Stefanie Reher and Elizabeth Evans. "Someone like me? Disability identity and representation perceptions." *Political Behavior*.

Codebook

Variable	Variable name	Description and survey question	Coding
Respondent ID	ID		
Country	country		US; UK
Candidate	candidate	Position of candidates the experiment (1=first experiment, candidate A; 2=first experiment, candidate B; 3=second experiment, candidate A; 4=second experiment, candidate B)	1-4
Candidate attributes (see SI 1)			
Disability	c.dis	Candidate disability, 4 categories	None; Blind; Deaf; Paralysed
Disability (binary)	c.disdummy	Candidate disability, binary	0=not disabled 1=disabled
Gender	c.female	Candidate gender	0=male 1=female
Minority ethnic	c.minority	Candidate ethnic minority status, indicated through non-Anglophone name (see SI 1)	0=not ethnic minority 1= ethnic minority
Age	c.age	Candidate age	35-65
Children	c.child.num	Candidate's number of children	0-3
Occupation	c.job	Candidate occupation	Small business owner; Doctor; Lawyer; Teacher; Factory worker
Experience	c.exp	Candidate political experience in years	4-17
Office	c.heldoffice	Candidate previous experience of political office	0=no 1=yes

Party	c.party3	Candidate party: Left-leaning, right-leaning, none (for experiments where party was not mentioned)	Left [Labour in UK, Democratic in US]; Right [Conservative in UK, Republican in US]; No party
Respondent perceptions of candidates			
Representation perceptions	rep1.nor	Respondent perception of candidate's ability to represent people like them Agreement with "Candidate A/B represents people like me." Normalised to range from 0-1 (original range 0-4)	0=strongly disagree 0.25=disagree somewhat 0.5=neither agree nor disagree 0.75=agree somewhat 1=strongly agree
Perceptions of issue importance of candidates		*"Below is a list of policy issues. How important do you think the candidates consider each of the issues?"* *Normalised to range from 0-1*	*0=not important at all* *0.33=not very important* *0.67=somewhat important* *1=very important*
Social security & welfare	imp1.nor	"Social security/welfare"	
Military & defence	imp2.nor	"Military and defence"	
Healthcare	imp3.nor	"Healthcare"	
Minority rights	imp4.nor	"Minority rights"	
Economy	imp5.nor	"Economy"	
Family & children	imp6.nor	"Family and children"	
Candidate ideology	lr.s	Respondent perception of candidate's left-right position "In politics people often talk of left and right. Where would you place the candidates on the following scale from left to right?" (0=Left – 10=Right)	0=left – 1= right
Respondent characteristics			
Respondent disability	disown	Respondent disability	0=non-disabled 1=disabled

		"Do you have any long-term illness, mental health problem or disability which limits your daily activities or the work you can do? 'Long-term' means anything that has affected you over a period of at least 12 months, or that is likely to affect you over a period of at least 12 months."	
Respondent mobility impairment	disown.1	Indicator of whether respondent has a mobility impairment If disown==1, indicates whether respondent ticked "Mobility (walking or climbing steps)" in response to the question "Does this/do these health problem(s) or disability(ies) mean that you have substantial difficulties with any of these areas of your life? Please tick all those that apply."	0=no mobility impairment 1= mobility impairment
Respondent disability group identity (binary)	disid	Respondent disability group identity If disown==1, response to "Do you think of yourself as belonging to the disability community?"	0=no 1=yes
Respondent disability group identity	disid3	Respondent disability group identity Factor variable equivalent to disid, but includes category for non-disabled respondents (disown==0)	ID; No ID; Non-disabled
Respondent age	age	Respondent age category "What age group do you belong to?"	0=18-24 1=25-34 2=35-44 3=45-54 4=55-64 5=65+
Respondent gender	gender	Respondent gender "Which gender do you identify as?"	Female; Male; Other
Issue importance of respondents		*"How important do you consider the following policy issues on a scale from 0 ('not important at all') to 10 ('very important')?"* *Normalised to range from 0-1* (Asked before the experiments)	*0=not important at all – 1=very important*

Social security & welfare	imp.own1.n	“Social security/welfare”	
Military & defence	imp.own2.n	“Military and defence”	
Healthcare	imp.own3.n	“Healthcare”	
Minority rights	imp.own4.n	“Minority rights”	
Economy	imp.own5.n	“Economy”	
Family & children	imp.own6.n	“Family and children”	
Left-right position	lrown.s	Respondent ideological self-placement “In politics people often talk of left and right. Where would you place yourself on this scale from left to right?” (0=Left – 10=Right)	0=left – 1-right