Codebook for SEAD Quarterly/Annual Measures of Latent Governor Approval

The following variables are included in the datafile "SEAD governor quarterly [version].dta" and in "SEAD governor annual [version].dta". They are generated from the data in the State Executive Approval dataset. Users interested in information about the process used to generate the variables should consult the paper "Dynamics of Gubernatorial Approval: Evidence from a New Database."

CITATION INFORMATION

Users of the data should cite:

Singer, Matthew, 2022, "Approval data for SEAD v1.xlsx", Harvard Dataverse https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/LCCAWK.

AND

Singer, Matthew. 2022. Dynamics of Gubernatorial Approval: Evidence from a New Database. *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* (full citation will be updated once the paper is published).

AND

Beyle, Thad, Richard G. Niemi, Lee Sigelman. 2002. Gubernatorial, Senatorial, and State-level Presidential Job Approval: The U.S. Officials Job Approval Ratings (JAR) Collection. *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* 2(3): 215-229.

AND

acknowledge that the JAR data is currently hosted by Jennifer Jensen and can be found at https://jmj313.web.lehigh.edu/node/6

VARIABLES IN THE DATASETS

state: The name of the state

statenumber: The number of the state (in alphabetic order)-this variable identifies the panel for pooled time-series analysis.

year: The year in which the survey was conducted

quarter: The quarter for which the latent approval rating is estimated (1, 2, 3, or 4)

qtr: The quarter-year of the approval estimate in stata date conventions; this is the variable that identifies the time period for time-series analysis.

quarter_year: A second measure of the quarter year, calculated by adding the quarter divided by 10 to the year such that it takes the value of year.quarter

Approval_Smoothed: Executive Approval Smoothed. The latent measure of governor approval (calculated from "positive" in the SEAD dataset) that included the use of smoothing in the wcalc calculations.

Approval_Not_Smoothed: Executive Approval Not Smoothed. The latent measure of governor approval (calculated from "positive" in the SEAD dataset) that did not include the use of smoothing in the wcalc calculations.

Disapproval_Smoothed: Executive Disapproval Smoothed. The latent measure of governor disapproval (calculated from "negative" in the SEAD dataset) that included the use of smoothing in the wcalc calculations.

Disapproval_Not_Smoothed: Executive Disapproval Not Smoothed. The latent measure of governor disapproval (calculated from "negative" in the SEAD dataset) that did not include the use of smoothing in the wcalc calculations.

Relative_Smoothed: Relative Executive Approval Smoothed. The latent measure of relative governor approval (calculated from "App_AppDis" in the SEAD dataset) that included the use of smoothing in the wcalc calculations. Note that this is not calculated from the approval or disapproval calculations and so it is possible that a state can have this series converge but not one of the other ones (and vice versa).

Relative_Not_Smoothed: Relative Executive Approval Not Smoothed. The latent measure of relative governor approval (calculated from "App_AppDis" in the SEAD dataset) that did not include the use of smoothing in the wcalc calculations. Note that this is not calculated from the approval or disapproval calculations and so it is possible that a state can have have this series converge but not one of the other ones (and vice versa).

valid_surveys: Number of valid surveys in the quarter that were used to estimate the atent measure for that quarter. If this variable takes the value of 0, wcalc imputes the value from the previous quarter.

valid_3qtr: A dummy variable that takes the value of 0 if this quarter and two consecutive quarters are imputed and 1 otherwise. This is the minimum level of data continuity that I use in the analysis.