

**Codebook for the states2010 dataset for POSC 20093, Spring 2022**  
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**from Michigan State University (<http://ippsr.msu.edu/public-policy/correlates-state-policy>)**

**Variable name:** st

Two letter abbreviation of state

**Variable name:** state

state name

**Variable name:** poptotal

Total population per state

**Variable name:** evangelical\_pop

Percentage of evangelical residents in a state

**Variable name:** nonwhite

Proportion of the state population that is nonwhite

**Variable name:** gini\_coef

State income inequality measured by Gini coefficient (higher numbers mean more inequality)

**Variable name:** region

If state is located in south, west, midwest, or northeast

**Variable name:** total\_expenditure

Total state expenditures in 1,000s of current dollars.

**Variable name:** total\_revenue

Total state revenue in 1,000s of current dollars.

**Variable name:** gsppcap

Per capita GDP by state is the state counterpart of the nation's gross domestic product (GDP) divided by the residents of the state.

**Variable name:** incomepcap

Per capita personal income is the income that is received by persons from all sources. Total personal income divided by total midyear population.

**Variable name:** unemployment

Unemployment rate, measured as percentage of state's labor force that is out of work.

**Variable name:** povrate

Estimated percent of individuals living in poverty.

Note: The official poverty definition uses money income before taxes and does not include capital gains or noncash benefits (such as public housing, Medicaid, and food stamps).

**Variable name:** earned\_income\_taxcredit

Does the state have an earned income tax credit? (0 = no, 1 = yes)

**Variable name:** x\_sales\_taxes

What is the sales tax rate?

**Variable name:** x\_tax\_burden

What is the state's tax burden (per capita taxes/per capita income)?

**Variable name:** x\_top\_corporateincometaxrate

What is the top corporate tax rate?

**Variable name:** hou\_chamber

State house ideological median. Scale is -1 (liberal) to +1 (conservative).

**Variable name:** sen\_chamber

State senate ideological median. Scale is -1 (liberal) to +1 (conservative).

**Variable name:** pctfemaleleg

Percentage of state legislators who are women

**Variable name:** ranney4\_control

Party control of state government

0 = unified Republican control, 1 = unified Democratic control, .5 = neither. Note: this is the annual measure the moving averages were computed from.

**Variable name:** oelecsc

State has nonpartisan elections for supreme court? (0 = no, 0.1 = retention only, 1 = yes)

**Variable name:** opartsc

State has partisan elections for supreme court, including partisan nominating process if no party label on ballot? (0 = no, 1 = yes)

**Variable name:** union\_density

Proportion of (non-agricultural) workforce represented by a union

**Variable name:** innovatescore\_boehmkeskinner

Policy Innovativeness Score (i.e., the adoption of new policies sooner than other states). A higher score indicates a state is more innovative.

**Variable name:** citi6013

Measure of citizen ideology, from liberal to conservative. Higher values indicate more liberal.

**Variable name:** wpid

Weighted yearly measure giving the proportion of Democratic identifiers minus the proportion of Republican identifiers in each state. A positive score indicates a more Democratic state citizenry.

**Variable name:** anti\_environment

Estimated proportion of citizenry who believe we are spending 'too much' on the environment

**Variable name:** anti\_aid

Estimated proportion of citizenry who believe we are spending 'too much' on foreign aid

**Variable name:** anti\_defense

Estimated proportion of citizenry who believe we are spending 'too much' on defense

**Variable name:** anti\_education

Estimated proportion of citizenry who believe we are spending 'too much' on education

**Variable name:** anti\_welfare

Estimated proportion of citizenry who believe we are spending 'too much' on welfare for the poor

**Variable name:** anti\_race

Estimated proportion of citizenry who believe we are spending 'too much' on assistance to blacks

**Variable name:** death\_penalty

Death penalty

**Variable name:** guncontrol\_stand\_your\_ground

Does the state have a 'stand your ground' law? (0 = no, 1 = yes)

**Variable name:** vcrimrate

Estimated violent crime rate by state. Violent crimes include murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

**Variable name:** health\_rank

United Health Foundation's Ranking of Overall Health. (Based on: smoking, binge drinking, obesity, sedentary lifestyle, high school graduation, violent crime,

occupational fatalities, children in poverty, infectious disease, air pollution, lack of health insurance, public health funding, immunization coverage, low birthweight, primary care physicians, and preventable hospitalizations)

**Variable name:** `genderrights_state_eras`

Has the state passed a state-level equivalent to the Equal Rights Amendment? (0 = no, 1 = yes)

**Variable name:** `infconsent`

0 = policy not adopted 1 = policy adopted

**Variable name:** `w_ec_access`

Can pharmacies dispense emergency contraception without a prescription? (0 = the state has restricted access to EC by allowing pharmacists to refuse to dispense it; 1 = there is no law either restricting or expanding access; 2 = the state has expanded access by allowing pharmacists to dispense EC without a prescription)

**Variable name:** `solaw`

Does state have a law prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation? (0 = no, 1 = yes)

**Variable name:** `vaaban`

Affirmative action ban: Are all racial preferences in public services banned in the state? (0 = no, 0.5 = in education only, 1 = yes, by statute or executive order, 2 = yes, in constitution)

**Variable name:** `w_environment_solar_taxcredit`

Does the state have a tax credit for residential solar installations? (0 = no legislation; 1 = state approved local option; 2 = state mandated credit or exemption system)

**Variable name:** `drugs_medical_marijuana`

Is it legal to use marijuana for medical purposes? (0 = no, 1 = yes)

**Variable name:** `gambling_lottery_adoption`

Does the state have a lottery? (0 = no, 1 = yes)

**Variable name:** `guncontrol_assaultweapon_ban`

Are assault weapons banned in the state? (0 = no, 1 = yes)

**Variable name:** `guncontrol_opencarry`

Is there an open carry law for guns? (0 = no, 1 = yes)