Codebook for Asian American Mobilization

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This dataset was created by the author and draws from several sources:

1.) Publicly available surname-matched vote returns available from California's Statewide Database held at UC Berkeley School of Law. three unique data files for each year were merged. These include (1) the *Statement of Vote*, which reports final vote tallies for each candidate from all counties and certified by the Secretary of State; (2) the *Registration* file, which reports the number of Asian American and Latino voters registered in each precinct using surname matching; and (3) the *Voters* file which reports the final vote at the precinct level with surname matching. All data is available from the website: https://statewidedatabase.org/

2.) Publicly available data from the US Census Bureau's American Community Survey that captures the percent Asian by national origin in state legislative district level was merged onto the vote returns. Datafile DP05 5-year estimates via American Fact Finder was used. For the 2012 and 2014 election, the 2012, 2014 files (2011-2015 estimates) were used and for the 2016 and 2018 elections the 2016 and 2018 files were used (2013-2017 estimates).

3.) Margin of victory as reported by the Statewide Database (see point 1) and reconfirmed with the official returns released by the California Secretary of state. The final margin of victory was calculated by the author as the percentage of the vote received by the winning candidate minus the percentage of the vote received by the losing candidate. California vote returns are available by election year from the Secretary of State's website: https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/prior-elections/

4.) Race/ethnicity/national origin and gender of the candidates. This was assessed and hand coded by the author.

List of Variables

ElectionYear	Year general election was held.
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District Information	
addist	Assembly District number
srprec_key	Unique identifier for each precinct
srprec	Unique identifier for each precinct
county	County codes used by Statewide Database. See note 1 for codebook of counties.
pct_asian	Percentage of Asian residents in a district – reported by ACS (see note 2 above)
pct_indian	Percent of Indian residents in district, reported by American Community Survey (see note 2 above)

pct_chi	Percent of Chinese residents in district, reported by American Community Survey (see note 2 above)
pct_fil	Percent of Filipino residents in district, reported by American Community Survey (see note 2 above)
pct_jpn	Percent of Japanese residents in district, reported by American Community Survey (see note 2 above)
pct_kor	Percent of Korean residents in district, reported by American Community Survey (see note 2 above)
pct_viet	Percent of Vietnamese residents in district, reported by American Community Survey (see note 2 above)
Candidate Information	
cand1	Name of first candidate
cand1_pid	Party of first candidate 1-Republican 2-Democrat 3-Independent/No Party Affiliation 4-Peace and Freedom Party 5-American Independent Party
cand1_gender	Gender of first candidate 0-Male 1-Female
cand1_race	Race or ethnicity of candidate
cand1_racecode	Race/ethnicity of first candidate 1-White 2-Black 3-Latino 4-Asian
cand1_asiancode	National origin of the first candidate, if they are Asian American (racecode=4) 1-Chinese 2-Japanese 3-Korean 4-Indian 5-Vietnamese 6-Filipino 7-Taiwanese 8-Other
cand1_asian	Dummy variable – Is candidate 1 Asian American? 0-No 1-Yes
cand1_incumbent	Identifies whether the first candidate is an incumbent 0-No, not an incumbent 1-Yes, an incumbent
election_result_cand1	Did candidate 1 win the election 0-No 1-Yes
openseat	Was this an open seat election (incumbent=0)

	0-No 1-Yes
partisan_election	Was this a partisan election, with two candidates from the same party competing in the general election? (This sometimes occurs due California's top two primary system) 0-No, not a partisan election (candidates from different parties) 1-Yes, a partisan election (candidates from the same parties)
margin	Margin of victory of winning candidate as a percentage.
cand2	Name of second candidate
cand2_pid	Party of second candidate 1-Republican 2-Democrat 3-Independent/No Party Affiliation 4-Peace and Freedom Party 5-American Independent Party
cand2_gender	Gender of second candidate 0-Male 1-Female
cand2_race	Race or ethnicity of second candidate
cand2_racecode	Race/ethnicity of second candidate 1-White 2-Black 3-Latino 4-Asian
cand2_asiancode	National origin of the second candidate, if they are Asian American (racecode=4) 1-Chinese 2-Japanese 3-Korean 4-Indian 5-Vietnamese 6-Filipino 7-Taiwanese 8-Other
cand2_incumbent	Identifies whether the second candidate is an incumbent 0-No, not an incumbent 1-Yes, an incumbent
election_result_cand2	Did candidate 2 win the election 0-No 1-yes
cand2_asian	Dummy variable – Is candidate 2 Asian American? 1-No 2-Yes
Vote Information	
TOTALVOTEAD	Total number of votes cast
Totreg_r	Total number of registered voters
Tottrnout	Turnout (calculated as total registered / total votes cast)

