Cooperative Congressional Election Study

Sumplementary Data:
2014 US House Roll Call Votes

Codebook

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Data Sources and Description

This supplementary data set for the 2014 CCES Common Content provides data regarding three (3) US House floor votes in the 113th Congress that can be matched to respondent policy opinions corresponding to these votes. The 2014 CCES asked its respondents to report whether they support or oppose a number of bills that were considered by Congress using the following prompt:

"Congress considered many important bills over the past two years. For each of the following tell us whether you support or oppose the legislation in principle."

Respondents reported support or opposition to five (5) bills:
1. CC14_325_1 "Ryan Budget Bill" Would cut Medicare and Medicaid by 42%. Would reduce debt by 16% by 2020.
2. CC14_325_2 "Simpson-Bowles Budget Plan" Would make 15% cuts across the board in Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and Defense, as well as other programs. Eliminate many tax breaks for individuals and corporations. Would reduce debt by 21% by 2020.
3. CC14_325_3 "Middle Class Tax" Would extend Bush era tax-cuts for incomes below $200,000. Would increase the budget deficit by an estimated $250 billion.
4. CC14_325_4 "Tax Hike Prevention Act" Would extend Bush-era tax cuts for all individuals, regardless of income. Would increase the budget deficit by an estimated $405 billion.
5. CC14_325_5 "Debt Ceiling" Allow the U S government to borrow funds as needed to meet spending obligations and avoid default on U S government bonds.

The data set includes five (5) variables. Two (2) identify the state and congressional district of the "Current House" member, meaning member of the 113th Congress. The other three (3) variables correspond to each congressperson's voting record on the "Ryan Budget Bill", the "Simpson-Bowles Budget Plan", and the "Debt Ceiling". The raw data for these variables was acquired from the CQ Press data tool "U.S.Political Stats" (http://library.cqpress.com/uspoliticalstats/).

Please note that this suplemental dataset does not inlcude data for three (3) congressional districts due to vacant seats in the first half of 2013. Jesse Jackson Jr. resigned his office in the Illinois 2nd congressional district leaving the seat vacant for 4 months in 2013. Jo Ann Emerson resigned leaving her seat vacant in Missouri's 8th congressional district for 5 months in 2013. And, Tim Scott resigned leaving the seat in South Carolina's 1st congressional district vacant for 5 months in 2013.

House Roll Call Vote Variables

rollcall_1	Current House Vote Ryan Budget Bill (HCONRES.96)
-	"Announced Against"
-	"Announced For"
-	"Did not vote"
-	"Nay"
-	"Yea"
rollcall_2	Current House Vote Simpson Bowles Budget Plan (HR444)
-	"Announced Against"
-	"Did not vote"
-	"Nay"
-	"Yea"

rollcall_5	Current House Vote Debt Ceiling (S.540)
-	"Announced For"
-	"Did not vote"
-	"Nay"
-	"Yea"