Codebook for Allinger (2025) ”Who Should Politicians Represent? How Winning an Election Influences Citizens’ Views on Representation” (*The Journal of Politics*)

This codebook includes variable descriptions for the variables in the datasets ”districts_results.csv” and ”survey_data.csv”.

”districts_results.csv”

Name	Description
year	Year of the national election
wahlkreis	Electoral district
party	Numerical identifier: Party affiliation
party_name	Name: Party affiliation
vote_share	Vote share of the party’s candidate (Erststimme)
winner	Numerical identifier: Party affiliation of the winning candidate
winner_name	Name: Party affiliation of the winning candidate
winner_vote_share	Vote share of the winning candidate
second	Numerical identifier: Party affiliation of the runner-up
second_name	Name: Party affiliation of the runner-up
second_vote_share	Vote share of the runner-up
n_parties	Number of parties competing in district (of the six main political parties)
margin	Margin of victory/loss of the candidate

”survey_data.csv”

Name	Description
year	Year of the national election
wahlkreis	Electoral district
cluster	Election-district dyad
post	Indicator of post-election respondents
male	Male gender
age	Age
education	Level of education
interest	Political interest
knowledge	Political knowledge
rep_voters	Views on representation: Should represent own voters in constituency
rep_all	Views on representation: Should represent all citizens in constituency
rep_party	Views on representation: Should represent all voters of own party
rep_nation	Views on representation: Should represent all citizens in Germany
rep_voters_raw	Views on representation: Should represent own voters in constituency (including ”Don’t know” and ”No answer” categories)
rep_all_raw	Views on representation: Should represent all citizens in constituency (including ”Don’t know” and ”No answer” categories)
relative_importance	Relative importance index
relative_binary	Binary: relative importance
relative_ratio	Ratio: relative importance
erststimme	First vote (numerical identifier of party)
erststimme_raw	First vote (including other categories)
party_name	First vote (name of party)
vote_share	Vote share of preferred candidate (Erststimme)
winner	Numerical identifier: Party affiliation of the winning candidate
winner_name	Name: Party affiliation of the winning candidate
winner_vote_share	Vote share of the winning candidate
second	Numerical identifier: Party affiliation of the runner-up
second_name	Name: Party affiliation of the runner-up
second_vote_share	Vote share of the runner-up
margin	Margin of victory/loss of the preferred candidate
n_parties	Number of parties competing in district (of the six main political parties)
zweitstimme	Second vote (numerical identifier of party)
zweitstimme_raw	Second vote (including other categories)
weight	Socio-demographic survey weight