

**INTERARENA. Data on interest groups in the media.**

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This dataset contains data on interest groups appearing in the news media in the UK, Spain and Denmark. The data set includes appearances that were not considered mainly negative for the group. It excludes appearances in clearly not politically relevant contexts. The data may be used for teaching and research projects provided that an acknowledgement is made.

*Time period:* The coding period is July 1 2009 to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2010 for Denmark and July 1 2010 to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2011 for Spain and the UK. Coding has been done for every other period of two weeks.

*Sections:* First sections and business sections. Pages clearly containing foreign news, stock reports, debate, culture and sport news are excluded. Correspondence columns, small notices and notes about persons are not included. A typical small notice will be about 20 lines in one or two columns.

*Unit of coding:* Interest group appearance in a news story

*Coding process:* Coding is done based on e-papers or articles in online archives. Data was entered directly into an online database. A maximum of six groups are registered in each news story.

*Definition of interest groups:* National associations of individuals, firms, governmental institutions or other groups (not running for general elections).

## Variables in the data set

### ArticleID

Unique ID for each article

### Country

- 1 UK
- 2 Spain
- 3 Denmark

### Article position

- 1 Front page of first section
- 2 First section
- 3 Other sections

### Page Number in section

two digits

### Title

Title of news story

### Policy Area

- 1 Macroeconomics
- 2 Personal and Civil Rights
- 3 Church
- 4 Refugees and immigrants
- 5 Health
- 6 Agriculture, Fisheries and Food
- 7 Labour market
- 8 Education
- 9 Culture, sports and games
- 10 Environment
- 11 Energy
- 12 Traffic and Infrastructure
- 13 Legal and Justice issues
- 14 Social and family issues
- 15 Housing
- 16 Business and consumer issues
- 17 Defense, security, disasters
- 18 Research, Technology, IT, telecommunications and mass media
- 19 Foreign affairs
- 20 EU
- 21 National dependencies
- 22 The public sector generally
- 23 The relationship between the central and local level, including regional policy and local politics
- 24 Politics in general
- 25 The royals
- 26 Miscellaneous

**Appearance**

- 1 The group or its representative has authored the article
- 2 The group is quoted directly
- 3 The group's views or actions are referred
- 4 The group is mentioned by others
- 9 Other appearance

**Mobilization**

Does the article mention mobilization activities of the group? (Strikes, demonstrations, happenings, petitions)

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

**Group ID**

Unique ID number for each interest group. Note that the same ID number can be used for groups in different countries.

**Group name**

Alphanumeric

**IGType**

Coding of the type of interest group according to the INTERARENA coding scheme

**IGType7**

Coding of the type of interest group in the seven main categories used in most publications.