



Turkey

Annotation Manual

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General Instructions for Content Analysis

- The purpose of the analysis is not to determine when the event occurred but rather to inscribe and compare how the newspapers reflected on these events.

The main reason behind this approach is to determine the level of importance that is attained to the event by the newspaper(s). Hence, you will code an event not only once, but the number of the times this event is reported in the newspaper. This is because the number of times an event is reported will reflect the importance of that event and this is what we are interested in.

Each mention of the same event in the same issue of a newspaper should be included in content analysis as a separate entry as the number of mentions reflect the importance of that event.

As a result, an event that is not newsworthy for a newspaper will not be included in content analysis.

- Before starting content analysis, please familiarize yourself with the categories in the Qualtrics.
- Content analysis should only depend on the information provided by the news story. It should not be based upon the personal interpretation by coders. Several questions could be left unanswered if necessary information is not provided by the news story.
- Each news box will be evaluated separately. The same event will be entered multiple times and separately if it is reported under different headings on the same day's issue.
- To help you code the specific characteristics of organizers of events (such as ideological, ethnic, religious, racial characteristics, you will be provided with a list of organizations that have been active in your case country for the period under investigation)
- Do not code propaganda related news stories including stories about manifestos and other similar propaganda tools.

News Title:

Q2. Indicate **the title of the news story** as it is written in the paper. Please note that, if the title is in local language, translate it into English.

- If you are going to enter multiple codes for a single story, indicate each of them separately with with different numbers. For example, "Labor unions decided to go to a strike – 1" and "Labor unions decided to go to a strike – 2".
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- If there are multiple events, then code them separately as indicated in the question about titles e.g. "-1", "-2" and make sure that the most important event is the first one, if the level of importance of a series of events is ambiguous, it should be based on the order of reference in the news story.

Link of the story:

Link. Enter the webpage link for the news article.

- If there is no webpage link for the coded article, leave this box blank.

Page Number:

Q3. Indicate **the page number of the news story**. If the headline of story is in the first page and the news continues in the following page(s), select the first page in page number selection.

- If the event is detailed in the following page(s) with different titles, the page number should be selected as the first page. That is, if event is worth reporting in the first page at least for once, all other mentions of the event should also be coded as Page 1.

Location:

Q4-Q7. Indicate **where the event takes place**. If the location is not clear in the story (whether the location mentioned is urban, rural or slum), please search the location on the Web to determine this category.

Place:

Q8-Q9. Please check the categories that are given under the **place of the event** in Qualtrics. This is not the city/town/state but the place event occurred. If the place of the event is compatible with one of these categories, select the one. If the given event occurred in front a building that is categorized (e.g. party office or president's office), select the appropriate category and not the "street". If the place of the event is not stated in the story, the default place of an event is "street". If the place is not in the list, select 'other' and specify the place based on the news story.

Type of Event:

Q10 Please indicate **the type of event**.

(If there are multiple events, then code them separately as indicated in the question about titles e.g. "-1", "-2" and make sure that the most important event is the first one, if you cannot decide on the importance level of different events than do this based on the order of reference in the news story)

- If the news story informs about the future events (e.g. mass demonstration today at noon, sit-ins next Monday etc.), such announcements of the future events will not be included in the content analysis, these will not be coded.

- Any event which has been cancelled/disrupted/blocked for any given reason (e.g. a terrorist attack that has been prevented by intelligence services, a demonstration that is disrupted by the riot police etc.) will not be included in content analysis.
- Any event that has been initiated by state/government actors (e.g. an operation by military on terrorist organizations, excessive use of force by army/police forces) will not be included in content analysis.
- The new story about a summary of events over a certain amount of time to provide a general account, without mentioning concrete events (e.g. the civilians who lost their lives in terrorist attacks over the last year in Southeastern Turkey; millions of people joined anti-government protests in Brazil in 2013) would not be included in content analysis.
- If the news story does not specifically reflect a single event or multiple events but gives a general mention of happenings (e.g. Some BJP headquarters are attacked across India, there are events of lynching against blacks across American South), it would not be included in content analysis.
- If the specific characteristics/identities of the participants of an event is not stated in the news story, the widest possible option should be selected (e. g. use “the masses” (common people, public) for the participants of a suburb riot in France if the story does not state the participants as “youth”, “workers” or “students” or multiple of them); or hundreds of thousands of people took to streets to protest the government in Russia)
- In the case of an event that is happening in different cities and if these cities are stated in the news story, there should be additional number of codes for each city (e.g. Mine workers go on a strike in Ankara and Istanbul: two different coding entries for one event in two cities). Titles should be like (“Miners strike – 1 and Miners strike -2”).
- If the participants of an ongoing event add a new form of protest to their action, there should be two entries (e. g. workers held a mass demonstration at the city center yesterday on the 45th day of their strike: strike and demonstration, Then the title will be like (“Workers strike – 1, and Workers strike – 2”)
- If the event occurred in different sectors of the workforce, there would be different entries for each sector (e.g. Workers in mining and energy sectors go on a strike: 2 different entries).
- Clashes between state and any non-state armed organization must be included in content analysis.
- Clashes between different ideological groups (armed or unarmed) must be included in content analysis.
- Executions and assassinations within organizations **should not** be included.
- Murders and assassinations without any political significance i.e. skirmishes among civilians who are not political actors, should not be included. Only assassinations

against state actors, or against journalists, professors, lawyers with political objectives should be included.

