Codebook for House_2018

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This is a dataset containing general election candidates in U.S. House Congressional Elections in 2018. It was created using data from FEC, MIT Election Data Science Lab, FiveThirtyEight, and Cook Political Report. Citations can be found in the README.md file.

candidate

Candidate name.

state

State abbreviation (ex. CA, NY, FL).

district

Congressional district as interger.

winner

If candidate won in general election. 0 = lost, 1 = won.

ico

Whether candidate is incumbent, challenger, or if it is an open seat.

receipts

Total amount raised by the candidate.

votes

Votes earned by the candidate.

can_party

The party of the candidate.

idv_contr

Individual contributions made to the candidate.

pac_contr

PAC/other committee contributions made to the candidate.

candidate_contr

Candidate contributions to their own campaign.

total_spent

Total amount spent by the candidate (disbursments).

onhand

Cash onhand at the end of Q4 2018.

debts

Amount in debt.

win_party

Winning party in that congressional district.

dem_votes

Total votes for Democratic candidate in that district.

rep_votes

Total votes for Republican candidate in that district.

dem_perc

Percentage of votes won by the Democratic candidate.

rep_perc

Percentage of votes won by the Republican candidate.

dem_margin

Percent margin of Democratic Candidate.

rep_margin

Percent margin of Republican Candidate.

win_can

Winning candidate in that district.

dist_population

Population of district.

dist_population_18_over

Population of district that is over 18.

dist_cookPVI

Cook Political Report's Partisan Voting Index (PVI), a measure of the partisan lean of the district. ###
dist_white

The percentage of the district's 2010 voting-age population reported as "White alone" by the Census.

dist_africanamerican

The percentage of the district's 2010 voting-age population reported as "Black or African American alone" by the Census.

dist_latino

The percentage of the district's 2010 voting-age population reported as "Hispanic or Latino" by the Census.

dist_asian

The percentage of the district's 2010 voting-age population reported as "Asian alone" by the Census.

dist_nativeamerican

The percentage of the district's 2010 voting-age population reported as "American Indian and Alaska Native alone" by the Census.

dist_pacificislander

The percentage the district's 2010 voting-age population reported as "Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone" by the Census.

`dist_other`

The percentage of the district's 2010 voting-age population reported as a member of another race by the Census.

`dist_race_category`

The district's race category, for the purposes of determining minority-majority districts. The value is either "Non-Hispanic White Majority" or "Maj-Min", with the majority racial category in parentheses. "Maj-Min (Coalition)" means a coalition of different minority groups make up the majority.