Codebook for: How Local Factions Pressure Parties

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Variable	Definition
unique_id_fips	Unique identifier constructed of year state_fips district_number
year	Election year
state	State name
state_code	Two letter state code (AL, AK, ...)
state_fips	Federal Information Processing System (FIPS) codes for states
district_number	Congressional district number
redistricted_geoid	Closest matching pre/post redistricting district number, calculated using Crespin (2005) by the authors.
district_nokkenpoole	One-Congress-At-A-Time-NOMINATE (Nokken and Poole 2005) score for the district in the following election cycle.
pvi08	District PVI in 2008, data from the Cook Political Report.
tp_candidate_1014	Dichotomous variable that takes the value 1 if the district had at least one Tea Party-aligned primary candidate between 2010 and 2014. Calculated by authors using the approach detailed in the main paper, relies on data from Cowburn (2022) as cited in the main paper.
relative_pvi	District's Cook Political Report PVI score, rescaled to a +/− Republican score, as detailed in the main paper.
nominee_g	Republican nominee's vote share in the general election, data from the FEC website: https://www.fec.gov/introduction-campaign-finance/election-and-voting-information/
primary_type_clean	Indicates whether the primary was an open seat (no incumbent running for either party), incumbent (Republican incumbent running), or challenger (Democratic incumbent running).
primary_candidates	Number of candidates on the primary ballot, data from the FEC website: https://www.fec.gov/introduction-campaign-finance/election-and-voting-information/
nominee_name	Name of the Republican general election nominee.
tp_nominee	Dichotomous indicator of whether the nominee receive Tea Party support.
nominee_p	Republican nominee's vote share in the primary election, data from the FEC website: https://www.fec.gov/introduction-campaign-finance/election-and-voting-information/
second_name	Name of the candidate finishing second in the Republican primary
tp_challenger	Dichotomous indicator of whether a challenger received Tea Party support.
second_p	Second placed candidate's vote share in the primary election, data from the FEC website: https://www.fec.gov/introduction-campaign-finance/election-and-voting-information/
incumbent_present	Dichotomous indicator of whether a Republican incumbent was running.
number_tp_groups	The number of Tea Party groups in the district, using the approach detailed in the main paper and data from Blum (2020).
median_income	District median income, data from US Census ACS website: https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs

first_elected	Election a representative first went to Congress, data from: www.voteview.com
seniority	Incumbent seniority, number of terms served, data from: www.voteview.com
white_pct	District % White, data from US Census ACS website: https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs
recent_presidential_share	Republican vote share in the district in the most recent presidential election. Vote shares calculated by Daily Kos (www.dailykos.com)
posttreatment	Dichotomous variable that takes the value 1 for observations from 2016 onwards, 0 otherwise.
nominee_receipts_primary	Winning primary candidate's total receipts as per their 12P pre-primary campaign filing: https://www.fec.gov/data/reports/house-senate/?data_type=processed&amendment_indicator=N&report_type=12P
second_receipts	Challenging primary candidate's total receipts as per their 12P pre-primary campaign filing: https://www.fec.gov/data/reports/house-senate/?data_type=processed&amendment_indicator=N&report_type=12P
tp_treatment3	Takes the value 1 if 3+ Tea Party groups (as per number_tp_groups) are in the district.
tp1interacted	Alternative treatment variable requiring 1+ Tea Party groups in the district
tp2interacted	Alternative treatment variable requiring 2+ Tea Party groups in the district
tp3interacted	Main treatment variable requiring 3+ Tea Party groups in the district, full explanation of construction in the main paper.
tp4interacted	Alternative treatment variable requiring 4+ Tea Party groups in the district
tp5interacted	Alternative treatment variable requiring 5+ Tea Party groups in the district
tp6interacted	Alternative treatment variable requiring 6+ Tea Party groups in the district
recent_presidential_share0	recent_presidential_share for control observations only
recent_presidential_share1	recent_presidential_share for treated observations only
tp3interactedthresh	Alternative version of tp3interacted that requires a challenger to receive >25% vote share.
interactedcandidate1214	Alternative version of tp3interacted that only includes 2012 and 2014 to counter a Tea Part 2010 wave narrative.
tp_candidate	Dichotomous indicator of whether any candidate received Tea Party support.
tpcandidateanyinteracted	Alternative treatment of whether any candidate received Tea Party support.
interactedtreatmentreceipts	Alternative version of tp3interacted that requires multiple candidates to file with the FEC.
tp3interacted16	Alternative treatment with the treatment period extended to 2016.
pres_vote_change_0816	Change in recent_presidential_share between 2008 and 2016.

district_nokken_poole_0816	Change in district_nokkenpoole between 2008 and 2016.
lagged_pres_vote_share	Lagged version of recent_presidential_share
lagged_nokkenpoole	Lagged version of district_nokkenpoole
district_nominate	District representative's First Dimension Nominate (Poole and Rosenthal 1985) score, data from: www.voteview.com
median_age	District median age, data from US Census ACS website: https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs
density_num	Numeric version of urban-rural density, details provided in main paper. Data from CityLab: https://github.com/theatlantic/citylab-data/blob/0beaad41b66587898e6256f1d95a5a3e27b561ef/citylab-congress/methodology.md
dem08	Dichotomous indicator of district control in 2008, 1 = Democratic, 0 = Republican
placebo_h2	Placebo treatment variable, takes the value 1 if the district PVI was positive for Republicans in 2008, otherwise 0.
pres_vote_raw	Raw numbers of voters for the Republican presidential candidate in the district.
posttreatment_2012	Dichotomous variable which takes the value 1 if 2014 or later.
year_placebo	Observation timing placebo, randomized observation dates. Dates randomized using shufflevar.
posttreatment_placebo	Timing treatment placebo, takes value 1 if randomized date is in the posttreatment period.
tp3interactedquality	Alternative version of tp3interacted that requires that the Tea Party candidate be 'quality' having previously held elected office. Definition taken from Jacobson & Kernell (1983) but hand-coded by the authors using data from Vote Smart, Ballotpedia, and the candidates' websites. More details in the supplementary material.
repchangedummy1	Dichotomous variable that takes the value 1 if the district's representative changed exactly once between 2008 and 2016.
repchangedummy2	Dichotomous variable that takes the value 1 if the district's representative changed exactly twice between 2008 and 2016.
repchangedummy3plus	Dichotomous variable that takes the value 1 if the district's representative changed three or more times between 2008 and 2016.
partisan_index	Alternative measure of partisanship based on 2006 and 2008 election results. See supplementary materials for details.
weight2008	Alternative weighting measurement based solely on 2008 pre-treatment period.
iwps3 and derivatives	iwps3 is the main propensity score used, all code for the construction of this variable is included in the main .do file. There are multiple derivatives of this variable to account for the multiple robustness checks and alternatives discussed at length in the supplementary materials. The annotations in the accompanying .do file should clarify in each case. Given that the code for the construction of these variables is documented in the .do file, each variable is dropped and then reconstructed in the accompanying log file and in the .do file code. These variable names all start with iwps.