Codebook

**Dataset: Invited witnesses_116**
This dataset includes descriptions of all invited and participating witnesses that appeared before the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress (116th Congress).

*witness name*: name of witness as identified in testimony before the Select Committee in the 116th Congress.

*affiliation*: affiliation of witness as identified in testimony before the Select Committee in the 116th Congress.

*participation* date: date of witness's appearance before the Select Committee in the 116th Congress.

*type*: classification of interests represented by witness
- congressional support agency
- current or former Capitol Hill staffer
- expert
- good government
- former or current member
- ideological
- business interest group
- state government

*format*: format in which witness was invited to appear before the Select Committee in the 116th Congress.
- hearing
- virtual

**Dataset: NAB_116**
This dataset includes all press releases issued by the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) on congressional activities in the 116th Congress.

*date*: Date of press release issued by the National Association of Broadcasters.

*title*: title of press release issued by the National Association of Broadcasters.

*document source*: link to text of press release on the website of the National Association of Broadcasters.

**Dataset: NMA_116**
This dataset includes all press releases issued by the News Media Alliance (NMA) on congressional activities in the 116th Congress.

*date*: Date of press release issued by the News Media Alliance.

*title*: title of press release issued by the News Media Alliance.

*document source*: link to text of press release on the website of the News Media Alliance.

**Dataset: Spkr Nancy Pelosi_116**

This dataset includes the text of all public references to the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress and the Select Committee on the Climate Crisis (116th Congress) by Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA).

*date*: date of Speaker Nancy Pelosi's (D-CA) public reference to Select Committee activities in the 116th Congress.

*Select*: categorizes the Select Committees referenced by Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) during the 116th Congress

Climate
Modernization

*document title*: name given by the Speaker's Office to publicly released materials referencing Select Committee activities during the 116th Congress

*venue*: classification of the venue in which Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) referenced Select Committee activities during the 116th Congress

Floor speech
Press release
Weekly press conference

*document source*: weblink to text of public documents issued by the Speaker's office.

*document text*: text of public comments issued by Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) on Select Committee activities during the 116th Congress.

**Dataset: Member's Day Hearing_116**
Description: This dataset includes descriptions and testimony text of all participating witnesses in the Member's Day Hearing of the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress (116th Congress).

*firstnm*: Member's first name.

*lastnm*: Member's last name.

*party*: Member's party identification.

*state*: Member's home state.

*frstterm*: Member's first year serving in Congress.

*testimony*: text of member's testimony before the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress, March 12, 2019.

**Dataset: All Members_116**
Description: This dataset includes demographic and background information on members in the 116th Congress.

Firstnm: Member's first name.

lastnm: Member's last name.

party: Member's party identification.

state: Member's home state.

DW-NOMINATE: Member's 1st dimension DW-NOMINATE score in the 116th Congress.
Source: Lewis, Jeffrey B., Keith Poole, Howard Rosenthal, Adam Boche, Aaron Rudkin, and Luke Sonnet (2022). *Voteview: Congressional Roll-Call Votes Database*. https://voteview.com/.

prctrank: Member's percentile rank in their respective party caucus/conference on DW-NOMINATE's 1st dimension in the 116th Congress.

frstterm: Member's first year serving in Congress.
Source: Biographical Directory of the United States Congress

ldr: Member is a member of their party's elected or appointed leadership in the 116th Congress
Source: Biographical Directory of the United States Congress

Cmteldr: Member is a committee or subcommittee chair or ranking member in the 116th Congress
Source: Biographical Directory of the United States Congress

Frshmn: Member is a freshman in the 116th Congress
Source: Biographical Directory of the United States Congress

minority: Member is a member of the minority party in the 116th Congress

stateleg: Member previously served in their home state's legislature.
Source: National Conference of State Legislatures

testify: Member testified before the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress in the 116th Congress.
Source: Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress