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## **Electoral Performance and Criminal Status of Candidates Contesting the 2004 and 2009 Parliamentary Elections to the Lok Sabha (India) (ICPSR 35512)**

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### **Summary:**

This dataset contains information on the election results for and criminal charges against all candidates contesting elections to the lower house of the Parliament of India, the Lok Sabha, in the 2004 and 2009 elections. These were the first national elections conducted after the 2002 Supreme Court ruling mandating that all candidates running for public office file affidavits with the Election Commission of India prior to the election. In these affidavits, candidates report their criminal histor... (more info)

### **Access Notes**

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### **Dataset(s)**

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Documentation:

Codebook.pdf

Data:

SAS SPSS Stata R ASCII Delimited

ASCII + SAS Setup SPSS Setup Stata Setup

### **Study Description**

#### **Citation**

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#### **Export Citation:**

- RIS (generic format for RefWorks, EndNote, etc.)
- EndNote XML (EndNote X4.0.1 or higher)

#### **Scope of Study**

**Subject Terms:** arrest records, candidates, contested elections, criminal histories, elections, electoral issues, parliamentary elections, political parties, vote count, world politics

**Smallest Geographic Unit:** Parliamentary Consituency

**Geographic Coverage:** Global, India

**Time Period:**

- 2004
- 2009

**Date of Collection:**

- 2007-10
- 2009-05
- 2009-10

**Unit of Observation:** individual

**Universe:** Candidates who ran for India's lower house of Parliament (Lok Sabha) in the 2004 and 2009 election years.

**Data Types:** administrative records data

**Data Collection Notes:**

All electoral data included in this dataset is from the Election Commission of India (downloaded October 2007 from Election Commission of India Web site).

Data on self-reported criminal status of candidates is from the Liberty Institute of India (downloaded May 2009 from the Liberty Institute of India Web site). The only data point input from this source was whether the candidates reported being charged or not. Please refer to the source dataset for further data regarding the candidates' convictions, assets, and liabilities.

Devesh K. Tiwari of the University of California-San Diego assisted in the creation of this dataset.

**Methodology**

**Sample:** The dataset includes records for all candidates running for election to the lower house of Parliament of India (the Lok Sabha) in the 2004 and 2009 election years.

**Time Method:** Longitudinal: Trend / Repeated Cross-section

**Kind of Data:** quantitative

**Weight:** Data are not weighted. No weight variables are present.

**Data Source:**

Election Commission of India, 2004

Election Commission of India, 2009

Liberty Institute of India, 2004

Liberty Institute of India, 2009

**Description of Variables:** The dataset contains variables about each of the candidates' names, party affiliations, geographic location, votes received and electoral results as well as whether or not criminal charges had been filed against each candidate.

**Extent of Processing:** ICPSR data undergo a confidentiality review and are altered when necessary to limit the risk of disclosure. ICPSR also routinely creates ready-to-go data files along with setups in the

major statistical software formats as well as standard codebooks to accompany the data. In addition to these procedures, ICPSR performed the following processing steps for this data collection:

- Created variable labels and/or value labels.
- Checked for undocumented or out-of-range codes.

## Version(s)

**Original ICPSR Release:** 2015-02-06

## Variables

- List all 16 variables in this study
- Search the variables in this study:

 

## Utilities

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- Citations exports are provided above.
- Export Study-level metadata (does not include variable-level metadata)
  - Data Documentation Initiative (DDI) XML:
    - DDI Codebook 2.1
    - DDI Codebook 2.5
    - DDI Lifecycle 3.1
  - Dublin Core
  - MARC21 XML
  - Datacite XML

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