Codebook for "Senators at Home: Local Attentiveness and Policy Representation in Congress"

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Dataset: "complete_CCES_final.dta"
Description: CCES respondent level data that creates all results regarding policy disagreement and local resources
Variables:

Variable	Description	Source/Method of Creation
cong	Congress of visits/staff allocation	Volden and Wiseman (2020)
year	Year of visits/staff allocation	Reports of the Secretary of the Senate
icpsr	Senator's icpsr code	Volden and Wiseman (2020)
Senator Name	Senator's full name	Volden and Wiseman (2020)
stateabrev	Abbreviated state names	Volden and Wiseman (2020)
countyfips	county fips code	Missouri Census Data Center MABLE Geographic Database
msafips	MSA fips code	Missouri Census Data Center MABLE Geographic Database
member_county	String variable for member-county fixed effects	I created this variable by pasting icpsr codes and fips codes together separated by a comma
member_msa	String variable for member-MSA fixed effects	I created this variable by pasting icpsr codes and fips codes together separated by a comma
traveled	Visits to areas in a county	Created from location names in per diem receipts in Reports of the Secretary of the Senate cleaned with code made public by the Sunlight Foundation and extra cleaning by a professional programmer.
log_traveled	Log of total trips to areas in a county (plus one)	Created from location names in per diem receipts in Reports of the Secretary of the Senate cleaned with code made public by the Sunlight Foundation and extra cleaning by a professional programmer.
traveledonce	Any visits to areas in a county	Created from location names in per diem receipts in Reports of the Secretary of the Senate cleaned with code made public by the Sunlight Foundation and extra cleaning by a professional programmer.
traveled_transportation	Visits to areas in a county using transportation receipts	Created from location names in transportation receipts in Reports of the Secretary of the Senate cleaned with code made public by the Sunlight Foundation

		and extra cleaning by a professional programmer.
log_traveled_transportation	Log of total trips to areas in a county (plus one) using transportation receipts	Created from location names in transportation receipts in Reports of the Secretary of the Senate cleaned with code made public by the Sunlight Foundation and extra cleaning by a professional programmer.
traveledonce_transportation	Any visits to areas in a county using transportation receipts	Created from location names in transportation receipts in Reports of the Secretary of the Senate cleaned with code made public by the Sunlight Foundation and extra cleaning by a professional programmer.
traveled_msa	Visits to areas in an MSA	Created from location names in per diem receipts in Reports of the Secretary of the Senate cleaned with code made public by the Sunlight Foundation and extra cleaning by a professional programmer.
log_traveled_msa	Log of total trips to areas in an MSA (plus one)	Created from location names in per diem receipts in Reports of the Secretary of the Senate cleaned with code made public by the Sunlight Foundation and extra cleaning by a professional programmer.
traveledonce_msa	Any visits to areas in an MSA	Created from location names in per diem receipts in Reports of the Secretary of the Senate cleaned with code made public by the Sunlight Foundation and extra cleaning by a professional programmer.
traveled_transpo_msa	Visits to areas in an MSA using transportation receipts	Created from location names in transportation receipts in Reports of the Secretary of the Senate cleaned with code made public by the Sunlight Foundation and extra cleaning by a professional programmer.
log_traveled_transpo_msa	Log of total trips to areas in an MSA (plus one) using transportation receipts	Created from location names in transportation receipts in Reports of the Secretary of the Senate cleaned with code made public by the Sunlight Foundation and extra cleaning by a professional programmer.
traveledonce_transpo_msa	Any visits to areas in an MSA using	Created from location names in transportation receipts in Reports of the Secretary of the Senate cleaned with code

