Cooperative Congressional Election Study

Sumplementary Data:
2012 US House Roll Call Votes

Codebook

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Data Sources and Description

This supplementary data set for the 2012 CCES Common Content provides data regarding eight (8) US House floor votes in the 112th Congress that can be matched to respondent policy opinions corresponding to these votes. The 2012 CCES asked its respondents to report whether they support or oppose a number of bills that were considered by Congress using the following prompt:

"Congress considered many important bills over the past two years. For each of the following tell us whether you support or oppose the legislation in principle."

Respondents reported support or opposition to eight (8) bills voted on by the US House of Representatives:
1. CC332A "Ryan Budget Bill" Budget plan would cut Medicare and Medicaid by 42%. Would reduce top tax rate for highest income groups. Would reduce debt by 16% by 2020.
2. CC332B "Simpson-Bowles Budget Plan" Plan would make 15% cuts across the board in Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and Defense, as well as other programs. Eliminate many tax breaks for individuals and corporations. Would reduce debt by 21%
3. CC332C "Middle Class Tax" Would extend Bush era tax cuts for incomes below $200,000. Would increase the budget deficit by an estimated $250 billion.
4. CC332D "Tax Hike Prevention Act" Would extend Bush-era tax cuts for all individuals, regardless of income.Would increase the budget deficit by an estimated $405 billion.
5. CC332F "U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement" Would remove tariffs on imports and exports between South Korea and the US.
6. CC332G "Repeal Affordable Care Act" Would repeal the Affordable Care Act.
7. CC332H "Keystone Pipeline" A bill to approve the Keystone XL pipeline from Montana to Texas and provide for environmental protection and government oversight.
8. CC332J "End Don't Aask Dont't Tell" Would allow gays to serve openly in the armed services.

The data set includes ten (10) variables. Two (2) identify the state and congressional district of the "Current House" member, meaning member of the 112th Congress. The other eight (8) variables correspond to each congressperson's voting record on items listed above. The raw data for these variables was acquired from the CQ Press data tool "U.S. Political Stats" (http://library.cqpress.com/uspoliticalstats/).

House Roll Call Vote Variables

rollcall_A	Current House vote - Ryan Budget Bill (HCONRES34)
-	"Did not vote"
-	"Nay"
-	"Yea"
rollcall_B	Current House vote - Simpson-Bowles Budget Plan (HCONRES112)
-	"Announced Against"
-	"Did not vote"
-	"Nay"
-	Voted "Present"
-	"Yea"
rollcall_C	Current House vote - Middle Class Tax Cut Act (HR3630)
-	"Did not vote"

-	"Nay"
-	"Yea"
rollcall_D	Current House vote - Tax Hike Prevention Act (HR8)
-	"Did not vote"
-	"Nay"
-	"Yea"
rollcall_F	Current House vote - US-Korea Free Trade Agreement (HR3080)
-	"Announced Against"
-	"Did not vote"
-	"Nay"
-	"Yea"
rollcall_G	Current House vote - Repeal Affordable Care Act (HR2)
-	"Did not vote"
-	"Nay"
-	"Yea"
rollcall_H	Current House vote - Keystone Pipeline (HR1938)
-	"Did not vote"
-	"Nay"
-	Voted "Present"
-	"Yea"
rollcall_J	Current House vote - Don't Aks Don't Tell (HR2219)
-	"Announced Against"
-	"Announced For"
-	"Did not vote"
-	"Nay"
-	"Yea"