

PolPaL (Political Party Links) Migration Strategy v1.1

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1. Introduction

Party Facts (Döring & Regel 2019) has made invaluable contributions to linking parties across a wide variety of datasets. We build upon the Party Facts' core data model (Bederke, Döring, & Regel, 2023) and extend it in several important ways. This document lists the data tables that have been migrated from Party Facts to PolPaL. The document → **PolPaL_DataModel** provides further details.

2. Party Facts core parties

We rely on Party Facts' core parties (Bederke, Döring, & Regel, 2023) as a starting point. For the initial list of PolPaL entities, the PolPaL ID is identical to the Party Facts ID. We include their names (short name, English name, original name), their Party Facts ID, the assigned Wikipedia URL, and their country, if applicable, as given in Party Facts. Table 1 shows in detail which data has been migrated how.

Table 1. Party Facts core parties (Bederke, Döring, Regel 2023) to PolPaL entities.

Party Facts core parties (Bederke, Döring, Regel 2023)	**PolPaL entity list**	**Comment**
country	countries	*countries* in PolPaL can contain multiple PolPaL countrycodes, separated by '||'
partyfacts_id	polpalId	*partyfacts_id* becomes *polpalId*; new PolPaL entities get assigned new PolPaL IDs independently of Party Facts
name_short	nameShort	Initially taken from Party Facts, later curated to match new coding convention
name_english	nameEnglish	Initially taken from Party Facts, later curated to match new coding convention
name	name	Initially taken from Party Facts, later curated to match new coding convention
name_other		*not migrated*
year_first		*not migrated*
year_last		*not migrated*
share		*not migrated*
share_year		*not migrated*
new		*not migrated*
wikipedia	wikipediaUrl	Initially taken from Party Facts, updated if required
description		*not migrated*
comment		*not migrated*
created		*not migrated*
modified		*not migrated*

We drop those Party Facts core parties that are marked as technical (*ally*, *perc*, *indep*, *etc*, *unknown*, *tech*).

3. Additional data tables

No additional data tables have been migrated from *Party Facts* to *PolPaL*.

4. Compatibility between Party Facts and PolPaL

We additionally integrated Party Facts as an external dataset, allowing users to easily link PolPaL entities back to Party Facts core parties. This facilitates comparisons between Party Facts and PolPaL and guarantees transparency should the two databases create the same IDs for different entities in the future. The dropped *technical* core parties are linked to the following PolPaL special entities:

- *alliance* → PolPaL residual
- *1 percent* → PolPaL residual
- *independent* → PolPaL independent
- *other* → PolPaL others
- *unknown* → PolPaL residual
- *technical* → PolPaL residual

5. References

Bederke, P., Döring, H., & Regel, S. (2023). Party Facts – Version 2023 [Dataset]. In Harvard Dataverse. https://doi.org/10.7910/dvn/tjinlq

Döring, H., & Regel, S. (2019). Party Facts: A database of political parties worldwide. Party Politics, 25(2), 97–109. https://doi.org/10.1177/1354068818820671

6. Version history

- Reference to Data Model documentation was added
- Typos were corrected