Codebook

Protest events (Italy, Switzerland, USA)

File description:

This file includes all protest events produced by the peace, ecology, and antinuclear movements in Italy, Switzerland, and the USA as defined by the list of forms (see codelist). The following newspapers have been used: *Corriere della Sera* (Italy), *Neue Zürcher Zeitung* (Switzerland), and *The New York Times* (USA). Each Monday edition has been coded (Sunday and Monday for the USA). If the Monday edition was not available, the issue for the following day has been coded. Events that took place during the previous or the following week have also been taken if they were mentioned in the issue and if they actually occurred (but other events have been ignored). The period covered spans from 1975 to 1999 included (plus 1970). Events that occurred in Switzerland from 1975 to 1989 have been gathered as part of another project (new social movements in Western Europe).

Definition of events:

Protest events are defined by the list of forms (see codelist). All events has been taken which a) challenge political authorities and/or b) address the public opinion. Only dated events or events that could be supposed to have occurred in the last week have been taken. Events that occurred in different places at the same time have been coded as separate events to the extent that the place was mentioned. Separate events have been coded that took place in the same place but have clear distinct forms.

Uncoded events: - reports by parliamentary or administrative offices
- direct non-political actions (site cleaning, animal protection, etc.)
- comments and statements not challenging the authorities or not addressing the public opinion
- internal organizational activities
- celebrative or commemorative actions (unless openly political)
- actions aimed at preservation (except for land acquisition)

Variables:

COUNTRY   Country
                   1 Switzerland
                   2 Italy
                   3 USA

DAY   Day of occurrence of the event (or newspaper issue)
                   (2-digit code)

MONTH	Month of occurrence of the event
	(2-digit code)

YEAR	Year of occurrence of the event
	(2-digit code)

FRAME   Frame/scope of the event
                            1 international
                            2 national
                            3 regional or local
                            9 missing

FORM	Form of the event
	(see codelist)

GOAL	Goal of the event
	(see codelist)

PART   Number of participants
(7-digit code)
If many figures are reported, estimation given by the newspaper has been coded. If not available, the estimation by the police has been coded. If not available, the estimation by the organizers has been coded.
Estimates: (several) dozens: 60;
                   (several) hundreds: 500;
                   (several) thousands: 5000.

PLACE   Place of occurrence of the event
The first figure refers to the country.
11 Bern
12 Zurich
13 Geneva
14 Kaiseraugst
15 other Switzerland
21 Roma
22 Milano
23 Comiso
24 Montalto di Castro
25 other Italy
31 Washington
32 New York
33 Seabrook
34 other USA
99 missing

INSTIT   Institutional event
(coded only for the USA)
Institutional events are conventional events (forms 1 to 37, see codelist)
produced by political authorities or elites (political decisions are excluded).
0 no
1 yes

METLOM   Event found in the "Metropoli" or Lombardia" sections of the newspaper
(coded only for Italy)
0 no
1 yes

ARREST   Number of people arrested
(coded only for the USA)
(4-digit code)