**Possible Data Sources**

* You should either use a pre-existing data set or do limited data collection on your own. You are welcome to create new variables from those that exist in these datasets!
* Some datasets:
  + The *General Social Survey* tracks American behaviors, opinions and demographics.
    - <https://gss.norc.org/get-the-data>
  + The V-Dem Institute has data that conceptualizes democracy throughout the world for the past several centuries.
    - <https://www.v-dem.net/en/>.
  + The US Census has lots of data on its website on numerous topics relating to the American people.
    - <https://data.census.gov/cedsci/>
  + *Daily Kos Elections* has a treasure drove of data on topics ranging from candidate gender and race to presidential vote and demographics by district.
    - <https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2018/2/21/1742660/-The-ultimate-Daily-Kos-Elections-guide-to-all-of-our-data-sets>.
  + Gary Jacobson at UCSD has put much of his congressional elections data online.

<https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataset.xhtml?persistentId=doi:10.7910/DVN/29559>.

* + The Cooperative Congressional Election study has put data about voters in congressional elections online.
    - <https://cces.gov.harvard.edu/data>.
  + The American National Election Study has put data about voters in presidential (and some midterm) elections
    - <https://electionstudies.org/data-center/>.
    - I will put the most recent ANES from 2016 on Sakai; if you need help downloading an earlier version, please let me know.
    - There are also elections studies from other countries (e.g., Britain, Israel) if you would like to examine a different county’s electoral politics.
  + Scott Adler at CU-Boulder has put data on historical congressional district demographics online.
    - <https://sites.google.com/a/colorado.edu/adler-scott/data/congressional-district-data>.
  + Voteview has data on congressional voting records, among other variables (<https://voteview.com/>).
  + Harvard’s dataverse has many datasets; if nothing else seems interesting so far, you could try searching here.
    - <https://dataverse.harvard.edu/>.
  + Princeton’s library has made guides with many data sources.
    - <https://libguides.princeton.edu/?b=g&d=a>
    - Here is their source for elections: <https://libguides.princeton.edu/elections>.
  + If you are interested in non-political topics, Kaggle is a source of many datasets: <https://www.kaggle.com/datasets>.
  + The R Datasets package has lots of datasets: <https://stat.ethz.ch/R-manual/R-devel/library/datasets/html/00Index.html>.
  + The FiveThirtyEight package has lots of data, both political and non-political: <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/fivethirtyeight/vignettes/fivethirtyeight.html>.