

## Code Book

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This codebook accompanies replication data for:

Judicial Public Relations: Press Release Publication by Constitutional Courts.

Variable name	Variable description
document_id	Identification number court decision (date[yyyymmdd]_docketnumber)
decision_year	Year of court decision
decision_date	Date of court decision
docket_number	Docket number of court decision
decision_shorttext	Short text of court decision, covering the general topic
pressrelease_publication	Existence of a decision-related press release: Is a press release published in the context of the respective decision? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ yes (1)</li> <li>▪ no (0)</li> </ul>
pressrelease_date	Date of the decision-related press release
pressrelease_number	Number of the press release (internal sequence number/year)
dissenting_opinion	Existence of a dissenting opinion: Is the respective decision accompanied with a dissenting opinion? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ yes (1)</li> <li>▪ no (0)</li> </ul>
oral_hearing	Existence of an oral hearing: Was an oral hearing held in the context of the respective decisions? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ yes (1)</li> <li>▪ no (0)</li> </ul>
statusquo_change	Existence of a status quo change: Is the Court invalidating a statute with the respective decision? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ yes (1)</li> <li>▪ no (0)</li> </ul>
lower_court_overruling	Existence of a lower court overruling: Does the Court overrules a lower court decision? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ yes (1)</li> <li>▪ no (0)</li> </ul>
abstract_review	Existence of an abstract review: Is the respective decision concerned with an abstract review (BvF)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ yes (1)</li> <li>▪ no (0)</li> </ul>
concrete_review	Existence of a concrete review: Is the respective

	<p>decision concerned with a concrete review (BvL)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ yes (1)</li> <li>▪ no (0)</li> </ul>
constitutional_complaint	<p>Existence of a constitution complaint: Is the respective decision concerned with a constitutional complaint (BvR)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ yes (1)</li> <li>▪ no (0)</li> </ul>
dispute_federalorgans	<p>Existence of a dispute between federal organs: Is the respective decision concerned with a dispute between federal organs (BvE)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ yes (1)</li> <li>▪ no (0)</li> </ul>
dispute_federation_land	<p>Existence of a dispute between the federation and a land: Is the respective decision concerned with a dispute between the federation and a land (BvE)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ yes (1)</li> <li>▪ no (0)</li> </ul>
second_senate	<p>Deciding court branch: Is the second senate the deciding court branch for the respective decision?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ yes (1)</li> <li>▪ no (0)</li> </ul>
judgment	<p>Decision type: Is the respective decision a judgment rather and not an order?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ yes (1)</li> <li>▪ no (0)</li> </ul>
decision_length	<p>Word count of court decision.</p>
prior_attention	<p>Decision was covered by the media prior to the official announcement at least once.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ yes (1)</li> <li>▪ no (0)</li> </ul>