

Datasets

basic.dta: Gives child gender as well as demographic and district characteristics for Representatives in the 105<sup>th</sup> to 108<sup>th</sup> Congresses. Sometimes members are replaced mid-congress. Such changes are not reflected in this dataset. Only one member per congress/district included.

Variable	Definition	Source	Notes
ngirls (nboys)	Number of female (male) children	<i>Congressional Directory</i> and other sources	
totchi	Total number of children	<i>Congressional Directory</i> and other sources	
religion, rgroup	Legislator religion	<i>Congressional Directory</i> , the <i>Almanac of American Politics</i> and <a href="http://www.adherents.com/adh_Congress.html">http://www.adherents.com/adh_Congress.html</a> .	
srvlng	Length of service	<i>Congressional Directory</i>	
party, dem, repub	Legislator party, indicators for Democrat, Republican	<i>Congressional Directory</i>	
bday, age	Legislator birthdate, age at beginning of session	<i>Congressional Directory</i>	
white, female	Indicators for legislator being white, female	Various sources	
demvote	Percent of district that voted Democratic in the most recent presidential election (of two party vote)	<i>Almanac of American Politics</i> ; <i>Congressional Districts in the 2000's</i>	
aauw	Legislator's voting score assigned by the American Association of University Women	AAUW	
nowtot	Legislator's voting score assigned by the National Organization for	NOW	Only available for the 105 <sup>th</sup> Congress

	Women		
now1-20	Dummies indicating whether legislator agreed with NOW on each vote included in NOW score (See Appendix Table 4 for description of each vote)	NOW	Only available for the 105 <sup>th</sup> Congress
rtl	Legislator's voting score assigned by the National Right to Life Coalition	NRLC	
alabort	Proportion in state who favor allowing abortion by law as a matter of personal choice	National Election Studies, 1992-2000.	Proportion who answer 4 to question vcf0838.
moreserv	Proportion in state who favor increasing government spending on services	NES, 1992-2000.	Proportion who answer 5-7 to question vcf0839
moredef	Proportion in state who favor increased defense spending.	NES, 1992-2000	Proportion who answer 5-7 to question vcf0843.
morecrimesp	Proportion in state who favor increased crime spending.	NES, 1992-2000	Proportion who answer 1 to question vcf0888
protgay	Percent in state who favor laws to protect homosexuals against	NES, 1992-2000	Proportion who answer 1 to vcf0876.