Code Book for Mexican Chamber of Deputies Coalition Datasets

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Ref.- for "coalition_mexico***yearyear" files, where *** is the congress in Roman numerals and yearyear are the inclusive numerical years

Note: contentious roll-call votes are observations. Contentious roll-call votes are selected if one of the three major legislative parties votes in opposition to the other two or one of those parties is divided on the floor for that vote (<.60 voting in one direction). The three major parties are the PRI, PAN, and PRD.

Vote: V*** or P***

Vote number of contentious roll-call votes. These numbers correspond to the vote numbers in the allvars master datasets, and, therefore, are not continuous.

Pass: whether the measure being voting on is approved in the Chamber.

0	failed to pass
1	passed

PRI_maj, PAN_maj, PRD_maj, etc. Party vote direction based on simply majority of legislative party members voting in one direction.*

0	No (Contra)
1	Yes (Favor)
5	Abstain (Abstención)
7	Absent (Ausente)
11	Quorum vote (Quórum) (does not count for vote totals)

* This variable is used to calculate rolls. Individual legislator abstentions are counted as no votes (contra) for the purpose of calculating the party direction since they have the same effect as a no vote. Thus, if Contra + Abstención > Favor, the party direction is Contra (0). If a majority of party members abstain, the party vote is coded Abstain (5).

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PRI_60, PAN_60, PRD_60, etc. Party vote direction based on 60 percent of legislative party members voting in one direction.*

0	No (Contra)
1	Yes (Favor)
5	Abstain (Abstención)
7	Absent (Ausente) (also coded 8 in the 1998-2000 data set only)
9	Failed to establish a party vote direction (<.60).**
11	Quorum vote (Quórum) (does not count for vote totals)

* This variable was used to tabulate the number of roll-call votes in which a party was divided and/or whether the roll-call vote was contentious despite all three major parties voting in the same direction by the simple majority rule.

** In the data sets for some of the congresses, failure to establish a party vote direction was recorded as missing (.).

dim1R2

The R2 value for the WNOMINATE first dimension. The value is obtained by regressing (logit) vote choice on the first-dimension statistic generated with the WNOMINATE program in R.

dim2R2

The R2 value for the WNOMINATE second dimension. The value is obtained by regressing (logit) vote choice on the second-dimension statistic generated with the WNOMINATE program in R.

Using the above variables with Stata, one can calculate the number of party rolls in a congress. For example,

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count if PRI_maj == 0 & pass == 1
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One can also determine if the roll-call vote is primarily a first or second dimension one. To obtain a list of second dimension contentious roll-call votes for a congress, use the following Stata command.

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list if dim2R2 > dim1R2
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