Political representation of ethnic minorities, Central and Eastern Europe (POREM-CEE)

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Notes:
- The dataset contains all groups identified with a population share above 0.1% of the countries' population. A few groups below 0.1% of the population are also contained in the dataset, but to avoid a possible selection bias, they can be excluded, using the group size variable (share).
- Codings refer to the most recent national elections, as of 2007.

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<td>short Group shortname</td>
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<td>country Country name</td>
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<td>fsu Country belongs to former Soviet Union (dummy variable)</td>
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<td>group Denomination of ethnic group</td>
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**Electoral system**

- S Number of overall seats in parliament
- Ssmd Number of overall seats in parliament elected in single-seat districts
- Spr Number of overall seats in parliament elected by proportional representation
- ban Are parties of this ethnic group banned? (In case of institutional bans, but at least one part of the group is de facto tolerated = 0)
- pr Proportional electoral system for the first chamber of parliament (dummy variable)
- mixed Mixed electoral system for the first chamber of parliament (dummy variable)
- special_pr Special electoral district for ethnic minority (or group of ethnic minorities) with elections by PR
- special_pr2 Special electoral district for ethnic minority (or group of ethnic minorities) with elections by PR, and more than 1 seat
- dist_pr Average size of PR electoral districts
thresh_pr  Legal electoral threshold in PR part of electoral system, which applies to ethnic minority parties

**Group characteristics**

**share**  Population share of ethnic group, in % of the population (estimates)

**conc**  Geographical concentration (dummy variable)
(Coded positive if the larger part of the ethnic minority group lives in a small part of the country.)

**local_maj**  Minority group forms a majority at the local or regional level.
If at least in one municipality or region the minority group amounts to more than 50% of the population, the variable is coded 1. Coding based on latest available census data or alternative sources.

**Ethnic minority parties**

**outcome**  Ethnic minority party holds at least one seat in parliament (first chamber)

**biparty**  Two or more ethnic minority parties hold at least one seat each in parliament (first chamber)

**coal**  Minority party run in coalition with non-minority party (dummy variable)

**parties_seats**  Number of parliamentary seats held by minority parties of particular group

**parties_share**  Share of parliamentary seats held by minority parties of particular group

**run**  Electoral entry of parties of particular group in election (dummy variable)

**Interactions of group size and electoral system variables**

**share_thresh**  Ratio of ethnic minority group size and applicable PR threshold (if threshold = 0, the ratio is set at 100)

**share_s**  Product of group size and overall number of seats in parliament

**share_distpr**  Product of group size and average district magnitude plus 1
(Rough indication whether group is large enough to win seats in average PR districts)

**share_spr**  Product of group size and overall number of seats in parliament elected by PR
(Rough indication whether group is large enough to win PR districts, if it would be concentrated in one PR district)

**elsys_e**  Dummy variable identifying whether the ethnic minority might be represented in parliament, according to the electoral rules

Electoral competition with mainstream parties

REA Accommodative-adversarial competitor reactions
Reaction of party with largest vote share in the election. Based on Comparative Manifesto Project. Items "Minorities Abroad: Positive", referring to ethnic minorities living in the manifesto country and "Multiculturalism: Positive" on the accommodative side, on the adversarial side "Multiculturalism: Negative" and "National Way of Life: Positive".

SAL Saliency of nationalism
Based on Comparative Manifesto Project