The Russian State Duma Legislators, 2000–2016: Codebook

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Introduction

This data set contains biographical and other information on 1266 legislators who served in the Russian State Duma in 2000–2016. The data set accompanies the following paper (the analysis in the paper focuses on the data for 2004–2016):

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The data set is organized at the legislator-year level. It was constructed using a wide range of sources, from official biographies to news reports, interviews, and election commission data. In most cases, the data were cross-referenced using multiple sources. The data set also includes information on legislative activities of Duma members from the Duma's official database, "The System of Support for Legislative Activity" (SOZD, "Sistema obespecheniya zakonodatelnoy deyatelnosti").

For additional details on the coding and on the analysis, see the paper. The author can be contacted at shirikov@wisc.edu.

Information on the Variables in the Data Set

General Variables

CONVOCATION: The Russian State Duma convocation for the specific entry. The data set covers convocations 3 (2000–2003), 4 (2004–2007), 5 (2008–2011), and 6 (2012–2016).

YEAR: The year for the specific entry.

DEPUTY_ID: Legislator's identifier code from SOZD.

DEPUTY_NAME: Legislator's name (transliterated from Russian).

Personal Characteristics

YEAR_BIRTH: Legislator's year of birth.

AGE_END_CONV: Legislator's age in years at the end of the convocation.

AGE_END_YEAR: Legislator's age in years in the current year.

YEAR_DEATH: Legislator's year of death (NA if the legislator is still alive in the given year).

DEATH: 1 if the legislator died in the current year, 0 otherwise.

DEATH_CONV: 1 if the legislator died during the current convocation, 0 otherwise.

FEMALE: 1 if the legislator is female, 0 if the legislator is male.

END_DATE: Year in which the legislator left the current Duma convocation (in most cases, the last year of the convocation).

TENURE_END_YEAR: Legislator's cumulative length of service in the Duma by the end of the current year, in years (a sum of the length of the current term and all the previous terms).

TENURE_END_CONV: Legislator's cumulative length of service in the Duma by the end of the convocation, in years (a sum of the length of the current term and all the previous terms).

PARTY: Legislator's party during the current convocation.

RULING_PARTY: 1 if the legislator belongs to the ruling party during the current convocation, 0 otherwise.

OPPOSITION_PARTY: 1 if the legislator belongs to an opposition party during the current convocation, 0 otherwise.

OPPOSITION_EVER: 1 if the legislator has belonged to an opposition party at any point before or during the current convocation, 0 otherwise.

POSITION: Legislator's official title in the Duma that reflects membership or leadership in Duma committees, transliterated from Russian (not available for some legislators).

MOSCOW: 1 if the legislator originates from Moscow, 0 otherwise.

SPB: 1 if the legislator originates from Saint Petersburg, 0 otherwise.

EDUCATION_STEM: 1 if the legislator has a university degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics, 0 otherwise.

EDUCATION_LAW_ECON: 1 if the legislator has a university degree in law or economics.

FED_MINISTER: 1 if the legislator has served as a federal minister (leader of a ministry or an agency in the federal government) before the current Duma term, 0 otherwise.

AMBASSADOR: 1 if the legislator has served as an ambassador before the current Duma term, 0 otherwise.

FED_BUREAUCRAT: 1 if the legislator has served as a federal bureaucrat (a public servant in one of the ministries or agencies of the federal government who is not a minister or an ambassador) before the current Duma term, 0 otherwise.

FEDERAL_EXPERIENCE_YEARS: Years of service in the federal government before the current Duma term (if any).

EXEC_UNDER_PUTIN: 1 if the legislator has served in the federal government after 2000 (since Vladimir Putin became president) and before the current Duma term, 0 otherwise.

PARL_STAFF: 1 if the legislator has served as a staff member in the federal parliament before the current Duma term, 0 otherwise.

GOVERNOR: 1 if the legislator has served as a governor (a leader of one of Russia's regions) before the current Duma term, 0 otherwise.

MAYOR: 1 if the legislator has served as a chief executive in a city or other municipal unit before the current Duma term, 0 otherwise.

SUB_EXEC: 1 if the legislator has been a subnational executive (a member of the government of one of Russia's regions) before the current Duma term, 0 otherwise.

SUB_BUREAUCRAT: 1 if the legislator has been a public servant (not a governor or an executive) in the government of one of Russia's regions before the current Duma term, 0 otherwise.

SUB_LEGISLATOR: 1 if the legislator has served as a legislator in one of Russia's regions before the current Duma term, 0 otherwise.

MANAGER: 1 if the legislator has served as a manager in a public or private organization before the current Duma term, 0 otherwise.

LARGE_BUSINESS: 1 if the legislator is an owner of a large company, 0 otherwise.

BUSINESS: 1 if the legislator is or has been an owner of a business, 0 otherwise.

FORBES: 1 if the legislator was at any point included on the Forbes Russia list of Russia's richest businessmen, 0 otherwise.

FINANS: 1 if the legislator was at any point included on the list of Russia's richest businessmen compiled by the Russian magazine Finans, 0 otherwise.

