

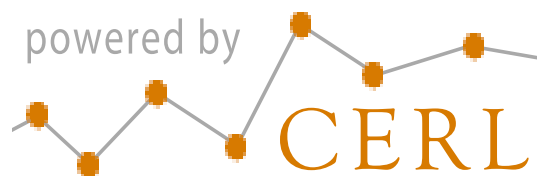
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# Preface

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](mailto: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
04-15-2010	2010.2	This release adds a substantial amount of data provided by the National Institute for Money in State Politics. This provides a substantial increase in the information at both the candidate and race levels. However, the data is still in a preliminary form.
03-29-2010	2010.1	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.



# Race-Level Variables

## id

*States:* AL, AK, 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.

## doe

*States:* AL, AK, 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 date of the general election in MM-DD-YYYY format

## year

*States:* AL, AK, 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 year of the general election in YYYY format

## seat

*States:* AL, AK, 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, AK, 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 date of the general election in MM-DD-YYYY format.

## winner

*States:* AL, AK, 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 name of the winning candidate in a partisan or nonpartisan race. The name of the candidate in a retention race.

*Source:* The names of the winning candidates in many races were provided by the National Institute for Money in State Politics

## seatprev

*States:* AL, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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. Additional races were identified by the National Institute for Money in State Politics.

## **electedin**

*States:* AL, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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 Suffix, FirstName MiddleInitial form.

*Source:* For many races, the National Institute for Money in State Politics identified the candidates.

## **win**

*States:* AL, AK, 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.

*Sources:* For many races, the winning candidate was identified by the National Institute for Money in State Politics

## **status**

*States:* AL, AK, 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. Describes the candidate's final electoral status. Takes a value of W if the candidate won a partisan or nonpartisan election, a value of L if the candidate lost a partisan or nonpartisan election in the general election, PL if the candidate lost a general or nonpartisan election in the primary. If the election is a retention election, the variable takes a value of WR if the candidate was retained and a value of LR if the candidate was not retained. The variable takes a value of WITHDREW if the candidate withdrew from the race.

*Sources:* The coding scheme for this variable was identified by the National Institute for Money in State Politics

## **incumb**

*States:* AL, AK, 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.

## **ico**

*States:* AL, AK, 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. Describes the candidate's position in a race. The variable takes a value of O (the letter) if the race is an open race, I if the candidate is an incumbent, C if the candidate is challenging an incumbent, IC if the race involves an incumbent challenger running against a current incumbent, and IO if the race involves an incumbent running for an open seat.

*Sources:* This coding scheme was identified by the National Institute for Money in State Politics

## **female**

*States:* AL, AK, 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)

*Sources:* For many races, this information was identified by the National Institute for Money in State Politics

## **minority**

*States:* AL, AK, 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)

*Sources:* For many races, this information was identified by the National Institute for Money in State Politics

## **pid**

*States:* AL, AK, 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)

*Sources:* For many races, this information was identified by the National Institute for Money in State Politics

## **pid**

*States:* AL, AK, 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 candidate's party. Like pid, this variable classifies the candidate's political party, not the political party that appears on the ballot.

*Uses:* Bonneau (2007a)

*Sources:* For many races, this information was identified by the National Institute for Money in State Politics

## **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, AK, 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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **totalwithoutnc**

*States:* AL, AK, 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 total amount of contributions raised by the candidate minus any noncontributions.

*Uses:* Bonneau (2007a)

*Sources:* This information was provided by the National Institute for Money in State Politics on March 31, 2010.

## **agriculture**

*States:* AL, AK, 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 total amount of contributions raised by the candidate from the agricultural sector as coded by the National Institute for Money in State Politics.

*Sources:* This information was provided by the National Institute for Money in State Politics on March 31, 2010.

## **construction**

*States:* AL, AK, 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 total amount of contributions raised by the candidate from the construction sector as coded by the National Institute for Money in State Politics.

*Sources:* This information was provided by the National Institute for Money in State Politics on March 31, 2010.

## **comelect**

*States:* AL, AK, 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

*Description:* The total amount of contributions raised by the candidate from the communications and electronics sector as coded by the National Institute for Money in State Politics.

*Sources:* This information was provided by the National Institute for Money in State Politics on March 31, 2010.

## **defense**

*States:* AL, AK, 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 total amount of contributions raised by the candidate from the defense sector as coded by the National Institute for Money in State Politics.

*Sources:* This information was provided by the National Institute for Money in State Politics on March 31, 2010.

