Cooperative Congressional Election Study

Supplementary Data:
2016 U.S. House & Senate Roll Call Votes

Codebook

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Data Sources and Description

This supplementary data set for the 2016 CCES Common Content provides data regarding six (6) floor votes in the 114th Congress—four (4) in the House of Representatives and two (2) in the Senate—that can be matched to respondent policy opinions corresponding to these votes. These data include roll call voting behavior for all members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives. As such, this data set includes eight (8) roll call variables: four (4) regarding four (4) House votes, and four (4) regarding two (2) Senate votes (two variables for each piece of legislation, corresponding to the voting behavior of Senators from CCES items `CurrentSen1Name` and `CurrentSen2Name`). The raw data for these variables was acquired from the CQ Press data tool "U.S. Political Stats" (http://library.cqpress.com/uspoliticalstats/).

The 2016 CCES asked respondents to report whether they support or oppose ten (10) possible pieces of legislation that may be considered by Congress. The items included in this data set only those that received a full floor vote for passage in the House and/or the Senate, and that could be gathered from the CQ Press "U.S. Political Stats" database. These questions used the following prompt:

"Congress considered many important bills over the past two years. For each of the following tell us whether you support or oppose the legislation in principle."

Respondents reported support or opposition to three (3) bills which received a floor vote for passage:

1. **CC16_351E "Education Reform"**
   Repeals the No Child Left Behind Act, which required testing of all students and penalized schools that fell below federal standards. Allows states to identify and improve poor performing schools.

   Corresponds to variable `rollcall_3` for each member of the House, and variables `rollcall_5_1` and `rollcall_5_2` for each state's Senators.

2. **CC16_351_G "Iran Sanctions Act"**
   Imposes new sanctions on Iran, if Iran does not agree to reduce its nuclear program by June 30.

   Corresponds to variable `rollcall_4` for each member of the House.

3. **CC16_351I "Repeal Affordable Care Act"**
   Would repeal the Affordable Care Act of 2009 (also known as Obamacare).

   Corresponds to variables `rollcall_1` (H.R. 596) and `rollcall_2` (H.R. 3762) for the House, and variables `rollcall_6_1` and `rollcall_6_2` (H.R. 3762) for each state's Senators.

House Roll Call Vote Variables

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rollcall_1      House Vote Health Care Overhaul Repeal (H.R. 596)
-               "Announced Against"
-               "Announced For"
-               "Did not vote"
-               "Nay"
-               "Yea"


rollcall_2      House Vote Health Care Law Reconciliation (H.R. 3762)
-               "Announced Against"
-               "Did not vote"
-               "Nay"
-               "Yea"


rollcall_3      House Vote K--12 Education Agreement (S.1177)
-               "Announced Against"
-               "Announced For"
-               "Did not vote"
-               "Nay"
-               "Yea"


rollcall_4      House Vote Iran Financial Sanctions (H.R. 4992)
-               "Did not vote"
-               "Nay"
-               "Yea"
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Senate Roll Call Vote Variables

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rollcall_5_1   Senate Vote K--12 Education Agreement (S.1177), Current Senator 1
-               "Did not vote"
-               "Nay"
-               "Yea"

rollcall_5_2   Senate Vote K--12 Education Agreement (S.1177), Current Senator 2
-               "Nay"
-               "Yea"

rollcall_6_1   Senate Health Care Law Reconciliation (H.R. 3762), Current Senator 1
-               "Nay"
-               "Yea"

rollcall_6_2   Senate Health Care Law Reconciliation (H.R. 3762), Current Senator 2
-               "Did not vote"
-               "Nay"
-               "Yea"