Data set 1: "results"

Description: Contains the total population, the estimated number of McCain votes, and the estimated number of Obama votes in each Congressional Districts (both actual and simulated) for every state with more than one district. Version, state, and district identify unique observations.

1. version - "cd113" identifies enacted districts for the 113th Congress. "results.i" identifies simulated districts for the ith simulation.
2. state - The state in which the districts reside.
3. district - The district number. For simulations, the district numbers are arbitrary identifiers.
4. TotPop - The total population of the district.
5. mccain - The estimated number of votes for McCain in 2008.
6. obama - The estimated number of votes for Obama in 2008.

Data set 2: "logitdata"

Description: Contains the Congressional vote data used for transforming Obama’s vote share into an estimated probability for electing a Democrat. Included are the following variables

1. cong – Identifies the Congress (110-113)
2. st – State abbreviation
3. cd - The district number.
4. name – Last name of the Congressmen who held the seat..
5. republican - 1 indicates if the Congressman was Republican and 0 indicates otherwise.
6. mcshare - McCain’s share of the 2-party vote in the 2008 presidential election within the respective district.