Codebook for "The correlates of discord: identity, issue alignment, and political hostility in polarized America." (L. Bougher, Political Behavior)

ANES Cumulative File

Variable name	Description	Based on ANES variable(s)	Notes
year	year	VCF0004	keep if year equals 1984, 1988, 1992, 1994, 2004, 2008, 2012
mode	survey mode	VCF0017	keep if VCF0017 equals face-to-face-to-face (0)
pidstr	partisan strength	VCF0301	3=strong partisan; 2=weak partisan; 1=leaner; 0=pure independent
repvsdem	party id (Republican dummy)	VCF0301	includes leaners
outgroup	out-party thermometer rating	VCF0218 if repvsdem=1; VCF0224 if repvsdem=0	"don't know" coded as neutral (50)
ingroup	in-party thermometer rating	VCF0218 if repvsdem=0; VCF0224 if repvsdem=1	"don't know" coded as neutral (50)
affpol	affective polarization	n/a	equals the absolute value of ingroup minus outgroup
issuealign	issue alignment	VCF0843 VCF0830 VCF0809 VCF0806 VCF0838 VCF0839	individual issue items first recoded to 1 if their preference falls on same ideological side of their party (liberal side for Democrats; conservative side for Republicans), coded as -1 if their preference falls on same ideological side of the opposing party (conservative side for Democrats; liberal side for Republicans), and coded 0 if they took a neutral position; these recoded values were then summed across all 6 issue items
issuecat	collapsed issue alignment scale	derived from issue align	collapses issuealign into 3-point scale; values -6 through 0 coded as 1, 1 and 2 coded as 2, 3 through 6 coded as 3
issue2575	dummy for 75th versus 25th percentile	derived from issuealign, pidstr, and year	set to 0 if 25th percentile, 1 if 75th percentile; percentiles are defined within each category of pidstr within each survey year
exideo2	attitude extremity	VCF0843 VCF0830 VCF0809 VCF0806 VCF0838 VCF0839	individual issue items first recoded so extreme responses (1, 7) were coded as 3, moderate stances (2, 6) as 2, weak stances (3, 5) as 1 and neutral stances (4) as 0; these recoded values were then summed across all 6 issue items
ideostr	ideological identity strength	VCF0803	3=strong liberal/conservative; 2=weak liberal/conservative; 1=leaning liberal/conservative; 0=non-ideologue
aware	awareness dummy	VCF0503 VCF0504	items were first recoded to directional scales (4 8=0 "centrist") (1 2 3=-1 "liberal") (5 6 7=1 "conservative"); individuals who correctly valued the Democratic Party as less than the Republican Party were identified as aware (aware=1); those who valued the Democratic Party as greater than Republican Party were identified as unaware (aware=0)
issalaw	issuealign*aware	n/a	
pidaw	pidstr*aware	n/a	
polknow	political knowledge	VCF0050a	scale was reversed so 5 denotes the highest level of political knowledge and 1 the lowest
int_elec	political interest	VCF0310	
collegegrad	education (college graduate dummy)	VCF0110	
male	gender (male dummy)	VCF0104	
white	race (white dummy)	VCF0106a	
distOWN	perceived distance from self and own party	VCF0843 VCF0549 VCF0550 VCF0830 VCF0517 VCF518 VCF0809 VCF0513 VCF0514 VCF0806 VCF0508 VCF0509 VCF0839 VCF0541 VCF0542	sums squared differences between where respondents place themselves and where they place their own party (placements of Democratic Party used when repvsdem=0; placements of Republican Party used when repvsdem=1)
distOTH	perceived distance from self and other party	VCF0843 VCF0549 VCF0550 VCF0830 VCF0517 VCF518 VCF0809 VCF0513 VCF0514 VCF0806 VCF0508 VCF0509 VCF0839 VCF0541 VCF0542	sums squared differences between where respondents place themselves and where they place the opposing (placements of Democratic Party used when repvsdem=1; placements of Republican Party used when repvsdem=0)
mpid0_wt, mpid1_wt, mpid2_wt, mpid3_wt	weighted cumulative distributions of pidstr	derived from pidstr	cumulative percentages of pidstr
missue1_wt, missue2_wt, missue3_wt	weighted cumulative distributions of issue alignment	derived from issuecat	cumulative percentages of issue alignment; uses collapsed categories of issue alignment