- Official ceremonies, holidays, celebrations and commemorations organized by the state or public authorities will not be included (e.g. national independence days, commemorations for founding fathers). However, if the governing party mobilizes people for a political gathering, this should be included.
- If there are multiple events, then code them separately as indicated in the question about titles e.g. “-1”, “-2” and make sure that the most important event is the first one, if the level of importance of a series of events is ambiguous, it should be based on the order of reference in the news story.
- Each mention of the same event in the same issue of a newspaper should be included in content analysis as a separate entry as the number of mentions reflect the importance of that event.

News Follow-up:

- The follow-up coverage of an original event should be included in content analysis. The deadline for the inclusion of such follow-up news of events is one year after the original date of the event (e.g. The news about a miners’ strike in May 2016 should be covered and included in the analysis until its “expiry date” which is May 2017 ; September 11, 2001 attacks should be covered only until September 11, 2002.)
- Past events should not be entered if the time and location of the event are not mentioned in the news story. (e.g. clashes between participants of a previous protest and the police, civilians killed during military operations without a mention of a time and place, “September 11 attacks have changed history” should not be coded)

Types of Events:

- If there are multiple events in a news story, each event should be coded separately.
- Types of events should not be based on coder’s interpretation. It is coded based on the phrasing used in the news story. If this event type, as is reported in the news story, does not exist in the Qualtrics form, then the coders task is to locate the event under one of the categories provided in the form. (e.g. if the news story says “the shopkeeper set himself in fire to protest the government”, then this should be coded a self-immolation)
- Demonstrations, gatherings, press declarations etc. organized by political parties, organizations, or representatives of political parties should be included.
- If there are spontaneous gatherings in front of any location for political purposes, it should be entered as gathering or demonstration.

Violence in events:

- There are 6 different codes for violence and the logic for separating violence is straight forward

- If one group uses violence without any violent return, then this is a unidirectional attack. For instance, if a group beats civilians without any violent return, or if a group assassinates an individual, this is a unidirectional violent event. It can be armed (for instance a suicide bomb) or unarmed (for instance lynching without any weapons used).
- If violence is a clash, it means two opposing sides used violence. This can also be armed or unarmed. Also, this can involve security forces (police, army etc...) or it can occur among civilians. For instance, if a terrorist organization shoots a police officer and other police officers respond with weapons, this is an armed violent clash with security forces. If a group protests and then another group responds by attacking the protesting group (without any weapons), this is an unarmed violent clash with other civilians.

Q11. What is the weapon used in the armed violent attack? Note: If multiple weapons used, select all relevant ones.

- Select all the weapons used in the violent unidirectional attack. You can click multiple answer categories if multiple weapons were used.

Against Whom:

Q12-Q13. Please check the categories that are given under **the institution or individual against whom the event occurred** carefully.

There can be multiple actors being protested, then select the most important one and clearly indicate the name of the protested parties in Q13.

- If an event is identified as a clash with security forces, security forces should be included in this part.
- If there are multiple actors, write down the names of the institutions and/or organizations and separate them with a comma.

Ideology:

Q14. Please check the categories that are given under **the ideology of the individual or institution**, against whom the event occurred. If the ideology of the event is not in the given list of ideologies, select 'other' and specify the ideology of the individual or institution, against whom the event occurred, based on the news story.

- Indicating the ideology of the individual or institution, against whom the event occurred, should not be necessarily stated in each event. Please indicate it if is clearly provided by the news story and check the list provided. When deemed necessary, the ideology of an institution or an individual can be searched on the Web.

Ethnicity & Religious Identity:

Q15. If the individual/institution/organization against whom the event occurred, has a significant ethnic/racial identity please indicate.

Q16. If the individual/institution/organization against whom the event occurred, has a significant religious identity please indicate.

Organizer:

The difference between organizer and participant of an event is very important. First, the same participant group can join two events organized by two different organizations and the result may be totally different. For example, workers can join a leftwing rally organized by unions or a right-wing lynching against migrants, organized by a racist organization. Second, some events are organized by some organizations or it can happen spontaneously without any organizing effort. This should be mentioned.