	transportation receipts.	made public by the Sunlight Foundation and extra cleaning by a professional programmer.
staff_per	Percent of staff in county	The staff variables are all created from Senate Telephone Directories accessed via Hein Online.
log_staffed	Log percent of staff in county (plus one)	The staff variables are all created from Senate Telephone Directories accessed via Hein Online.
staffeddonce	Any staff in county	The staff variables are all created from Senate Telephone Directories accessed via Hein Online.
staff_per_msa	Percent of staff in MSA	The staff variables are all created from Senate Telephone Directories accessed via Hein Online.
log_staffed_msa	Log percent of staff in MSA (plus one)	The staff variables are all created from Senate Telephone Directories accessed via Hein Online.
saffeddonce_msa	Any staff in MSA	The staff variables are all created from Senate Telephone Directories accessed via Hein Online.
county_name	County Name	Missouri Census Data Center MABLE Geographic Database
cbsaname10	MSA Name	Missouri Census Data Center MABLE Geographic Database
travmax	Highest number of trips made to any county	Created from location names in per diem receipts in Reports of the Secretary of the Senate cleaned with code made public by the Sunlight Foundation and extra cleaning by a professional programmer.
travmax_msa	Highest number of trips made to any MSA	Created from location names in per diem receipts in Reports of the Secretary of the Senate cleaned with code made public by the Sunlight Foundation and extra cleaning by a professional programmer.
seniority	Chamber seniority	Stewart and Woon (2017)
party_code	Senator party. Note that in this dataset independents are marked as Democrats as they all caucus with the Democratic Party.	Lewis et al. (2021)

	100 = Dems and 200 = Reps	
majority	Member of the majority party	Volden and Wiseman (2020)
chair	Committee chair	Volden and Wiseman (2020)
power	Member of powerful committees	Volden and Wiseman (2020)
nokken_poole_dim1	Senator's first dimension Nokken-Poole score	Lewis et al. (2021)
electionyear	Indicator for the year being the last in the senator's term	Based on Leip (2018)
case_id	The CCES respondent's case identifier	Kurkiwaki (2018)
weight_cumulative	The CCES respondent's cumulative CCES weight	Kurkiwaki (2018)
age	The CCES respondent's age	Kurkiwaki (2018)
race	The CCES respondent's race	Kurkiwaki (2018)
female	Indicator for if the CCES respondent is a woman	Kurkiwaki (2018)
approval	The CCES original measure of approval, 1 means “Strongly Approve” and 4 means “Strongly Disapprove”. 5 is ``Never Heard/Not Sure”	Kurkiwaki (2018)
approval_binary	The CCES binary measure of approval	Kurkiwaki (2018)
voted_for_inc	Indicator for if the respondent reports intentions to vote for the senator in the upcoming election or not.	Based on Kurkiwaki (2018)

copartisan	Indicator for if the CCES respondent is copartisan with the senator. This includes leaners and independent senators are counted as Democrats.	Kurkiwaki (2018)
newsint	Respondent's interest in the news. Takes on the values 1-4 for “Most of the Time” to “Hardly at all” and 7 for “Don’t Know.”	Kurkiwaki (2018)
votematchmean2	Main policy disagreement measure. This variable is an average ranging from 0 to 1.	Based on Kurkiwaki (2018) and Lewis et al. (2021)
votematchmean2_agriculture	Policy disagreement measure created from agriculture votes. This variable is an average ranging from 0 to 1.	Based on Kurkiwaki (2018) and Lewis et al. (2021)
votematchmean2_education	Policy disagreement measure created from education votes. This variable is an average ranging from 0 to 1.	Based on Kurkiwaki (2018) and Lewis et al. (2021)
votematchmean2_immigration	Policy disagreement measure created from immigration votes. This variable is an average ranging from 0 to 1.	Based on Kurkiwaki (2018) and Lewis et al. (2021)
votematchmean2_socialwelfare	Policy disagreement measure created from social welfare votes. This variable is an average ranging from 0 to 1.	Based on Kurkiwaki (2018) and Lewis et al. (2021)

