

Coding Information for UK Anti-Genetic Modification Protest Event Data (1996-2016)

The following is a brief summary of the fields covered in the dataset. The aim is to provide an overview of each field along with the specific categories where appropriate. Prepared by Tom O'Brien t.obrien@york.ac.uk.

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This field provides a number identifier for each field. It was intended to help keep a record of the number of events as the dataset was built and can now be used to refer to a particular event.

Bef/Aft

This field was included to record whether the event referred to in the story was discussing an event that was planned (*B*) or reporting on an event that had already happened (*A*). The overwhelming stories recorded are from after the event.

Year

Year in which the event took place.

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Number of the month when the event took place.

Month

Textual description of the month when the event took place.

Region

This field records the UK region where the event took place.

London, South East, East, North East, South, Midlands, South West, North West, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland

Region 2

This field records the UK county where the event took place.

Aberdeenshire, Anglesey, Belfast, Berkshire, Bristol, Cambridgeshire, Carmarthenshire, Cheshire, Devon, Dorset, Durham, East Anglia, Essex, Fife, Flintshire, Glasgow, Hertfordshire, Highlands, Lanarkshire, Lancashire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, London, Midlands, Midlothian, Norfolk, Nottinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Pembrokeshire, Perthshire, Somerset, Sussex, Swansea, Warwickshire, Wiltshire, Yorkshire

Town/city

Location of nearest town or city, based on locations mentioned in story being coded.

General Setting

Higher level setting, based on aggregation of 'Setting'.

Trial Site, Official Building, Urban, Workplace, Other

Setting

Specific location of protest as recorded in story.

Publ/Priv

Field recording the focus of the claim. *Public*, involving the state as target or as potential source of a solution. *Private*, targeting a specific company or other private actor.

Level

Main level of focus for the claim – *Local, National or International*. Where more than one level apparent, higher level recorded.

Issue

Field records the main issue animating the protest event. Protests can include more than one issue, but the focus here was on what was recorded as the key issue.

GM, GM Crops, GM Feed, GM Food

Named Org/Indiv

Field records the name of the individual or organisation (including Departments and Ministries) identified as target of the protest event in the story.

Trash

Field captures crop trashing events (1).

Ov/Cov

Records whether incidence of crop trashing was overt (*Ov*) or covert (*Cov*).

First, Second, Third and Fourth

Fields record interpretation of first, second, third and fourth recorded actions. Events varied in the number of substantive actions recorded, so each has up to four.

Address, Camp, Chant, Costume, Damage, Display, Disrupt, Enter, Gather, March, Obstruct, Occupy, Perform, Present

Number

Field shows the number of protest participants at an event as recorded in news report.

Description

Description of number of protest participants where specific number not given, i.e. *several dozen or hundreds*.

Grass/NGO

Field records whether the key protest actor was an identifiable non-governmental actor (*NGO*), grassroots group (*Grass*) or other where it is not possible to determine (*Other*).

Named Organisation and Named Organisation 2

These fields record the name of the first two named organisations in the report.

Arrests

Number of arrests recorded in news story.

Extra Description

This field provides a brief description of the event based on information drawn from the story, including things such as issue, action, banners, chants, or other detail about the protest event and its context.

Source(s)

This field lists the newspaper the story was sourced from. In some cases information was collected from more than one newspaper to construct a more complete picture.

Newspaper	Circulation (2011)*	Start Year [§]
The Daily Telegraph	651,184	
The Times	457,250	
The Guardian	279,308	
The Independent	185,035	
The Sunday Times	1,039,371	
The Sunday Telegraph	527,742	
The Observer	314,164	
Regional:		
Manchester Evening News	90,973	2002
Liverpool Echo	85,463	2001
Evening Chronicle (Newcastle)	52,486	2002
Evening Times (Glasgow)	52,400	2000
Leicester Mercury	51,150	1997
The Sentinel (Staffordshire)	50,792	1998
Evening Express (Aberdeen)	47,849	1998
Birmingham Mail	47,217	1999
Hull Daily Mail	43,523	1998
Edinburgh Evening News	39,947	1998
Yorkshire Post	39,698	1981
Bristol Evening Post	38,344	2002
The Star (Sheffield)	37,255	2001
Nottingham Evening Post	35,361	1997

* For national circulation see Luft (2011) and for regional Pugh (2011).

[§] This is the first year in which stories were available from each source in the Factiva database.

- Luft, O. (2011) 'ABC: i Debuts with Daily Circulation of 133, 472 in January', *Press Gazette*, 11 February. Available from: <http://www.pressgazette.co.uk/node/46681> [Accessed 1 June 2015].
- Pugh, A. (2011) 'Regional ABCs: Circulation Falls on 83 of 86 Dailies', *Press Gazette*, 31 August. Available from: <http://www.pressgazette.co.uk/node/47786> [Accessed 1 June 2015].