Codebook

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This dataset allows users to replicate the analyses in the "The effects of campaign finance spending bans on electoral outcomes: Evidence from the states about the potential impact of *Citizens United v. FEC*," published in *Electoral Studies*, volume 33, pp. 102-114.

Variable Manifest

Variable name	Type	Label	Value Range
election_year	numeric	election year	1967 - 2008
state	string	state abbreviation	"AL" - "WY"
fips	numeric	state FIPS code	1 - 56
Orglims	numeric	whether limits on giving by organizations (Milyo)	0 - 1
indlims	numerica	whether limits on giving by individuals (Milyo)	0 - 1
year	numeric	actual year of election	1968-2009
inc_reelec	numeric	proportion of incumbents re-elected	.509 - 1
inc_voteshare	numeric	proportion of votes won by incumbents	.165-.953
repvoteshare	numeric	proportion of votes won by Republicans	0-.688
corp_spend_ban	numeric	whether limits on corporate spending on elections	0 - 1
union_spend_ban	numeric	whether limits on union spending on elections	0 - 1
mood	numeric	value of national policy mood (Stimson)	50.084-64.178
repshare	numeric	proportion of seats won by Republicans	0-.885
corp_cont_ban	numeric	whether ban on corporate contributions	0-1
union_cont_ban	numeric	whether ban on union contributions	0-1