Dataset: “gender_press_releases.RData”

Variables:

senator	Senator name
date	Date of press release
nomination	Name of the relevant Supreme Court nominee
female	Indicator for if the Senator is female (1 if female, 0 if not)
democrat	Indicator for if the Senator is a Democrat (1 if Democrat, 0 otherwise)
woman_positive_sentiment	Indicator for if the press release positively speaks about the nominee's gender (1 positive, 0 not positive)
woman_reference_discussion	Indicator for if the press release references the nominee’s gender (1 if so, 0 if not)
sentence	Sentence(s) included in press release mentioning relevant trait; separate sentences are split by |||

Dataset: “race_press_releases.RData”

Variables:

senator	Senator name
date	Date of press release
nomination	Name of the relevant Supreme Court nominee
female	Indicator for if the Senator is female (1 if female, 0 if not)
minority	Indicator for if the Senator is not white (1 if not white, 0 otherwise)
democrat	Indicator for if the Senator is a Democrat (1 if Democrat, 0 otherwise)
race_positive_sentiment	Indicator for if the press release positively speaks about the nominee's race (1 positive, 0 not positive)
race_reference_discussion	Indicator for if the press release references the nominee’s race (1 if so, 0 if not)
sentence	Sentence(s) included in press release mentioning relevant trait; separate sentences are split by |||

Dataset: “all_press_releases.RData”

Variables:

senator	Senator name
date	Date of press release
nomination	Name of the relevant Supreme Court nominee
positive	Indicator for if the press release took a positive position about the nominee or nomination process (1 if so, 0 otherwise)
docname	Press release identifier
sentence	Sentence(s) included in press release mentioning relevant phrase; separate sentences are split by |||
phrase	Relevant phrase corresponding to sentence; separate phrases are split by |||

Dataset: “senator_level_data.RData”

Variables:

last name	Senator’s last name
first name	Senator’s first name
state	Senator’s state
nomination	Name of the relevant Supreme Court nominee
icpsr	Senator’s ICPSR number
congress number	Congress
number_positive_either	Number of press releases with positive race or gender mentions
any_positive_gender	Indicator for any positive gender mentions (1 if a mention, 0 otherwise)
number_positive_gender	Number of press releases with positive gender mentions
any_positive_race	Indicator for any positive race mentions (1 if a mention, 0 otherwise)
number_positive_race	Number of press releases with positive race mentions
any_race_gender_positive	Indicator for any positive race-gendered mentions (1 if a mention, 0 otherwise); in this coding, we treat “Latina” references as about both race and gender, but this does

	not appear in our keywords for gender alone
number_race_gender_positive	Number of press releases with positive race-gendered mentions; in this coding, we treat "Latina" references as about both race and gender, but this does not appear in our keywords for gender alone
any_discussion_race_mention	Indicator for any race mention (1 if a mention, 0 otherwise)
any_discussion_gender_mention	Indicator for any gender mention (1 if a mention, 0 otherwise)
democrat	Indicator for if the senator is a Democrat (1 if Democrat, 0 otherwise); independent senators caucusing with Democrats are coded as 1
party_leader	Indicator for if the senator is the majority or minority leader (1 if leader, 0 otherwise)
on_sjc	Indicator for if the senator is on the Senate Judiciary Committee (1 if on committee, 0 otherwise)
freshman	Indicator for if the senator is a freshman (1 if freshman, 0 otherwise)
female	Indicator for if the senator is female (1 if female, 0 otherwise)
same_race	Indicator for if the senator is the same race as the nominee; minority senators are coded as 0 here if the nominee is white (1 if same race, 0 otherwise)
minority	Indicator for if the senator is not white (1 if white, 0 otherwise)
copartisan_president	Indicator for if the senator is a copartisan of the president (1 if copartisan, 0 otherwise)
marginal_party_didnt_win	Indicator for if the senator's copartisan presidential candidate lost the two-party vote share in the state's most recent presidential election (1 if so, 0 otherwise)
dwnom1	Senator's first dimension NOMINATE score
up_for_election	Indicator for if the senator is up for election that Congress; retiring senators coded as 0 (1 if so, 0 otherwise)

total_pos_relig	Total number of press releases with positive religion mentions
any_positive_relig	Indicator for any positive religion mentions (1 if a mention, 0 otherwise)
same_religion	Indicator for if the senator is the same religion as the nominee (1 if same, 0 otherwise); Protestant senators are 1 for Jackson and Miers and others are 0, Jewish senators are 1 for Kagan and others are 0, Catholic senators are 1 for Sotomayor and Barrett and others are 0
state_prop_catholic	Proportion of state that is Catholic
state_prop_evangelical	Proportion of state that is evangelical
any_positive_either	Indicator for any positive race or gender mentions (1 if a mention, 0 otherwise)
positive_position_day_one	Indicator for if the senator took a positive position on the nominee in a press release on the day of the nomination (1 if took position, 0 otherwise)

Dataset: “combined_ces.RData”