Q17-Q18. Indicate **the organizer(s) of the event**. If the organizer is not clear of the indicated in the news story, select ‘no organization organized the event, unclear, not indicated’.

- If there are multiple actors, select ‘multiple organizations’ and write down the names of the organizers and separate them with a comma.
- If the organizer(s) of the event is not in the given list of organizer, select ‘other’ and specify the organizer(s) of the event based on the news story.
- If there is no organizer of the event, i.e. the event occurred spontaneously, then indicate “no organization organized the event”
- If there is an organizer but the organizer is not clear or not specified, then indicate “unclear, not indicated”

Ideology of the organizer(s):

Q19. Indicate **the ideology of the organizer(s)**. If there are multiple organizers, mixed left or mixed rights options can be selected. Mixed left includes left-wing groups that organize together: feminists and socialists, or anarchists and environmentalists etc...

Mixed right includes right-wing groups that organize together: nationalists and conservatives etc...

Participants:

Q20. Please indicate **the number of different groups of participants** in the event depending on the news story (This is not the number of participants). Then, specify the types of participants depending on the example given in the parenthesis and select the answer. Determine the number of different participants by “counting” the ones mentioned in the story.

- Some codes are general and include others, for instance “the masses” can include doctors, students, workers, and policemen in it. Specify the participants as much as possible and Determine the number of participants by the following rule:
 - If the story mentions “doctors, students, and numerous groups”, then participants are 1-white-collared professionals, 2-students, and 3-the masses so number of participants is 3.
 - If the story mentions “a mixed group of protesters marched” then the participant is “the masses”, so the number of participants is 1.
 - If the story mentions “students and factory workers joined a sit-in in the factory”, then participants are 1-students, and 2-blue-collared workers, so number of participants is 2.

Q21. Please check the categories that are given under **types of participants**. You can select maximum 3 options. Priority should be given based on the sequence in the news story.

- If the participants of the event are not in the given list of types of participants, select ‘other’ and specify the participants of the event based on the news story.

Q22. Please check the categories that are given under **the ideology of participants**. If the ideology of participants is not in the given list of ideologies, select ‘other’ and specify the ideology of the participants based on the news story.

- Indicating the ideology of participants should not be necessarily stated in each event. Please indicate it if is clearly provided by the news story. When deemed necessary, the ideology of an institution or an individual can be searched on the Web.

Q23. Ethnic identity of participants (if participants have an important ethnic identity)

Q24. Religious identity of participants (if participants have an important religious identity)

Q25. Type of participant (write down the "other" type of participant)

Q26. Ideology of participants (write down the "other" ideology)

Q27. If stated in the news story, please write the demand(s) of the participants. **Summarize or list the demands.**

Sector:

Question 28 to 31 will show up only if you select *strike* or *any other work-related event* for event type, OR if you select *factory* or *business/office/company* for event location OR, if you select *white-collared* or *blue-collared workers* for one of the three participants.

Please be careful while coding multiple events. Make sure you select the same category for the questions below when you code multiple events (e.g. Title – 1 and Title – 2)

Q28. If the event is work-related, please indicate the sector based on the information given the news story.

- If it is not listed, please specify the sector separately. If there is no information about the sector, select **not mentioned in the story/unclear**.

Q29. What is the nature of participants' employment status?

- The employment status may not be clear all the time but if the story mentions uninsured workers, those who are not in the pension system, those who work in the black market (shadow economy), then workers are informal.

Q30. Are the workers subcontracted employees?

- Subcontracted employees (also called subcontractors) are those who do not work for a company but perform duties through a liaison contract and/or business to fulfill part or all of the obligations of a given company.

Number of casualties:

Q31. Total number of individuals who participated in the event should be written.

- If this is not clear and an estimate is given, e.g. “around five thousand individuals” or “hundreds of individuals” then, write the exact statement about participation figure as it is written in the story.

Q32. The number of dead and wounded should be written separately for participants, public officers and civilians.

- If this is not clear and estimate is given, e.g. “around five thousand individuals” or “hundreds of individuals” then, write the exact statement about participation figure as it is written in the story.

Poverty:

Q33. If participants or organizers of the event are poor people based on the news story, please indicate this. There might be event in which poor and non-poor participated. If there is at least one group of poor people that participated the event, then answer this question positively.

- If both participants and organizers are both poor, then select both boxes.
- Determining if a participant/organizer is poor may not be simple, you may need to search the Web but some cues from the news article itself can suggest whether the participants/organizers are poor: location, participants, demands, organizers, photo from the story can suggest whether at least one participant or organizer is poor.

Self-assurance:

Q34. Please indicate to what extent you are confident of your overall analysis of the news story and the content you coded.

Explanations:

Q35. If there are important elements about the event other than the information used to answer questions, please indicate them.

- Write down all the problems, limitations and questions you have in English.