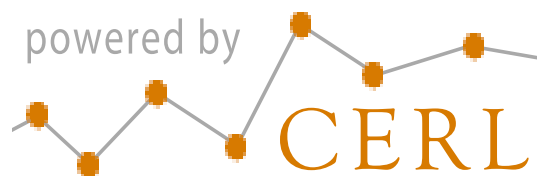

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Preface

Writing in 1986, Philip Dubois remarked that “[i]t is fairly certain that no single subject has consumed as many pages in law reviews and law-related publications over the past 50 years as the subject of judicial selection” (31). In recent years, the Supreme Court’s decisions in *Republican Party of Minnesota v. White*, *Caperton v. Massey*, and *Citizens United v. FEC* have recaptured and held the interest of legal scholars and social scientists alike. Additionally, recent campaigns to reexamine the methods of judicial selection in Missouri, West Virginia, Arizona, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and various other states have attracted the attention of the general public across the country. With that in mind, scholars at Washington University in St. Louis are initiating a collaborative data collection project in an effort to allow scholars nationwide the opportunity to study the effects of various methods of selection. We invite social scientists and legal academics alike to join us as we embark on this project.

Though few would deny the importance of the justice system in the functioning of society and on the daily lives of citizens, not enough work has gone into understanding the influence judicial selection has upon judicial systems. We believe that part of the reason that more research has not been done in this area is the fact that data regarding state judicial elections are difficult to collect. This project attempts to remedy this problem by providing a focal point for data collection and sharing.

The ability of scholars to replicate and extend research is essential to the endeavor of social science. As King (1995) aptly wrote: “Political science is a community enterprise; the community of empirical political scientists needs access to the body of data necessary to replicate existing studies to understand, evaluate, and especially build on this work.” Furthermore, where academic research informs decision-makers regarding policy decisions, as we should hope all academic work does, the importance of verifying and furthering results is magnified. Currently, there is no publicly available dataset for some of the most significant work in the area of judicial selection (e.g., Hall and Bonneau 2009).

This document outlines the variables currently being collected by the JEDI project. Herein, you can find the coding rules for the variables, the state-years for which each variable is being collected, a partial listing of studies utilizing variables similar (or identical) to the variables being collected, and a description of the sources of the information contained in the master data set.

We welcome any contributions, comments, or questions about this project. If you have any, feel free to contact us at jedi@wustl.edu.

Project Logistics

Our Purpose

To collaborate with scholars nationwide to collect data on elections to state courts of last resort from 1990 to 2010 in an effort to facilitate replication efforts and to stimulate new research in the area of state judicial selection.

Our Plan

As we collect and receive data, we will convert, clean, and add them to the data set. Throughout the process, we will regularly release the data on the project web site. Thus, the data from this project will be publicly available throughout the entire data collection project.

If You Have Data

This is a collaborative project. Aware that scholars may have collected some of these variables previously, we are soliciting data from anyone who wishes to share what they have collected. With that said, we are flexible. If your data is in a database format, we will convert it. If it is in a word processing file, we will code it. If it is on paper, we will scan it, and if it is on tape, we will find a machine to read it. In short, we will take any data you are willing to provide in any format. Additionally, if you have information on variables that we are not collecting, just send us the data and your coding rules, and we will include them in subsequent data releases.

If You Want to Help Collect Data

Contact us, and we will help you coordinate your efforts with other scholars. We welcome contributions of any scope. Whether you want to collect one or more variables for a state, about particular race(s), or about particular candidate(s), we welcome any assistance you are willing to provide. At this early stage of the project, we would particularly welcome assistance simply identifying candidates and races that have been held between 1990 and 2010. Regardless of your contribution, we will welcome your data in any form and will promptly distribute your data to scholars nationwide.

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Release Notes

Date	Version	Notes
03-29-2010	2010.1	<hr/> <p>This is the initial data release from the JEDI project. The main purpose of this release is to illustrate the data model we plan to use. The data model is subject to change as needed as the project progresses. We are in the process of refining the coding rules for some variables; updated coding rules will be provided in a subsequent data release.</p>

Race-Level Variables

id

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: This is a unique identifier for the race. The identifier has three parts separated by a hyphen: the two-letter state abbreviation, the four-digit year, and the two-digit race number identifier. For Texas and Oklahoma (the two states with multiple courts of last resort), TX and OK denote the civic court of last resort, and TC and OC denote the criminal court of last resort.

seat

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Text. The name of the seat filled by the election.

doe

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: The data of the general election in MM-DD-YYYY format.

seatprev

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Text. The Race id of any previous elections to fill this seat.

postwhite

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Binary. Takes a value of 1 if the election occurred after June 27, 2002 (the date of the Supreme Court's decision in *Republican Party of Minnesota v. White*).

