

## **Prime Minister Speeches**

### **Overview**

This database includes information about Prime Minister Speeches (investiture speeches (*Discurso de Investidura*) and state of the nation debates (*Debate sobre Política General en torno al Estado de la Nación*). In the investiture speech the candidate to the presidency of the Spanish government presents his program in order to seek the confidence of the Parliament providing important information about the policy priorities of the government for the next legislature. As defined in article 99 of the Spanish Constitution, the proposed candidate (designated by the King after consultation with the representatives designated by parliamentary group with representation in the Spanish Parliament) has to submit to the Parliament the political program of the Government he intends to form. In the state of the nation debate, that takes place annually (with the exception of election years), the Prime Minister informs the Parliament about his future policy priorities as well as about the evolution and implementation of the electoral program, informing about variations in the content of the governmental agenda since the beginning of the term. The Prime Minister speeches were coded at the quasi sentence level. A quasi-sentence is a unit of analysis that contains a single message or statement so that a natural sentence can contain one or more quasi-sentences.

### **Variable names and description**

Year: year of the speech

Legislature: legislature in which the speech is given

Type of Speech:

0: annual speech

1: investiture speech

Major topic: CAP topic

Subtopic: CAP subtopic

Sentence Text: quasi sentence text