

CODEBOOK FOR FOREIGN TV NEWS STUDY
APPENDIX A – TOPIC CODES

Internal politics

- 101 Legislative activities (e.g., discussion of a new law)
- 102 Executive activities (e.g., announcement by the president)
- 103 Judicial decisions
- 104 Constitutional issues
- 105 Elections
- 106 Political fundraisers and donations
- 107 Political appointments
- 108 Statements and activities of individual politicians
- 109 Inter-party relations
- 110 Internal party relations
- 111 Activities of interest groups
- 112 Referendum
- 113 Public opinion/polling
- 114 Abuse of political power, corruption
- 115 Abortion
- 116 Commission of inquiry
- 117 Resignation of politician
- 118 Fall of government – vote of no confidence
- 199 Other

International politics

- 201 Activities of international political organizations
- 202 Activities of individual politicians
- 203 Activities of political parties
- 204 Diplomatic visits
- 205 Diplomatic negotiations and agreements
- 206 Promises of aid or cooperation
- 207 Policy statements
- 208 Wars between countries
- 209 International tensions and disagreements
- 210 International terrorism
- 211 Embargo
- 299 Other

Military and defense

- 301 Military activities
- 302 Appointments and firings in the military
- 303 Government defense policy and action
- 304 Protest at government defense policy
- 399 Other

Internal order

- 401 Civil war
- 402 Peaceful demonstrations
- 403 Violent demonstrations

- 404 Terrorism
- 405 Crime levels
- 406 Petit/small crimes
- 407 Police management
- 408 Espionage
- 409 Fire brigade
- 410 Prison conditions
- 411 Corruption (not political)
- 412 Police behavior
- 413 White collar crime
- 414 Judicial decisions
- 415 Child abuse
- 416 Pedophilia
- 417 Violence against women/wives
- 418 Violence against husbands
- 419 Political assassinations
- 420 Murder
- 421 Robbery
- 422 Crime investigation
- 423 Assault
- 424 Rape
- 425 Criminal association (e.g., Mafia)
- 426 Fraud
- 427 Political corruption
- 428 Libel suit
- 499 Other

Economy

- 501 State of economy
- 502 Economic indexes (e. g. , domestic production numbers)
- 503 Job market
- 504 Appointments
- 505 Fiscal measures
- 506 Budget issues
- 507 Natural resources
- 508 Monopolies
- 509 Tariffs
- 510 Economic legal issues
- 511 Donations
- 512 Stock market situation
- 599 Other

Labor and industrial relations

- 601 Union activities (e g , lobbying)
- 602 Disputes
- 603 Strikes
- 604 Legal measures and policy
- 605 Foreign/guest workers – policy
- 606 Relations between employer associations and workers
- 607 Foreign/guest workers – condition of workers

699 Other

Business, commerce, industry

- 701 Business activities
- 702 Legal measures and policy
- 703 International business
- 704 Globalization
- 705 Stock market
- 706 Mergers and acquisitions
- 707 E-commerce
- 708 Technology
- 709 Tourism
- 710 Agriculture
- 711 Trade with foreign countries
- 712 Appointments and firings
- 799 Other

Transportation

- 801 Transportation infrastructure/transportation systems
- 802 Public transportation issues
- 803 Automobiles
- 804 Driving behavior
- 805 Driving conditions
- 806 Parking issues
- 807 Aviation
- 808 Railway/trains/subway
- 809 Transportation-related construction
- 899 Other

Health, welfare, social services

- 901 State of health system
- 902 Health policies and legal measures
- 903 Health insurance issues
- 904 Health epidemic
- 905 New medications
- 906 New health technology or medical practice
- 907 Social services – policy
- 908 Social services – conditions
- 909 Social services – payments
- 910 Non-profit organizations
- 911 Benefit events for a good cause
- 912 Health malpractice suits
- 913 Poverty level
- 914 Poverty conditions
- 915 Health advice
- 916 Success in rehabilitation
- 917 Drug problems
- 918 Prostitution, women trafficking
- 999 Other

Population

- 1001 General population statistics
- 1002 Immigration
- 1003 Emigration
- 1004 Visa issues
- 1099 Other

