

# Codebook: Making Candidates Count

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## Abstract

Codebook for the data used in [Blais & Indridason \(2007\)](#).

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# 1 The Data

The data used in the article was collected from several sources.

Data on the electoral pact: [the Green party's website](#), [the Socialist party's website](#), and [the Ministry of the Interior's](#) official list of candidates.

Data on election results: [the French National assembly's website](#) and the Ministry of the Interior's website.

Note: A few errors in the (turnout) data have been corrected since the publication of [Blais & Indridason \(2007\)](#). The results in the article are virtually identical.

## 1.1 Variables

TABLE 1: VARIABLES.

Variable	Range	Explanation
<i>Dependent Variables</i>		
common	{0, 1}	0=No, 1=yes
candidate	{0, 1, 2}	0=Not common, 1=Socialist candidate, 2=Green candidate
<i>Independent Variables</i>		
Gincum	{0, 1}	0=Other, 1=Green incumbent
Sincum	{0, 1}	0=Other, 1=Socialist incumbent
Rincum	{0, 1}	0=Other, 1=Right incumbent
thresdist	(.01-38.87)	Turnout adjusted threshold distance
blocdist	(.01-34.85)	Turnout adjusted bloc distance
adjFNvote	(.82-26.67)	Turnout adjusted Front National vote
fnthr	(0, 817)	adjFNvote * (42.02-thresdist)
paris	{0, 1}	0=outside Paris (Ile-de-France), 1=Paris
<i>Other Variables</i>		
district	xx-xx-xx	Département-circonscription-first two letters of name
department	xx	Département
circonscription	xx	circonscription
big_coal	{0, 1}	0=Socialist-Green Alliance, 1=Included more parties
turnout	(.56,.84)	Turnout in first round 1997
leftvote	(.15,.74)	Total vote of all left parties 1997
rightvote	(.25,.84)	Total vote of all right parties 1997
othervote	(0,.17)	Total vote of other parties 1997
voteFN97	(5.23,35.45)	Front National vote (unadjusted)
aggr97	(2.6,73.8)	Sum of Green and Socialist vote 1997
aggr97adj	(1.68,51.37)	aggr97 turnout adjusted

To replicate the results in [Blais & Indridason \(2007\)](#) using Stata run the following models:

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logit col2002 difthres close Sincum Rincum paris if big_coal==0 &  
aggr97~=0 & Gincum~=1
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logit col2002 difthres close Sincum Rincum adjFNvote paris if  
big_coal==0 & & aggr97~=0 & Gincum~=1
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logit col2002 difthres close Sincum Rincum adjFNvote fnthr paris if  
big_coal==0 & aggr97~=0 & Gincum~=1
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mlogit multi difthres close adjFNvote fnthr Sincum Rincum paris if  
big_coal==0 & aggr97~=0 & Gincum~=1, b(0)
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[same model, different reference category:]

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mlogit multi difthres close adjFNvote fnthr Sincum Rincum paris if  
big_coal==0 & aggr97~=0 & Gincum~=1, b(1)
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The results using the corrected data follow:

TABLE 2: DEAL OR NO DEAL: LOGISTIC REGRESSION

	first	FN	interFN
	(1)	(2)	(3)
Threshold Distance	-.245*** (.040)	-.176*** (.043)	-.240** (.119)
Bloc Distance	-.068*** (.026)	-.078*** (.028)	-.077*** (.028)
Turnout adjusted FN vote in 1997		.182*** (.041)	.403 (.383)
Interaction adjFNvote * thresdist			-.006 (.011)
Socialist Incumbent	3.010*** (.795)	2.881*** (.807)	2.816*** (.810)
Right Incumbent	3.380*** (.773)	3.629*** (.793)	3.574*** (.793)
Paris Dummy	-1.026*** (.351)	-.704* (.363)	-.730** (.366)
Const.	-1.729** (.763)	-4.224*** (.976)	-3.757*** (1.250)
Obs.	487	486	486
e(ll)	-217.26	-205.559	-205.387

TABLE 3: DEAL OR NO DEAL: LOGISTIC REGRESSION

	None (1)	Socialist (2)
socialist:thresdist	-.536*** (.175)	
socialist:bloclist	-.058* (.034)	
socialist:adjFNvote	1.268** (.530)	
socialist:fnthr	-.029** (.015)	
socialist:Sincum	3.609*** (1.087)	
socialist:Rincum	3.402*** (1.075)	
socialist:paris	-1.064** (.494)	
socialist:-cons	-3.301** (1.620)	
green:thresdist	.125 (.147)	.661*** (.213)
green:bloclist	-.093** (.039)	-.035 (.046)
green:adjFNvote	-.855 (.530)	-2.123*** (.692)
green:fnthr	.026* (.014)	.055*** (.019)
green:Sincum	.837 (1.254)	-2.772* (1.611)
green:Rincum	3.619*** (1.098)	.217 (1.482)
green:paris	-.381 (.486)	.683 (.647)
green:-cons	-5.607*** (1.666)	-2.306 (2.139)
Obs.	486	486
e(ll)	-258.861	-258.861

## **References**

Blais, A. & Indridason, I. H. (2007). Making candidates count: The logic of electoral alliances in two round legislative elections. *Journal of Politics*, 69(1), 193–205.

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