ANES 1990s panel

Variable name	Description	Based on ANES variable(s)	Notes
pidstr	partisan strength	V923634 V940655 V960420	3=strong partisan; 2=weak partisan; 1=leaner; 0=pure independent
repvsdem	party id (Republican dummy)	V923634 V940655 V960420	includes leaners
outgroup	out-party thermometer rating	V923317 V940301 V960292 if repvsdem=1; V923318 V940302 V960293 if repvsdem=0	"don't know" coded as neutral (50)
ingroup	in-party thermometer rating	V923317 V940301 V960292 if repvsdem=0; V923318 V940302 V960293 if repvsdem=1	"don't know" coded as neutral (50)
affpol	affective polarization	n/a	equals the absolute value of ingroup minus outgroup
issuealign	issue alignment	**1992:** V923707 V923724 V923718 V923716 V923732 V923701; **1994:** V940929 V940936 V940930 V940950 V941014 V940940; **1996:** V960463 V960487 V960483 V960479 V960503 V960450	individual issue items first recoded to 1 if their preference falls on same ideological side of their party (liberal side for Democrats; conservative side for Republicans), coded as -1 if their preference falls on same ideological side of the opposing party (conservative side for Democrats; liberal side for Republicans), and coded 0 if they took a neutral position; these recoded values were then summed across all 6 issue items
exideo2	attitude extremity	**1992:** V923707 V923724 V923718 V923716 V923732 V923701; **1994:** V940929 V940936 V940930 V940950 V941014 V940940; **1996:** V960463 V960487 V960483 V960479 V960503 V960450	individual issue items first recoded so extreme responses (1, 7) were coded as 3, moderate stances (2, 6) as 2, weak stances (3, 5) as 1 and neutral stances (4) as 0; these recoded values were then summed across all 6 issue items within each panel wave
ideostr	ideological identity strength	V923509 V940839 V961269	3=strong liberal/conservative; 2=weak liberal/conservative; 1=leaning liberal/conservative; 0=non-ideologue
polknow	political knowledge	V924205 V941438 V960070	scale was recoded so 3 denotes the highest level of political knowledge and 1 the lowest
pint	political interest	V923101 V940124 V960201	scale was reversed so 5 denotes the highest level of political interest and 1 the lowest
collegegrad	education (college graduate dummy)	V923908 V941209 V960610	

ANES 2008-2009 panel

Variable name	Description	Based on ANES variable(s)	Notes
pidstr	partisan strength	der08w1 der08w10	3=strong partisan; 2=weak partisan; 1=leaner; 0=pure independent includes leaners
repvsdem	party id (Republican dummy)		
outgroup	out-party thermometer rating	w1e2 w1e3 w1e4 w1e5 w1e6 w1e7 w10e2 w10e3 w10e4 w10e5 w10e6 w10e7	branching items were used to create a 7-point likability scale, ranging from "dislike a great deal" to "like a great deal"
ingroup	in-party thermometer rating	w1e2 w1e3 w1e4 w1e5 w1e6 w1e7 w10e2 w10e3 w10e4 w10e5 w10e6 w10e7	branching items were used to create a 7-point likability scale, ranging from "dislike a great deal" to "like a great deal"
affpol	affective polarization	n/a	equals the absolute value of ingroup minus outgroup
issuealign	issue alignment	**wave 1:** w1p1, w1p4, w1p10, w1p13, w1p16, w1p19, w1p22, w1p25, w1p_o_2, w1p_o_5 ,w1p_o_11, w1p_o_14, w1p_o_17, w1p_o_20, w1p_o_23, w1p_o_26, w1p_f_2, w1p_f_5 ,w1p_f_11, w1p_f_14, w1p_f_17, w1p_f_20, w1p_f_23, w1p_f_26; **wave 10:** w10p1, w10p4, w10p10, w10p13, w10p16, w10p19, w1p22, w10p25, w10p2, w10p5_oppose ,w10p11_oppose, w10p14_oppose, w10p17_oppose, w10p20_oppose, w10p23_oppose, w10p26_oppose, w10p2_favor, w10p5_favor ,w10p11_favor, w10p14_favor, w10p17_favor, w10p20_favor, w10p23_favor, w10p26_favor	branching items were first recoded to create a 7-point scale for each item, ranging from 1 (most liberal position) to 7 (most conservative position); these 7-point issue items were then recoded as 1 when the issue preference falls on same ideological side of their party (liberal side for Democrats; conservative side for Republicans), coded as -1 if their preference falls on same ideological side of the opposing party (conservative side for Democrats; liberal side for Republicans), and coded 0 if they took a neutral position; these recoded values were then summed across all 6 issue items
exideo2	attitude extremity	**wave 1:** w1p1, w1p4, w1p10, w1p13, w1p16, w1p19, w1p22, w1p25, w1p_o_2, w1p_o_5 ,w1p_o_11, w1p_o_14, w1p_o_17, w1p_o_20, w1p_o_23, w1p_o_26, w1p_f_2, w1p_f_5 ,w1p_f_11, w1p_f_14, w1p_f_17, w1p_f_20, w1p_f_23, w1p_f_26; **wave 10:** w10p1, w10p4, w10p10, w10p13, w10p16, w10p19, w1p22, w10p25, w10p2, w10p5_oppose ,w10p11_oppose, w10p14_oppose, w10p17_oppose, w10p20_oppose, w10p23_oppose, w10p26_oppose, w10p2_favor, w10p5_favor ,w10p11_favor, w10p14_favor, w10p17_favor, w10p20_favor, w10p23_favor, w10p26_favor	branching items were first recoded to create a 7-point scale for each item, ranging from 1 (most liberal position) to 7 (most conservative position); these 7-point items were then recoded so extreme responses (1, 7) were coded as 3, moderate stances (2, 6) as 2, weak stances (3, 5) as 1 and neutral stances (4) as 0; these recoded values were then summed across all 6 issue items within each panel wave
ideostr	ideological identity strength	der09w1 der09w10	3=strong liberal/conservative; 2=weak liberal/conservative; 1=leaning liberal/conservative; 0=non-ideologue
pint	political interest	w1k1 w10h1	scale was reversed so 5 denotes the highest level of political interest and 1 the lowest
collegegrad	education (college graduate dummy)	der05	