Uses: Hall (2001), Bonneau (2005), Hall and Bonneau (2006), Bonneau (2007b), Hall (2007b), Hall (2007a), Hall and Bonneau (2008), Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 2-4)

contested

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Binary variable. Takes a value of 1 if there are at least two candidates in the general election. Since no retention election can be contested, all retention elections take a value of NA.

Uses: Hall (2001), Bonneau (2005), Hall and Bonneau (2006), Bonneau (2007b), Hall (2007b), Hall (2007a), Hall and Bonneau (2008), Bonneau and Hall (2003), Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 2-4)

openseat

States: AL, AR, GA, ID, IL, KY, LA, MI, MN, MS, MT, NC, ND, NM, NV, OH, OR, PA, TN (1990-1994), TX, WA, WI, WV

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Binary. Takes a value of 1 if the election is for an open seat. Since no retention election can be for an open seat, all retention elections take a value of NA.

Uses: Bonneau (2005), Bonneau (2007a)(campaign spending by candidate in contested races, 1990-2000), Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 3)

Sources: The list of open races from 1990-2006 was provided by Chris W. Bonneau.

electedin

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Binary. Takes a value of 1 if the election involves an incumbent who has previously won election.

Uses: Hall (2001), Bonneau (2005), Hall and Bonneau (2006), Bonneau (2007b), Hall (2007b), Hall (2007a), Hall and Bonneau (2008), Hall and Bonneau (2009, ch. 2-4)

incumbelect

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Binary. Takes a value of 1 if the incumbent has previously won election to the court.

Uses: Bonneau (2005), Bonneau and Hall (2003, ch. 3)

appointinc

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Binary. Takes a value of 1 if the election involves an incumbent who was initially appointed and has never won election.

Uses: Hall (2001), Bonneau (2005), Hall and Bonneau (2006), Bonneau (2007b), Hall (2007b), Hall (2007a), Hall and Bonneau (2008), Bonneau and Hall (2003), Bonneau (2005), Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 2-4)

district

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Binary. Takes a value of 1 if the seat represents a district and not the entire state.

Uses: Hall (2001), Bonneau (2005), Hall and Bonneau (2006), Bonneau (2007b), Hall (2007b), Hall (2007a), Hall and Bonneau (2008), Bonneau (2005), Bonneau (2006), Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 2-4)

multimember

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Binary. Takes a value of 1 if the election is for a multimember district.

Uses: Bonneau (2005), Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 3)

newsccand

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Binary. Takes a value of 1 if the election is for an open seat or an incumbent initially appointed and is facing his or her first election.

Uses: Hall (2007), Hall and Bonneau (2008), Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 2)

ctcontrol

We will not begin collecting this variable until Summer 2010. Coding rules to follow.

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Binary. Takes a value of 1 if control of the court is at stake.

Uses: Bonneau (2005), Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 3)

expdiff

States: AL, AR, GA, ID, IL, KY, LA, MI, MN, MS, MT, NC, ND, NM, NV, OH, OR, PA, TN (1990-1994), TX, WA, WI, WV

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Factor. Takes a value of 2 if winner has prior judicial experience, but the loser does not, takes a value of 1 if both (or neither) have prior judicial experience, and takes a value of 0 if the winner does not have prior judicial experience and the loser does.

Uses: Bonneau (2006)

majoffic

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Factor. Identifies “the presidential, gubernatorial, or U.S. senatorial contest attracting the most voters in each election” (Hall and Bonneau 2009: 23). The variable takes a value of 1 if the presidential race received the most votes, a value of 2 if the gubernatorial race attracted the most votes, a value of 3 if the senatorial race received the most votes, and a value of 0 if some other race attracted the most votes or if none of the aforementioned races were on the ballot.