votematchmean2_transportation	Policy disagreement measure created from transportation votes. This variable is an average ranging from 0 to 1.	Based on Kurkiwaki (2018) and Lewis et al. (2021)
votematchmean2_civilrights	Policy disagreement measure created from civil rights votes. This variable is an average ranging from 0 to 1.	Based on Kurkiwaki (2018) and Lewis et al. (2021)
votematchmean2_energy	Policy disagreement measure created from energy votes. This variable is an average ranging from 0 to 1.	Based on Kurkiwaki (2018) and Lewis et al. (2021)
votematchmean2_foreigntrade	Policy disagreement measure created from foreign trade votes. This variable is an average ranging from 0 to 1.	Based on Kurkiwaki (2018) and Lewis et al. (2021)
votematchmean2_govopt	Policy disagreement measure created from government operations votes. This variable is an average ranging from 0 to 1.	Based on Kurkiwaki (2018) and Lewis et al. (2021)
votematchmean2_health	Policy disagreement measure created from healthcare votes. This variable is an average ranging from 0 to 1.	Based on Kurkiwaki (2018) and Lewis et al. (2021)
votematchmean2_international	Policy disagreement measure created from international issues votes. This variable is an average ranging from 0 to 1.	Based on Kurkiwaki (2018) and Lewis et al. (2021)

votematchmean2_crime	Policy disagreement measure created from crime votes. This variable is an average ranging from 0 to 1.	Based on Kurkiwaki (2018) and Lewis et al. (2021)
votematchmean2_macro	Policy disagreement measure created from macro-economic votes. This variable is an average ranging from 0 to 1.	Based on Kurkiwaki (2018) and Lewis et al. (2021)
party_year	Party-year fixed effect	I created this variable by grouping party and year together
number_offices	Number of staff offices located in county	The staff variables are all created from Senate Telephone Directories accessed via Hein Online.
travlast	Traveled to county last year	Created from per diem receipts in Reports of the Secretary of the Senate cleaned with code made public by the Sunlight Foundation and extra cleaning by a professional programmer.
travforward	Travels to county next year	Created from per diem receipts in Reports of the Secretary of the Senate cleaned with code made public by the Sunlight Foundation and extra cleaning by a professional programmer.
dmacty	DMA that the respondent lives in	Moskowitz (2021)
staffeddonce_dma	Any staff in the DMA	The staff variables are all created from Senate Telephone Directories accessed via Hein Online.
staff_per_dma	Percent of staff in DMA	The staff variables are all created from Senate Telephone Directories accessed via Hein Online.
log_staffed_dma	Logged percent of staff (plus one) in the DMA	The staff variables are all created from Senate Telephone Directories accessed via Hein Online.
traveled_dma	Trips to DMA	Created from location names in per diem receipts in Reports of the Secretary of the Senate cleaned with code made public by the Sunlight Foundation and extra cleaning by a professional programmer.

log_traveled_dma	Log trips calculated from per diems to the DMA	Created from location names in per diem receipts in Reports of the Secretary of the Senate cleaned with code made public by the Sunlight Foundation and extra cleaning by a professional programmer.
traveledonce_dma	Traveled once to the DMA	Created from location names in per diem receipts in Reports of the Secretary of the Senate cleaned with code made public by the Sunlight Foundation and extra cleaning by a professional programmer.
member_dma	Member-DMA fixed effect	I created this variable by pasting icpsr numbers and DMA codes together separated by a comma
answered_all	Indicator for if the CCES respondent answered all of the policy questions	Based on Kuriwaki (2018)
answered_none	Indicator for if the CCES respondent answered none of the policy questions	Based on Kuriwaki (2018)

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Dataset: "resources_tocounties_final.dta"
Description: senator-county-year level data to examine how senators are allocating their resources to counties
Variables:

