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Variable	Description
`demand`	Demand for Judicial Independence. Survey question: *Do you think the [President/Prime Minister] has too much, too little, or about the right amount of influence over the [COUNTRY] [Supreme/Constitutional Court]?* Continuous. Values: 0 = Too little influence; 1 = Just the right amount of influence; 2 = Too much influence.
`demand_ord`	Ordinal version of demand.
`exec_infl`	Perceived Executive Influence. Survey question: *To what extent do you think the [President/Prime Minister] influences the rulings that the [Supreme/Constitutional Court] makes?* Continuous. Values: 1 = Not at all; 2 = A small extent; 3 = A moderate extent; 4 = A great extent.
`aware_ct`	Awareness of High Court. Survey question: *Would you say that you are very aware, somewhat aware, not very aware, or have you never heard of the [Supreme/Constitutional Court], that is, one of the [COUNTRY] courts?* Continuous. Values: 1 = Have never heard of; 2 = Not very aware; 3 = Very aware; 4 = Somewhat aware.
`df_support`	Diffuse Support for High Court. Scaled measure based on the variables `doaway_ct`, `strip_ct`, `mixed_ct`, `judges_rm_ct`, and `less_ind_ct`. Appendix D provides more information about the construction of this variable. Continuous. Values: 0-1. Higher values indicate more diffuse support.
`perf_ct`	Specific Support for High Court. Survey question: *How well do you think the [Supreme/Constitutional Court] does its main job in government?* Continuous. Values: 1 = Poor job; 2 = Not a very good job; 3 = Pretty good job; 4 = Great job.
`ideo10`	Ideology. Continuous. Values: 1 to 10 (from left to right).

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`copartisan`	Government Supporter. Question: *If this election were held next week, which party would you be most likely to vote for?* Binary. Values: 0 = Vote for a party opposed to the incumbent; 1 = Vote for a party aligned with the incumbent.
`pol_interest`	Political Interest. Survey question: *How often do you pay attention to what's going on in government and politics?* Continuous. Values: 1 = Never; 2 = Some of the time; 3 = About half of the time; 4 = Most of the time.
`strong_lead`	Support for a Strong Leader. Survey question*: Which of the following statements is closest to your view?* Binary. Values: 1 = We need a strong leader who does not have to be elected by the vote of the people; 0 = Although things may not always work, electoral democracy, or the popular vote, is always best.
`know_ct`	Knowledge of the Court. Based on respondents' answer to two questions asking whether the Justices of the high court serve for a life term or a set number of years, and if decisions handed down by the high court were final or could be appealed to a higher body or institution (see Appendix B for more information). Continuous. Values: 0 = No correct answer; 1 = One correct answer; 2 = Two correct answers.
`age`	Respondents' age
`gender`	Respondents' sex. Values: 0 = Male; 1 = Female.
`doaway_ct`	Do Away with the Court. Survey question: *To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? If the [Constitutional Court/Tribunal] started making a lot of decisions that most people disagree with, it might be better to do away with the [Constitutional Court/Tribunal] altogether.* Continuous. 1 = Agree Strongly; 2 = Agree; 3 = Don't Know; 4 = Disagree; 5 = Disagree Strongly.

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`strip_ct`	Strip Jurisdiction of Court. Survey question: *To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The right of the [Constitutional Court/Tribunal] to decide certain types of controversial issues should be reduced*. Continuous. 1 = Agree Strongly; 2 = Agree; 3 = Don't Know; 4 = Disagree; 5 = Disagree Strongly.
`mixed_ct`	Court Mixed Up. Survey question: *To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The [Constitutional Court/Tribunal] gets too mixed up in politics*. Continuous. 1 = Agree Strongly; 2 = Agree; 3 = Don't Know; 4 = Disagree; 5 = Disagree Strongly.
`judges_rm_ct`	Remove Judges. Survey question: *To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Judges on the [Constitutional Court/Tribunal] who consistently make decisions at odds with what a majority of the people want should be removed from their position as judge*. Continuous. 1 = Agree Strongly; 2 = Agree; 3 = Don't Know; 4 = Disagree; 5 = Disagree Strongly.
`less_ind_ct`	Less Independent. Survey question: *To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The [Constitutional Court/Tribunal] ought to be made less independent so that it listens a lot more to what the people want*. Continuous. 1 = Agree Strongly; 2 = Agree; 3 = Don't Know; 4 = Disagree; 5 = Disagree Strongly.
`country`	Respondents' country (United States, Germany, Hungary, or Poland).