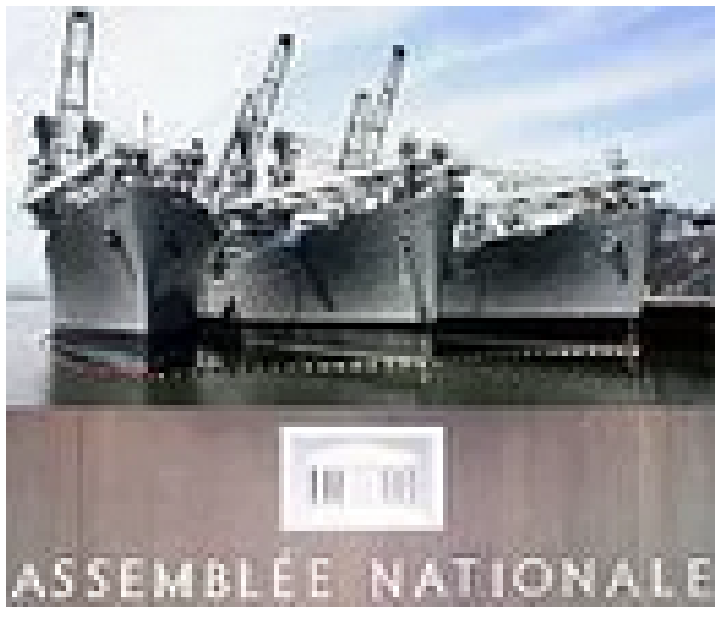


# Constructing a



# Parliamentary Deployment Votes Database

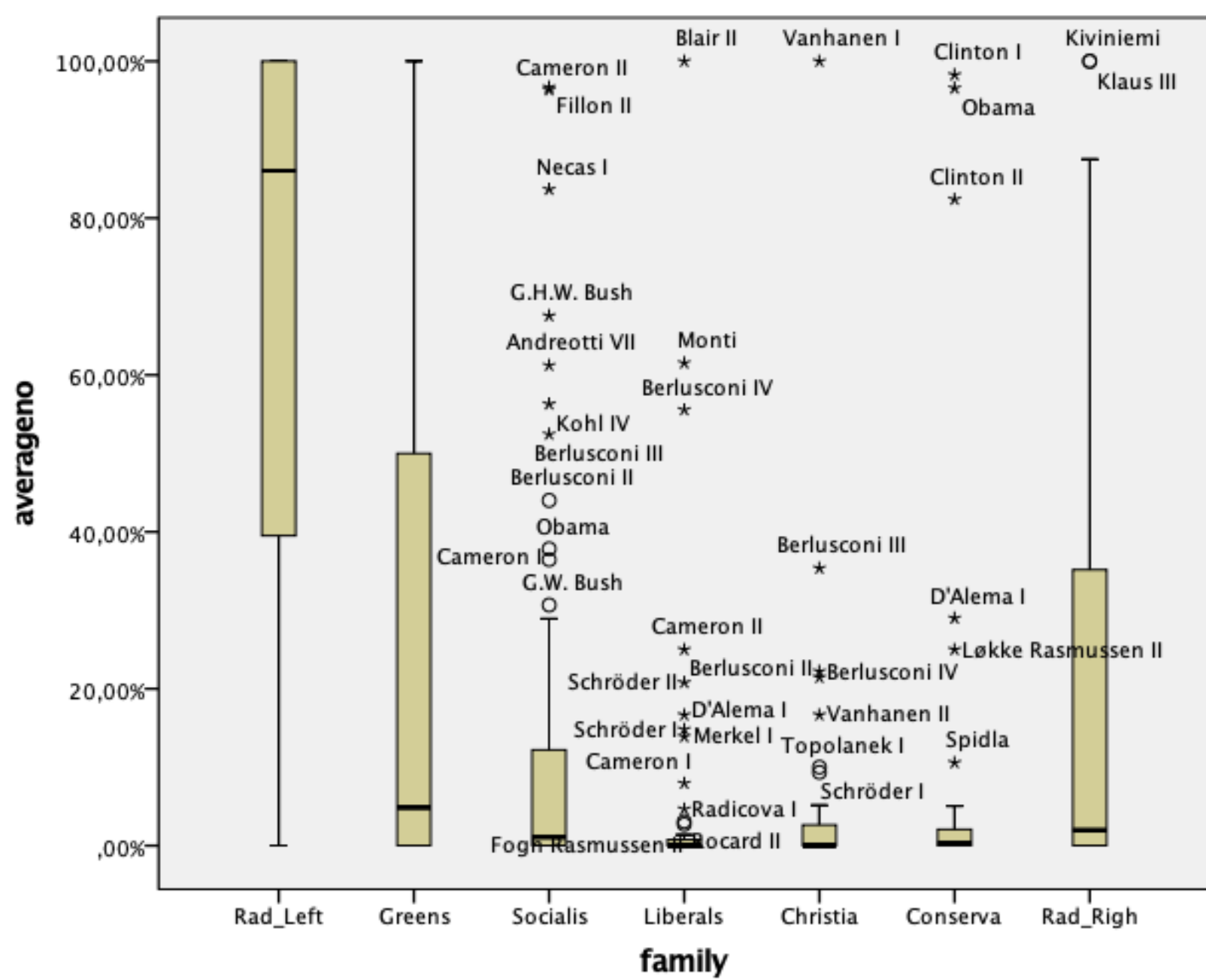
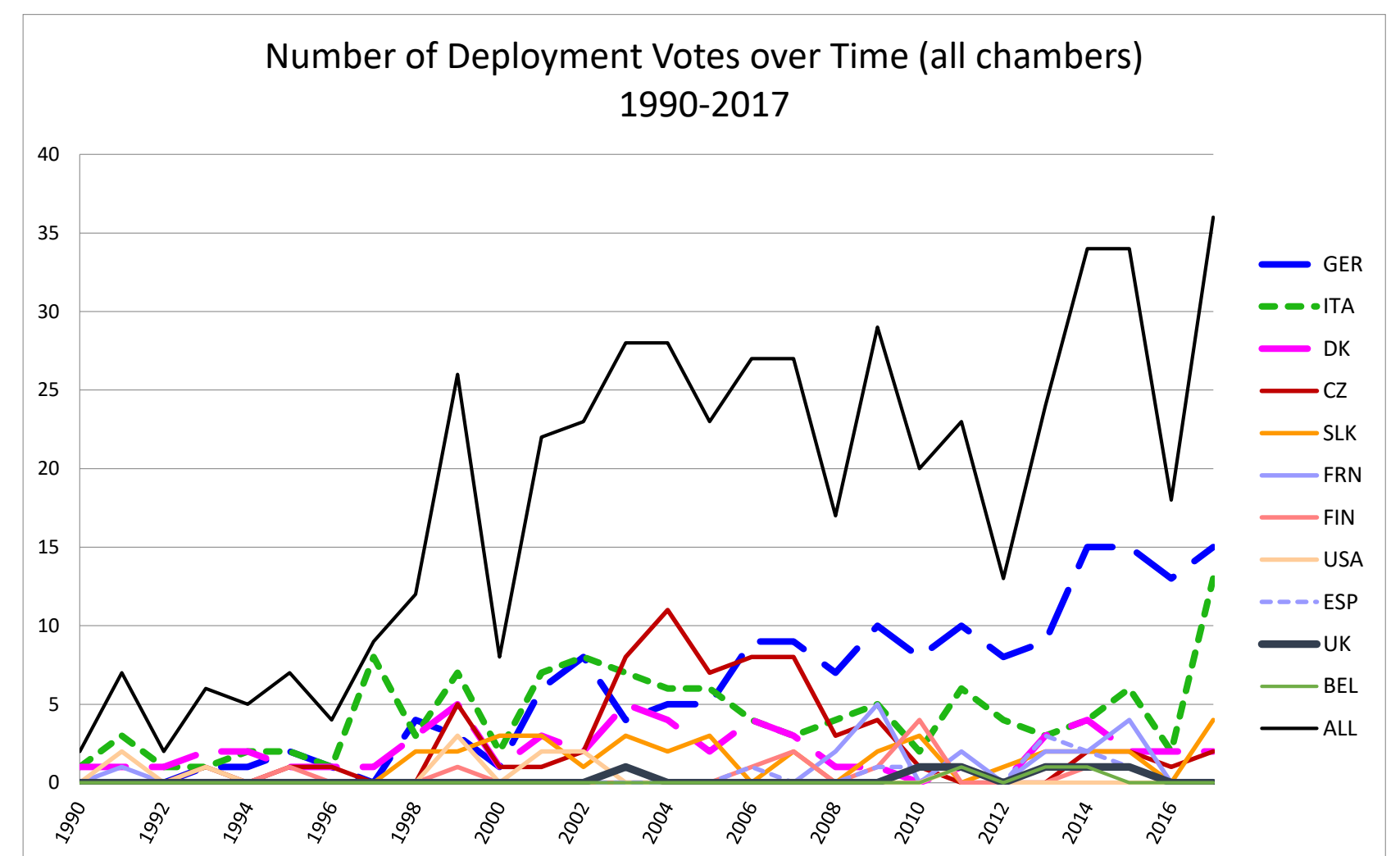
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## VERSION 3

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### What we do:

- coding parliamentary votes on military deployments across the world with our project partners
- analyzing the party politics of foreign policy behind these votes



Average Number of No-Votes per Party Family with Outliers. Labels refer to cabinets. (For instance, Blair II refers to the exceptionally high number of no-votes of MPs from the Liberal Party in the British House of Commons during Blair's second cabinet.)