Uses: Hall (2007), Hall and Bonneau (2008), Hall and Bonneau (2009, ch. 2)

majoffvote

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Continuous. The number of votes cast in “the presidential, gubernatorial, or U.S. senatorial contest attracting the most voters in each election” (Hall and Bonneau 2009: 23).

Uses: Hall (2007), Hall and Bonneau (2008), Hall and Bonneau (2009, ch. 2)

vote

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Continuous. Total votes cast for all candidates this Supreme Court race.

Uses: Hall (2007), Hall and Bonneau (2008), Hall and Bonneau (2009, ch. 2)

winvote

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Continuous. Total votes for winner of seat.

Uses: Bonneau (2006); Bonneau (2006) (open seats: 1990-2000); Bonneau (2004) (descriptive statistics regarding spending for 1990 to 2000)

losevote

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Continuous. Total votes for losers of seat.

Uses: Bonneau (2006); Bonneau (2006) (open seats: 1990-2000); Bonneau (2004) (descriptive statistics regarding spending for 1990 to 2000)

incumbvote

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Continuous. Number of votes received by the incumbent. For retention elections, this number will be, by definition, the number of “Yes” votes.

Uses: Hall (2001), Hall and Bonneau (2006), Bonneau (2007b), Hall (2007), Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 4)

margin

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Continuous [0,1]. Percentage margin of victory for the winner.

Uses: Bonneau (2005), Bonneau (2006) (open seats: 1990-2000); Bonneau (2004) (descriptive statistics regarding spending for 1990 to 2000), Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 3)

previncpct

We will not begin collecting this variable until Summer 2010. Coding rules to follow.

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Continuous [0,1]. Vote percentage won by incumbent in previous election.

Uses: Hall (2001), Bonneau (2005), Hall and Bonneau (2006), Bonneau (2007b), Hall (2007b),

Hall (2007a), Hall and Bonneau (2008), Bonneau and Hall (2003), Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 2-4)

prevvtpct

We will not begin collecting this variable until Summer 2010. Coding rules to follow.

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Continuous [0,1]. Vote percentage of winning Supreme Court candidate in previous election cycle for each seat.

Uses: Bonneau and Hall (2003)

prevwin

We will not begin collecting this variable until Summer 2010. Coding rules to follow.

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Continuous. The total number of votes received by the winning candidate in most recent judicial election in that jurisdiction.

Uses: Bonneau (2005), Bonneau (2006) (open seats), Bonneau (2007a)(campaign spending by candidate in contested races, 1990-2000), Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 3)

prevlose

We will not begin collecting this variable until Summer 2010. Coding rules to follow.

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Continuous. The total number of votes received by losing candidates in the most recent judicial election in that jurisdiction.

Uses: Bonneau (2005), Bonneau (2006) (open seats), Bonneau (2007a)(campaign spending by candidate in contested races, 1990-2000), Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 3)

totalspend

We will not begin collecting this variable until Summer 2010. Coding rules to follow.

States: AL, AR, GA, ID, IL, KY, LA, MI, MN, MS, MT, NC, ND, NM, NV, OH, OR, PA, TN

(1990-1994), TX, WA, WI, WV

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Continuous. The total amount of campaign spending in the election by all candidates.

Uses: Bonneau (2005), Hall (2007), Hall and Bonneau (2008), Bonneau (2004) [descriptive statistics regarding spending for 1990 to 2000], Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 2-3)

totalspend90

We will not begin collecting this variable until Summer 2010. Coding rules to follow.

States: AL, AR, GA, ID, IL, KY, LA, MI, MN, MS, MT, NC, ND, NM, NV, OH, OR, PA, TN (1990-1994), TX, WA, WI, WV

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Continuous. The total amount of campaign spending in the election by all candidates in 1990 dollars.

Uses: Bonneau (2005), Hall (2007), Hall and Bonneau (2008), Bonneau (2004) [descriptive statistics regarding spending for 1990 to 2000], Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 2-3)

totalfund

We will not begin collecting this variable until Summer 2010. Coding rules to follow.

States: AL, AR, GA, ID, IL, KY, LA, MI, MN, MS, MT, NC, ND, NM, NV, OH, OR, PA, TN (1990-1994), TX, WA, WI, WV

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Continuous. The total amount of campaign fundraising in the election by all candidates.

