

Codebook - Voice of Hungary
Hungarian Protest Event Database (HuPED)
Version 2.0

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1 Introduction

The **Voice of Hungary – Hungarian Protest Event Database (HuPED)** is a comprehensive database that includes every political protest event in Hungary reported to the Police since November 2015. According to the law, a protest event is defined as: “For the purposes of this Act, assembly means a public gathering held with the participation of at least two persons for the purpose of expressing opinion in a public affair.” (Act LV of 2018 on the right of assembly, section 2) All protest events must be reported to the Police, at least 48 hours before the event. (Act LV, 10§(1); see: <https://net.jogtar.hu/jogszabaly?docid=a1800055.tv>)

We use a semi-automated keyword-based coding process to categorize the Protest Events by different issues, classify the organizers (i.e. party, CSO/SMO), and determine the scope of the event (i.e. global or local) (For a detailed description of the coding process and the variables involved, please refer to the Codebook.)

The coded data allows users to examine and compare various time periods or issues.

2 Coding Process

The data generation process is broken down into 6 steps.

- **Phase 1** In the first phase, raw data is requested from the Police. (https://kimitud.hu/user/susanszky_pal) “For the purposes of this Act, assembly means a public gathering held with the participation of at least two persons for the purpose of expressing opinion in a public affair.” (Act LV of 2018 on the right of assembly, section 2) “gyűlés a legalább két személy részvételével közügyben való véleménynyilvánítás céljából tartott nyilvános összejövetel.” (2018. LV trv. 2.§)
- **Phase 2** In the second phase, the non-demonstrations such as religious or private events are filtered out. By the end of the coding process, four types of events are classified (*event_type_cat* variable)
 - Demonstration: Protest Event
 - Cancelled demonstration: The organizers reported the protest event; however, it was later cancelled or prohibited by the police.
 - Not demonstration: e.g. religious mass procession, private event.
 - Party campaign: Party campaign events. For example spreading party campaign materials (e.g. flyers, leaflets), table stands and campaigning on the street.
- **Phase 3** The third phase contains the coding process. We use predefined keywords to categorize (1) various issues, (2) the organizers, (3) the scope of the event, (4) radical right events, (5) the date, and (6) the event’s location.
- **Phase 4** After semi-automated key-words-based coding, the remaining unclassified cases are manually coded. At the end of the process, we often gain new keywords.
- **Phase 5** After the coding process in the fifth phase, the checking process follows. We examine contradictory cases: e.g. one event cannot be both local and global at the same time.
Phase 5.1: Detecting contradictory cases. The following cases are examined:

- The event is coded as local AND global
- The event is coded as radical right AND anti-radical right
- The event is coded as a party campaign event AND the organizer is not a party

Phase 5.2: Checking for wrong categorization.

- The event is coded as radical right AND the issue is traffic
 - The event is coded as radical right AND at least one neighbouring country is mentioned
 - The event is not coded as a Hungarian minorities issue AND at least one neighbouring country is mentioned
 - The event is coded as organized by DK (Democratic Coalition), AND it only contains the keyword ‘dk’.
- **Phase 6** Validation process: Finally, to validate the coding process, we examine a randomly selected subsample.

3 Original variables in the Police archive

1. **id**
2. **Start**
3. **End date**
4. **Location:** street, city
5. **Short description:** Short description of the demands
6. **Organizer:** Name of the person who reported the protest event (PE)
7. **Organization:** Name of the organization that organizes the PE
8. **Long description:** Aim of the protest, described by the Organizer
9. **Expected number of participants**
10. **Status:** accepted, banned, cancelled by the Police

4 Variables in the Database

1. **id**
2. **content2**: Concatenated string variable. This variable contains all the other character variables (`content`, `short_ch`, `organizer_ch`, `organization_ch`) that we can use to detect keywords.
3. **year**
4. **month**
5. **day**
6. **electoral_cycle**:
 - 1 - 2014-2018
 - 2 - 2018-2022
 - 3 - 2022-2026
7. **kormenet**: Not protest events (dummy variable). Examples: processions, private events, weddings.
8. **korny_orsz**: `content2` mentions at least one of the neighbouring countries (dummy variable). Keyword examples: Ukraine, Romania, Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia, Slovakia, Austria, Transylvania
9. **nathol**: Public commemorations of national holidays. (15 March, 20 August, 23 October). According to Article J of the Constitution of Hungary

“The national holidays of Hungary shall be:

- the 15th day of March, in memory of the 1848-49 Revolution and War of Independence,
- the 20th day of August, in memory of the foundation of the State and King Saint Stephen the State Founder, and
- the 23rd day of October, in memory of the 1956 Revolution and War of Independence.”■
(<https://www.parlament.hu/documents/125505/138409/Fundamental+law/73811993-c377-428d-9808-ee03d6fb8178>)

10. **event_canceled**: Canceled events (dummy variable)
11. **event_type_cat**: Event type categorical variable
 - 0: demonstration
 - 1: cancelled demonstration (event_canceled=1)
 - 2: not demonstration (procession=1)
 - 3: party campaign (issue_partycamp=1 & count_issue=1): those events that were not classified as anything else but party campaign.

