CODEBOOK:
Policy Mood and Political Sophistication: Why Everybody Moves Mood

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Abstract

This Codebook includes all information necessary to replicate the analyses reported in Enns, Peter K. and Paul M. Kellstedt. 2008. "Policy Mood and Political Sophistication: Why Everybody Moves Mood." *British Journal of Political Science* 38(3): 433-454. Please direct any questions to Peter Enns (pe52@cornell.edu). If you utilize these data, in addition to citing Enns & Kellstedt (2008), please cite the original sources of the data as appropriate.

The data extend from 1972 to 2004. In other research, Enns has extended mood by education level, income level, and partisanship from 1956 to 2006 (Enns & Wlezien 2011, Kelly & Enns 2010). Those data are available at `http://dvn.iq.harvard.edu/dvn/dv/Enns`.

The following variables can be found in the dataset `EnnsKellstedt_BJPSrepdata.dta`. The file `EnnsKellstedt_BJPS.do` replicates the Figures and Tables reported in the paper.

1. **year:** Unit of analysis, ranges from 1972 to 2004.
2. **mood:** A measure of policy mood (Stimson 1999) based on 33 question items from the General Social Survey (GSS).
3. **mood_nohsd:** A measure of policy mood for those who report an education level *less than* a high school diploma.
4. **mood_hsdip:** A measure of policy mood for those who report an education level of at least a high school diploma but less than a college diploma.
5. **mood_coldip:** A measure of policy mood for those who report an education level of at leat a college diploma.
6. **mood_vocab0_4:** A measure of policy mood for those who scored between 0 and 5 on the GSS 10-item vocabulary test.
7. **mood_vocab5_6:** A measure of policy mood for those who scored a 5 or 6 on the GSS 10-item vocabulary test.
8. **mood_vocab7_10:** A measure of policy mood for those who scored between 7 and 10 on the GSS 10-item vocabulary test.
9. **mood_ls6:** A measure of policy mood for those who report an education level *less than* sixth grade.
10. **mood_ls7:** A measure of policy mood for those who report an education level *less than* seventh grade.
11. **mood_ls8:** A measure of policy mood for those who report an education level *less than* eighth grade.
12. **mood_ls9:** A measure of policy mood for those who report an education level *less than* ninth grade.
13. **mood_ls10:** A measure of policy mood for those who report an education level *less than* tenth grade.
14. **mood_ls11:** A measure of policy mood for those who report an education level *less than* eleventh grade.
15. **stimson_mood:** Stimson's measure of policy mood (Stimson 1999). Data obtained from `http://www.unc.edu/~jstimson/Data.html`.

16. **ch_unem:** The change in the annual unemployment rate. This variable reflects a three year moving average of the annual change in the unemployment rate. As we indicate in the text (see Table 5, Columns 1 and 2), this specification offers the closest replication of Erikson, MacKuen & Stimson (2002, Table 6.4). The data come from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (`http://www.bls.gov/cps/prev_yrs.htm`).

17. **inflation:** The annual inflation rate, measured as the percent change from the previous year. The data are from the U.S. Department of Labor Consumer Price Index (`ftp://ftp.bls.gov/pub/special.requests/cpi/cpiai.txt`).

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