ReadMe for Replication Files of

“Non-Party Government: Bipartisan Lawmaking and Party Power in Congress”

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1. Introduction

This ReadMe file contains information about the data files, variables, and programs used to execute the analyses included in the manuscript and in the supplemental appendix.

All data files were saved as both .dta files for use in STATA and as .csv files for use in other programs. All the analyses were run using STATA. As such, an executable .do file and a STATA log of the analyses are also included.

Further information about how each variable was collected and coded is found in the manuscript.

2. Data files & variable descriptions

Data File: PassageVotes-ByCong.dta (PassageVotes-ByCong.csv)

Description: This data file was created from three other data files: (1) AllLaws-House-1973-2016.dta, (2) AllLaws-Senate-1973-2016.dta, and (3) MayhewLandmarkLaws-1973-2016.dta. It includes averages by congress for several variables described below. It is used to create Figures 1-3.

Variables:

variable	**description**
cong	Congress
years	Years of the Congress
Hpct_min	Average % of minority party support on initial passage of all new laws in the House
Hminroll50	Average % of initial passage votes on all new laws on which the minority party was rolled in the House
Hminneeded	Average % of initial passage votes on all new laws on which minority party votes were needed for passage in the House
LMh_minpctinfavor	Average % of minority party support on initial passage of all landmark laws in the House
LMs_minpctinfavor	Average % of minority party support on initial passage of all landmark laws in the Senate
LMh_minneeded	Average % of initial passage votes on all landmark laws on which minority party votes were needed for passage in the House
LMs_minneeded	Average % of initial passage votes on all landmark laws on which minority party votes were needed for passage in the Senate
LMh_minroll50	Average % of initial passage votes on all landmark laws on which the minority party was rolled in the House
LMs_minroll50	Average % of initial passage votes on all landmark laws on which the minority party was rolled in the Senate
Spct_min	Average % of minority party support on initial passage of all new laws in the Senate
Sminroll50	Average % of initial passage votes on all new laws on which the minority party was rolled in the Senate
Sminneeded	Average % of initial passage votes on all new laws on which minority party votes were needed for passage in the Senate

Data File: AllLaws-House-1973-2016.dta (AllLaws-House-1973-2016.csv)

Description: This data file includes every new law from each Congress from the 93rd (1973-74) through the 114th (2015-16) along with information about the initial passage roll-call votes in the House for each law (if there was a roll-call), and additional variables needed for the analyses (in Table 1) in the manuscript.

Variables:

variable	**description**
cong	Congress
bill	The bill that became law
major	Policy Agendas Project's major issue area code for the bill
pct_minority	Percent of minority party lawmakers present and voting who voted to pass the law on initial passage
minroll50	Dichotomous indicator of whether or not the minority party was rolled on initial passage (1=rolled)
minorityneeded	Dichotomous indicator of whether or not minority party votes were needed for initial passage (1=needed)
majority	Whether the sponsor of the law was a member of the majority (=1) or minority (=0) party.
dividedgov	Whether or not there was divided government during the Congress (1 = divided government)
distchambermed	The absolute first-dimension DW-NOMINATE difference between the law's sponsor and the chamber median.
house_maj_seat	The number of House seats held by the majority party
housepolar	The absolute first-dimension DW-NOMINATE difference between the party medians
house_majority_unity	The inverse of the standard deviation of first-dimension DW-NOMINATE scores of each member of the House majority party

Data File: AllLaws-Senate-1973-2016.dta (AllLaws-Senate-1973-2016.csv)

Description: This data file includes every new law from each Congress from the 93rd (1973-74) through the 114th (2015-16) along with information about the initial passage roll-call votes in the Senate for each law (if there was a roll-call), and additional variables needed for the analyses (in Table 2) in the manuscript.

