Brookings Primaries Project Database Codebook

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Notes:

This is the codebook for the dataset used in the Brookings Institution’s Primaries Project. The data and associated reports are available at [www.broookings.edu](http://www.broookings.edu).

For additional documentation and notes about the data, please see the appendix to this report: “The 2014 Congressional Primaries: Who Ran and Why,” by Elaine C. Kamarck and Alexander R. Podkul from September 30, 2014.<http://www.brookings.edu/research/reports/2014/09/30-congressional-primaries-kamarck-podkul>

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 Label: [none]

 Number of variables: 62

Number of observations: 1,662

 Size: 260,934 bytes ignoring labels, etc.

----------------------------------------------------------------------

candidatefirstname

 Candidate's First Name

----------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: string (str18)

 unique values: 674 missing "": 0/1662

 examples: "Dan"

 "Jack"

 "Lois"

 "Rick"

 warning: variable has embedded blanks

----------------------------------------------------------------------candidatelastname Candidate's Last Name

----------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: string (str18)

 unique values: 1389 missing "": 1/1662

 examples: "Crisco"

 "Hill"

 "Messer"

 "Seibert"

 warning: variable has embedded blanks

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state State

----------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: string (str2)

 unique values: 49 missing "": 0/1662

 examples: "FL"

 "MA"

 "NJ"

 "TN"

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district District

----------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: string (str3)

 unique values: 56 missing "": 0/1662

 examples: "14"

 "29"

 "45"

 "8"

----------------------------------------------------------------------

CandidateGeneralVoteWinStatus Candidate's General Result

----------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (byte)

 label: GenWinStatusLabel

 range: [0,1] units: 1

 unique values: 2 missing .: 806/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 393 0 Lost

 463 1 Won

 806 .

----------------------------------------------------------------------

CandidateGeneralVotePercent Candidate's General Vote Percent

----------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (double)

 range: [.0005,.908] units: 1.000e-10

 unique values: 651 missing .: 839/1662

----------------------------------------------------------------------

CandidateGeneralVoteCount Candidate's General Vote Count

----------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (long)

 range: [128,2860678] units: 1

 unique values: 819 missing .: 839/1662

----------------------------------------------------------------------

RaceContested Contested General

----------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (byte)

 label: generallabel

 range: [0,1] units: 1

 unique values: 2 missing .: 806/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 823 0 contested

 33 1 unontested

 806 .

----------------------------------------------------------------------

CandidatePartyLabel Candidate's Party

----------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: string (str20)

 unique values: 15 missing "": 0/1662

 examples: "D"

 "D"

 "R"

 "R"

 warning: variable has embedded and trailing blanks

----------------------------------------------------------------------

CandidateCollapsedParty Numeric Variable for Candidate's Party

----------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (byte)

 label: collapsedLabel

 range: [0,3] units: 1

 unique values: 3 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 719 0 Democrat

 896 1 Republican

 47 3 Third Party

----------------------------------------------------------------------

CandidatePartyCategory Candidate's Party Category

----------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (byte)

 label: PartyCatLabel, but 1 nonmissing value is not labeled

 range: [11,100] units: 1

 unique values: 10 missing .: 0/1662

 examples: 22 Tea Party Republican

 44 Conservative Republican

 77 Establishment Democrat

 88 Moderate Democrat

----------------------------------------------------------------------

CandidateFemale Dummy Variable for Candidate's Sex

----------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (byte)

 label: GenderLabel

 range: [0,1] units: 1

 unique values: 2 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 1386 0 Male

 276 1 Female

----------------------------------------------------------------------

CandidateMilitaryService Dummy Variable for Candidate's

Military Service

----------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (byte)

 label: militaryLabel

 range: [0,1] units: 1

 unique values: 2 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 1353 0 No or No information

 309 1 Served in Military

----------------------------------------------------------------------

CandidateEducation Candidate's Highest Education Level

----------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (byte)

 label: educLabel

 range: [1,9] units: 1

 unique values: 9 missing .: 415/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 30 1 High School

 9 2 Associate's Degree

 28 3 Some College

 534 4 College

 222 5 Master's Degree

 299 6 J.D.

