Chinese Political-Legal Leaders Database (CLLD)
1978-2013

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Description

The Chinese Political-Legal Leaders Database (CLLD) includes information on the Party rank of political-legal leaders, including political-legal committee chairs, court and procuratorate presidents, and police chiefs, at the provincial level in China from 1978 to 2013.

I constructed the CLLD in three steps. First, I used the China Law Yearbooks (*Zhongguo falu nianjian*, 中国法律年鉴) to identify Chinese national and provincial political-legal leaders, such as Party political-legal committee chairs, public security heads, court presidents, and procuratorate presidents. This produced a list of names for the period 1986-2010. I supplemented this list with web searches extending coverage to 1978-2013. Second, I conducted Internet searches for the biographies of these leaders. Baidu Encyclopedia (*baidu baike,* 百度百科) contains information for most of them including their age, gender, education, and most importantly, working history. Where insufficient information was available, additional Internet searches of newspapers and other websites were employed to find the missing information. Third, I coded the leaders' bureaucratic ranks according to their concurrent positions. This coding scheme produced nine variables that will be subsequently presented. Examples include whether a provincial political-legal committee chairperson or high court president is on the provincial Chinese Communist Party standing committee, and whether a provincial public security chief chairs the provincial political-legal committee.

How to cite the data

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The P.I. would greatly appreciate receiving copies of any papers that employ these data, whether published or unpublished (yuhuawang@fas.harvard.edu).

Codebook

id
Unique identification number for each province-year observation

province
Province name in English

pro_n
Province number

year
Year

plc1
Whether the political-legal committee chair is on the provincial party standing committee (0,1)

plc2
Party rank of the political-legal committee chair (0=not on the provincial party standing committee; 1=on the provincial party standing committee; 2=Deputy provincial party secretary; 3=Provincial party secretary)

plcfirstterm
Whether the first year in office for the political-legal committee chair (0,1)

proc1
Whether the provincial procuratorate president is the provincial political-legal committee chair (0,1)

proc2
Whether the provincial procuratorate president is on the provincial party standing committee (0,1)

proc3
Party rank of the provincial procuratorate president (2=political legal committee chair and on the provincial party standing committee; 1=political legal committee chair; 0=none of the above)

procfirstterm
Whether the first year in office for the provincial procuratorate president (0,1)

court1
Whether the provincial court president is the provincial political-legal committee chair (0,1)

court2
Whether the provincial court president is on the provincial party standing committee (0,1)

court3
Party rank of the provincial court president (2=political legal committee chair and on the provincial party standing committee; 1=political legal committee chair; 0=none of the above)

courtfirstterm
Whether the first year in office for the provincial court president (0,1)

police1
Whether the provincial police chief is the provincial political-legal committee chair (0,1)

police2
Whether the provincial police chief is on the provincial party standing committee (0,1)

police3
Party rank of the provincial police chief (2=political legal committee chair and on the provincial party standing committee; 1=political legal committee chair; 0=none of the above)

policefirstterm
Whether the first year in office for the provincial police chief (0,1)