Data Codebook

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Data Files

Data File(s) Included:

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- `Birkhead_Harden_Windett_Vetoes.csv` (**Format:** CSV)

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Dataset: `Dobson_Bipartisanship_Scores_SPPQ_2026.csv`

This dataset is a 27,129 (observations) × 40 (variables) data frame containing variables measured at multiple units of analysis (e.g., legislature, chamber, and legislator); the unit of analysis for each variable is documented in the table below in the description column (denoted as **UOA**). This dataset is used in both the primary and supplementary analyses in "Selective Reciprocity in Bipartisan Collaboration: How Majority Security Shapes Legislative Success."

Variable	Description	Coding / Values	Source
state	Two-letter state abbreviation identifying the legislature (**UOA**: legislature)	e.g., nc, tn, va	Constructed by author
chamber	Legislative chamber (**UOA**: chamber)	house, senate	Constructed by author
term	Legislative term identifier (**UOA**: legislature-term)	Format: YYYY_YYYY	Constructed by author
standardized_name	Standardized legislator name (**UOA**: legislator-term)	Format: first last	Constructed by author
sles_id	Unique numeric identifier for legislators (**UOA**: legislator)	Integer; constant for a legislator across legislative terms	Bucchianeri, Volden, and Wiseman (2025)
partisan_seatshare_diff	Absolute difference in the proportion of seats controlled by the majority and minority parties in a legislative chamber during term *t* (**UOA**: chamber-term)	0 – 1	Bucchianeri, Volden, and Wiseman (2025)
level_security	Categorical indicator of majority party security in the chamber (secure = partisan_seatshare_diff $>= 0.33$ (**UOA**: chamber-term)	insecure, secure	Constructed by author
secure_num	Binary indicator of majority party security in the chamber (**UOA**: chamber-term)	1 = secure; 0 = insecure	Constructed by author
proportion_direct_bipartisan_bills	Proportion of all bills cosponsored by a legislator during term *t* that were introduced by members of the opposing party (**UOA**: legislator-term)	0 – 1	Constructed by author
average_prop_bill_bipartisan	Proportion of all bills cosponsored by a legislator during term *t* that were introduced by members of the opposing party (**UOA**: legislator-term)	0 – 1	Constructed by author

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`expected_bipartisan_cosponsorships_offered`	Simulated average proportion of all bills cosponsored by a legislator during a given term that were introduced by members of the opposing party if the legislator selected randomly from the actual chamber-term bill pool, from 1,000 simulated draws (**UOA**: legislator-term)	0 – 1	Constructed by author
`avg_expected_bipartisan_cosponsors_attracted`	Simulated average proportion of all bills sponsored by a legislator during a given term that were cosponsored by members of the opposing party if the cosponsors were selected randomly from the actual chamber-term legislator pool from 1,000 simulated draws (**UOA**: legislator-term)	0 – 1	Constructed by author
`lagged_offered`	Proportion of all bills cosponsored by a legislator during term *t – 1* that were introduced by members of the opposing party (**UOA**: legislator-term)	0 – 1	Constructed by author
`lagged_offered_T2`	Proportion of all bills cosponsored by a legislator during term *t – 2* that were introduced by members of the opposing party (**UOA**: legislator-term)	0 – 1	Constructed by author
`lagged_attracted`	Proportion of all bills sponsored by a legislator during term *t – 1* that were cosponsored by members of the opposing party (**UOA**: legislator-term)	0 – 1	Constructed by author
`SM_median_diff`	Absolute difference in median Shor-McCarty ideology scores between parties (**UOA**: chamber-term)	0.487 – 3.041	Bucchianeri, Volden, and Wiseman (2025)
`gov_same_party`	Binary indicator of whether legislator is a copartisan with governor (**UOA**: legislator-term)	`1` = same party as governor; `0` = otherwise	Bucchianeri, Volden, and Wiseman (2025)