Variable	Description	Source/Method of Creation
cong	Congress of visits/staff allocation	Volden and Wiseman (2020)
year	Year of visits/staff allocation	Created from receipts in Reports of the Secretary of the Senate cleaned with code made public by the Sunlight Foundation and extra cleaning by a professional programmer.
icpsr	Senator's icpsr code	Volden and Wiseman (2020)
Senator Name	Senator's full name	Volden and Wiseman (2020)
stateabrev	Abbreviated state names	Volden and Wiseman (2020)
fips	Five-digit county fips code (includes state fips at the front)	Missouri Census Data Center MABLE Geographic Database
state_total	Total staff located in the state	Created from Senate Telephone Directories accessed via Hein Online.
total_staffers	Total staff in senator's office	Created from Senate Telephone Directories accessed via Hein Online.
number_offices	Number of staff offices located in county	Created from Senate Telephone Directories accessed via Hein Online.
staffers	Total staff located in county	Created from Senate Telephone Directories accessed via Hein Online.
staff_per	Percent of staff located in county	Created from Senate Telephone Directories accessed via Hein Online.
log_staffed	Log percent of staff in county (plus one)	Created from Senate Telephone Directories accessed via Hein Online.
staffeddonce	Any staff in county	Created from Senate Telephone Directories accessed via Hein Online.
party_code	Senator party	Lewis et al. (2021)
traveled	Visits to areas in a county	Created from location names in per diem receipts in Reports of the Secretary of the Senate cleaned with code made public by the Sunlight Foundation and extra cleaning by a professional programmer.

log_traveled	Log of total trips to areas in a county (plus one)	Created from location names in per diem receipts in Reports of the Secretary of the Senate cleaned with code made public by the Sunlight Foundation and extra cleaning by a professional programmer.
traveledonce	Any visits to areas in a county	Created from location names in per diem receipts in Reports of the Secretary of the Senate cleaned with code made public by the Sunlight Foundation and extra cleaning by a professional programmer.
traveled_transportation	Visits to areas in a county using transportation receipts	Created from location names in transportation receipts in Reports of the Secretary of the Senate cleaned with code made public by the Sunlight Foundation and extra cleaning by a professional programmer.
log_traveled_transportation	Log of total trips to areas in a county (plus one) using transportation receipts	Created from location names in transportation receipts in Reports of the Secretary of the Senate cleaned with code made public by the Sunlight Foundation and extra cleaning by a professional programmer.
traveledonce_transportation	Any visits to areas in a county using transportation receipts	Created from location names in transportation receipts in Reports of the Secretary of the Senate cleaned with code made public by the Sunlight Foundation and extra cleaning by a professional programmer.
seniority	Chamber seniority	Stewart and Woon (2017)
majority	Member of the majority party	Volden and Wiseman (2020)
votepct	Senator's previous general election vote percentage	Volden and Wiseman (2020)
chair	Committee chair	Volden and Wiseman (2020)
power	Member of powerful committees	Volden and Wiseman (2020)
nokken_poole_dim1	Member's first dimension nokken-poole score	Lewis et al. (2021)

totalpopulation	Total population of county	The 2008-2012 or 2013-2017 American community survey
per_white	Percent white	The 2008-2012 or 2013-2017 American community survey
median_hhincome	Median household income in 2017 dollars /10,000	The 2008-2012 or 2013-2017 American community survey
logpop	Log of total population	Based on the 2008-2012 or 2013-2017 American community survey
county_name	Full name of county	The 2008-2012 or 2013-2017 American community survey
state	Full name of state	The 2008-2012 or 2013-2017 American community survey
has_flight	County has direct flight to DC	Bureau of Transportation Statistics
electionyear	Indicator for the year being the last in the senator's term	Based on Leip (2018)
member_county	String variable for member_county fixed effects	I created this variable by pasting icpsr codes and fips codes together separated by a comma
party_sd	The standard deviation of the senator's party's vote share in the past three general elections (across both seats)	Based on Leip (2018)
greaterdon	County donates above average to the senator's party in comparison to the counties in the state	Based on DIME. Specifically, I mapped the latitude and longitude provided in the dataset to county fips codes and summed individual donations to presidential candidates that had transaction codes 10, 15, 15E and 15J. I then created an indicator if the county had above average compared to the state.
donations_pop	Same party donations divided by the total population of the county	Based on DIME and the 2008-2012 or 2013-2017 American community survey
travmax	Highest number of trips the senator makes to any county. Used to drop senators who report zero per diems	Created from location names in per diem receipts in Reports of the Secretary of the Senate cleaned with code made public by the Sunlight Foundation and extra cleaning by a professional programmer.