Location category: The location where the PE occurred (categorical variables)

12. **city**: The name of the location where the PE took place.
13. **city_cat**: City category. Recoded from city variable. Four categories: (1) Budapest, (2) Big cities (cities with county rights), (3) town, (4) village.
14. **county**: Recoded from city variable. 20 categories: The 19 counties and the capital city: (1) Bács-Kiskun, (2) Baranya, (3) Békés, (4) Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén, (5) Budapest, (6) Csongrád, (7) Fejér, (8) Győr-Moson-Sopron, (9) Hajdú-Bihar, (10) Heves, (11) Jász-Nagykun-Szolnok, (12) Komárom-Esztergom, (13) Nógrád, (14) Pest, (15) Somogy, (16) Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg, (17) Tolna, (18) Vas, (19) Veszprém, (20) Zala

Party organizer: Which parties organized the event (14 dummy variables)

15. **party_mszp**: Magyar Szocialista Párt
16. **party_dk**: Demokratikus Koalíció
17. **party_lmp**: Lehet Más a Politika
18. **party_mkkp**: Magyar Kétfarkú Kutya Párt

19. **party_munkaspart**: Magyar Munkáspárt
20. **party_fidesz**: Fidesz (Fiatal Demokraták Szövetsége)
21. **party_jobbik**: Jobbik Magyarországért Mozgalom
22. **party_mihazank**: Mi Hazánk Mozgalom
23. **party_momentum**: Momentum Mozgalom
24. **party_pm**: Párbeszéd Magyarországért
25. **party_ellenzek**: Egységben Magyarországért
26. **party_mmm**: Mindenki Magyaroszága Mozgalom
27. **party_other**: other party
28. **party_individual**: independent politician
29. **count_party**: Number of organizer parties, count of the party dummy variables

Organizer category: Type of organizer (Dummy variables)

30. **organizer_party**: The organizer is a party, $count_party \geq 1$
31. **organizer_civil**: The organizer is an NGO. Examples: Amnesty International, Greenpeace, TASZ
32. **organizer_party_youth**: youth organization of a party. Examples: Fidelitas, Momentum TizenX, Zöld Front.
33. **organizer_party_opp**: The organizer is a party in opposition
34. **organizer_other**: Another type of organizer

Radical right ideology: Radical right or counter-mobilization against the radical right PEs (dummy variables)

- 35. **rr**: Radical right events. Keyword examples: Trianon, Mi Hazánk Mozgalom, MIEP, Horthy
- 36. **anti_rr**: counter-mobilization against the RR. Keyword examples: against fascism, holocaust, racism.

Scope: The scope of the protest event (dummy variables)

- 37. **global**: Global issues. Keyword examples: foreign, Amnesty International, EU, Russia
- 38. **local**: Local issues. Keyword examples: town council, parking, lake Balaton

Issue: The issues claimed by the protest events (29 dummy variables)

Variable	Issue	Keyword examples
issue_allat	Animal Rights	animal shelter, beekeepers, fur industry, slaughterhouse, vegan, pesticides
issue_kornyved	Environment protection	climate change, red sludge, Fridays for Future, pollution, Greenpeace, nuclear power, rainforests
issue_korrupt	Corruption	corruption, public fund, money laundering, Borkai Zsolt, embezzlement
issueu_deviza	Mortgage victims	quaestor, Buda-cash, debts, liquidation, banks
issue_gazdasag	Economy	food prices, gas price, public procurement, labor rights, minimum wage, “slavery law”
issue_keresk	Trade	trade law, Transatlantic Trade, CETA
issue_mezogazd	Agriculture	meat industry, agrarian reform, fishing, silviculture, milk import, dairy industry
issue_oktatas	Education	university, kindergarten, teacher, education fee, CEU, Fridays for Future, HÖÖK, SZFE
issue_szocialis	Social issues	housing, nursing fee, poverty, humanitarian, disabled, child protection
issue_hatarontuli	Hungarian minorities	Transylvania, Vojvodina, Székely Land, Magyarok Világszövetsége, dual citizenship, Trianon
issue_migracio	Migration	refugee quota, population exchange, transit zone, border control, migration

issue_lmbtq	LGBTQ	pride, loveislove, rainbow, Labrisz, Háttér Társaság, LMBTQ
issue_gender	Gender	sexism, sexual assault, Istanbul Treaty, childbirth violence, men's day
issue_csalad	Family	abortion, paedophilia, fetus rights, home birth, domestic abuse
issue_vallas	Religion	religious persecution, Church Law, Hit Gyülekezete denomination, Scientology
issue_sport	Sport	Olympic games, football, swimming pool, FTC, UTE, closed-door matches
issue_egeszseg	Healthcare	nurses, hospital, hospice, cannabis, Semmelweis day, paediatrics
issue_eletmod	Lifestyle	breast cancer, drug prevention, active ageing, happy life, noise pollution, AIDS awareness
issue_roma	Roma people	Roma, racial discrimination, segregation
issue_demokracia	Democracy	constitution, regime change, European values, dictatorship, police, anti-war
issue_alapjog	Human rights	freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom of religion, freedom of assembly, Pegasus spyware, human trafficking
issue_kultura	Culture	music, museum, library, poetry, Hungarian Academy of Sciences
issue_megemlekezés	Commemoration	Martyrs of Arad, First World War, 1956, march 15, siege of Budapest, Holocaust

issue_kozlek	Transport	roadworks, airport, bike lane, railroad boycott, motorcycle rally
issue_partesem	Campaign events	these are not real protests but party campaigns. For example spreading party campaign materials (e.g. flyers, leaflets), table stands and campaigning on the street
issue_progov	Pro-government	CÖF, CÖKA, Peace March
issue_kozbizt	Public safety	Public safety, law enforcement, security, law and order
issue_covid	COVID	COVID, virus, vaccine, pandemic, quarantine, lockdown
issue_ukran_haboru	War in Ukraine	Ukraine, demonstration against the war, demonstration supporting Russia

Other technical variables

39. **count_issue**: The number of coded issues, the sum of issue dummies.

40. **issue_missing**: the issue could not be detected (count_issue=0).