

# **The Relational Politics of Shame: Evidence from the Universal Periodic Review**

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# 1 Action/Severity Codes

UPR Info hand-labeled each recommendation with an *Action* code based on the first verb and the overall action contained in the recommendation. The categories are as follows:

1. Recommendation directed at non-SuR states, or calling upon the SuR to request technical assistance, or share information (Example of verbs: call on, seek, share).
2. Recommendation emphasizing continuity (Example of verbs: continue, maintain, persevere, persist, pursue).
3. Recommendation to consider change (Example of verbs: analyze, consider, envisage envision, examine, explore, reflect upon, revise, review, study).
4. Recommendation of action that contains a general element (Example of verbs: accelerate, address, encourage, engage with, ensure, guarantee, intensify, promote, speed up, strengthen, take action, take measures or steps towards).
5. Recommendation of specific action (Example of verbs: conduct, develop, eliminate, establish, investigate, undertake as well as legal verbs: abolish, accede, adopt, amend. implement, enforce, ratify).

We recoded this variable as an ordinal measure that rank from 1 (minimal action and most likely accepted), to 3 (most specific, and least likely to be accepted) and renamed it *Severity*, as follows:

Table 1: Action and Severity Codes

<i>Action Code</i>	<i>N</i>	<b>Percent accepted</b>	<i>Severity Code</i>
1	603	96.02	1
2	6981	95.56	1
3	3449	57.38	3
4	16261	84.24	2
5	13772	54.79	3

## 2 *Issue Codes*

UPR Info hand-labeled each recommendation according to the specific human rights issue(s) it addresses. We used an unsupervised clustering analysis to group recommendations into thematic categories. We first calculated pair-wise similarities between issues using a correlation matrix based on their frequencies in individual recommendations. With this metric, we grouped themes into a tree-like structure using McQuitty’s method for hierarchical clustering (McQuitty 1967).<sup>1</sup> This allows us to visualize how themes co-occur in the corpus of the recommendations.<sup>2</sup> The dendrogram in Figure 3 illustrates the clusters. We clustered these codes into 8 aggregated groups, as detailed in Table 5.

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<sup>1</sup> Estimations were done using the *hclust* package in R.

<sup>2</sup> We removed codes that did not correspond to a specific human rights issue, such as “General” and “International Instruments.”

Figure 1: Hierarchical Clustering of Themes.



The X-label indicates distance between the clusters as measured by 1 minus the correlation between categories.

Table 2: Issue Codes

Original Code (UPR Info)	Thematic Cluster
Asylum-seekers - refugees	Migration
Civil society	Speech and Political Participation
Corruption	Justice
Counter-terrorism	Justice
CP rights - general	NA
Death penalty	Physical Integrity Rights
Detention conditions	Physical Integrity Rights
Development	Socio-Economic Rights
Disabilities	Vulnerable Populations
Elections	Speech & Political Participation
Enforced disappearances	Physical Integrity Rights
Environment	Socio-Economic Rights
ESC rights - general	NA
Extrajudicial executions	Physical Integrity Rights
Freedom of association and peaceful assembly	Speech & Political Participation
Freedom of movement	Migration
Freedom of opinion and expression	Speech & Political Participation
Freedom of religion and belief	Race, Ethnic & Religious Discrimination
Freedom of the press	Speech & Political Participation
General	NA
HIV - Aids	Vulnerable Populations
Human rights defenders	Speech & Political Participation
Human rights education and training	NA
Human rights violations by state agents	Physical Integrity Rights
Impunity	Physical Integrity Rights
Indigenous peoples	Socio-Economic Rights
Internally displaced persons	Migration
International humanitarian law	NA
International instruments	NA
Justice	Justice
Labor	Migration
Migrants	Migration
Minorities	Race, Ethnic & Religious Discrimination
National plan of action	NA
NHRI	NA
Other	NA
Poverty	Socio-Economic Rights
Public security	Justice
Racial discrimination	Race, Ethnic & Religious Discrimination
Right to education	Socio-Economic Rights
Right to food	Socio-Economic Rights
Right to health	Socio-Economic Rights
Right to housing	Socio-Economic Rights

Right to land	Socio-Economic Rights
Right to water	Socio-Economic Rights
Rights of the Child	Women, Children & Trafficking
Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity	Vulnerable Populations
Special procedures	NA
Technical assistance	NA
Torture and other CID treatment	Physical Integrity Rights
Trafficking	Women, Children & Trafficking
Treaty bodies	NA
UPR process	NA
Women's rights	Women, Children & Trafficking

### 3 Selection (Heckman) models of *Response*

Table 3: Heckman Models of UPR Participation and SuR Response

VARIABLES	(1)		(2)	
	<i>Participation</i>	<i>Response</i>	<i>Participation</i>	<i>Response</i>
Women, Children & Trafficking		0.05*** (0.00)		0.05*** (0.00)
Physical Integrity Rights		-0.05*** (0.01)		-0.06*** (0.01)
Justice		-0.00 (0.01)		-0.00 (0.01)
Speech & Political Participation		-0.01* (0.01)		-0.03*** (0.01)
Race, Ethnic, & Religious Discrimination		-0.01 (0.01)		-0.02*** (0.01)
Migration		-0.05*** (0.01)		-0.07*** (0.01)
Socio-Economic Rights		0.03*** (0.01)		0.04*** (0.01)
Vulnerable Populations		-0.01** (0.01)		-0.01 (0.01)
Geopolitical Affinity	0.05*** (0.01)	0.06*** (0.00)		
Alliance	0.44*** (0.04)	-0.01 (0.01)	0.45*** (0.04)	0.00 (0.01)
Arms (Reviewer to Target)	0.03 (0.09)	0.06*** (0.02)	0.03 (0.09)	0.07*** (0.02)
Aid (Reviewer to Target)	1.14*** (0.27)	0.10** (0.04)	1.08*** (0.27)	0.03 (0.04)
UPR Review (Reviewer)	0.12*** (0.02)	0.00 (0.01)	0.12*** (0.02)	0.00 (0.01)
Same Region	0.60*** (0.02)	-0.02** (0.01)	0.62*** (0.02)	0.01 (0.01)
Physical Integrity Rights Protections (Reviewer minus Target)	0.08** (0.04)	0.03*** (0.01)	0.08** (0.04)	0.03*** (0.01)
HRC Member (Target)	0.02 (0.03)		0.02 (0.03)	
HRC Member (Reviewer)	0.34*** (0.02)		0.34*** (0.02)	
Constant	0.81*** (0.20)	-0.88*** (0.05)	0.60*** (0.19)	-1.10*** (0.05)
Observations	56,976	56,976	56,976	56,976

Note: Fixed SuR, Reviewer State, and Year Effects Omitted from the Table.

Standard errors in parentheses (\*\*\*)  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*  $p < 0.1$ .