Codebook for:

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Note that variable names in capital letters (e.g. IDENTIFIERS) contain no data. They are there simply to identify sections of variables. There are six sections:

IDENTIFIERS: case identifier variables (e.g. representative names, state and district codes)
PORK_VARS: data on distributive benefits
M2M_VARS: data on member contributions
LEGISLATOR_VARS: legislator characteristics (e.g. party, ideology)
CENSUS_VARS: district characteristics
ELECTORAL_VARS: variables from the election immediate preceding the "current" congress

Variable Names and Descriptions:

Variable	***Description***
IDENTIFIERS	
elecyear	The election year immediately preceding the congress for which distributive benefits are measured.
congress	The number of the congress.
fips	FIPS state code.
icpsrst	ICPSR state code.
statename	State name.
cd	Congressional district number.
district	4 digit district code (FIPS code + district number)
name_idno	ICPSR legislator ID number, corrected by Poole and Rosenthal (from voteview.com).
name_idno2	*name_idno* with missing recoded as 0.
inc_lname	Incumbent's last name.
PORK_VARS	
dpn	New, non-entitlement direct payment outlays.
dpn_aw	New, non-entitlement direct payment awards.
cln_aw	New contingent liability awards.
infindex	GDP deflator (used to create real outlays).
ln_rdpn	ln(New, real, non-entitlement direct payment outlays).
ln_dpn_aw	ln(New, non-entitlement direct payment awards).
ln_cln_aw	ln(New contingent liability awards).

M2M_VARS	
lpac_total2	Total contributions from members to the party or other members.
lpac_fullapp2	Total contributions from members to members of the Appropriations Committee.
ln_m2m	ln(Total member contributions).
ln_m2mapp	ln(Contributions to Appropriations Committee members).
LEGISLATOR_VARS	
republican	Dummy variable indicating Republican members.
democrat	Dummy variable indicating Democratic members.
majority	Dummy variable indicating members of the majority party.
dwnom1_111	1st dimension of the DW-Nominate score.
dwnom2_111	2nd dimension of the DW-Nominate score.
partyunity	Party unity score for the current congress (voteview.com).
partyunity_prev	Party unity score from the previous congress (voteview.com).
leader_comb	Dummy variable indicating the Speaker of the House, Majority and Minority Leaders, and Majority and Minority Whips.
chair_rmm	Dummy variable indicating committee chairs and ranking minority members.
seniority	Number of terms served in the House including the current congress.
CENSUS_VARS	
populatn	Total population of the district.
	Number of district residents…
age65	at least 65 years old.
black	who identify as black.
gvtwrkr	employed by the government at any level.
miltpop	employed by the military.
urban	living in urban areas.
mdnincm	Median income of the district.
	Percent of the district population…
cen_age65_pct	at least 65 years old.
cen_black_pct	who identify as black.
cen_gvtwrkr_pct	employed by the government at any level.
cen_miltpop_pct	employed by the military.
cen_urban_pct	living in urban areas.
log_mdnincm	ln(Median income).
unemprate	Average unemployment rate of the state during the current congress.
delsize	Size of the state's House delegation.
presvote_d	District vote share of the Democratic presidential candidate in the most recent presidential election.

ELECTORAL_VARS	
inc2sh	Incumbent's share of the two-party vote in the election identified in *elecyear*.
chql_new	Dummy variable indicating the presence of a challenger who held elected office in the election identified in *elecyear*.
incspend	Total amount of money spent by the incumbent in the election identified in *elecyear*.
chalspend	Total amount of money spent by the challenger in the election identified in *elecyear*.
chalspend5000	Challenger spending recoded so that the minimum value is $5,000.
ln_incspend	ln(Incumbent spending).
ln_chalspend	ln(Recoded challenger spending).
spendgap	The difference between the natural log of recoded challenger spending and the natural log of incumbent spending: ln(Recoded challenger spending) – ln(incumbent spending).