MILITARY: 1 if the legislator has a military background (mandatory conscription does not count), 0 otherwise.

AFGHAN_VET: 1 if the legislator is a veteran of the Afghan war (1979-1989), 0 otherwise.

LAW_ENFORCEMENT: 1 if the legislator has served in law enforcement before the current Duma term, 0 otherwise.

CPSU: 1 if the legislator has been a ranking member of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union or a bureaucrat in the party before the Union's dissolution, 0 otherwise.

COSMONAUT: 1 if the legislator has been a cosmonaut before the current Duma term, 0 otherwise.

PUBLIC_SECTOR: 1 if the legislator has been employed in a public sector organization (healthcare, education, social work, arts, or cultural affairs) before the current Duma term, 0 otherwise.

TRADE_UNION: 1 if the legislator has been a trade union leader or trade union activist before the current Duma term, 0 otherwise.

PARTY_ACTIVIST: If the legislator has been an active member of a political party or a political movement, this variable captures the name of the party (parties); it is set to NA otherwise.

PRO_GOV_ACTIVIST: 1 if PARTY_ACTIVIST refers to a pro-government party or movement, 0 if PARTY_ACTIVIST refers to other parties or movements, NA otherwise.

PARTY_LEADER: 1 if the legislator is a leader of a political party during the current Duma term, 0 otherwise.

PARTY_LEADER_EVER: 1 if the legislator has been a leader of a political party before or during the current Duma term, 0 otherwise.

CELEBRITY: 1 if the legislator is or has been a well-known politician, artist, athlete, media personality, 0 otherwise.

HEAVYWEIGHT: 1 if the legislator is or has been an influential political actor or bureaucrat, 0 otherwise.

SPECIAL: 1 if the legislator is or has been politically important in some other way or if the legislator is a close relative of a party leader or a government leader; 0 otherwise. This variable captures a situation where a legislator may not currently wield substantial influence, but they have a particular experience or a relationship that may affect their chances of promotion.

SINGLE_DISTRICT_EVER: 1 if the legislator has been elected in a single-member district at any point before the current Duma term (including being elected into the current convocation), 0 otherwise.

SINGLE_DISTRICT_CURRENT: 1 if the legislator was elected into the current Duma convocation in a single-member district, 0 otherwise.

Career Outcomes

OUTCOME_FED: 1 if the legislator is appointed to a federal executive office (an office in the federal government, which includes the presidential administration or one of the ministries and agencies in the federal government) in the current year, 0 otherwise.

OUTCOME_FED_CONV: 1 if the legislator is appointed to a federal executive office during or after the current Duma term (convocation), 0 otherwise.

APPOINTED_EVER: 1 if the legislator has been appointed to a federal executive office during or after any convocation, 0 otherwise.

OUTCOME_SECTOR_CONV: If the legislator is appointed to a federal executive office during or after the current convocation, this variable specifies the sector (area of responsibility) of the office; it is set to NA otherwise.

OUTCOME_TYPE_CONV: If the legislator is appointed to a federal executive office during or after the current convocation, this variable specifies the type of the office (minister, deputy minister, etc.); it is set to NA otherwise.

OUTCOME_LEVEL_NUMERIC: If the legislator is appointed to a federal executive office in the current year, this variable specifies the level of the office. The categorization is as follows: (1) a bureaucrat or a small team leader in a federal ministry or agency or in a regional office of the Presidential Executive Office; (2) a leader of a directorate or of a regional office in a ministry, in a federal agency, or in the Presidential Executive Office, a presidential envoy in a region, an ambassador or a special envoy, a member of the Central Election Commission, an auditor in the Accounts Chamber; (3) deputy minister or deputy head of a federal agency, a federal ombudsman; (4) a minister or a deputy minister, leader of the Accounts Chamber or of the Central Election Commission; (5) vice prime minister. The variable is set to 0 if no appointment happened.

OUTCOME_LEVEL_NUMERIC_CONV: Same as OUTCOME_LEVEL_NUMERIC, at the level of the convocation.

OUTCOME_GOVERNOR: 1 if the legislator becomes a governor in the current year, 0 otherwise.

OUTCOME_GOVERNOR_CONV: 1 if the legislator becomes a governor during or after the current Duma term (convocation), 0 otherwise.

OUTCOME_FED_GOVERNOR: 1 if the legislator is appointed to a federal executive office or becomes a governor in the current year, 0 otherwise.

OUTCOME_FED_GOVERNOR_CONV: 1 if the legislator is appointed to a federal executive office or becomes a governor during or after the current convocation, 0 otherwise.

OUTCOME_PARLIAMENT_CONV: 1 if the legislator is re-elected into the next Duma

convocation, 0 otherwise. This variable takes the value of 0 if the legislator is re-elected but is immediately or soon after appointed to an executive office (and does not continue parliamentary career).

Measures of Legislative Activity

VOTES_PER_YEAR: The number of times the legislator voted on bills during the current year.

VOTES_PROP_PER_YEAR: The proportion of votes in the current year that the legislator participated in (the ratio of VOTES_PER_YEAR to the total number of votes on bills taken in the Duma during the current year).

