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Codebook – “Government Growth and Interest Populations.”

This document contains explanations for how each variable in the dataset “Government Growth and Interest Populations.” Granger data codebook begins on page 5.

name

Name of the U.S. state in which the observation occurred.

abbr

Abbreviation of the U.S. state in which the observation occurred.

year

Year of the observation.

fips

Federal Information Processing Standard numeric codes for each state ranging 01 to 56.

period

The numbered observation within each state.

groups

Total number of unique interest groups registered within the state and during the year listed. Groups are also known as employers, principals, or clients, depending on the state’s legal language.

laggroups

groups variable but lagged within states by one period.

passed

Total number of enactments approved by legislature during year of observation, according to various editions of the *Books of the States*.

days

Total number of days legislature was in session during year of observation, according to various editions of the *Books of the States*.

innovate

Measure for policy innovativeness in state from Boehmke and Skinner (2012).

tot_spending

Total spending within the state, including spending on utilities, state insurance programs, and liquor stores. Measured in thousands of real U.S. dollars. Provided by Klarner (2015).

gen_spending

Total general spending within the state, excluding spending on utilities, state insurance programs, and liquor stores. Measured in thousands of real U.S. dollars. Provided by Klarner (2015).

legisspending

Total spending on the legislature measured in real U.S. dollars. This includes staff and legislator salaries, and capital improvements. Provided by Klarner (2015).

legislators

Total number of legislative seats within assembly (including both houses and senates, or single chamber for Nebraska). Information collected from editions of the *Books of the States*.

policyliberalism

A measure for state policy liberalism as developed by Caughey and Warshaw (2015).

lawage

Number of years (from years observation) since state first required lobbyists to register via either statute or legislative chamber rule. These are calculated from enactment years found in Strickland (2020).

revised

A dichotomous indicator {0, 1} for whether a state's first lobby law was in effect for the year of the observation. "0" indicates that the first lobby law was in effect (i.e., had not been replaced by a new law).

popmil

Population count of state residents measured in millions of people. Provided by Klarner (2013).

popmil2

Population count of state residents measured in millions of people, squared.

passed00

Total number of enactments approved by legislature during year of observation (***passed***), according to various editions of the *Books of the States*, in hundreds.

days00

Total number of days legislature was in session during year of observation (***days***), according to various editions of the *Books of the States*, in hundreds.

genspendingbil

Total general spending (***gen_spending***) within the state measured in billions of dollars (i.e., divided by 1,000,000).

legisspendmil

Total spending on the legislature measured in millions of real U.S. dollars (***legisspending*** divided by 1,000,000). This includes staff and legislator salaries, and capital improvements.

totspendingbil

Total spending (***tot_spending***) within the state measured in billions of dollars (i.e., divided by 1,000,000).

genspendingbilpc

Total general spending in billions of dollars (***genspendingbil***) divided by resident population in millions (***popmil***). In other words, this is spending in billions per million state residents.

groupspc

Total interest groups (***groups***) divided by resident population in millions (***popmil***). In other words, this is groups per million state residents.

legisspendingmilpc

Total spending on the legislature measured in millions of real U.S. dollars (***legisspendmil***) divided by number of legislators (***legislators***). In other words, this is legislative spending (in millions) per legislator.

complete

State-level dichotomous variable {0, 1} for whether group counts are available for all observations from a state. Observations marked "1" are from states with group counts for all seven periods or observations.

ranney_6yrs_folded

A measure of one-party domination of the state's legislature based on the previous 6 years of legislative election results, developed by Ranney (1976). The original score is folded so that higher scores indicate greater one-party domination. The folded measure ranges in value from 0.5 to 1. Provided by Klarner (2013).

Codebook – "Granger Data – Annual Observations" and "Granger Data – Biennial Observations."

year

Year of the observation.

n

Number of observation (found only in "Granger Data – Biennial Observations").

ILgroups

Total number of unique interest groups registered within Illinois and during the year listed (found only in "Granger Data – Annual Observations").

MSgroups

Total number of unique interest groups registered within Mississippi and during the year listed (found only in "Granger Data – Annual Observations").

NYgroups

Total number of unique interest groups registered within New York and during the year listed (found only in "Granger Data – Annual Observations").

MDgroups

Total number of unique interest groups registered within Maryland and during the year listed (found only in "Granger Data – Annual Observations").

MNgroups

Total number of unique interest groups registered within Minnesota and during the year listed (found only in "Granger Data – Annual Observations").

KSgroups

Total number of unique interest groups registered within Kansas and during the year listed (found only in "Granger Data – Annual Observations").

COgroups

Total number of unique interest groups registered within Colorado and during the year listed (found only in "Granger Data – Annual Observations").

CAgroups

Total number of unique interest groups registered within California and during the year listed (found only in "Granger Data – Biennial Observations").

NDgroups

Total number of unique interest groups registered within North Dakota and during the year listed (found only in "Granger Data – Biennial Observations").

NEgroups

Total number of unique interest groups registered within Nebraska and during the year listed (found only in "Granger Data – Biennial Observations").

NCgroups

Total number of unique interest groups registered within North Carolina and during the year listed (found only in "Granger Data – Biennial Observations").

MEgroups

Total number of unique interest groups registered within Maine and during the year listed (found only in "Granger Data – Biennial Observations").

ILspendingbil

Total general spending within Illinois, excluding spending on utilities, state insurance programs, and liquor stores. Measured in billions of real U.S. dollar (found only in "Granger Data – Annual Observations").

MSspendingbil

Total general spending within Mississippi, excluding spending on utilities, state insurance programs, and liquor stores. Measured in billions of real U.S. dollar (found only in "Granger Data – Annual Observations").

NYspendingbil

Total general spending within New York, excluding spending on utilities, state insurance programs, and liquor stores. Measured in billions of real U.S. dollar (found only in "Granger Data – Annual Observations").

MDspendingbil

Total general spending within Maryland, excluding spending on utilities, state insurance programs, and liquor stores. Measured in billions of real U.S. dollar (found only in "Granger Data – Annual Observations").

MNspendingbil

Total general spending within Minnesota, excluding spending on utilities, state insurance programs, and liquor stores. Measured in billions of real U.S. dollar (found only in "Granger Data – Annual Observations").

KSspendingbil

Total general spending within Kansas, excluding spending on utilities, state insurance programs, and liquor stores. Measured in billions of real U.S. dollar (found only in "Granger Data – Annual Observations").

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Total general spending within Colorado, excluding spending on utilities, state insurance programs, and liquor stores. Measured in billions of real U.S. dollar (found only in "Granger Data – Annual Observations").

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Total general spending within California, excluding spending on utilities, state insurance programs, and liquor stores. Measured in billions of real U.S. dollar (found only in "Granger Data – Biennial Observations").

NCspendingbil

Total general spending within North Carolina, excluding spending on utilities, state insurance programs, and liquor stores. Measured in billions of real U.S. dollar (found only in "Granger Data – Biennial Observations").

MEspendingbil

Total general spending within Maine, excluding spending on utilities, state insurance programs, and liquor stores. Measured in billions of real U.S. dollar (found only in "Granger Data – Biennial Observations").

NDspendingbil

Total general spending within North Dakota, excluding spending on utilities, state insurance programs, and liquor stores. Measured in billions of real U.S. dollar (found only in "Granger Data – Biennial Observations").

NEspendingbil

Total general spending within Nebraska, excluding spending on utilities, state insurance programs, and liquor stores. Measured in billions of real U.S. dollar (found only in "Granger Data – Biennial Observations").

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