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### **Do parties matter?**

### **Political cleavages and sports policy at federal and regional levels**

- >> Introduction of the typology
- >> Example for Spain
- >> Focus on the regional level
- >> Example for Northrhine-Westfalia (Germany)
- >> Outlook and perspectives



## *Divisions in Sports and party-families (Hypotheses)*

|           |                                              | Party-Family                  |                                     |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|           |                                              | Socialist/<br>Social-Democrat | Conservative/<br>Christian-Democrat |
| DIVISIONS | State vs. Society                            | <b>Intervention</b>           | <b>Autonomy</b>                     |
|           | Center vs. Periphery                         | <b>Centralism</b>             | <b>Federalism/Regionalism</b>       |
|           | Participation vs.<br>Selectivity/Performance | <b>Sport for All</b>          | <b>Elite-Sport</b>                  |
|           | State/Society vs.<br>Market                  | <b>Non-Profit</b>             | <b>Commercialised</b>               |

# Divisions in Sports and party-families (Example)



Political outputs  
in Spain:  
laws, decrees,  
programmes

## Party-Family

Socialist/  
Social-Democrat

Conservative/  
Christian-Democrat

## DIVISIONS

State vs. Society

### Intervention

- **Sports Law** [PSOE 1988]
- **Anti-Doping Law** [PSOE 2006]
- **Diverse Decrees** [PSOE]

### Autonomy

Center vs. Periphery

### Centralism

### Federalism/Regionalism

Participation vs.  
Selectivity/Performance

### Sport for All

- **Infra-Progr. I** [PSOE 1988-96]
- **Infra-Progr. II** [PSOE 2004-08]
- **Woman-Progr.** [PSOE 2004]
- **Sportpart.-Progr.** [PSOE 2008-11]

### Elite-Sport

- **Elite+ADO-Progr.** [PSOE 1986]
- **Young-Elite-Progr.** [PSOE 1988]
- **Dual-career-Progr.** [PSOE 2004]
- **School-comp.-Progr.** [PP 2011]

State/Society vs.  
Market

### Non-Profit

### Commercialised

- **ADO-Progr.** [PSOE 1988]



## Challenges and Research Questions

- Curious weakness of party competition
- Curious absence of center vs. periphery cleavage
- Competences on the regional level
- Expansion of the units of analysis  
Bundesländer, comunidades, counties,...
- Integration of additional parties

# Divisions in Sports and party-families (Example)



Political Manifestos  
in Germany:  
Northrhine-Westfalia  
(number of statements)

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Socialist/  
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State vs. Society

**Intervention**

**Autonomy**

Center vs. Periphery

**Centralism**

**Federalism/Regionalism**

Participation vs.  
Selectivity/Performance

**Sport for All**

**Elite-Sport**

State/Society vs.  
Market

**Non-Profit**

**Commercialised**

DIVISIONS



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