How honest are politicians?

In this project we wish to analyze how closely politicians follow their smartvote promises, once they are elected. To do that, we will use the historical data of votes in the Swiss national council.

Your task is to design one or multiple algorithms that can provide a measure of closeness between a politician’s promises and actions. Other questions we wish to tackle include:

- How does the Swiss political landscape look like?
- How did the (relative) landscape between politicians change since 2019? Does the opinion of politician between SmartVote and the parliament differ?
- How strictly does a politician follow the party vote recommendation?
- Can we produce a (real-time) map of the political landscape?
- Can we correlate the temporal evolvement of the political landscape over time with political events?

This project will allow you to perform data science on a rich dataset, with very tangible results on the line.

Requirements: The project will be in Python. An interest in (Swiss) politics is a plus. We will have weekly meetings to discuss open questions and determine the next steps.

Interested? Please contact us for more details!

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