The data set contains all the variables mentioned in the summary codebook plus a number of additional ones which speak for themselves (year, country, etc.). Although largely comparable, there are a few differences between the datasets for the individual countries that should be taken into account in comparative analyses:

Regarding the events that are included:

1. The data set covers the following time periods:
D	1990-1999
UK	1990- mid 1998
F	1990-1998
CH	1990-1998
NL	1992- mid 1999

2. Events taking place outside the country of study, but referring to immigration/integration /racism in that country (e.g., EU decisions, statements of ministers on international conferences and state visits) have been include for:
D	1997-1999
UK	whole period
F	1998
CH	1998
NL	not included at all

    The REGION region variable can be used to exclude these cases.

3. Repressive measures against minorities (if not accompanied by verbal statements, otherwise they have of course been included everywhere) have been included for:
D	1997-1999
UK	whole period
F	whole period
CH	whole period
NL	not included at all

    These cases can be excluded combining the SSFORM1 and POSIT1 variables.

Regarding variables that are included:

4. The SSUPPACT/SACSCOP (supported actor) variables have been coded for UK, F and CH, but not in D and NL.

5. TITLE (short desciption of the event) has been coded for:
D	1997-1999
UK	whole period
F	not coded at all
CH	not coded at all
NL	whole period (with the exception of January 1992)

    For the UK there is additionally a TITLE2 variable, which gives quotes from the original newspaper article.

6. REGION:

D	whole period
UK	whole period
F	whole period
CH	whole period
NL	Not included at all (the city/locality has been coded as a string variable, but Thom's dissertation work presently does not allow him to recode this into a numeric variable for the comparative file)