Codebook for "Dynamic Democratic Backsliding"

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Experiment

Variable	Description
yob	Respondent's age (year 2006 = 1; year 1920 or before = 87).
sex	Respondent's sex (male = 1; female = 2; nonbinary = 3).
state	Respondent's state of residence.
race	Respondent's race (non-Hispanic White = 1).
educ	Respondent's highest level of school completed.
antiest_1, antiest_2, antiest_3	Antiestablishment orientation scale.
time_pref1, time_pref2	Time preference measures.
ideo	Respondent's self-reported ideology (more conservative = higher).
pid_1	Respondent's partisanship.
pid_2r	Strength of respondent's Republican partisanship.
pid_2d	Strength of respondent's Democratic partisanship.
pid_2i	Respondent's leaning toward the Republican or Democratic Party, or neither.
affect_1	Respondent's affect toward the Republican Party.
affect_2	Respondent's affect toward the Democratic Party.
policy_educ	Respondent's policy position for education finance (more conservative = higher).
policy_tax_V1, policy_tax_V2	Respondent's policy position for tax rate (more conservative = higher). [V2: for respondents residing in a state *without* a state income tax]
policy_immi	Respondent's policy position for immigration (more conservative = higher).
policy_mari	Respondent's policy position for marijuana (more conservative = higher).
approval_t0_9, approval_t1_9, approval_t2_9, approval_t3_9, approval_t4_9, approval_t5_9, approval_t6_9	Respondent's approval score of the governor at the baseline (t0), in the first period (t1), in the second period (t2), in the third period (t3), in the fourth period (t4), in the fifth period (t5), and in the sixth period (t6).
recall_t1, recall_t2, recall_t3, recall_t4, recall_t5, recall_t6	Respondent's recall decision in the first period (t1), in the second period (t2), in the third period (t3), in the fourth period (t4), in the fifth period (t5), and in the sixth period (t6).
overall	Respondent's assessment of whether the governor will be recalled at some point (1 = yes; 2 = no).
exp_1	Treatment assignment status (Increasing Severity condition = 1; Decreasing Severity condition = 2; Sporadic Severity condition = 3; No Transgressions condition = 4).

Pretest

Variable	Description
yob	Respondent's year of birth (year 2006 = 1).
sex	Respondent's sex (male = 1; female = 2; nonbinary = 3).
state	Respondent's state of residence.
race	Respondent's race (non-Hispanic White = 1).
educ	Respondent's highest level of school completed.
ideo	Respondent's self-reported ideology (more conservative = higher).
pid_1	Respondent's partisanship.
pid_2r	Strength of respondent's Republican partisanship.
pid_2d	Strength of respondent's Democratic partisanship.
pid_2i	Respondent's leaning toward the Republican or Democratic Party, or neither.
biden_approval	Approval/disapproval of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as President (strongly approve = 1; strongly disapprove = 4).
trump_approval	Approval/disapproval of the way Donald Trump handed his job as President (strongly approve = 1; strongly disapprove = 4).
screener_2, screener_4	Attention checks in grid form.
policy_educ	Respondent's policy position for education finance (more conservative = higher).
policy_tax	Respondent's policy position for tax rate (more conservative = higher).
policy_immi	Respondent's policy position for immigration (more conservative = higher).
policy_mari	Respondent's policy position for marijuana (more conservative = higher).
statement_1	Harmfulness of "Ignoring unfavorable court rulings by judges appointed by the opposing party" to democracy (not at all harmful = 0; extremely harmful = 100).
statement_2	Harmfulness of "Ruling by executive order if legislators from the opposing party do not pass legislation favored by the governor" to democracy (not at all harmful = 0; extremely harmful = 100).
statement_3	Harmfulness of "Signing a bill that reduces the number of polling stations in areas that support the opposing party" to democracy (not at all harmful = 0; extremely harmful = 100).
statement_4	Harmfulness of "Signing a redistricting plan that gives their own party a few extra seats despite a decline in the polls" to democracy (not at all harmful = 0; extremely harmful = 100).
statement_5	Harmfulness of "Banning rallies held by extremists of the opposing party in the state capital" to democracy (not at all harmful = 0; extremely harmful = 100).
statement_6	Harmfulness of "Prosecuting journalists who accuse the governor of misconduct without revealing sources" to democracy (not at all harmful = 0; extremely harmful = 100).
statement_7	Harmfulness of "Supervising law enforcement investigations of politicians and their associates" to democracy (not at all harmful = 0; extremely harmful = 100).
statement_8	Harmfulness of "Changing the voter identification laws in order to suppress turnout among demographic groups that historically favored the opposing party" to democracy (not at all harmful = 0; extremely harmful = 100).
statement_9	Harmfulness of "Restricting the time and location of voting in order to make voting more difficult in areas that historically favored the opposing party" to democracy (not at all harmful = 0; extremely harmful = 100).

statement_10	Harmfulness of "Trying to impeach justices who ruled against the governor's favor in a recent court case" to democracy (not at all harmful = 0; extremely harmful = 100).
statement_11	Harmfulness of "Proposing to eliminate the state's bipartisan election commission so that their own party can exercise stronger control over how elections are run" to democracy (not at all harmful = 0; extremely harmful = 100).
statement_12	Harmfulness of "Removing voters from the voter rolls if they have not voted in the last two elections" to democracy (not at all harmful = 0; extremely harmful = 100).
statement_13	Harmfulness of "Using government agencies to monitor or punish political opponents" to democracy (not at all harmful = 0; extremely harmful = 100).
statement_14	Harmfulness of "Interfering with law enforcement investigations of public officials or their associates" to democracy (not at all harmful = 0; extremely harmful = 100).
statement_15	Harmfulness of "Barring election officials from accepting funds from non-profit, non-partisan organizations to help administer voting" to democracy (not at all harmful = 0; extremely harmful = 100).
statement_16	Harmfulness of "Accepting campaign contributions from millionaire donors" to democracy (not at all harmful = 0; extremely harmful = 100).
statement_17	Harmfulness of "Enacting a law that eliminates bargaining rights for most state and local government employees" to democracy (not at all harmful = 0; extremely harmful = 100).
statement_18	Harmfulness of "Submitting voter registration data to a non-profit, non-partisan organization to help maintain more accurate voter rolls in the state" to democracy (not at all harmful = 0; extremely harmful = 100).
statement_19	Harmfulness of "Vetoing a bill that is also opposed by a majority of state residents" to democracy (not at all harmful = 0; extremely harmful = 100).
statement_20	Harmfulness of "Vetoing a new policy proposal while the proposal is supported by a majority of state residents" to democracy (not at all harmful = 0; extremely harmful = 100).
statement_21	Harmfulness of "Deferring the new state budget due to continued debates on other policy issues in the state legislature" to democracy (not at all harmful = 0; extremely harmful = 100).
statement_22	Harmfulness of "Granting clemency (pardons and commutations) to a dozen of individuals in their state who are convicted of crimes" to democracy (not at all harmful = 0; extremely harmful = 100).
statement_23	Harmfulness of "Providing constituent services (which help residents navigate government agencies and access city services) that are not very accessible and efficient" to democracy (not at all harmful = 0; extremely harmful = 100).
statement_24	Harmfulness of "Implementing federal programs within their state while state residents generally do not support these federal programs" to democracy (not at all harmful = 0; extremely harmful = 100).
statement_25	Harmfulness of "Declaring a state of emergency due to a natural disaster that severely disrupts the economy" to democracy (not at all harmful = 0; extremely harmful = 100).