

# Chapel Hill Expert Survey 2020 – COVID CODEBOOK

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Administered in June 2020 and completed by 257 political scientists specializing in political parties and European integration, the 2020 SPEED\_CHES provides information about the positioning of 251 parties on four COVID-19 related policies. The survey covers political parties in 32 countries, including all European Union member states except for Luxembourg, plus Norway, Switzerland, Turkey, and the United Kingdom. Merge with the 2019 CHES data and codebook for country codes, party names and ideological positions.

ECON\_VS\_CONTAIN = the party’s position on responding to the COVID-19 crisis since it emerged in 2020?

0: Prioritizing keeping the economy open

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10: Prioritizing containing the virus

FISCAL\_UNION = the party’s position on moving towards a European fiscal union?

0: Strongly opposes moving towards a fiscal union

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10: Strongly favors moving towards a fiscal union

GOV\_VS\_CITIZEN = the party’s position on whether citizens cannot be trusted to follow public health advisory and thus governments should strictly enforce public health measures, or individual citizens should be trusted to self-enforce public health advisory on their own.

0: Believes in strict government enforcement

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10: Fully trusts citizen self-enforcement

SCIENCE\_ESSENTIAL = the party’s position on whether scientific expertise is essential for public policymaking.

0: Scientific expertise is not essential for sound policymaking

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10: Scientific expertise is essential for sound policymaking