Council-funded *Public Policy Agendas on a Shared Island* project coded binary variables for the 2016 and 2020 general election manifestos described as follows in version 1.2 of the Irish Policy Agendas Project codebook:

North-South (NI-Ireland) relations variable: 0= not North-South related; 1 = relations between ROI and NI governments, societies, economies. Includes relations between any pair or group of governments on North-South issues. Does not include North-South comparisons unless they refer to North-South relations.

East-West (UK-Ireland) relations variable. 0= not East-West related; 1 = relations between ROI and British governments (including Scottish or Welsh governments), societies, economies (but not NI-ROI relations alone, which is coded using the North-South variable, above). Includes relations between any pair or group of governments on ROI-UK issues. Does not include UK-Ireland comparisons unless they refer to UK-Ireland relations.

NI's constitutional status. 0 = not about NI's constitutional status; 1 = item relates to the constitutional status of Northern Ireland, specifically its proximity, in constitutional terms, to Ireland or the UK. Includes calls for a united Ireland and defence of the Union; includes support for the status quo. Does not include further devolution of powers to Northern Ireland.