Uses: Bonneau (2005), Hall (2007), Hall and Bonneau (2008), Bonneau (2004) [descriptive statistics regarding spending for 1990 to 2000], Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 2-3)

totalfund90

We will not begin collecting this variable until Summer 2010. Coding rules to follow.

States: AL, AR, GA, ID, IL, KY, LA, MI, MN, MS, MT, NC, ND, NM, NV, OH, OR, PA, TN (1990-1994), TX, WA, WI, WV

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Continuous. The total amount of campaign fundraising in the election by all candidates in 1990 dollars.

Uses: Bonneau (2005), Hall (2007), Hall and Bonneau (2008), Bonneau (2004) [descriptive statistics regarding spending for 1990 to 2000], Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 2-3)

pcspend

We will not begin collecting this variable until Summer 2010. Coding rules to follow.

States: AL, AR, GA, ID, IL, KY, LA, MI, MN, MS, MT, NC, ND, NM, NV, OH, OR, PA, TN (1990-1994), TX, WA, WI, WV

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Continuous. The total amount of campaign spending in the election by all candidates divided by voting age population (measured in 1000s).

Uses: Hall (2007), Hall and Bonneau (2008), Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 2)

pcspend90

We will not begin collecting this variable until Summer 2010. Coding rules to follow.

States: AL, AR, GA, ID, IL, KY, LA, MI, MN, MS, MT, NC, ND, NM, NV, OH, OR, PA, TN (1990-1994), TX, WA, WI, WV

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Continuous. The natural log of the total amount of campaign spending in the election by all candidates in 1990 dollars divided by voting age population (measured in 1000s)

Uses: Hall (2007), Hall and Bonneau (2008), Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 2)

spenddiff

We will not begin collecting this variable until Summer 2010. Coding rules to follow.

States: AL, AR, GA, ID, IL, KY, LA, MI, MN, MS, MT, NC, ND, NM, NV, OH, OR, PA, TN (1990-1994), TX, WA, WI, WV

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Continuous. The difference between the log of the incumbents spending and the log of the challengers spending.

Uses: Hall (2001), Hall and Bonneau (2006), Bonneau (2007b), Hall (2007), Bonneau (2006) (open seats: 1990-2000); Bonneau (2004) (descriptive statistics regarding spending for 1990 to 2000); Bonneau (2005)(incumbents 1990-2000), Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 4)

ideodist

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Continuous. The absolute value of the difference between each justice's ideology score, measured using Brace, Langer, and Hall's (2000), PAJID scores, and citizen ideology at the time of each election, as measured by Berry et al. (1998) citizen ideology scores.

Uses: Bonneau and Hall (2003)

Source: Where possible, the candidate's PAJID score comes from Laura Langer's natural courts database.

Candidate-Level Variables

id

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: This is a unique identifier for the race. The identifier has four parts separated by a hyphen: the two-letter state abbreviation, the four-digit year, the two-digit race number identifier, and the two-digit candidate identifier. For Texas and Oklahoma (the two states with multiple courts of last resort), TX and OK denote the civic court of last resort, and TC and OC denote the criminal court of last resort.

cid

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Text. The Race id of previous races in which this individual has been a candidate.

first

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Text. The candidate's first name.

middle

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Text. The candidate's middle name (or initial).

last

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Text. The candidate's last name.

suffix

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Text. The suffix to the candidate's name (if applicable).

fullname

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Text. The candidate's full name in LastName, SuffixFirstNameMiddleInitial form.

win

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Binary. Takes a value of 1 if the candidate won the election.

Uses:

incumb

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Binary. Takes a value of 1 if the candidate is an incumbent.

Uses:

female

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Binary. Takes a value of 1 if the candidate is female.

Uses: Bonneau (2007a)

minority

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Binary. Takes a value of 1 if the candidate is a racial minority.

Uses: Bonneau (2007a)

party

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Factor. Takes a value of 0 if the candidate is a Republican, a value of 1 if the candidate is a Democrat, and a value of 2 if the candidate is from a third-party, and a value of 3 if the candidate has no party affiliation. This variable classifies the candidate's political party, not the political party that appears on the ballot.

Uses: Bonneau (2007a)

spend

We will not begin collecting this variable until Summer 2010. Coding rules to follow.

