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Code Sheet

datestart – date started survey

dateend – date ended survey

progress – proportion of survey completed

dursecs – duration of survey in seconds

IDqualtrics – random ID assigned by qualtrics

intcon – when working remotely, how frequently do you interact with constituents
1 = less than before
2 = about the same
3 = more than before

intstaff -- when working remotely, how frequently do you interact with legislative staff
1 = less than before
2 = about the same
3 = more than before

intdist -- when working remotely, how frequently do you interact with people working for you in the district
1 = less than before
2 = about the same
3 = more than before

intcomm -- when working remotely, how frequently do you interact with community leaders in your district
1 = less than before
2 = about the same
3 = more than before

intpown – when working remotely, how frequently do you interact with legislators in your party
1 = less than before
2 = about the same
3 = more than before

intpoth -- when working remotely, how frequently do you interact with legislators in the other party

1 = less than before
2 = about the same
3 = more than before

intplead -- when working remotely, how frequently do you interact with your party leaders
1 = less than before
2 = about the same
3 = more than before

talksmall – when working remotely, do you do more or less of the following: engage in small talk with your colleagues
1 = less than before
2 = about the same
3 = more than before

talkpown –when working remotely, do you do more or less of the following: talk outside of meetings to legislators from your party
1 = less than before
2 = about the same
3 = more than before

talkpoth –when working remotely, do you do more or less of the following: talk outside of meetings to legislators from the other party
1 = less than before
2 = about the same
3 = more than before

dostleg –when working remotely, do you do more or less of the following: convene colleagues to get something done in the legislature
1 = less than before
2 = about the same
3 = more than before

dostdist –when working remotely, do you do more or less of the following: convene people to get something done in the district
1 = less than before
2 = about the same
3 = more than before

dostpp –when working remotely, do you do more or less of the following: support a colleague or staff member who is having personal problems
1 = less than before
2 = about the same
3 = more than before

whyless -- For those tasks or interactions that became less frequent, which statement best describes why
1 = It's hard to get these things done without being in person
2 = The coronavirus has made these tasks less important
3 = Because I'm at home, I have less time for my job overall

whymore -- For those tasks or interactions that became more frequent, which statement best describes why
1 = It's easier to get these things done remotely
2 = The coronavirus has made these tasks more important
3 = Because I'm at home, I have more time for my job overall

commans – thinking about your interaction with the community, how much time do you spend on the following tasks: answer emails or phone calls
1 = less than before
2 = about the same
3 = more than before

commhelp – thinking about your interaction with the community, how much time do you spend on the following tasks: help constituents solve problems
1 = less than before
2 = about the same
3 = more than before

commlead – thinking about your interaction with the community, how much time do you spend on the following tasks: interact with community leaders
1 = less than before
2 = about the same
3 = more than before

commsoc -- thinking about your interaction with the community, how much time do you spend on the following tasks: engage with constituents on social media
1 = less than before
2 = about the same
3 = more than before

commmtg -- thinking about your interaction with the community, how much time do you spend on the following tasks: hold meetings to interact with constituents
1 = less than before
2 = about the same
3 = more than before

inpown – relative to when the legislature is in session, how do you rate your ability to: know what initiatives legislators in your party are working on
1 = worse than usual
2 = about the same

3 = better than usual

inpoth – relative to when the legislature is in session, how do you rate your ability to: know what initiatives legislators in other party are working on
1 = worse than usual
2 = about the same
3 = better than usual

inplead -- relative to when the legislature is in session, how do you rate your ability to: know the priorities of your party leaders
1 = worse than usual
2 = about the same
3 = better than usual

inconst -- relative to when the legislature is in session, how do you rate your ability to: know your constituents' main concerns
1 = worse than usual
2 = about the same
3 = better than usual

inideas – relative to when the legislature is in session, how do you rate your ability to: generate support for your ideas
1 = worse than usual
2 = about the same
3 = better than usual

inproj -- relative to when the legislature is in session, how do you rate your ability to: move forward projects that are important to you
1 = worse than usual
2 = about the same
3 = better than usual

outpown – relative to when the legislature is out of session, how do you rate your ability to: know what initiatives legislators in your party are working on
1 = worse than usual
2 = about the same
3 = better than usual

outpoth -- relative to when the legislature is out of session, how do you rate your ability to: know what initiatives legislators in other party are working on
1 = worse than usual
2 = about the same
3 = better than usual

outplead -- relative to when the legislature is out of session, how do you rate your ability to: know priorities of party leaders