Education

- 1101 General educational policy
- 1102 Funding of education
- 1103 Educational reform
- 1104 Preschool education
- 1105 Secondary education
- 1106 Higher Education (colleges and universities)
- 1107 Teacher training
- 1108 Teacher wages
- 1109 Students
- 1110 Parental issues
- 1111 Level of teaching and teaching standards
- 1112 School curriculum
- 1113 Relations between teachers and parents
- 1114 Relations between teachers and students
- 1115 Registration for school
- 1116 Opening and closing of schools
- 1117 Sectorial education (e. g., religious vs. secular)
- 1199 Other

Communication

- 1201 Industry-wide issues and statistics
- 1202 Journalism and media in general
- 1203 Newspapers
- 1204 Network television
- 1205 Cable television
- 1206 Radio
- 1207 Magazines
- 1208 Internet
- 1209 Phones/cell phones/mobile phones
- 1210 Media regulation
- 1211 Technical aspects of communication
- 1299 Other

Housing

- 1301 Housing supply
- 1302 Living conditions
- 1303 Construction
- 1304 Mortgages
- 1305 Building permits
- 1306 City planning
- 1307 Housing demolition
- 1399 Other

Environment

- 1401 Threats to environment (e.g., pollution)
- 1402 Activities of environmental organizations
- 1403 Garbage collection
- 1404 Conservation
- 1499 Other

Energy

- 1501 Energy supply
- 1502 Energy costs
- 1503 Technology development
- 1599 Other

Science and technology

- 1601 Standards
- 1602 Inventions
- 1603 Individual scientists
- 1604 Scientific organizations
- 1605 Computer issues
- 1606 Multimedia issues
- 1607 Space exploration
- 1608 Problems related to science/technology
- 1699 Other

Social relations

- 1701 Gender relations
- 1702 Sexual orientation issues
- 1703 Ethnic relations
- 1704 Class relations
- 1705 Age differences
- 1706 Family relations
- 1707 Minority-majority relations
- 1799 Other

Accidents and disasters

- 1801 Natural disasters – earthquakes
- 1802 Natural disaster – floods
- 1803 Natural disaster – famine
- 1804 Natural disaster – other weather
- 1805 Car accidents
- 1806 Plane crash
- 1807 Plane near accident
- 1808 Train accident
- 1809 Fire
- 1810 Work accident
- 1811 Military-related accident
- 1812 Home accident
- 1813 Crowd accident
- 1899 Other

Sports

- 1901 Results
- 1902 Training
- 1903 Records
- 1904 Individual athletes/coaches/teams
- 1905 Leagues
- 1906 Fans/supporters behavior
- 1907 Legal measures
- 1908 Appointments and firings
- 1909 Politics
- 1910 Olympic training
- 1911 Championships
- 1999 Other

Culture

- 2001 Classical music
- 2002 Popular music
- 2003 Theatre
- 2004 Opera
- 2005 Dance
- 2006 Film
- 2007 Photography
- 2008 Literature and poetry
- 2009 Painting and sculpturing
- 2010 Television shows
- 2011 Radio shows
- 2012 Museums
- 2013 General exhibits
- 2014 Festivals and competitions
- 2015 Prizes and awards
- 2016 Celebrities
- 2099 Other

Fashion

- 2101 Fashion shows
- 2102 Beauty contests
- 2103 Models
- 2104 Fashion products
- 2105 Fashion trends (e. g., trend colors, body piercing)
- 2199 Other

Ceremonies

- 2201 Official government/political ceremonies
- 2202 National holidays/ceremonies
- 2203 Ethnic ceremonies/commemorations
- 2204 Anniversaries of events
- 2299 Other

Human interest

- 2301 Celebrities
- 2302 Non-celebrities
- 2303 Animal stories
- 2304 Travel stories
- 2305 Record attempts
- 2306 Supernatural or mystical stories
- 2307 Mystery
- 2308 Food
- 2309 Advice (e.g., on love, insurance, stock)
- 2310 Lottery results
- 2399 Other

Weather

- 2401 Weather maps and statistics
- 2402 Weather forecasting
- 2403 General weather stories (e.g., coldest winter)
- 2499 Other

Religion

- 2501 Religious holidays/ceremonies
- 2502 Religious proclamations by senior religious leaders
- 2503 Conflict between religious groups
- 2504 Religious tourism
- 2505 Holy places (conditions of)
- 2506 Holy places (archeological findings)
- 2599 Other