Race and Ethnicity of 2022 Senate and House Candidates

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Data Sources and Description

This supplementary data set identifies incumbents in and candidates for the United States Congress (both the House of Representatives and the Senate) belonging to three major racial and ethnic minority groups in the United States: (1) Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, (2) Black/African Americans, and (3) Latino/as during the 2022 Midterm Election. Asian American, Black/African American, and Latino/a candidates were identified through data sets provided by Jay Boice and Alex Newman of FiveThirtyEight, a political data journalism blog, which you can find here.

This data set includes twenty-two (22) variables. Seven (7) variables correspond to CES items for merging, as follows: two (2) identify states and congressional districts; two (2) identify the names of House candidates corresponding to the CES variables HouseCand1Name and HouseCand2Name; one (1) identifies the name of the incumbent House candidate corresponding to the CES variable CurrentHouseName; two (2) identify the names of Senate candidates corresponding to the CES variables SenCand1Name and SenCand2Name. The remaining fifteen (15) variables include the relevant race and ethnicity data for incumbents and candidates (nine (9) for the House, six (6) for the Senate), as follows: a total of six (6) variables indicate whether HouseCand1Name and HouseCand2Name are Black, Latino, and/or AAPI (three (3) for each candidate); three (3) variables indicate whether an incumbent CurrentHouseName is Black, Latino, or AAPI; and a total of six (6) variables indicate whether SenCand1Name and SenCand2Name are Black, Latino, and/or AAPI (three (3) for each candidate). Please note that due to redistricting, elections may appear more than once due to different House members being identified as the current House member. Candidates who were identified as incumbents will be listed as both a candidate in either HouseCand1Name or HouseCand2Name and as the current House member in the CurrentHouseName variable.

House Candidate Race and Ethnicity Variables

`black_irh`: **Black House Incumbent**

- Blank = Not Black House Incumbent Retired
- 1 = Black House Incumbent Retired

`h1_black`: **Black HouseCand1**

- Blank = Not Black HouseCand1
- 1 = Black HouseCand1

`h2_black`: **Black HouseCand2**

- Blank = Not Black HouseCand2
- 1 = Black HouseCand2

`latino_irh`: **Latino/a House Incumbent**

- Blank = Not Latino/a House Incumbent
- 1 = Latino/a House Incumbent

`h1_latino`: **Latino/a HouseCand1**

- Blank = Not Latino/a HouseCand1
- 1 = Latino/a HouseCand1

`h2latino`: **Latino/a HouseCand2**

- Blank = Not Latino/a HouseCand2
- 1 = Latino/a HouseCand2

`aapi_irh` : **Asian American and Pacific Islander House Incumbent**

- Blank = Not AAPI House Incumbent Retired
- 1 = AAPI House Incumbent Retired

`h1_aapi`: **AAPI HouseCand1**

- Blank = Not AAPI HouseCand1
- 1 = AAPI HouseCand1

`h2aapi`: **AAPI HouseCand2**

- Blank = Not AAPI HouseCand2
- 1 = AAPI HouseCand2

Senate Candidate Race and Ethnicity Variables

`s2black`: **Black SenCand2**

- Blank = Not Black SenCand2
- 1 = Black SenCand2

`s2latino`: **Latino/a SenCand1**

- Blank = Not Latino/a SenCand1
- 1 = Latino/a SenCand1

`s2aapi`: **Asian American and Pacific Islander SenCand2**

- Blank = Not AAPI SenCand2
- 1 = AAPI SenCand2

`s1black`: **Black SenCand1**

- Blank = Not Black SenCand1
- 1 = Black SenCand1

`s2black`: **Black SenCand2**

- Blank = Not Black SenCand2
- 1 = Black SenCand2

`s1latino`: **Latino/a SenCand1**

- Blank = Not Latino/a SenCand1
- 1 = Latino/a SenCand1

`s2latino`: **Latino/a SenCand2**

- Blank = Not Latino/a SenCand2

- 1 = Latino/a SenCand2

`s1aapi`: **Asian American and Pacific Islander SenCand1**

- Blank = Not AAPI SenCand1
- 1 = AAPI SenCand1

`s2aapi`: **Asian American and Pacific Islander SenCand2**

- Blank = Not AAPI SenCand2
- 1 = AAPI SenCand2