

LABORATORY

Elite's attitude and behaviour

SEMINAR 2

Activism Indicators and Issues

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OUTLINE

1. Index(es) building process
2. Presentation of works
3. Discussion

The Activism Index (Ai) used for “Antenna Europarlamentare”

“Ai” FORMULA

$$\left(\frac{I_1 \text{MEPscore}}{I_1 \text{PEmean}} + \dots + \frac{I_n \text{MEPscore}}{I_n \text{PEmean}} \right) : n$$

- $A_i > 1 \rightarrow$ IPER-ACTIVISM
- $A_i < 1 \rightarrow$ IPO-ACTIVISM



EXAMPLE: ACTIVISM INDEX

MEP NAME

EP MEAN

Speeches: 50

Speeches: 70

Reports: 5

Reports: 12

Opinions: 10

Opinions: 20

Motions: 12

Motions: 10

Declarations: 2

Declarations: 4

Questions: 100

Questions: 120

$$[50/70 + 5/12 + 10/20 + 12/10 + 2/4 + 100/120] / 6 =$$

$$[0,71 + 0,42 + 0,5 + 1,2 + 0,5 + 0,83] / 6 =$$

$$4,28 / 6 = \mathbf{0,71} \rightarrow \text{IPO ACTIVISM}$$



The indexes used by “MEPRanking”

SCORE

$$\left(\frac{I_1 \text{MEPscore}}{I_1 \text{PEmax}} + \dots + \frac{I_n \text{MEPscore}}{I_n \text{PEmax}} \right) : n$$

- $i = 0 \rightarrow$ Min Activ. level
- $i = 1 \rightarrow$ Max Activ. level

WEIGHTED SCORE

$$\left(I_1 \text{MEPscore} \times \text{wgt} + \dots + I_n \text{MEPscore} \times \text{wgt} \right)$$

- $i = 0 \rightarrow$ Min Activ. level
- NO Max Activ. level



EXAMPLE: SCORE

MEP NAME

EP MAX

Speeches: 50

Speeches: 100

Reports: 5

Reports: 15

Opinions: 10

Opinions: 30

Motions: 12

Motions: 15

Declarations: 2

Declarations: 10

Questions: 100

Questions: 300

$$[50/100 + 5/15 + 10/30 + 12/15 + 2/10 + 100/300] / 6 =$$

$$[0,5 + 0,33 + 0,33 + 0,8 + 0,2 + 0,33] / 6 =$$

$$2,49 / 6 = \mathbf{0,41}$$



EXAMPLE: WEIGHTED SCORE

MEP NAME	WEIGHT	WIGHTED SCORE
Speeches: 50	Speeches: 0,28	Speeches: 14
Reports: 5	Reports: 10,20	Reports: 51
Opinions: 10	Opinions: 12,54	Opinions: 125,4
Motions: 12	Motions: 1,23	Motions: 14,76
Declarations: 2	Declarations: 18,54	Declarations: 37,8
Questions: 100	Questions: 1	Questions: 100

$$[50/0,28 + 5/10,20 + 10/12,54 + 12/1,23 + 2/18,54 + 100/1] =$$

$$[14 + 51 + 125 + 14,76 + 37,8 + 100] = \mathbf{342,56}$$



COMPARISON OF INDEXES HAS NOT MEANING !

$A_i = 0,71$

SCORE = 0,41

WEIGHTED SCORE = 342,56



PRESENTATION OF WORKS AND DISCUSSION



PAPER OUTLINE

1. Observed MEPs. Which and Why?
2. Data and indicators description
3. Activism index construction method(s)
4. Observations and analysis (if possible crossing Activism variable and socio-political variables as age, gender, PE experience, national party, institutional role etc.)

