Codebook for “If You Insist... Identity and Interim Appointments on Elected State Supreme Courts”

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Data format: Stata DTA file

Data file: “gleason_reyna_court_level.dta”

Unit of analysis: Year

Number of observations: 90

Total variables: 5

Unless otherwise noted, data is compiled from Goelzhauser (2016) with updates from Merriman, Isozaki, and Bannon (2024). Additional updates through 2023 by the authors following coding rules detailed by Goelzhauser (2016).

Court information

“year” – Year of the observation.

“electoral_state” – Values compiled from states that normally select jurists via elections (0=no 1=yes).

Bench composition

“avg_pct_female” – Percentage of female jurists across courts in that year.

“avg_pct_minority” – Percentage of minority jurists across courts in that year.

“avg_pct_intersectional” – Percentage of intersectional jurists across courts in that year

References

Goelzhauser, Greg. 2016. *Choosing State Supreme Court Justices: Merit Selection and the Consequences of Institutional Reform*. Temple University Press.

Merriman, Zoe, Chihiro Isozaki and Alicia Bannon. 2024. “State Supreme Court Diversity- May 2024 Update.”. URL: https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/state-supreme-court-diversity-may-2024-update