States: AL, AR, GA, ID, IL, KY, LA, MI, MN, MS, MT, NC, ND, NM, NV, OH, OR, PA, TN (1990-1994), TX, WA, WI, WV

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Continuous. Total amount of campaign spending.

Uses:

spend90

We will not begin collecting this variable until Summer 2010. Coding rules to follow.

States: AL, AR, GA, ID, IL, KY, LA, MI, MN, MS, MT, NC, ND, NM, NV, OH, OR, PA, TN (1990-1994), TX, WA, WI, WV

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Continuous. Total amount of campaign spending in 1990 U.S. dollars.

Uses:

fundr

States: AL, AR, GA, ID, IL, KY, LA, MI, MN, MS, MT, NC, ND, NM, NV, OH, OR, PA, TN (1990-1994), TX, WA, WI, WV

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Continuous. Total amount of campaign fundraising.

Uses:

fundr90

We will not begin collecting this variable until Summer 2010. Coding rules to follow.

States: AL, AR, GA, ID, IL, KY, LA, MI, MN, MS, MT, NC, ND, NM, NV, OH, OR, PA, TN (1990-1994), TX, WA, WI, WV

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Continuous. Total amount of campaign fundraising in 1990 U.S. dollars.

Uses:

votetotal

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Continuous. Total number of votes received by the candidate in the general election.

Uses:

qualc

States: AL, AR, GA, ID, IL, KY, LA, MI, MN, MS, MT, NC, ND, NM, NV, OH, OR, PA, TN (1990-1994), TX, WA, WI, WV

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Binary. Takes a value of 1 if the candidate currently holds, or has ever held, a judgeship.

Uses: Hall (2001), Hall and Bonneau (2006), Bonneau (2007b), Hall (2007), Bonneau and Hall (2003), Bonneau (2005), Bonneau (2007a), Bonneau and Hall (2009 ch. 4)

tcc

States: AL, AR, GA, ID, IL, KY, LA, MI, MN, MS, MT, NC, ND, NM, NV, OH, OR, PA, TN (1990-1994), TX, WA, WI, WV

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Binary. Takes a value of 1 if the candidate is a current or former trial court judge.

Uses: Hall (2001), Hall and Bonneau (2006), Bonneau (2007b), Hall (2007), Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 4)

apc

States: AL, AR, GA, ID, IL, KY, LA, MI, MN, MS, MT, NC, ND, NM, NV, OH, OR, PA, TN (1990-1994), TX, WA, WI, WV

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Binary. Takes a value of 1 if the candidate is a current or former intermediate appellate court judge.

Uses: Hall (2001), Hall and Bonneau (2006), Bonneau (2007b), Hall (2007), Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 4)

scc

States: AL, AR, GA, ID, IL, KY, LA, MI, MN, MS, MT, NC, ND, NM, NV, OH, OR, PA, TN (1990-1994), TX, WA, WI, WV

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Binary. Takes a value of 1 if the candidate is a defeated supreme court justice.

Uses: Hall (2001), Hall and Bonneau (2006), Bonneau (2007b), Hall (2007), Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 4)

campexp

States: AL, AR, GA, ID, IL, KY, LA, MI, MN, MS, MT, NC, ND, NM, NV, OH, OR, PA, TN (1990-1994), TX, WA, WI, WV

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Binary. Takes a value of 1 if the candidate has previously been in a campaign for elected office.

Uses:

campoff

States: AL, AR, GA, ID, IL, KY, LA, MI, MN, MS, MT, NC, ND, NM, NV, OH, OR, PA, TN (1990-1994), TX, WA, WI, WV

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Text. Description of office(s) campaigned for; put the year of the campaign in parentheses where available.

Uses:

electexp

States: AL, AR, GA, ID, IL, KY, LA, MI, MN, MS, MT, NC, ND, NM, NV, OH, OR, PA, TN (1990-1994), TX, WA, WI, WV

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Binary. Takes a value of 1 if the canddiate has previously won a campaign for elected office.

Uses:

electoff

States: AL, AR, GA, ID, IL, KY, LA, MI, MN, MS, MT, NC, ND, NM, NV, OH, OR, PA, TN (1990-1994), TX, WA, WI, WV

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Text. Description of office(s) previously won; put the year of the campaign in parentheses where available.