### What we've already found out on a dataset of 11 countries in Europe and the U.S. (versions #1, 2):

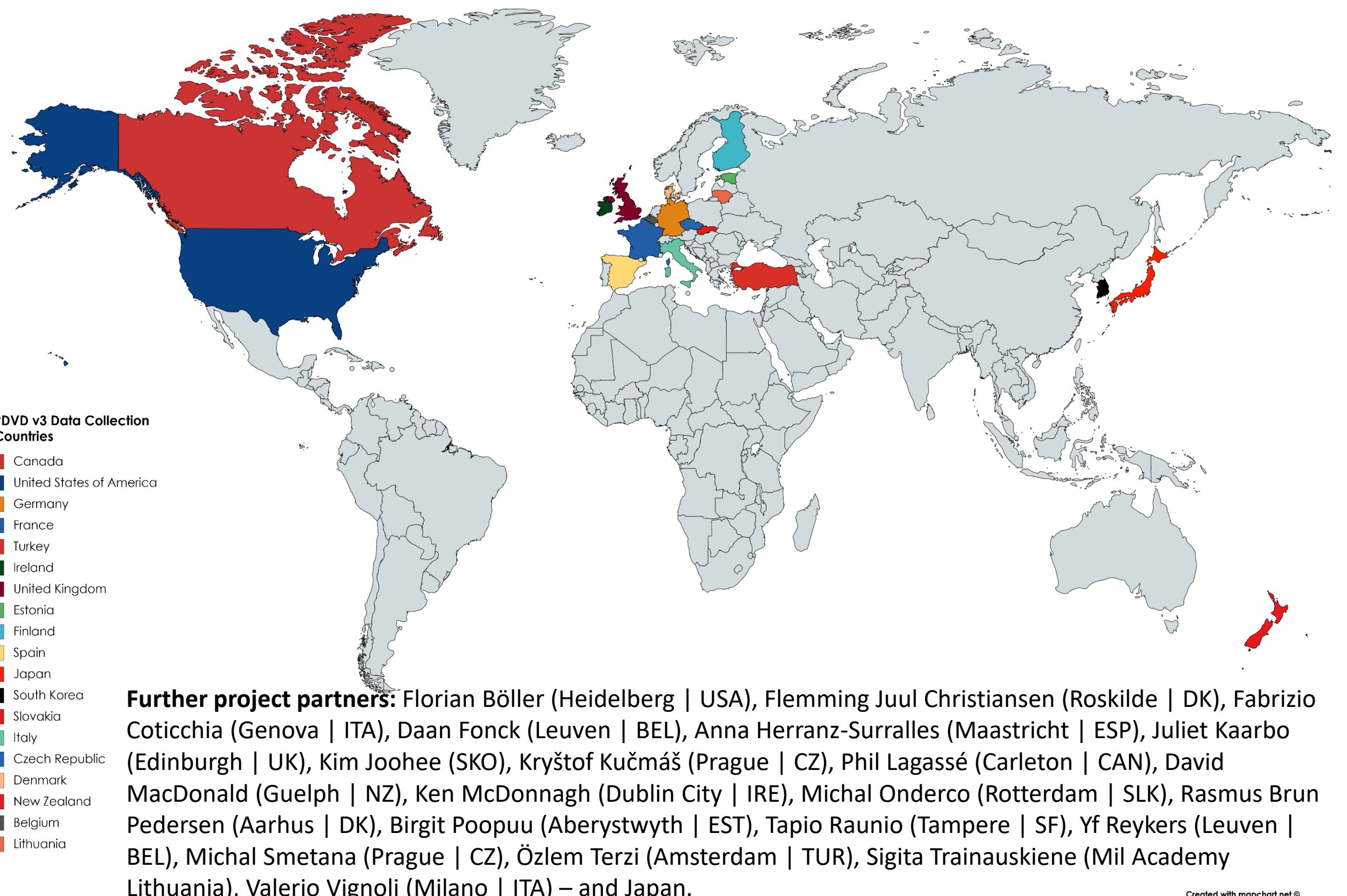
- ✓ Military missions are increasingly contested across parties, contradicting dominant theories of world politics. Politics does not stop at the *water's edge*.
- ✓ Contestation follows a political left-right cleavage: it is strongest on the Radical Left, decreases towards the political center, and increases again on the Radical Right (but less so).
- ✓ Being in government or opposition matters, too, but less than political ideology.

### What we are doing now:

- enlarging the dataset from 11 to 17 countries across the world
- enlarging the dataset to cover international treaties, too

#### Publications (excerpt):

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