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The following describes the coding for the dataset we used in "Shirking in the Contemporary Congress: A Reappraisal" which replicates and extends Rothenberg and Sanders (2000).[1] Also included is a correlation matrix of the independent variables.

Dependent Variable

Ideological Change: The absolute difference in the *adapted* first dimension W-NOMINATE score of members in the last six months of Congress *t* and *t-1* (See Rothenberg and Sanders, pgs. 318-319 for a more explicit discussion of this variable)

Independent Variables

Retiring: Dummy variable coded one if a member does not seek reelection to the House of Representatives or does not pursue statewide office (includes those who lost in a primary election for the House *or* Statewide office), zero otherwise

Pursuing Statewide Office: Dummy variable coded one if a member seeks statewide office, zero otherwise.

Seniority: Years of prior service at the beginning of each Congress

Electoral Slack: Member's vote share, measured as the proportion of the two-party vote from the previous election [0.50-1.00] for members seeking reelection to the House, zero otherwise

District Political Change: The absolute difference in the proportion of the two-party vote received by the 1988 Democratic Presidential candidate in the old and new district for members seeking reelection to the House for the 102nd Congress, zero otherwise

Congress 102: Dummy variable coded one for the 102nd Congress, zero otherwise

Congress 103: Dummy variable coded one for the 103rd Congress, zero otherwise.

[1] Please direct any questions regarding the coding of the data to Lawrence Rothenberg or Mitchell Sanders.

Independent Variable Correlations

	Retiring	Pursuing Statewide Office	District Political Change	Electoral Slack	Seniority	Congress 102	Congress 103
Retiring	1.00	-0.074	-0.138	-0.798	0.216	0.148	-0.077
Pursuing Statewide Office		1.00	-0.061	-0.367	-0.062	-0.044	0.052
District Political Change			1.00	0.199	-0.019	0.444	-0.224
Electoral Slack				1.00	-0.13	-0.059	-0.007
Seniority					1.00	0.070	0.024
Congress 102						1.00	-0.505
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