Vote_dem	Number of votes cast by Democrats
Vote_rep	Number of votes cast by Republicans
Vote_dcl	Number of votes cast by decline to state voters
Vote_oth	Number of votes cast by people registered with other parties
Reg_dem	Number of registered Democrats
Reg_rep	Number of registered Democrats
Reg_dcl	Number of registered decline to state
Reg_oth	Number of people registered with other parties
Asiantotal	Total votes cast by surname matched Asian Americans
Asianreg	Total number of surname matched registered Asian Americans
Asiantrnout	Turnout of surname matched Asian Americans (calculated as total registered / total votes cast)
Kortotal	Total number of votes cast by surname matched Korean Americans (any party)
Vote_kordem	Number of votes cast by surname matched Korean Americans who are registered Democrats
Vote_korrep	Number of votes cast by surname matched Korean Americans who are registered Republicans
Vote_kordcl	Number of votes cast by surname matched Korean Americans who are Decline to state voters
Vote_koroth	Number of votes cast by surname matched Korean Americans who are registered with another party
Korreg	Total number of surname matched registered Korean Americans
reg_kordem	Number of surname matched registered Korean American Democrats
reg_korrep	Number of surname matched registered Korean American Republicans
reg_kordcl	Number of surname matched registered Korean American Decline to state
reg_koroth	Number of surname matched registered Korean Americans registered with other parties
kortrnout	Turnout of surname matched Korean Americans (calculated as total registered / total votes cast)
indtotal	Total number of votes cast by surname matched Indian Americans (any party)
Vote_inddem	Number of votes cast by surname matched Indian Americans who are registered Democrats
Vote_indrep	Number of votes cast by surname matched Indian Americans who are registered Republicans
Vote_inddcl	Number of votes cast by surname matched Indian Americans who are Decline to state voters
Vote_indoth	Number of votes cast by surname matched Indian Americans who are registered with another party

indreg	Total number of surname matched registered Indian Americans
reg_inddem	Number of surname matched registered Indian American Democrats
reg_indrep	Number of surname matched registered Indian American Republicans
reg_inddcl	Number of surname matched registered Indian American Decline to state
reg_indoth	Number of surname matched registered Indian Americans registered with other parties
indtrnout	Turnout of surname matched Indian Americans (calculated as total registered / total votes cast)
chitotal	Total number of votes cast by surname matched Chinese Americans (any party)
Vote_chidem	Number of votes cast by surname matched Chinese Americans who are registered Democrats
Vote_chirep	Number of votes cast by surname matched Chinese Americans who are registered Republicans
Vote_chidcl	Number of votes cast by surname matched Chinese Americans who are Decline to state voters
Vote_chioth	Number of votes cast by surname matched Chinese Americans who are registered with another party
chireg	Total number of surname matched registered Chinese Americans
reg_chidem	Number of surname matched registered Chinese American Democrats
reg_chirep	Number of surname matched registered Chinese American Republicans
reg_chidcl	Number of surname matched registered Chinese American Decline to state
reg_chioth	Number of surname matched registered Chinese Americans registered with other parties
chitrnout	Turnout of surname matched Chinese Americans (calculated as total registered / total votes cast)
jpntotal	Total number of votes cast by surname matched Japanese Americans (any party)
Vote_jpndem	Number of votes cast by surname matched Japanese Americans who are registered Democrats
Vote_jpnrep	Number of votes cast by surname matched Japanese Americans who are registered Republicans
Vote_jpndcl	Number of votes cast by surname matched Japanese Americans who are Decline to state voters
Vote_jpnoth	Number of votes cast by surname matched Japanese Americans who are registered with another party
jpnreg	Total number of surname matched registered Japanese Americans
reg_jpndem	Number of surname matched registered Japanese American Democrats
reg_jpnrep	Number of surname matched registered Japanese American Republicans
reg_jpndcl	Number of surname matched registered Japanese American Decline to state
reg_jpnoth	Number of surname matched registered Japanese Americans registered with other parties

jpntrnout	Turnout of surname matched Japanese Americans (calculated as total registered / total votes cast)
filtotal	Total number of votes cast by surname matched Filipino Americans (any party)
Vote_fildem	Number of votes cast by surname matched Filipino Americans who are registered Democrats
Vote_filrep	Number of votes cast by surname matched Filipino Americans who are registered Republicans
Vote_fildcl	Number of votes cast by surname matched Filipino Americans who are Decline to state voters
Vote_filoth	Number of votes cast by surname matched Filipino Americans who are registered with another party
filreg	Total number of surname matched registered Filipino Americans
reg_fildem	Number of surname matched registered Filipino American Democrats
reg_filrep	Number of surname matched registered Filipino American Republicans
reg_fildcl	Number of surname matched registered Filipino American Decline to state
reg_filoth	Number of surname matched registered Filipino Americans registered with other parties
filtrnout	Turnout of surname matched Filipino Americans (calculated as total registered / total votes cast)
viettotal	Total number of votes cast by surname matched Vietnamese Americans (any party)
Vote_vietdem	Number of votes cast by surname matched Vietnamese Americans who are registered Democrats
Vote_vietrep	Number of votes cast by surname matched Vietnamese Americans who are registered Republicans
Vote_vietdcl	Number of votes cast by surname matched Vietnamese Americans who are Decline to state voters
Vote_vietoth	Number of votes cast by surname matched Vietnamese Americans who are registered with another party
vietreg	Total number of surname matched registered Vietnamese Americans
reg_vietdem	Number of surname matched registered Vietnamese American Democrats
reg_vietrep	Number of surname matched registered Vietnamese American Republicans
reg_vietdcl	Number of surname matched registered Vietnamese American Decline to state
reg_vietoth	Number of surname matched registered Vietnamese Americans registered with other parties
viettrnout	Turnout of surname matched Vietnamese Americans (calculated as total registered / total votes cast)