core	Indicator for if the county is a core county for the senator	Based on Leip (2018)
swing	Indicator for if the county is a swing county for the senator	Based on Leip (2018)
opposed	Indicator for if the county is an opposition county for the senator	Based on Leip (2018)
core2	Alternative measure of core that is instead based off of if the senator's party received greater than 55 percent of the general election vote share in the past three elections (across both seats)	Based on Leip (2018)
has_capital	Indicator for if the county contains the capital city.	I created this variable by marking which counties contain the capital city.

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stateabrev	Abbreviated state names	Volden and Wiseman (2020)
fips	Five-digit MSA fips code	Missouri Census Data Center MABLE Geographic Database
cbsaname10	MSA name in 2010	Missouri Census Data Center MABLE Geographic Database
staffers	Total staff located in MSA	Created from Senate Telephone Directories accessed via Hein Online.
total_staffers	Total staff in Senator's office	Created from Senate Telephone Directories accessed via Hein Online.
staff_per_msa	Percent of staff located in MSA	Created from Senate Telephone Directories accessed via Hein Online.
log_staffed_msa	Log percent of staff in MSA (plus one)	Created from Senate Telephone Directories accessed via Hein Online.
staffeddonce_msa	Any staff in MSA	Created from Senate Telephone Directories accessed via Hein Online.
party_code	Senator party	Lewis et al. (2021)
traveled	Visits to areas in an MSA	Created from location names in per diem receipts in Reports of the Secretary of the Senate cleaned with code made public by the Sunlight Foundation and extra cleaning by a professional programmer.
log_traveled	Log of total trips to areas in an MSA (plus one)	Created from location names in per diem receipts in Reports of the Secretary of the Senate cleaned with code made public by the Sunlight Foundation and extra cleaning by a professional programmer.

traveledonce	Any visits to areas in an MSA	Created from location names in per diem receipts in Reports of the Secretary of the Senate cleaned with code made public by the Sunlight Foundation and extra cleaning by a professional programmer.
traveled_transportation	Visits to areas in an MSA using transportation receipts	Created from location names in transportation receipts in Reports of the Secretary of the Senate cleaned with code made public by the Sunlight Foundation and extra cleaning by a professional programmer.
log_traveled_transportation	Log of total trips to areas in an MSA (plus one) using transportation receipts	Created from location names in transportation receipts in Reports of the Secretary of the Senate cleaned with code made public by the Sunlight Foundation and extra cleaning by a professional programmer.
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chair	Committee chair	Volden and Wiseman (2020)
power	Member of powerful committees	Volden and Wiseman (2020)
nokken_poole_dim1	Member's first dimension nokken-poole score	Lewis et al. (2021)
totalpopulation	Total population of MSA	The 2008-2012 or 2013-2017 American community survey
per_white	Percent white	The 2008-2012 or 2013-2017 American community survey

median_hhincome	Median household income in 2017 dollars /10,000	The 2008-2012 or 2013-2017 American community survey
logpop	Log total population	Based on the 2008-2012 or 2013-2017 American community survey
has_flight	MSA has direct flight to DC	Bureau of Transportation Statistics
electionyear	Indicator for the year being the last in the senator's term	Based on Leip (2018)
member_msa	String variable for member-msa fixed effects	I created this variable by pasting icpsr codes and fips codes together separated by a comma
party_sd	The standard deviation of the senator's party's vote share in the past three general elections (across both seats)	Based on Leip (2018)
greaterdon	MSA donates above average to the senator's party in comparison to the counties in the state	Based on DIME. Specifically, I mapped the latitude and longitude provided in the dataset to county fips codes and summed individual donations to presidential candidates that had transaction codes 10, 15, 15E and 15J. I then summed up to MSAs and created an indicator if the MSA had above average compared to the state.
donations_pop	Same party donations divided by the total population of the MSA	Based on DIME and the 2008-2012 or 2013-2017 American community survey
travmax	Highest number of trips the senator makes to any MSA. Used to drop senators who report zero per diems	Created from location names in per diem receipts in Reports of the Secretary of the Senate cleaned with code made public by the Sunlight Foundation and extra cleaning by a professional programmer.
core	Indicator for if the MSA is a core county for the senator	Based on Leip (2018)
swing	Indicator for if the MSA is a swing MSA for the senator	Based on Leip (2018)
opposed	Indicator for if the MSA is an opposition MSA for the senator	Based on Leip (2018)

