Cooperative Congressional Election Study

Sumplementary Data:
Race and Ethncity of 2014 House Candidates

Codebook

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Data Sources and Description

This supplementary data set identifies incumbents in and candidates to the United States House of Representatives 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 2014 Midterm General Elections.

Asian American congressional candidates were identified through the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS), a non-partisan non-profit that supports Asian American and Pacific Americans (AAPI) running for office at all levels of government. APAICS documents and publishes information regarding congressional candidates every election season. In 2014 APAICS created a graphic mapping the states with AAPI candidates to the House of Representative and pictures of each of the 18 candidates.[1]

Similarly, the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies publishes reports on both Black voters and candidates. The Joint Center is a non-profit think tank focused on serving communities on color in the United States. Senior Political Analyst David A. Bositis (2014) listed a total of 42 Black incumbents and 36 challengers for a total of 78 Black candidates running for election to the House.[2]

Please note that one (1) candidate in this data set is counted in two identity groups. Robert Bobby Scott from Virginias 3rd congressional district is both Asian American and Black. Also, two AAPI Democratic candidates ran for Californias 17th district, incumbent Mike Honda and challenger Rohit Ro Khanna.

Latino/a House candidates were identified through the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO), a non-partisan non-profit organization that promotes Latino/a participation in the American political process and supports the election of Latino/a candidates. Their 2014 report on Races to Watch lists 48 Latino/a House congressional candidates, 18 challengers and 30 incumbents.[3]

The data set includes 11 variables. Three identify the state and congressional district of each candidate. The other 8 variables identify retiring House incumbents, House Democratic candidates and House Republican candidates by the three racial and ethnic identity groups described above. There are no Black retiring inmcubents in this election.

[1] APAICS. (2014). Infographics: 2014 Highlights of Asian American and Pacific Islander Congressional Candidates. http://apaics.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/AAPI-Congressional-Candidates-FINAL.jpg

[2] Bositis, D. A. (2014). Some Observations on Black Voters and Candidates in the 2014 Midterm Elections. Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies.

[3] NALEO Educational Fund. (2014). Election 2014 Races to Watch: The Power of Latino Candidates.

House Congressional Candidate Race and Ethnicity Variables

aapi_inc_retired	Asian American and Pacific Islander House Incumbent Retired
0	Not AAPI House Retiring Incumbent
1	AAPI House Retiring Incumbent
aapi_d	Asian American and Pacific Islander House Democratic Candidate
0	Not AAPI House Democratic Candidate
1	AAPI House Democratic Candidate
aapi_r	Asian American and Pacific Islander House Republican Candidate
0	Not AAPI House Republican Candidate
1	AAPI House Republican Candidate
black_d	Black House Democratic Candidate
0	Not Black House Democratic Candidate
1	Black House Democratic Candidate
black_r	Black House Republican Candidate
0	Not Black House Republican Candidate
1	Black House Republican Candidate
latino_inc_retired	Latino/a House Incumbent Retired
0	Not Latino/a House Retiring Incumbent
1	Latino/a House Retiring Incumbent
latino_d	Latino/a House Democratic Candidate
0	Not Latino/a House Democratic Candidate
1	Latino/a House Democratic Candidate
latino_r	Latino/a House Republican Candidate
0	Not Latino/a House Republican Candidate
1	Latino/a House Republican Candidate