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`seniority`	Number of consecutive terms served by legislator in the chamber (**UOA**: legislator-term)	1 – 25	Bucchianeri, Volden, and Wiseman (2025)
`first_elected`	Year legislator *i* was first elected to the chamber (**UOA**: legislator)	Format: `YYYY`	Bucchianeri, Volden, and Wiseman (2025)
`in_majority`	Binary indicator of whether legislator is in the majority party (**UOA**: legislator-term)	`1` = majority party member; `0` = otherwise	Bucchianeri, Volden, and Wiseman (2025)
`Leader_majleader`	Binary indicator of whether legislator serves in majority party leadership (**UOA**: legislator-term)	`1` = majority party leadership; `0` = otherwise	Bucchianeri, Volden, and Wiseman (2025)
`Leader_minleader`	Binary indicator of whether legislator serves in minority party leadership (**UOA**: legislator-term)	`1` = minority party leadership; `0` = otherwise	Bucchianeri, Volden, and Wiseman (2025)
`Leader_speakerpres`	Binary indicator of whether legislator is the Speaker or President of the chamber (**UOA**: legislator-term)	`1` = Speaker/President; `0` = otherwise	Bucchianeri, Volden, and Wiseman (2025)
`comm_chair`	Binary indicator of whether legislator is a committee chair (**UOA**: legislator-term)	`1` = committee chair; `0` = otherwise	Bucchianeri, Volden, and Wiseman (2025)
`power_comm`	Binary indicator of whether legislator serves on a committee related to the budget, finance, appropriations, or rules (**UOA**: legislator-term)	`1` = serves on power committee; `0` = otherwise	Bucchianeri, Volden, and Wiseman (2025)
`ideo_med_distance`	Legislator *i*'s Shor-McCarty ideology score minus chamber median's ideology score (**UOA**: legislator-term)	0 – 4.293	Bucchianeri, Volden, and Wiseman (2025)
`party`	Numeric indicator of legislator party (**UOA**: legislator-term)	`1` = Democrat; `2` = Republican	Bucchianeri, Volden, and Wiseman (2025)
`vote_share`	Share of votes legislator received in prior general election (**UOA**: legislator-term)	0.045 – 1	Bucchianeri, Volden, and Wiseman (2025)
`female`	Binary indicator of whether legislator is female (**UOA**: legislator)	`1` = female; `0` = otherwise	Bucchianeri, Volden, and Wiseman (2025)

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race_asian	Binary indicator of whether legislator is AAPI (**UOA**: legislator)	1 = AAPI; 0 = otherwise	Bucchianeri, Volden, and Wiseman (2025)
race_black	Binary indicator of whether legislator is Black (**UOA**: legislator)	1 = Black; 0 = otherwise	Bucchianeri, Volden, and Wiseman (2025)
race_hispanic	Binary indicator of whether legislator is Latino/a (**UOA**: legislator)	1 = Latino/a; 0 = otherwise	Bucchianeri, Volden, and Wiseman (2025)
consecutive_terms_in_control	Number of consecutive legislative terms that the majority party has controlled a chamber, calculated by identifying uninterrupted streaks of party control within each chamber. Streaks are constructed using a state-specific retrospective window beginning two terms prior to the start of available bipartisanship data (**UOA**: chamber-term)	1 – 7; resets to 1 when party control changes	Constructed by author
s_bills	Number of bills introduced by legislator *i* during term *t* (**UOA**: legislator-term)	0 – 1203 (for minority party legislators)	Bucchianeri, Volden, and Wiseman (2025)
s_aic	Number of legislator *i*'s bills that received action in committee during term *t* (**UOA**: legislator-term)	0 – 961 (for minority party legislators)	Bucchianeri, Volden, and Wiseman (2025)
s_abc	Number of legislator *i*'s bills that received action beyond committee during term *t* (**UOA**: legislator-term)	0 – 954 (for minority party legislators)	Bucchianeri, Volden, and Wiseman (2025)
s_pass	Number of legislator *i*'s bills that passed the legislator's chamber during term *t* (**UOA**: legislator-term)	0 – 74 (for minority party legislators)	Bucchianeri, Volden, and Wiseman (2025)

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success_rate_aic	Number of legislator *i*'s bills that receive action in committee, relative to all bills introduced by the legislator in term *t* (**UOA**: legislator-term)	0 – 765	Constructed by author
success_rate_abc	Number of legislator *i*'s bills that receive action beyond committee, relative to all bills sponsored by the legislator that received action in committee in term *t* (**UOA**: legislator-term)	0 – 415	Constructed by author
success_rate_pass	Number of legislator *i*'s bills that pass the parent chamber, relative to all bills sponsored by the legislator that received action beyond committee in term *t* (**UOA**: legislator-term)	0 – 193	Constructed by author

Dataset: `Birkhead_Harden_Windett_Vetoes.csv`

This dataset is a 50 (observations) × 2 (variables) data frame containing legislature-level information on gubernatorial veto–override thresholds; it is used exclusively to construct Figure A.2 in the appendix.

Variable	Description	Coding / Values	Source
`state`	State name identifying the legislature (**UOA**: legislature)	e.g., `North Carolina`	Birkhead, Harden, and Windett (2025)
`filibuster_gop_gov`	State-specific veto–override threshold (**UOA**: legislature)	0.5; 0.57; 0.6; 0.67; 0.69	Birkhead, Harden, and Windett (2025)

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