Uses:

State-Level Variables

id

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: This is a unique identifier for the state-year. The identifier has two parts separated by a hyphen: the two-letter state abbreviation and the four-digit year. For Texas and Oklahoma (the two states with multiple courts of last resort), TX and OK denote the civic court of last resort, and TC and OC denote the criminal court of last resort.

state

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Text. The name of the state.

year

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: The four-digit year.

oddyear

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Binary. Takes a value of 1 if the year is odd-numbered.

potusyr

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Binary. Takes a value of 1 if the election is held during a presidential election year.

Uses: Hall (2007), Hall and Bonneau (2008), Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 2)

partisan

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Binary. Takes a value of 1 if the state holds partisan judicial elections.

Uses: Hall (2001), Bonneau (2005), Hall and Bonneau (2006), Bonneau (2007b), Hall (2007b), Hall (2007a), Hall and Bonneau (2008), Bonneau (2005); Bonneau (2006), Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 2-4)

retention

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Binary. Takes a value of 1 if the state holds retention judicial elections.

Uses:

numavails

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Ordinal. Number of available court of last resort seats in the state that year.

Uses: Bonneau (2005), Bonneau (2007a), Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 3)

numsts

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Ordinal. Number of seats on the court of last resort.

Uses:

noiac

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Binary. Takes a value of 1 if the state has no intermediate appellate court.

Uses: Hall (2001), Hall and Bonneau (2006), Bonneau (2007b), Hall (2007) Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 4)

term

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Continuous. Length of term measured in years.

Uses: Hall (2001), Bonneau (2005), Hall and Bonneau (2006), Bonneau (2007b), Hall (2007b), Hall (2007a), Hall and Bonneau (2008), Bonneau (2005), Bonneau (2006), Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 2-4).

Source: For 1990-2005, the data come from Lindquist's State Politics and the Judiciary data set.

ctprof

We will not begin collecting this variable until Summer 2010. Coding rules to follow.

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Brace and Hall (2001) measure of state supreme court professionalism (a factor analysis of the "number of clerks available to assist the Chief Justice and all other justices in their routine tasks, the amount of remuneration received by the justices (standardized against average employee earnings of other justice system employees), the number of justices relative to population, and overall docket size").

Uses: Bonneau (2006), Bonneau (2007a)

regulation

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Continuous. Witko (2005) index of state contribution limits.

Uses: Bonneau (2007a)

chcomp

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Continuous. Base salary/state per capita disposable income for the chief justice measured in U.S. dollars.

Uses: Hall (2001), Bonneau (2005), Hall and Bonneau (2006), Bonneau (2007b), Hall (2007b), Hall (2007a), Hall and Bonneau (2008), Bonneau and Hall (2003), Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 2-4)

Source: *The Book of the States*

astcomp

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Continuous. Base salary/state per capita disposable income for associate justices measured in U.S. dollars.

Uses: Hall (2001), Bonneau (2005), Hall and Bonneau (2006), Bonneau (2007b), Hall (2007b), Hall (2007a), Hall and Bonneau (2008), Bonneau and Hall (2003), Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 2-4)

Source: *The Book of the States*

govparty

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Factor. Takes a value of 0 if Governor is a Republican, a value of 1 if the governor is a Democrat, and a value of .5 if there was split control of the governor's office during that year. Years in which a governor switched parties or was replaced by a governor of the other major party may receive fractional scores.

Uses: Hall (2001), Bonneau (2005), Hall and Bonneau (2006), Bonneau (2007b), Hall (2007b), Hall (2007a), Hall and Bonneau (2008), Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 2-4)

Source: For 1990-2005, the data come from Lindquist's State Politics and the Judiciary data set.

uhparty

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Factor. Takes a value of 0 if the upper house is controlled by Republicans, a value of 1 if it is controlled by Democrats, a value of .5 if there is split control. If one party had more than 50%, the case received its score on the basis of percent of legislators who were of the two different parties.

Uses: Hall (2001), Bonneau (2005), Hall and Bonneau (2006), Bonneau (2007b), Hall (2007b), Hall (2007a), Hall and Bonneau (2008), Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 2-4)

Source: For 1990-2005, the data come from Lindquist's State Politics and the Judiciary data set.

lhparty

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Factor. Takes a value of 0 if the upper house is controlled by Republicans, a value of 1 if it is controlled by Democrats, a value of .5 if there is split control. If one party had more than 50%, the case received its score on the basis of percent of legislators who were of the two different parties.