1 = worse than usual
2 = about the same
3 = better than usual

outconst – relative to when the legislature is out of session, how do you rate your ability to: know constituents' main concerns
1 = worse than usual
2 = about the same
3 = better than usual

outint -- relative to when the legislature is out of session, how do you rate your ability to: interact with a colleague about legislative matters
1 = worse than usual
2 = about the same
3 = better than usual

inintchange -- When the legislature is in session, you probably interact with some colleagues more than others. Of those colleagues that you interact with frequently on work-related matters, how has your virtual communication changed?
1 = We interact less than before
2 = We interact about the same as before
3 = We interact more than before

workemail – for colleagues you interact with frequently, how often do you following for work: email
1 = use less
2 = use about the same
3 = use more

workphone – for colleagues you interact with frequently, how often do you following for work: phone
1 = use less
2 = use about the same
3 = use more

worktext – for colleagues you interact with frequently, how often do you following for work: text or other messaging app
1 = use less
2 = use about the same
3 = use more

workvidoff – for colleagues you interact with frequently, how often do you following for work: video conference for official meetings
1 = use less
2 = use about the same
3 = use more

workvidout – for colleagues you interact with frequently, how often do you following for work: video conference outside of official meetings
1 = use less
2 = use about the same
3 = use more

insocial -- When the legislature is in session, you probably socialize with some colleagues more than others. Of those colleagues that you socialize with frequently, how has your virtual communication changed?
1 = We interact less than before
2 = We interact about the same as before
3 = We interact more than before

vidlook – I worry about how I appear on videoconference
1 = strongly disagree
2 = disagree
3 = agree
4 = strongly agree

videff – Having meetings virtually is more efficient
1 = strongly disagree
2 = disagree
3 = agree
4 = strongly agree

viddisrupt – People in my household often interrupt me
1 = strongly disagree
2 = disagree
3 = agree
4 = strongly agree

vidtone – I am careful about my tone of voice on videoconference
1 = strongly disagree
2 = disagree
3 = agree
4 = strongly agree

vidhome -- It's ok that parts of my home appear on camera
1 = strongly disagree
2 = disagree
3 = agree
4 = strongly agree

vidsec – I worry about the security of virtual meetings
1 = strongly disagree

2 = disagree
3 = agree
4 = strongly agree

toneemail -- Based on your experience with virtual communication, it's hard to convey the right tone over email
1 = strongly disagree
2 = disagree
3 = agree
4 = strongly agree

tonetext -- Based on your experience with virtual communication, it's hard to convey the right tone when messaging or texting
1 = strongly disagree
2 = disagree
3 = agree
4 = strongly agree

msgsec -- Based on your experience with virtual communication, I worry about the security of virtual emails, messages, and phone calls
1 = strongly disagree
2 = disagree
3 = agree
4 = strongly agree

justcall -- No matter who I need to talk to, I could just call them
1 = strongly disagree
2 = disagree
3 = agree
4 = strongly agree

justmsg -- No matter who I need to talk to, I could just call them
1 = strongly disagree
2 = disagree
3 = agree
4 = strongly agree

vidregsp -- Comparing videoconferences to in-person meetings, did you notice the following increasing or decreasing on videoconference: participation from colleagues who usually speak in meetings
1 = decreased
2
3 = same
4
5 = increased

vidnewsp -- Comparing videoconferences to in-person meetings, did you notice the following increasing or decreasing on videoconference: participation from colleagues who don't usually speak in meetings
1 = decreased
2
3 = same
4
5 = increased

vidheard -- Comparing videoconferences to in-person meetings, did you notice the following increasing or decreasing on videoconference: ability to make own voice heard
1 = decreased
2
3 = same
4
5 = increased

vidattn -- Comparing videoconferences to in-person meetings, did you notice the following increasing or decreasing on videoconference: others attentiveness to people speaking
1 = decreased
2
3 = same
4
5 = increased

vidspint -- Comparing videoconferences to in-person meetings, did you notice the following increasing or decreasing on videoconference: interruptions of people speaking
1 = decreased
2
3 = same
4
5 = increased

reward – did you feel that being a state legislator became more or less rewarding?
1 = more rewarding
2 = did not really change
3 = less rewarding

difficult – did pursuing your goals as a state legislator become more or less difficult
1 = more difficult
2 = did not really change
3 = less difficult

intchange – did you interact with fewer or more colleagues than normal
1 = fewer colleagues
2 = did not really change

3 = more colleagues

demand – did your workload overall become more or less demanding?
1 = less demanding
2 = did not really change
3 = more demanding

jobchange – thinking about the coronavirus period as a whole, how much did this period change how you do your job?
1 = no change
2
3
4
5 = dramatic change

born
[open response]

woman
1 = women
2 = man

nonwhite
1 = yes
0 = no

chamber
1 = lower
2 = upper

srvstate – thinking about your experience in elected office, would you like to serve in the state legislature again
1= would not like
2
3
4
5 = would like a great deal

party
1=democrat
0=republican

district
1 **=** urban
2 = suburban
3 = rural

covid – how worried are you about the spread of the coronavirus?
1 = not at all worried
2 = not very worried
3 = rather worried
4 = very worried

opr – open response question at end

state

statenum

rising
1 = COVID cases rose in state while survey was in field
0 = COVID cases fell in state while survey was in field

hadsession
1 = legislature was in-session at least once while survey was in field
0 = legislature was adjourned while survey was in field