Variables:

variable	**description**
cong	Congress
bill	The bill that became law
major	Policy Agendas Project's major issue area code for the bill
minpctinfavor	Percent of minority party lawmakers present and voting who voted to pass the law on initial passage
minroll50	Dichotomous indicator of whether or not the minority party was rolled on initial passage (1=rolled)
minorityneeded	Dichotomous indicator of whether or not minority party votes were needed for initial passage (1=needed)
majority	Whether the sponsor of the law was a member of the majority (=1) or minority (=0) party.
dividedgov	Whether there was divided government during the Congress (1 = divided government)
distchambermed	The absolute first-dimension DW-NOMINATE difference between the law's sponsor and the chamber median.
senate_maj_seats	The number of Senate seats held by the majority party
senatepolar	The absolute first-dimension DW-NOMINATE difference between the party medians
senate_majority_unity	The inverse of the standard deviation of first-dimension DW-NOMINATE scores of each member of the Senate majority party

Data File: MajorityAgendaPriorities-1985-2016.dta (MajorityAgendaPriorities-1985-2016.csv)

Description: This data file includes each majority party agenda priority (each observation is a different priority) and the variables needed to replicate the analyses in Figures 4 & 5, as well as Tables A-4 and A-5 in the supplemental appendix.

Variables:

variable	**description**
congress	Congress
majority	Majority party for each priority (D=Democrat; R=Republican)
cong_maj	A variable combining congress and party majority
priority_id	A unique identifier for each party agenda priority
priority	A short description of the party agenda priority
pap_major	The Policy Agendas Project's major issue area coding for each priority
outcome	The outcome of each agenda priority (1=most; 2=some; 3=none)
all_outcome	A dichotomous indicator if the majority got 'most' of what it wanted
some_outcome	A dichotomous indicator if the majority got 'some' of what it wanted
none_outcome	A dichotomous indicator if the majority got 'none' of what it wanted
partisanoutcome	A dichotomous indicator of if the outcome was a partisan outcome with the party passing it over the opposition of a majority of the opposition party in both chambers
withminleadsupport	A dichotomous indicator of if the outcome was passed with the support of at least one opposition party leader in each chamber
bipartoutcome	A dichotomous indicator of if the outcome was passed with the support of a majority of the opposition party in at least one chamber.
house_maj_seat	The number of House seats held by the majority party
house_polar	The absolute first-dimension DW-NOMINATE difference between the House party medians
house_majority_unity	The inverse of the standard deviation of first-dimension DW-NOMINATE scores of each member of the House majority party
senate_maj_seats	The number of Senate seats held by the majority party
senate_polar	The absolute first-dimension DW-NOMINATE difference between the Senate party medians
senate_majority_unity	The inverse of the standard deviation of first-dimension DW-NOMINATE scores of each member of the Senate majority party
divided_gov	Whether there was divided government during the congress (1 = divided government)

Data File: MayhewLandmarkLaws-1973-2016.dta (MayhewLandmarkLaws-1973-2016.csv)

Description: This data file includes all of Mayhew's landmark laws from the 93rd (1973-74) through 114th (2015-16) congresses. It also includes information on the final passage votes in each chamber on each landmark law and other variables needed to replicate the analyses in Tables A-1 and A-2 in the supplemental appendix.

Variables:

variable	**description**
cong	Congress
years	Years of the Congress
id	Unique identifier for each of the landmark laws
h_minpctinfavor	Average % of minority party support on initial passage of all landmark laws in the House
h_minroll50	Average % of initial passage votes on all landmark laws on which the minority party was rolled in the House
h_minneeded	Average % of initial passage votes on all landmark laws on which minority party votes were needed for passage in the House
s_minpctinfavor	Average % of minority party support on initial passage of all landmark laws in the Senate
s_minroll50	Average % of initial passage votes on all landmark laws on which the minority party was rolled in the Senate
s_minneeded	Average % of initial passage votes on all landmark laws on which minority party votes were needed for passage in the Senate
housepolar	The absolute first-dimension DW-NOMINATE difference between the party medians
house_maj_seat	The number of House seats held by the majority party
house_majority_unity	The inverse of the standard deviation of first-dimension DW-NOMINATE scores of each member of the House majority party
senatepolar	The absolute first-dimension DW-NOMINATE difference between the party medians
senate_maj_seats	The number of Senate seats held by the majority party
senate_majority_unity	The inverse of the standard deviation of first-dimension DW-NOMINATE scores of each member of the Senate majority party
dividedgov	Whether or not there was divided government during the congress (1 = divided government)