core2	Alternative measure of core, is instead based on if the senator's party received greater than 55 percent of the general election vote share in the past three elections (across both seats)	Based on Leip (2018)
has_capital	Indicator for if the MSA contains the capital city	I created this variable by marking if the MSA contains the capital city.

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Dataset: "TotalResources_Home.dta"
Description: senator-congress level data to look at overall allocation patterns
Variables:

Variable	Description	Source/Method of Creation
cong	Congress	Volden and Wiseman (2020)
icpsr	Senator's icpsr code	Volden and Wiseman (2020)
bioname	Senator's full name	Volden and Wiseman (2020)
stateabrev	State abbreviation	Volden and Wiseman (2020)
rep	Senator is a Republican	Based on Lewis et al. (2021)
majority	Senator is a member of the majority party	Volden and Wiseman (2020)
female	Senator is a woman	Volden and Wiseman (2020)
afam	Senator is African American	Volden and Wiseman (2020)
latino	Senator is Latino	Volden and Wiseman (2020)
votepct	Senator's previous general election vote share	Volden and Wiseman (2020)
dwnom1	Senator's first dimension DW-NOMINATE Score	Volden and Wiseman (2020)
chair	Senator is a committee chair	Volden and Wiseman (2020)
subchr	Senator is a subcommittee chair	Volden and Wiseman (2020)
seniority	Chamber seniority	Stewart and Woon (2017)
power	Senator is on a powerful committee	Volden and Wiseman (2020)
party_code	Senator party	Lewis et al. (2021)
nokken_poole_dim1	Senator's first dimension Nokken-Poole Score	Lewis et al. (2021)
absnokken	The absolute value of a senator's first dimension Nokken-Poole Score	Based on Lewis et al. (2021)
in_district	The total number of trips a senator makes home in a Congress. Note that this value is based on transportation receipts and not per diems.	Created from transportation receipts in Reports of the Secretary of the Senate cleaned with code made public by the Sunlight Foundation and extra cleaning by a professional programmer.
log_indist	The log (plus one) of the total number of trips a senator makes home in a Congress. Note that this value is based on transportation receipts and not per deims.	Created from transportation receipts in Reports of the Secretary of the Senate cleaned with code made public by the Sunlight Foundation and extra

		cleaning by a professional programmer.
staff_per	Percent of staff allocated to the home state	Created from Senate Telephone Directories accessed via Hein Online.
up_for_election	Senator is up for election in that congress	Based on Leip (2018)
Statecode	Fips state code	The 2008-2012 or 2013-2017 American community survey
areatotal	Total area of state	The 2008-2012 or 2013-2017 American community survey
dist_mat	Geodesic distance of state center from Washington DC	Created by using a state census shapefile, taking the centroids, and calculating the geodesic distance to Washington DC
totalpopulation	Total population in state	The one year 2012, 2014, 2016, and 2018 American community surveys
region_factor	Factor variable indicating which region of the country the state is located in.	Created by hand categorizing the states into census regions.
log_miles	Logged state square miles	Based on the 2018 American community survey
log_dist	Logged geodesic distance of state center from Washington DC	Created by using a state census shapefile, taking the centroids, and calculating the geodesic distance to Washington DC
logpop	Logged total population in state	Based on the 2008-2012 or 2013-2017 American community survey

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