## **energynr**

*States:* AL, AK, 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 total amount of contributions raised by the candidate from the energy and natural resources sector as coded by the National Institute for Money in State Politics.

*Sources:* This information was provided by the National Institute for Money in State Politics on March 31, 2010.

## **construction**

*States:* AL, AK, 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 total amount of contributions raised by the candidate from the fire, insurance, and real estate sector as coded by the National Institute for Money in State Politics.

*Sources:* This information was provided by the National Institute for Money in State Politics on March 31, 2010.

## **genbus**

*States:* AL, AK, 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 total amount of contributions raised by the candidate from the general business sector as coded by the National Institute for Money in State Politics.

*Sources:* This information was provided by the National Institute for Money in State Politics on March 31, 2010.

## **health**

*States:* AL, AK, 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 total amount of contributions raised by the candidate from the health sector as coded by the National Institute for Money in State Politics.

*Sources:* This information was provided by the National Institute for Money in State Politics on March 31, 2010.

## **retireecivserv**

*States:* AL, AK, 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 total amount of contributions raised by the candidate from the other retiree and civil servant sector as coded by the National Institute for Money in State Politics.

*Sources:* This information was provided by the National Institute for Money in State Politics on March 31, 2010.

## **lawyerlobby**

*States:* AL, AK, 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 total amount of contributions raised by the candidate from the lawyers and lobbyists sector as coded by the National Institute for Money in State Politics.

*Sources:* This information was provided by the National Institute for Money in State Politics on March 31, 2010.

## **labor**

*States:* AL, AK, 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 total amount of contributions raised by the candidate from the labor sector as coded by the National Institute for Money in State Politics.

*Sources:* This information was provided by the National Institute for Money in State Politics on March 31, 2010.

## **transport**

*States:* AL, AK, 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 total amount of contributions raised by the candidate from the transportation sector as coded by the National Institute for Money in State Politics.

*Sources:* This information was provided by the National Institute for Money in State Politics on March 31, 2010.

## **uncoded**

*States:* AL, AK, 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 total amount of contributions whose sector was not identified by the National Institute for Money in State Politics.

*Sources:* This information was provided by the National Institute for Money in State Politics on March 31, 2010.

## **partycontrib**

*States:* AL, AK, 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 total amount of contributions raised by the candidate from sources related to the candidate's party as coded by the National Institute for Money in State Politics.

*Sources:* This information was provided by the National Institute for Money in State Politics on March 31, 2010.

## **smallcontrib**

*States:* AL, AK, 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 total amount of small contributions raised by the candidate as coded by the National Institute for Money in State Politics.

*Sources:* This information was provided by the National Institute for Money in State Politics on March 31, 2010.

## **candcontrib**

*States:* AL, AK, 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 total amount of candidate contributions made by the candidate as coded by the National Institute for Money in State Politics.

*Sources:* This information was provided by the National Institute for Money in State Politics on March 31, 2010.

## **noncontrib**

*States:* AL, AK, 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 total amount of non-contributions received by the candidate as coded by the National Institute for Money in State Politics.

*Sources:* This information was provided by the National Institute for Money in State Politics on March 31, 2010.

## **pubsub**

*States:* AL, AK, 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 total amount of public subsidy received by the candidate from the construction sector as coded by the National Institute for Money in State Politics.

*Sources:* This information was provided by the National Institute for Money in State Politics on March 31, 2010.

## **instate**

*States:* AL, AK, 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 total amount of in-state contributions raised by the candidate as coded by the National Institute for Money in State Politics.

*Sources:* This information was provided by the National Institute for Money in State Politics on March 31, 2010.

## **outstate**

*States:* AL, AK, 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 total amount of in-state contributions raised by the candidate as coded by the National Institute for Money in State Politics.

*Sources:* This information was provided by the National Institute for Money in State Politics on March 31, 2010.

## **unkstate**

*States:* AL, AK, 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 total amount of contributions raised by the candidate for which the National Institute for Money in State Politics was unable to identify a state.

*Sources:* This information was provided by the National Institute for Money in State Politics on March 31, 2010.

## **notes**

*States:* AL, AK, 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. Coding notes for the candidate.

## **State-Level Variables**

### **id**

*States:* AL, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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 the 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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 number of murders and non-negligent manslaughters per 100,000 inhabitants.

*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, AK, 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)

## **vcp**

*States:* AL, AK, 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, AK, 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, AK, 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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