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Provisions 1989 to 2008 Codebook

cong: The numerical ranking of the Congress in which a provision was introduced

billtype: An abbreviation indicating the type of bill in which the provision appeared.

hconres = House Concurrent Resolution
hjres = House Joint Resolution
hr = House of Representatives Bill
hres = House Resolution
s = Senate Bill
sconres = Senate Concurrent Resolution
sjres = Senate Joint Resolution
sres = Senate Resolution

billno: The number associated with the bill in which the provision appeared.

sectionno: The section of the bill in which the provision appears.

approach: A statement as to the form of the provision.

amendment = constitutional amendment
legislation = ordinary legislation
resolution = resolution, excluding constitutional amendments
rider = limitation on funding

yearofintr: The year in which the relevant bill was introduced in Congress.

session: Equals 1 for bills introduced in the first session and 2 for those in the second session.

topic: A string variable describing the topic.

topic_code: An arbitrary number associated with each topic.

class_cat: A numerical designation indicating the category within a given topic to which a provision relates.

cat_description: String variable describing a category of related provisions.

explicit_cat: Dummy variable taking on the value of 1 if a category of related provisions includes a bill that explicitly mentions one or more Supreme Court cases or potential cases.

cases_cat: String variable listing the cases that a category of related provisions explicitly or implicitly target for curbing.

class_org: A numerical designation indicating the original provision to which a provision relates.

catog: Contains a string variable with the structure c[1-99]o[1-99].

> c[1-99] = Indicates the catnum of the original provision to which the provision is related.
> o[1-99] = Indicates the arbitrary numerical designation associated with the original provision.

catog_cosine: Cosine score reporting the similarity between the provision and its original provision.

catog_closestmatch: Dummy variable taking on the value of 1 if the original provision associated with the provision was the closest match to the provision when measured using cosine scores.

clarkbill: Dummy variable taking on the value of 1 when the bill including the provision appears in Clark's (2011) original data.

clarkbill_original: Dummy variable taking on the value of 1 when a specific provision is found in one or more bills included in Clark's original data.

clarkbill_category: Dummy variable taking on the value of 1 when a category of related provisions is found in one or more bills included in Clark's original data.

clarkomit_original: Dummy variable taking on the value of 1 in the event of an omitted bill that includes a specific provision appearing in Clark's original data.

clarkomit_category: Dummy variable taking on the value of 1 in the event of an omitted bill that includes a specific provision that is either identical or similar to one appearing in Clark's original data.

newprovision: Dummy variable taking on the value of 1 if the provision concerns a category of related provisions that does not appear in Clark's original data.

genealogy_type: String variable describing the genealogy type of the provision.

> original: the first documented appearance of the provision
> descendant: a copy of the original provision
> firstcousin: the first documented appearance of a material variation on the original provision, with [a-z] distinguishing first cousins from one another
> secondcousin: a copy of the first cousin provision

original: Dummy variable taking on the value of 1 if the provision is an original.

descendant: Dummy variable taking on the value of 1 if the provision is a descendant.

firstcousin: Dummy variable taking on the value of 1 if the provision is a first cousin.

secondcousin: Dummy variable taking on the value of 1 if the provision is a second cousin.

liberal_provision: Dummy variable taking on the value of 1 if the provision is liberal.

References

Clark, Tom S. 2011. *The Limits of Judicial Independence*. New York: Cambridge University Press.