

# Draft Codebook

- **congress**: Congress Number of Observation
- **icpsrLegis**: ICPSR Number of Legislator
- **stabb**: State Abbreviation
- **class**: Senator Class (for Election)
- **first\_name**: First Name of Legislator

- **mc**: Last Name and State Abbreviation of Legislator

For non-unique combinations in the Senate, the ICPSR Number is included after the state abbreviation.

- **caucus**: The Party a Senator Caucused With
- **caucus\_majority**: Majority Party Status

Takes 1 when the a party caucus is in the majority and a 0 when it is in the minority. Because majority party status switched during Congress 107 it is treated as a special case. For this Congress, Democrats (who were the majority for a longer period) receive 0.75, Republicans (who were the majority for a shorter period) receive 0.25, and Sen. Jeffords (who always caucused with the majority party) receives 1.

- **pres\_vote\_share**: Most Recent Same Party Presidential Vote Percent in Senator's State  
Members not of one of the two major parties receive the presidential vote share of the party they caucused with in the Senate
- **pres\_dem\_vote\_share**: Most Recent Democratic Presidential Vote Percent in Senator's State
- **vote\_share**: Two Party Vote Share Received by Senator in Most Recent Election  
Members not of one of the two major parties are paired against their next closest opponent
- **south**: Dummy Indicator for Serving in the 13 State South
- **south11**: Dummy Indicator for Serving in the 11 State South
- **south13**: Dummy Indicator for Serving in the 13 State South  
This should be identical to the
- **south** variable.
- **south17**: Dummy Indicator for Serving in the 17 State South
- **south\_dem**: Dummy Indicator for Democrats Serving in the South
- **leader**: Dummy Indicator for Party Leadership As Listed in the Almanac of American Politics
- **chair**: Dummy Indicator for Committee Chairs
- **best\_committee**: Best Committee Value

Ranks committee assignments from worst (lower values) to best (higher values) based on "The Value of Committee Assignments in Congress since 1994" Edwards & Stewart (2006).