

Replacing the Referees ReadMe & Codebook
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ReadMe

This zip file contains two csv files. The file titled “statewide” contains data for all primary and general election candidates States United Action has labeled as “Election Deniers” in state executive contests since 2021. The file titled “congressional” contains data for all sitting members of Congress labeled as “Election Deniers” and general election candidates for Congress labeled as “Election Deniers” running in 2024.

Statewide data is updated on a rolling basis as campaign announcements or filing information becomes available. Congressional data is updated on a rolling basis as primaries occur in 2024. Due to the pervasiveness of election denial in the United States, there may be individuals that fit our stated criteria that do not appear in these data files. Subsequently, the number of records in these files represents a conservative estimate of the number of “Election Deniers” who have run for, held, hold, or are currently running for public office.

Please email info@statesunitedaction.org for more information.

Codebook Table

Variable	Description	Examples	Notes
Name	Name of the candidate	“Kay Ivey”	
Party	Candidate’s party affiliation	“Republican”	
Position	Indicates which office the candidate is running for or occupies	“Governor”	
Jurisdiction	Indicates which jurisdiction the candidate is running in	“Alabama”	Jurisdiction values in the data include all 50 states and the United States
OpenFEC ID	The candidate’s FEC ID for the position he/she/they are running for		This variable only appears in records for federal contests
District	Indicates which congressional district the candidate is running for		This variable only appears in the congressional data file

Incumbent	Indicates whether or not the candidate is an incumbent	TRUE	
Status	Indicates status of the candidate's race	“Won General”	Accurate as of date of last data update
Race Active	Indicates whether or not the candidate's race is active	FALSE	Accurate as of date of last data update
Election Year	Indicates the election year	2022	
Term Starts	Indicates the year in which the candidate’s term would/did start	2023	
Term Ends	Indicates the year in which the candidate’s term will/did end	2027	