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Codebook

state_corporate_tax.csv

Variable Name	Variable Description
post	State postal abbreviation
year	Year
corptaxrate	Top Marginal Corporate Income Tax Rate

Sources:

The Tax Foundation. "State Corporate Income Tax Rates."
(2000-2014) https://taxfoundation.org/state-corporate-income-tax-rates/
(2015) https://taxfoundation.org/state-corporate-income-tax-rates-and-brackets-2015/
(2016) https://taxfoundation.org/state-corporate-income-tax-rates-and-brackets-2016/

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state_population.csv

Variable Name	Variable Description
state	State postal abbreviation
year	Year
population	Population

Sources:

U.S. Census Bureau. "State Intercensal Tables."
(2000-2010) https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/demo/popest/intercensal-2000-2010-state.html
(2011-2016) https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/demo/popest/2010s-state-total.html

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state_gdp.csv

Variable Name	Variable Description
state	State
year	Year
gdp	GDP
Dgdp	Percent Change in GDP

Sources:

Bureau of Economic Analysis. "GDP By State." https://www.bea.gov/data/gdp/gdp-state

state_unemR.csv

Variable Name	Variable Description
state	State
year	Year
unemR	Unemployment Rate

Sources:

Bureau of Labor Statistics. "Local Area Unemployment Tables: Annual Average: Statewide Data." https://www.bls.gov/lau/#tables

state_deficits.csv

Variable Name	Variable Description
state	State
year	Year
Trev16	Total State Revenue (in 2016 $)
Texp16	Total Expenditures (in 2016$)
deficit16	Deficits (in 2016$)
PCdeficit16	Per Capita Deficits (in 2016$)

Sources:

Urban Institute. "State and Local Finance Data." https://slfdqs.taxpolicycenter.org/index.cfm

state_firms.csv

Variable Name	Variable Description
state	State
year	Year
firms	Number of Firms
firms500	Number of Firms Employing >500 employees

Sources:

Statistics of U.S. Businesses. "SUBS Historical Data." https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/econ/susb/susb-historical.html

state_unions.csv

Variable Name	Variable Description
state	State
year	Year
union	Percentage of nonagricultural wage and salary employees who are union members

Sources:

Barry T. Hirsch, David A. Macpherson, and Wayne G. Vroman, "Estimates of Union Density by State," Monthly Labor Review, Vol. 124, No. 7, July 2001 (updated annually at unionstats.com).

state_individual_tax.csv

Variable Name	Variable Description
state	State
year	Year
indtax	Top marginal individual income tax rate

Sources:

The Tax Foundation. "State Individual Income Tax Rates."
(2000-2014) https://taxfoundation.org/state-individual-income-tax-rates/
(2015) https://taxfoundation.org/state-individual-income-tax-rates-and-brackets-2015/
(2016) https://taxfoundation.org/state-individual-income-tax-rates-and-brackets-2016/

state_party_control.csv

Variable Name	Variable Description
state	State
year	Year
party	Number of Institutions (Lower Chamber, Upper Chamber, Governor) Controlled by Democrats
govD	Democratic Governor (1=yes, 0=no)

Sources:

University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research. (2020, Oct.). UKCPR National Welfare Data, 1980-2018. Lexington, KY. Available at http://ukcpr.org/resources/national-welfare-data

state_party_vote.csv

Variable Name	Variable Description
state	State
year	Year
rep_share	Average Statewide vote share for Republican legislative candidates across chambers

Sources:

Klarner, Carl, 2018, "State Legislative Election Returns, 1967-2016", https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/3WZFK9, Harvard Dataverse, V3.

state_presidential_vote.csv

Variable Name	Variable Description
state	State
year	Year
Rprez	Percent of two-party vote received by Republican candidate in most recent Presidential election

Sources:

CQ Press. “Voting and Elections Collection.” https://library.cqpress.com/elections/login.php?requested=%2Felections%2Fdownload-data.php

state_abortion_regulations.csv

Variable Name	Variable Description
State	Postal Code
Year	Year
Plicphys	Abortion must be performed by a physician (1=yes, 0=no)
Pgestlim	Gestational limits (1 = yes, 0 = no)
Pparbth	Prohibit partial birth (1 = yes, 0 = no)
Ppubfund	State funds beyond federal minimum (1 = yes, 0 = no)
Pprivins	Private insurance restrictions (1 = yes, 0 = no)
Pwait	Mandated waiting period (1=yes, 0=no)
Pminors	Parental notification (1=yes, 0=no)
abortion	Average of these seven variables

Sources:

Sorens, Jason, Fait Muedini, and William P. Ruger. 2008. "State and Local Public Policies in 2006: A New Database." State Politics and Policy Quarterly 8 (3): 309–26.
https://www.statepolicyindex.com/data/

state_gun_laws.csv

Variable Name	Variable Description
state	Postal Code
year	Year
guns30	30-item index of gun laws from Sorens dataset scaled to run from 0 to 100 with high scores = liberal (stricter) gun laws

Sources:

Sorens, Jason, Fait Muedini, and William P. Ruger. 2008. "State and Local Public Policies in 2006: A New Database." State Politics and Policy Quarterly 8 (3): 309–26.
https://www.statepolicyindex.com/data/

See Replicate_Dependent_Variables.do for scale creation.

state_emdom_laws.csv

Variable Name	Variable Description
state	Postal Code
year	Year
emdom3	Scale where high scores reflect more restrictive, anti-corporate eminent domain laws: (freform + fprivate + fblight)/3

Sources:

Sorens, Jason, Fait Muedini, and William P. Ruger. 2008. "State and Local Public Policies in 2006: A New Database." State Politics and Policy Quarterly 8 (3): 309–26.
https://www.statepolicyindex.com/data/

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state_emdom_laws.csv

Variable Name	Variable Description
state	Postal Code
year	Year
tort3	average of rescaled opuncap, opunburd, ojsl, scored 0-1 with high scores being anti-corporate & plaintiff-friendly

Sources:

Sorens, Jason, Fait Muedini, and William P. Ruger. 2008. "State and Local Public Policies in 2006: A New Database." State Politics and Policy Quarterly 8 (3): 309–26.
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b_guns_17.xlsx
f_land_17.xlsx
o_courts_17.xlsx

Raw files from Sorens et al. (2008) necessary to create the gun control, eminent domain, and tort reform dependent variables.

Codebooks for these files can be found here:

Sorens, Jason, Fait Muedini, and William P. Ruger. 2008. "State and Local Public Policies in 2006: A New Database." State Politics and Policy Quarterly 8 (3): 309–26.
https://www.statepolicyindex.com/data/

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