Variables:

year	Year of CES
case_id	Respondent CES ID
weight_cumulative	Respondent cumulative CES weight
state	Full respondent state name (factor)
age	Respondent age
total_nominee_messages	Total number of messages senator sent discussing the nominee
extremity	Senator distance from median first dimension DW-NOMINATE score
number_positive_race	Number of senator press releases with positive race mentions
number_positive_gender	Number of senator press releases with positive gender mentions
nomination	Name of the relevant Supreme Court nominee
last name	Senator last name
first name	Senator first name
seniority	Senator seniority (number of congresses served in Senate)

majority	Indicator for if the Senator is in the majority party (1 if in majority, 0 otherwise)
female	Indicator for if the Senator is female (1 if female, 0 otherwise)
afam	Indicator for if the Senator is African American (1 if is African American, 0 otherwise)
latino	Indicator for if the Senator is Latino (1 if is Latino, 0 otherwise)
chair	Indicator for if the Senator is a chair of a congressional committee (1 if chair, 0 otherwise)
votepct	Senator's previous general election voteshare
senator_num	Number denoting whether the senator is number 1 or 2 in the CES
match_senator_party_leaners	Indicator for if the senator is the same party as the respondent, including leaners as partisans (1 if same party, 0 otherwise)
binary_senator_approval	Indicator for if the respondent strongly or somewhat approves of the senator (1 if approves, 0 otherwise)
black	Respondent is Black (1 if Black, 0 otherwise)
hispanic	Respondent is Hispanic (1 if Hispanic, 0 otherwise)
woman	Respondent is female (1 if female, 0 otherwise)
respondentid	Variable pasting the case_id and year of CES together to provide a unique ID
binary_positive_gender	Indicator for any positive gender mentions by senator (1 if any such mention, 0 otherwise)
binary_positive_race	Indicator for any positive race mentions by senator (1 if any such mention, 0 otherwise)
newsint_high	Indicator for if the respondent reports following government and public affairs "Most of the time" (1 if so, 0 otherwise)
arra09	2009 roll call vote variable (1 if believe senator voted for it), built from Harvard CES module variables hum_1b_2 and hum_1b_3

schip09	2009 roll call vote variable (1 if believe senator voted for it), built from Harvard CES module variables hum_1c_2 and hum_1c_3
fairpay09	2009 roll call vote variable (1 if believe senator voted for it), built from Harvard CES module variables hum_1d_2 and hum_1d_3
climate09	2009 roll call vote variable (1 if believe senator voted for it), built from Harvard CES module variables hum_1e_b and hum_1e_c
health09	2009 roll call vote variable (1 if believe senator voted for it), built from Harvard CES module variables hum_1f_b and hum_1f_c
sotomayor	2010 roll call vote variable (1 if believe senator voted for it), built from Harvard CES module variables HUM300_sen1scvoteb and HUM300_sen2scvoteb
arra	2010 roll call vote variable (1 if believe senator voted for it), built from Harvard CES module variables HUM301_sen1 and HUM301_sen2
jobs	2010 roll call vote variable (1 if believe senator voted for it), built from Harvard CES module variables HUM302_sen1 and HUM302_sen2
climate	2010 roll call vote variable (1 if believe senator voted for it), built from Harvard CES module variables HUM303_sen1 and HUM303_sen2
health	2010 roll call vote variable (1 if believe senator voted for it), built from Harvard CES module variables HUM304_sen1 and HUM304_sen2
wall_st	2010 roll call vote variable (1 if believe senator voted for it), built from Harvard CES module variables HUM305_sen1 and HUM305_sen2
dontask	2010 roll call vote variable (1 if believe senator voted for it), built from Harvard

	CES module variables HUM306_sen1 and HUM306_sen2
cares_act	2020 roll call vote variable (1 if believe senator supported), built from Harvard CES module variables HUA20_312b and HUA20_312c
heroes_act	2020 roll call vote variable (1 if believe senator supported), built from Harvard CES module variables HUA20_313b and HUA20_313c
justice_act	2020 roll call vote variable (1 if believe senator supported), built from Harvard CES module variables HUA20_316_sen1 and HUA20_316_sen2
kavanaugh	2020 roll call vote variable (1 if believe senator supported), built from Harvard CES module variables HUA20_317a and HUA20_318a
remove_trump	2020 roll call vote variable (1 if believe senator supported), built from Harvard CES module variables HUA20_317b and HUA20_318b
first_step_act	2020 roll call vote variable (1 if believe senator supported), built from Harvard CES module variables HUA20_317c and HUA20_318c
covid_relief	2022 roll call vote variable (1 if believe senator voted for it), built from Harvard CES module variables HUA22_331S1 and HUA22_331S2
infrastructure	2022 roll call vote variable (1 if believe senator voted for it), built from Harvard CES module variables HUA22_332S1 and HUA22_332S2
abortion_services	2022 roll call vote variable (1 if believe senator voted for it), built from Harvard CES module variables HUA22_333S1 and HUA22_333S2
dreamers	2022 roll call vote variable (1 if believe senator voted for it), built from Harvard CES module variables HUA22_335S1 and HUA22_335S2

state_year	Character variable denoting state and year of respondent observation
senator_approval2	4 point senator approval (higher values indicate greater approval)
educ2	Character variable denoting respondent college education (At least 4 years of college, Less than 4 years of college)
pid3_alt	Character variable denoting respondent partisanship, leaners coded as partisans (Democrat, Republican, Independent (Excluding Leaners) / Not Sure)
faminc2	Character variable denoting respondent family income (70k or more, Less than 70k, Prefer not to say)
race_alt	Character variable denoting respondent race (Asian, Black, Hispanic, Mixed / Other, White)