Codebook for data used in Braaten, Daniel "Determinants of US foreign policy in the multilateral development banks: The place of human rights" Journal of Peace Research.

country = name of country for which the U.S. was voting on a proposal for

year = year vote by U.S. for particular country took place.

cowcode = Correlates of War country code. See <http://www.correlatesofwar.org/datasets.htm>

countryyear = Correlates of War country code and year

bank = the MDB where the U.S. vote took place

window = the lending window of the particular MDB where the U.S. vote took place

votes = U.S. vote in the MDB - No, Abstain, Support

USVOTE = U.S. vote in MDB - 0 = No, 1 = Abstain, 2 = Support

codes = references to U.S. Voting Positions in the MDBs. For explanation of each reference see <http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/international/development-banks/Documents/Voting%20records.pdf>

pts = Political Terror Scale (average scores from Amnesty International measure and State Department measure). A 5-point scale of repression of personal integrity rights with a 5 indicating large-scale and indiscriminate repression and a 1 indicating countries with little to no threats to individual personal integrity. (Gibney, Cornett, & Wood 2010). The personal integrity rights violations encompassed by the PTS include extrajudicial killing, torture, disappearances, and political imprisonment. The PTS dataset captures violations of the rights of personal integrity along three dimensions: scope (which includes the type of violence), intensity (which refers to frequency of violence), range (which describes the percentage of the population targeted) (Gibney, Cornett, & Wood 2010). Uses Amnesty International reports and State Department reports as source material. See <http://www.politicalterrorscale.org/ptsdata.php>

PI = Physical Integrity Rights. Same as above (pts) except categories of repression are reversed. So 1 indicates large-scale and indiscriminate repression and 5 indicates countries with little to no threats to individual personal integrity.

fhpr = Freedom House’s measure of a country’s respect for political rights. The organization Freedom House releases an annual *Freedom in the World* survey, which rates countries on their respect for political rights on a 7-point scale with 1 indicating the highest level of freedom and 7 representing the lowest level of freedom. Under Freedom House’s designation the category of political rights includes free and fair elections ability to form political parties, and popular sovereignty (Freedom House 2006). See <http://www.freedomhouse.org/report/freedom-world-2012/methodology#.UuK5YxZ6gzY>

POL = Political Rights. Same as above (fhpr) except categories of repression are reversed. So 1 indicates the lowest level of freedom and 7 represents the highest level of freedom

EMPIX = CIRI’s (Cingranelli-Richards Human Rights Dataset) Empowerment Rights. Additive index constructed from the Freedom of Movement, Freedom of Speech, Worker’s Rights, Political Participation, and Freedom of Religion indicators. It ranges from 0 (no governmental respect for those rights) to 10 (full government respect for those rights) for the years 2004-2007. For the years 2008-2011 the index was constructed from the Foreign Movement, Domestic Movement, Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Assembly & Association, Worker’s Rights, Electoral Self-Determination, and Freedom of Religion. It ranges from 0 (no government respect) to 14 (full government respect). See <http://www.humanrightsdata.org/documentation/ciri_variables_short_descriptions.pdf>

DEMOCRACY = Polity IV authority characteristics of states. The scale runs from -10 to +10. -10 meaning the country is a full autocracy, and +10 meaning the country is a full democracy. The scale can be broken down into three categories. -10 to -6 are autocracies, -5 to +5 are anocracies, and +6 to +10 are democracies. See <http://www.systemicpeace.org/polity/polity4.htm>

UNVOTE = same as above except country’s vote is coded as 1 if it is congruent with the US vote (either both yes or both no), 0.5 if the country abstained from voting, and 0 if the country’s vote is the opposite of the US (voted no when the US voted yes or voted yes when the US voted no). Ranges from 0 to 1. Voting score derived from <http://www.state.gov/p/io/rls/rpt/>

DEV = Gross Domestic Product per capita. Data is in US constant dollars (millions) and taken from IMF World Economic Outlook database.

TRADE = sum of U.S. export and U.S. imports. Data is in constant U.S. dollars (millions). Derived from Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Foreign Trade. See <http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/balance/>

militaryaid = U.S. military assistance in constant U.S. dollars (millions). Data from US Overseas Loans & Grants [Greenbook], <http://gbk.eads.usaidallnet.gov/>

MILAID = Dummy variable for MilitaryAid. 1 = country receives U.S. military aid and 0 = country does not receive any U.S. military aid.

CONFLICT = Whether the country is involved in an ongoing conflict is a dichotomous variable where 0 = the country is not involved in a conflict for that year and 1 = the country is involved in a conflict for that year. The conflict data is taken from the Center for Systematic Peace Major Episodes of Political Violence 1946-2012 dataset, which defines conflict as major episodes of political violence that involves more than 500 directly related fatalities. See <http://www.systemicpeace.org/inscr/inscr.htm>

IDEOLOGY = describes whether a country currently has a communist government or is a post-communist country. Whether the country currently has a communist government or is a post-communist country = 1 and all other countries = 0. Countries with a 1 were derived from the following list and only those countries listed under the label Marxist-Leninist current and former were scored with a 1. See <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_socialist_states>

POPULATION = country population. See <http://www.census.gov/population/international/data/countryrank/rank.php>

lnTRADE = natural log of TRADE variable

lnDEV = natural log of DEV variable

lnPOPULATION = natural log of POPULATION variable