Codebook
"Buying Evidence: Policy Research as a Presidential Commodity"

Variable	Description	Source
award_id	Award id data	metadata
FPDS	FPDS agency code	Federal Procurement Data System
OPMdept	Two-character OPM agency code	Office of Personnel Management
dept_name	Department name	Office of Personnel Management
OPMagency	Four-character OPM agency code	Office of Personnel Management
agency_name	Agency name	Office of Personnel Management
acr	Agency acronym	metadata
PA_subtopic	Agency's corresponding subtopic policy area	Policy Agendas Project
date	Transaction date	Federal Procurement Data System
FY	Fiscal year	metadata
firstyear	Indicator for the first year of a contract award	Derived from the Federal Procurement Data System
year	Year of transaction	metadata
quarter	Quarter of transaction	metadata
month	Month of transaction	metadata
state_po	State postal abbreviation	Federal Procurement Data System
product_or_service_code	Product or service code for research transaction	Federal Procurement Data System
product_or_service_code_descript	Description of product or service code for research transaction	Federal Procurement Data System
study_type	Study type code	Federal Procurement Data System
action_type	Type of procurement action	Federal Procurement Data System
action_type_code	Code for type of procurement action	Federal Procurement Data System
awardtotal	Total research award amount (2005 $)	Federal Procurement Data System
lnawardtotal	Ln of total research award amount (2005 $)	Derived from Federal Procurement Data System

federal_action_obligation	Research transaction amount, nominal dollars	Federal Procurement Data System
cpi_2005	Consumer Price Index, 2005 base	Bureau of Labor Statistics
amount05	Research transaction amount (2005 $)	Federal Procurement Data System
lnamount	Ln of research transaction amount (2005 $)	Derived from Federal Procurement Data System
pos_obligation	Research transaction amount (2005 $) – positive obligations only	Derived from Federal Procurement Data System
neg_obligation	Research transaction amount (2005 $) – negative obligations only	Derived from Federal Procurement Data System
deobligtotal	Total amount of research award funds that were deobligated (2005 $)	Derived from Federal Procurement Data System
takebackmoney	Dummy variable indicating whether any funds were taken back at the conclusion of the contract	Derived from Federal Procurement Data System
proportion	Proportion of the funds that were taken back at the conclusion of the contract	Derived from Federal Procurement Data System
electionyear	Dummy for election year	metadata
pres_party	Code for the president's party	metadata
rpres	Dummy variable for Republican president	metadata
clinton	Dummy variable for Clinton administration	metadata
bushii	Dummy variable for GW Bush administration	metadata
obama	Dummy variable for Biden administration	metadata
trump	Dummy variable for Trump administration	metadata
admin_counter	Administration time trends	created
divided	Dummy for divided government	metadata
budgetauth05	Agency's budget authority (in 2005 $)	Office of Management and Budget

budgetauth_pc	Percent change in agency's discretionary budget authority	Derived from Office of Management and Budget
PA_subtopicname	Policy Agendas subtopic name	Policy Agendas Project
subtopic_anymention	Dummy indicating whether agency's subtopic was mentioned in that year's State of the Union address	Derived from the Policy Agendas Project
subtopic_aboveavg	Dummy indicating whether agency's number of subtopic mentions was above average for that year's State of the Union	Derived from the Policy Agendas Project
hearings	Annual hearings in agency's subtopic area	Policy Agendas Project
lnhearings	Ln of annual hearings in agency's subtopic area	Derived from Policy Agendas Project
num_fulltime	Number of employees in an agency in year	Office of Personnel Management
research_employees	Number of research-related employees in an agency in year	Derived from Office of Personnel Management
contracting_employees	Number of contracting employees in an agency in year	Office of Personnel Management
white_collar	Number of white-collar employees in an agency in year	Office of Personnel Management
inhousecapacity	Agency's annual in-house capacity to conduct research	Derived from Office of Personnel Management
contractp100	Agency contracting officers per 100 employees	Derived from Office of Personnel Management
Demvoteshare	Democratic vote share in state in presidential election	MIT Election Data and Science Lab, 2017, "U.S. President 1976–2020" v. 20171015
Repvoteshare	Republican vote share in state in presidential election	MIT Election Data and Science Lab, 2017, "U.S. President 1976–2020" v. 20171015

loservoteshare	Losing candidate's vote share in state in presidential election	Derived from MIT Election Data and Science Lab, 2017, "U.S. President 1976–2020" v. 20171015
avglosinglast3	Average of the losing candidate's vote share in state in last three presidential elections	Derived from MIT Election Data and Science Lab, 2017, "U.S. President 1976–2020" v. 20171015
avgDemlast3	Avg Democratic vote share in the last three elections	Derived from MIT Election Data and Science Lab, 2017, "U.S. President 1976–2020" v. 20171015
avgReplast3	Avg Republican vote share in the last three elections	Derived from MIT Election Data and Science Lab, 2017, "U.S. President 1976–2020" v. 20171015
presvotelast3	Avg winning candidate vote share in the last three elections	Derived from MIT Election Data and Science Lab, 2017, "U.S. President 1976–2020" v. 20171015
corestate	Indicator for whether the state was a core state, coded as 1 if the if the president's party averaged 55% or more of the two-party vote in that state in the preceding three elections	Derived from MIT Election Data and Science Lab, 2017, "U.S. President 1976–2020" v. 20171015
swingstate	Indicator for whether the state was a swing state, coded as 1 if the losing candidate averaged 45% or more of the two-party vote over the past three presidential election cycles	Derived from MIT Election Data and Science Lab, 2017, "U.S. President 1976–2020" v. 20171015
RtendenencyPRES	State's Republican tendency, the proportion of the two-party vote share for the Republican presidential candidate in a state in each presidential election minus the average proportion of the	Derived from MIT Election Data and Science Lab, 2017, "U.S. President 1976–2020" v. 20171015

	Republican vote share across all states for that election	
lawslast12	Laws passed in the last 12 months	Congressional Bills Project
lnlawslast12	Ln of laws passed in the last 12 months	Congressional Bills Project
modnumber	Award modification number	Federal Procurement Data System
maxmod	Last modification of the award	Federal Procurement Data System
initialadmin	Initial administration that funded the research study	Derived from Federal Procurement Data System
newadmin	Indicator for new presidential administration (different from awarding presidential administration)	Derived from Federal Procurement Data System
samenow	Indicator if a transaction took place under the same administration that initiated the award	Derived from Federal Procurement Data System
Agency	Agency fixed effects	Created
restricted	Variable that restricts sample to show results for samples with all covariates	Created
restricted2	Variable that restricts sample to show results for samples with all covariates	Created