CODEBOOK FOR "TOE THE LINE TO SURVIVE: LOYALISTS, WILDCARDS, AND ELECTORAL REFORM IN BRAZIL"

In this codebook, we go over all the variables present in the wildcards.csv file, explaining their construction and range (when applicable).

Dataset name	Definition	Measurement
deputado_nome	Each legislator's name	Character
ano	Year of observation	Numeric [2015-2025]
emendas	Pork money effectively paid for that congressman in thousands of Brazilian *reais*	Numeric [0-85000]
deputado_.id	Unique identifier for each congressman, generated by the Chamber of Deputies upon election	Numeric
trimestre	Quarter of observation	Numeric [1-4]
despesa_maxima_campanha	Maximum amount of money (in Brazilian *reais*) the congressman could spend on a given campaign, as per the legislation	Numeric
total_membro_frentes	Number of *Frentes Parlamentares*, thematic work groups within Congress - each congressman belongs to	Numeric [0-300]
base_governo	Whether the congressman belongs to the governing coalition	Binary [0 - opposition, 1 - coalition]
genero	Gender	Binary, Character
estado	Each congressman's home state	Character
carreira	Length of political career	Numeric [0-26]

	(number of years holding elective office)	
primeiro_cargo	First political office ever held	Character
idade_anualizada	Age	Numeric[25-90]
cargo_mesas	Whether the congressman holds a position in the *Mesa Diretora*	Binary [0 - no, 1 - yes]
cargos_comissoes	Whether the congressman holds a position in a thematic or investigative committee	Binary [0 - no, 1 - yes]
ano_trimestre	Year and quarter	Numeric
ano_semestre	Year and semester	Numeric
fidelidade	Average loyalty over a semester	Numeric [0-100]
fidelidade_partido	Average loyalty within each political party every semester	Numeric [0-100]
deputado_siglaPartido	Party tag	Character
total_votacoes	Number of plenary votes attended in a semester	Numeric [0-340]
total_votos_congruentes	Number of party-congruent votes cast	Numeric [0-320]
semestre	Semester	Numeric [1-2]
prob_same_party	Party size in % of chairs occupied for the Lower Chamber	Numeric [0-24]
campanha	Money spent on electoral campaign in thousands of Brazilian *reais*	Numeric [0-16000]
fidelidade_partido_lag	Average loyalty within each party at the previous semester	Numeric [0-100]
wildcard	Wildcard identifier	Binary [0 - Loyalist, 1 - Wildcard]

wildcard2	Wildcard identifier, alternative specification where semester loyalty is compared to average party loyalty in the previous semester	Binary [0 - Loyalist, 1 - Wildcard]
wildcard3	Wildcard identifier, alternative specification where semester loyalty is compared to 1SD from average loyalty for the entire sample	Binary [0 - Loyalist, 1 - Wildcard]
wildcard4	Wildcard identifier, alternative specification where semester loyalty is compared to median loyalty for the entire sample	Binary [0 - Loyalist, 1 - Wildcard]
postreform	Identifier for the treatment period	Binary [0 - before, 1 - after]
treatment_center	Centered semester variable for dynamic analysis	Numeric
reforma	wildcard * postreform	Binary
reforma2	wildcard2 * postreform	Binary
reforma3	wildcard3 * postreform	Binary
reforma4	wildcard4 * postreform	Binary