Codebook for 2012 Voter Fraud Coverage Dataset

This is the codebook to the 2012 voter fraud coverage data that examines local newspaper coverage of voter fraud during the 2012 US elections in each of the 50 states. Information about each of the variables is included below.

- `state`: US state

- `newspaper`: newspaper in a state

- `total`: total number of articles on voter fraud

- `preelection`: number of articles on voter fraud before Election Day

- `postelection`: number of articles on voter fraud after Election Day

- `circulation`: newspaper circulation

- `battleground`: whether state was a battleground in 2012 election where `1 = "battleground state"` and `0 = "not battleground state"`

- `restrlaws2012`: whether state had passed a restrictive voting law in 2012 where `1 = "passed law"` med `0 = "not passed law"`

- `pct_black`: percentage of identified black population in newspaper's media market

- `pct_white`: percentage of identified white population in newspaper's media market

- `pct_hispanic`: percentage of Hispanic population in newspaper's media market

- `pct_presvote_2008`: percentage of President Obama vote in each state

- `pct_massconserv`: percentage of self-identifying conservatives in each state

- `vep08_turnout`: percentage of voter eligible turnout in 2008 election in each state

- `pct_alec`: percentage of legislators in ALEC in each state

- `cases`: number of voter fraud cases during 2012 in each state

- `allcases`: total number of voter fraud cases in each state

- `gop_unified_state`: whether state had both Republican governor and majority in state legislature in state where `1 = "unified"` and `0 = "not unified"`