

Online Appendix – Expanding protest event analysis through videos

Donatella della Porta, Sophia Hunger, Swen Hutter, Anna Lavizzari

Observation template:

Dimensions coded in the analysis of Covid-19 protests in Italy and Germany

1. Meta Data

For all units, we collect the following meta data

- Link to the video
- Name of video file
- Day of the event
- Day of upload
- Who took the video
- Who published the video
- Duration of the video

2. Event

2.1. Organizers of the event

Which group(s) is organizing the event

2.2. Adherents to the event

Which other groups adhere to the event and are publicly present

2.3 Phase

Founding phase, storming the wealth day etc.

2.4 Duration of the event

2.5 Location of the event

City and location of within the city, e.g. square, municipality. Please provide a description of the location.

2.6 Form of the event

Demonstration, static sit-in, riots, etc.

Please also signal whether the event was allowed/prohibited

2.7 Presence of violence

Physical violence: damages to public properties, threats to journalists, etc.

Symbolic violence

3. Participants

3.1 Number of participants

Total number of participants.

As it is likely that the number will fluctuate, please provide the minimum and maximum number.

3.2 Has there been significant fluctuation in the number of attendants?

Records major fluctuation during the session.

Has there been significant fluctuation in the number of attendants? At the beginning/the end? Related to which issue? Note only if fluctuation exceeds 20 percent.

Major fluctuation can be a sign of “voting with the feet”: participants may show their dislike of an issue/discussion by choosing the exit option.

3.3 Gender of participants

More male or female participants.

3.4 Age of participants

Age group of participants, e.g. younger (less than 30-35 years old) or older (above).

3.5 Presence of police

Is the police present at the event? From the beginning or later during the event?

In which forms (visibility, equipment)?

3.6 Presence of counter-protestors

Are counter-protestors present during the event? From the beginning or later during the event? To which social or political group do they belong? What do they do?

3.7 Presence of bystanders

Presence of people that are not participating in the organization of the event (e.g. “spectators”).

3.8 Atmosphere at event

General description of the overall atmosphere at the event. Major interruptions, applause, are people chanting? Which format for posters/signs etc.?

4. Interactions

4.1 Interactions among protesters

Friendly, quarrels, physical fights

4.2 Interactions with the police

How are protestors interacting with the police (e.g. peaceful, tension, escalation into violence etc.)

4.3 Interactions with counter-protestors

What is the interaction between protesters and counterprotesters, are they directly responding to each other’s or are they kept separate by the police? Is there any escalation? Are there moments in which the interaction is more intense, which ones?

4.4 Interactions with bystanders

Are the interactions peaceful, friendly, or rather tense and aggressive?

4.5 Interactions with journalists

Are the interactions peaceful, friendly, or rather tense and aggressive?

5. Communication

5.1 Speakers

Please list all the speakers and describe who they are.

5.2 Length of speech

5.3 Slogans

Please provide a list of slogans

5.4 Posters, flags, symbols

Please provide a list of posters, flags, signs, symbols.

6. Frames

Within the transcripts, we code statements about the Corona pandemic. We are not only interested in statements that directly refer to the virus, but also in descriptions of problems, related statements on conspiracy theories or calls for action. Each occurrence of the statements below is coded individually.