Cooperative Congressional Election Study

Sumplementary Data:
Race and Ethncity of 2010 House Candidates

Codebook

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Data Sources and Description

This supplementary data set identifies incumbents in and candidates to the United States House of Representatives belonging to three major racial and ethnic minority groups in the United States, 1) Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, 2) Black/African Americans, and 3) Latino/as during the 2010 Midterm General Elections.

Asian American congressional candidates were identified through the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS), a non-partisan non-profit that supports Asian American and Pacific Americans running for office at all levels of government. APAICS documents and publishes information regarding congressional candidates every election season. In 2010 they published a list of a total 17 Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) House congressional candidates, 9 incumbents and 8 challengers.[1]

Similarly, the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies publishes reports on both Black voters and candidates. The Joint Center is a non-profit think tank focused on serving communities on color in the United States. In their 2010 report they identified 58 Black candidates seeking election to the United States House of Representatives, 37 of whom were incumbents at the time.[2]

Please note that one candidate in this data set is counted in two identity groups. Robert Bobby Scott from Virginias 3rd congressional district is both Asian American and Black.

Latino/a House candidates were identified through the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO), a non-partisan non-profit organization that promotes Latino/a participation in the American political process and supports the election of Latino/a candidates. Their 2010 Election Profile lists 43 Latino/a congressional candidates, 25 incumbents and 18 challengers. [3]

The data set includes 11 variables. Three identify the state and congressional district of each candidate. The other 8 variables identify retiring House incumbents, House Democratic candidates and House Republican candidates by the three racial and ethnic identity groups described above. In this election year there were no AAPI retiring incumbents.

[1] APAICS. (November, 2010). APAICS Midterm Election Blog:A look at the AAPI incumbents in Congress. http://apaics.org/2010/11/02/apaics-2010-midterm-election-blog/

APAICS. (November, 2010). APAICS Midterm Election Blog: A look at the AAPI Congressional Challengers. http://apaics.org/2010/11/02/apaics-2010-midterm-election-blog/

[2] Bositis, D. A. (October 14, 2010).Black Voters and Candidates and the 2010 Midterm Elections. Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies.

[3] NALEO Educational Fund. (2010). NALEO 2010 Election Profile.

House Congressional Candidate Race and Ethnicity Variables

aapi_d	Asian American and Pacific Islander House Democratic Candidate
0	Not AAPI House Democratic Candidate
1	AAPI House Democratic Candidate
aapi_r	Asian American and Pacific Islander House Republican Candidate
0	Not AAPI House Republican Candidate
1	AAPI House Republican Candidate
black_inc_retired	Black House Incumbent Retired
0	Not Black House Retiring Incumbent
1	Black House Retiring Incumbent
black_d	Black House Democratic Candidate
0	Not Black House Democratic Candidate
1	Black House Democratic Candidate
black_r	Black House Republican Candidate
0	Not Black House Republican Candidate
1	Black House Republican Candidate
latino_inc_retired	Latino/a House Incumbent Retired
0	Not Latino/a House Retiring Incumbent
1	Latino/a House Retiring Incumbent
latino_d	Latino/a House Democratic Candidate
0	Not Latino/a House Democratic Candidate
1	Latino/a House Democratic Candidate
latino_r	Latino/a House Republican Candidate
0	Not Latino/a House Republican Candidate
1	Latino/a House Republican Candidate