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List of variables

country	String identifier of country and legislative/presidential election
election	Type of election: presidential/legislative
system	Political system: presidential, semi-presidential, parliamentary
division	Division of powers: federal/unitary
rule	Allocation of votes: plurality, majority, electoral college [pres], PR, SMDP
round	Round of election
electionyr	Year of election
elecdate	Date of election
turnout	Voter turnout
enpp	Effective number of political parties at election
polldate	Date of poll
daysbeforeED	Days before Election Day
poll_	Raw poll data (poll of polls)
ipoll_	Interpolated poll data
mp_	Raw macro-partisanship (monthly)
imp_	Interpolated macro-partisanship
mcomp_	Raw macro-competence (monthly)
imcomp_	Interpolated macro-competence
ics_	Raw consumer sentiment (monthly)
iics_	Interpolated consumer sentiment
leader_	Raw leader ratings (monthly)
ileader_	Interpolated leader ratings
papp_	Raw presidential approval (monthly)
ipapp_	Interpolated presidential approval

unem_	Raw unemployment rate (monthly)
iunem_	Interpolated unemployment rate
vote_	Election Day vote
lvote_	Election Day vote at last election
gov_	Party in government/governing coalition
inc_	Party in government/largest in governing coalition
pollcycle	Number of days before Election Day of first poll in election cycle
countryid	Country identifier
partyid	Party identifier
dom_rank	Ranking of electoral system on Johnson & Wallack (2012) index
espv	Party- or candidate-centric electoral system
regime	Democratic regime established before (“Old”) or in and after (“New”) 1976.
yr	Year
electionid	Election identifier
couXparXele	Country, party, election string identifier
_1_ipoll … _50_ipoll_	Interpolated poll data with noise component added
_1_imp … _50_imp_	Interpolated macro-partisanship data with noise component added
_1_imc … _50_imc_	Interpolated macro-competence data with noise component added
_1_iic … _50_iic_	Interpolated consumer sentiment with noise component added
_1_igdp … _50_igdp_	Interpolated gross domestic product with noise component added
_1_iune … _50_iune_	Interpolated unemployment with noise component added
_1_ipap … _50_ipap_	Interpolated presidential approval data with noise component added
_1_ildr … _50_ildr_	Interpolated leader ratings data with noise component added