DOCUMENTATION FOR DATASET CONTAINING VARIOUS MEASURES OF STATE POLICY

The file, "all measures, with names.txt", contains data on various measures of state policy. The observations are states, and there are 48 observations in the dataset (Alaska and Hawaii are excluded, because they were omitted from several of the variables). There is one line of data per observation and, on each line, adjacent variable values are separated by whitespace. There is a header record with variable names. The order of the variables on each line is as follows:

State name (Two-letter USPS abbreviation)

Mean state policy priority score (The mean value for each state, across years 1982 through 2005, of the unfolded state policy scores for that state)

Wright, Erikson, McIver (1987) grand index of composite policy liberalism

Walker (1969) policy innovation score

Klingman and Lammers (1984) general policy liberalism factor

Sharkansky and Hofferbert (1969) welfare-education factor

Sharkansky and Hofferbert (1969) highway-natural resources factor

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