Variables and Sources

This file contains the names, definitions and sources of the variables in two data sets:

1. HC-Data-Replication.csv
2. lspolls.csv

1. Hate Crimes Data Set
(file: HC-Data-Replication.csv)
This is a state-year panel data set.

Variable	Definition	Unit	Source
state	state		
year	Year (ranges over 2009-2018)		
muslim	Hate crimes against Muslims	number	Hate Crime Watch
christian	Hate crimes against Christian	number	Hate Crime Watch
hindu	Hate crimes against Hindus	number	Hate Crime Watch
sikh	Hate crimes against Sikhs	number	Hate Crime Watch
unknown	Hate crimes against persons of unknown religion	number	Hate Crime Watch
hcam1	Hate crimes against religious minorities	number	Computed by author
hc_d	Difference in hate crimes between religious minorities and Hindus (the dominant religious group)	number	Computed by author
hindu_hc	Hate crimes against Hindus; replace missing observations with 0	number	Hate Crime Watch
hvs	Vote share of Hindutva group in 2014 assigned to all years in sample	percentage	Computed by author from Election Commission data
hvs1	Vote share of Hindutva group in 2009 assigned to all years in sample	percentage	Computed by author from Election Commission data
hvs_ss	Vote share of Hindutva group in 2014 assigned to 2014 and missing value in all other years in sample	percentage	Computed by author from Election Commission data
hvs1_ss	Vote share of Hindutva group in 2009 assigned to 2009 and missing value in all other years in sample	percentage	Computed by author from Election Commission data
lparty	Was BJP the largest party in a state	Yes=1, No=0	Computed by author

	according to vote share won in 2014 national elections?		from Election Commission data
lpcnsdp	Logarithm of per capital net state domestic product (constant prices). Notes: Values for 2011 onward use 2011-12 base year; previous years use 2004-05 as base year. For AP it is a population weighted average from 2014 onward, where population of AP and TL are used as weights.	rupees	Table 10, Handbook of Statistics on Indian Economy 2019.
lpopn	Logarithm of estimated mid-year population in state Notes: For AP from 2014 onward, it is sum of AP and TL.	lakhs	Crime in India. (1) Table 1.6, 2009 to 2013. (2) Table 1.4 in 2014. 2015. (3) Table 1A.1 in 2016, 2017. (Original source: Registrar General of India).
after	Dummy variable for year>=2014: 1 if year>=2014, 0 otherwise	0/1	Computed by author
treat3	Did BJP win largest vote share in a state according to outcomes of the 2014 national election?	Yes=1, No=0	Computed by author
after_b3	Dummy variable for year>=2011: 1 if year>=2011, 0 otherwise	0/1	Computed by author
after_b2	Dummy variable for year>=2012: 1 if year>=2012, 0 otherwise	0/1	Computed by author
after_b1	Dummy variable for year>=2013: 1 if year>=2013, 0 otherwise	0/1	Computed by author
after_a1	Dummy variable for year>=2015: 1 if year>=2015, 0 otherwise	0/1	Computed by author
after_a2	Dummy variable for year>=2016: 1 if year>=2016, 0 otherwise	0/1	Computed by author
lcrm	Logarithm of the incidence of IPC (Indian Penal Code) crimes	number	(1) Table 1.5, Crime in India 2013. (2) Table 1A.1, Crime in India 2016.
m_sh	Proportion of Muslims in total population in 2011	percentage	Census of India 2011.
lit_prop	Literacy rate in 2011	percentage	Census of India 2011.
urb_sh	Urban share of population in 2011	percentage	Census of India 2011.

2. Lok Sabha (lower house of national parliament) Elections
(file: lspolls.csv)
This file contains information on Lok Sabha elections since 1951.

Variable	Definition	Units	Source
Hindutva_ct	Number of parliamentary seats contested by BJS/BJP	number	Election Commission of India.
inc_ct	Number of parliamentary seats contested by INC	number	Election Commission of India.
left_ct	Number of parliamentary seats contested by CPI+CPM	number	Election Commission of India.
Hindutva_VS	Vote share won by BJS/ BJP	percentage	Election Commission of India.
inc_vs	Vote share won by INC	percentage	Election Commission of India.
left_vs	Vote share won by CPI+CPM	percentage	Election Commission of India.
Hindutva_sw	Number of parliamentary seats won by BJS/BJP	number	Election Commission of India.
inc_ct	Number of parliamentary seats won by INC	number	Election Commission of India.
left_ct	Number of parliamentary seats won by CPI+CPM	number	Election Commission of India.
seats_tot	Total number of parliamentary seats	number	Election Commission of India