Uses: Hall (2001), Bonneau (2005), Hall and Bonneau (2006), Bonneau (2007b), Hall (2007b), Hall (2007a), Hall and Bonneau (2008), Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 2-4)

Source: For 1990-2005, the data come from Lindquist's State Politics and the Judiciary data set.

unifiedgov

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Binary. Takes a value of 1 if the legislative and executive branches of state government are unified and a value of 0 if there is divided government.

Uses: Hall (2001), Bonneau (2005), Hall and Bonneau (2006), Bonneau (2007b), Hall (2007b), Hall (2007a), Hall and Bonneau (2008), Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 2-4)

Source: For 1990-2005, the data come from Lindquist's State Politics and the Judiciary data set.

preswinparty

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Binary. Takes a value of 0 if the most recent presidential winner is a Democrat or a value of 1 if the winning candidate is a Republican.

Uses: Bonneau (2005), Bonneau (2006)

senwinparty

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Factor. Takes a value of 0 if the most recent senatorial winner is a Democrat, a value of 1 if the winning candidate is a Republican, and a value of two 2 if he or she is from a third party.

Uses: Bonneau (2005), Bonneau (2006)

govwinparty

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Factor. Takes a value of 0 if the most recent gubernatorial winner is a Democrat, a value of 1 if the winning candidate is a Republican, and a value of two 2 if he or she is from a third party.

Uses: Bonneau (2005), Bonneau (2006)

lawyers

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Continuous. The number of lawyers in each state at the time of election.

Uses: Hall (2001), Bonneau (2005), Hall and Bonneau (2006), Bonneau (2007b), Hall (2007b),

Hall (2007a), Bonneau (2007a)(campaign spending by candidate in contested races, 1990-2000), Hall and Bonneau (2008), Bonneau and Hall (2003), Bonneau and Hall (2009, 2-4)

Source: Statistical Reports published by the market research department of the American Bar Association

edlevel

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Continuous [0,1]. The percentage of the state population 25 years of age or older with a high school diploma.

Uses: Hall (2007), Hall and Bonneau (2008), Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 2)

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau

tort

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Continuous. Proportion of the court docket (1995) involving tort cases

Uses: Bonneau (2005), Bonneau (2007a), Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 3)

Source: State Supreme Court Database.

murder

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Hall (2001), Hall and Bonneau (2006), Bonneau (2007b), Hall (2007), Bonneau (2005), Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 4)

Uses: Hall (2001), Hall and Bonneau (2006), Bonneau (2007b), Hall (2007), Bonneau (2005), Bonneau and Hall (2009 ch. 4)

Source: For 1990-1997, the data come from Lindquist's State Politics and the Judiciary data set. The data in the Lindquist data set is drawn from the FBI's *Uniform Crime Reports*.

vap

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Voting age population of the state/district according to the data on McDonald's website (<http://elections.gmu.edu>). For even-numbered years, the average of the two surrounding even-numbered years is used.

Uses: Bonneau (2005), Bonneau (2006) (open seats), Bonneau (2007a)(campaign spending by candidate in contested races, 1990-2000), Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 3)

vep

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Voting eligible population of the state/district according to the data on McDonald's website (<http://elections.gmu.edu>). For even-numbered years, the average of the two surrounding even-numbered years is used.

Uses: Bonneau (2005), Bonneau (2006) (open seats), Bonneau (2007a)(campaign spending by candidate in contested races, 1990-2000), Bonneau and Hall (2009, ch. 3)

berrycitid

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Continuous. Berry et al. (1998) citizen ideology score.

Uses: Bonneau and Hall (2003)

Source: For 1990-2004, the data come from Lindquist's State Politics and the Judiciary data set which, in turn, is taken from Richard Fording's website.

ranney

States: AL, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Years: 1990-2010

Description: Continuous. The Ranney index

Uses: Bonneau and Hall (2003)

Source: For 1995-2004, the data come from Lindquist's State Politics and the Judiciary data set. For other years, the variable is calculated using the methodology outlined in Ranney, Austin. 1965. Parties in State Politics. In Herbert Jacobs and Kenneth N. Vines, eds. *Politics in the American States*. Boston, Little Brown.

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