Readme file for replication of "Information and Perceptions of Electability in Primary Elections" (Political Behavior)

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Software

Analyses were conducted using Stata/SE 18.0 for Mac (Apple Silicon)

Coding files

- addrefs.grec: file to add embellishments to Figure 3.
- analysis.do: conducts all analyses reported in the paper.
- prepare.do: prepares raw data for analysis, creating the main analysis dataset (working_long.dta)

Raw data files

- NC_raw.dta
- OH_raw.dta
- PA_raw.dta
- WI_raw.dta

These files are included the format downloaded from Qualtrics, though they have been converted to the .dta file format and extraneous variables not needed to reproduce the results in the paper have been removed.

Working data files

- cand_attributes.csv: This file was created by hand, attending to the coding decisions presented in Table SI2.

- NC_working_long.dta: Mostly cleaned version of the NC data.
- News Article Content.dta: Dataset with content analysis of news articles, used for Table 1 and Table SI1. This file was created by manually copy-and-pasting coders' original coding .csv files.
- OH_working_long.dta: Mostly cleaned version of the OH data.
- PA_working_long.dta: Mostly cleaned version of the PA data.
- WI_working_long.dta: Mostly cleaned version of the WI data.
- Working_long.dta: The main analysis dataset, created by prepare.do.

Documentation

- 2022_Primary_Survey_-_North_Carolina: Qualtrics survey instrument for North Carolina.
- 2022_Primary_Survey_-_Ohio: Qualtrics survey instrument for Ohio.
- 2022_Primary_Survey_-_Pennsylvania Qualtrics survey instrument for Pennsylvania.
- 2022_Primary_Survey_-_Wisconsin_withflow: Qualtrics survey instrument for Wisconsin.
- Codebook Instructions for Newspaper Coverage: Instructions presented to undergraduate research assistants who coded newspaper articles.
- README.pdf: This file.