VOTES_PROP_PER_CONV: The proportion of all votes in which the legislator participated during the convocation (the ratio of the sum of VOTES_PER_YEAR for all the years in the current convocation to the total number of votes on bills taken in the Duma during the current convocation).

GOV_VOTES_PER_YEAR: The number of government-sponsored bills the legislator voted on during the current year (not available for 2000–2002).

PRO_GOV_VOTES_PER_YEAR: The number of times the legislator supported government-sponsored bills during the current year (not available for 2000–2002).

PRO_GOV_VOTES_PROP_PER_YEAR: The proportion of all government-sponsored bills in the current year that the legislator supported (the ratio of PRO_GOV_VOTES_PER_YEAR to the total number of government-sponsored bills on which the Duma voted during the current year; not available for 2000–2002).

PRO_GOV_VOTES_PROP_PER_CONV: The proportion of all government-sponsored bills during the convocation that the legislator supported (the ratio of the sum of PRO_GOV_VOTES_PER_YEAR for all the years in the current convocation to the total number of government-sponsored bills on which the Duma voted during the current convocation; not available for convocation 3, 2000–2003).

PRO_GOV_VOTES_IND_PROP_PER_YEAR: The proportion of government-sponsored bills on which the legislator voted that this legislator supported in the current year (the ratio of PRO_GOV_VOTES_PER_YEAR to GOV_VOTES_PER_YEAR; not available for 2000–2002).

PRO_GOV_VOTES_IND_PROP_PER_CONV: The proportion of government-sponsored bills on which the legislator voted that this legislator supported during the convocation (the ratio of the sum of PRO_GOV_VOTES_PER_YEAR for all the years in the current convocation to the sum of GOV_VOTES_PER_YEAR for all the years in the current convocation; not available for convocation 3, 2000–2003).

BILL_INIT_PER_YEAR: The number of bills the legislator single-handedly initiated during the current year.

BILL_INIT_PROP_PER_YEAR: The proportion of all bills introduced in the Duma in the current year that the legislator initiated (the ratio of BILL_INIT_PER_YEAR to the total number of bills initiated in the Duma).

BILL_INIT_PROP_PER_CONV: The proportion of all bills introduced in the Duma during the current convocation that the legislator initiated (the ratio of the sum of BILL_INIT_PER_YEAR for all the years in the current convocation to the total number of bills initiated in the Duma in the current convocation).

BETWEENNESS_W_PER_YEAR: A measure of centrality in bill co-sponsorship, calculated as the degree of betweenness centrality of each legislator in the network of co-sponsorship links in the current year. Each legislator is a vertex in the network, and each co-sponsorship (co-signing a bill with another legislator) is an edge. Betweenness centrality is the number of shortest paths in the network that go through a given legislator, weighted by the number of edges (co-sponsored bills). For this calculation, all bills with more than 20 initiators were removed to reduce noise.

BETWEENNESS_W_PER_CONV: A measure of centrality in bill co-sponsorship at the level of the convocation (BETWEENNESS_W_PER_YEAR averaged over all the years of the current convocation).

SPEECHES_PER_YEAR: The number of times the legislator spoke on the floor of the Duma in the current year (a speech could be an address or a comment in response to another legislator's address).

SPEECHES_PROP_PER_YEAR: The ratio of SPEECHES_PER_YEAR to the total number of speeches on the floor of the Duma in the current year.

SPEECHES_PROP_PER_CONV: The ratio of the sum of SPEECHES_PER_YEAR for all the years in the current convocation to the total number of speeches on the floor of the Duma during the current convocation.

MEETINGS_DISCIPLINE_PER_YEAR: The proportion of the Duma meetings in the current year that the legislator has attended.

MEETINGS_DISCIPLINE_PER_CONV: The proportion of the Duma meetings in the current convocation that the legislator has attended.

KOMMERSANT_MENTIONS_WEIGHTED_PER_YEAR: The number of articles in the newspaper *Kommersant* during the current year that mention the legislator's name, weighted by the number of days this legislator served in the Duma in the current year. The variable is set to NA for legislators who share the same first and last name.

KOMMERSANT_MENTIONS_WEIGHTED_PER_CONV: The number of articles in the newspaper *Kommersant* during the current convocation that mention the legislator's name, weighted by the number of days this legislator served in the Duma in the current convocation (the sum of KOMMERSANT_MENTIONS_WEIGHTED_PER_YEAR over all the years of the convocation). The variable is set to NA for legislators who share the same first and last name.

KOMMERSANT_MENTIONS_DUMA_WEIGHTED_PER_YEAR: Same as KOMMERSANT_MENTIONS_WEIGHTED_PER_YEAR, but only those articles where the legislator's name was mentioned in proximity to the words "State Duma" are counted. The variable is set to NA for legislators who share the same first and last name.

KOMMERSANT_MENTIONS_DUMA_WEIGHTED_PER_CONV: Same as KOMMERSANT_MENTIONS_WEIGHTED_PER_CONV, but only those articles where the legislator's name was mentioned in proximity to the words "State Duma" are counted. The variable is set to NA for legislators who share the same first and last name.