 52 7 M.D./D.M.D./D.D.S./D.V.M.

 66 8 PhD

 7 9 Other

 415 .

----------------------------------------------------------------------CandidateMaritalStatus Candidate Marital Status

----------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (byte)

 label: MaritalLabel

 range: [1,6] units: 1

 unique values: 6 missing .: 639/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 953 1 Married

 26 2 Single

 20 3 Divorced

 16 4 Widowed

 2 5 Engaged

 6 6 Same Sex Partnership

 639 .

----------------------------------------------------------------------

CandidateElectoralExperience Candidate's Prior Electoral Experience

----------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (byte)

 label: electoralLabel

 range: [0,1] units: 1

 unique values: 2 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 1020 0 No or No information

 642 1 Candidate Has Electoral

 Experience

----------------------------------------------------------------------

CandidateRunForCongress Candidate's Previous Run for Congress

----------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (byte)

 label: runLabel

 range: [0,1] units: 1

 unique values: 2 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 1294 0 No or No information

 368 1 Candidate Has Run For

Congress Before

----------------------------------------------------------------------

CandidateImmigration Candidate's Immigration Position

----------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (byte)

 label: immLabel

 range: [1,4] units: 1

 unique values: 4 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 372 1 Candidate Supports

Comprehensive

 Immigration Reform

 410 2 Candidate Opposes

Comprehensive

 Immigration Reform

 130 3 Candidate Provides

 Complicated/Complex/Unclear

 Position

 750 4 Candidate Provides No

 Information

----------------------------------------------------------------------

CandidateACA Candidate's Affordable Care Act Position

----------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (byte)

 label: acaLabel

 range: [1,4] units: 1

 unique values: 4 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 254 1 Candidate Supports

Affordable

 Care Act

 680 2 Candidate Opposes Affordable

 Care Act

 241 3 Candidate Provides

 Complicated/Complex/Unclear

 Position

 487 4 Candidate Provides No

 Information

----------------------------------------------------------------------

CandidateBenghazi Candidate's Benghazi Position ----------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (byte)

 label: benLabel

 range: [1,4] units: 1

 unique values: 4 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 42 1 Candidate Views Benghazi

 Investagtion As Wasteful

 194 2 Candidate Favors Continuing

 Benghazi Investigation

 21 3 Candidate Provides

 Complicated/Complex/Unclear

 Position

 1405 4 Candidate Provides No

 Information

----------------------------------------------------------------------

CandidateTax Candidate's Tax Position

----------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (byte)

 label: taxLabel

 range: [1,4] units: 1

 unique values: 4 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 270 1 Candidate Supports Raising

Taxes

 On Wealthy Or Corporations

 518 2 Candidate Supports Lowering

 Taxes For All

 266 3 Candidate Provides

 Complicated/Complex/Unclear

 Position

 608 4 Candidate Provides No

 Information

----------------------------------------------------------------------

CandidateMinWage Candidate's Minimum Wage Position

----------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (byte)

 label: minLabel

 range: [1,4] units: 1

 unique values: 4 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 380 1 Candidate Favors Raising

Minimum Wage

 45 2 Candidate Opposes Raising

 Minimum Wage

 12 3 Candidate Provides

 Complicated/Complex/Unclear

 Position

 1225 4 Candidate Provides No

 Information

----------------------------------------------------------------------

CandidateGunControl Candidate's Gun Control Position

----------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (byte)

 label: gunLabel

 range: [1,4] units: 1

 unique values: 4 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 212 1 Candidate Supports Gun

Control Measures

 576 2 Candidate Against GunControl

 Measures

 39 3 Candidate Provides

 Complicated/Complex/Unclear

 Position

 835 4 Candidate Provides No

 Information

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CandidateAbortion Candidate's Abortion Position

----------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (byte)

 label: abortLabel

 range: [1,4] units: 1

 unique values: 4 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 293 1 Candidate Supports Pro-

Choice

 Position

 462 2 Candidate Supports Pro-Life

 Position

 47 3 Candidate Provides

 Complicated/Complex/Unclear

 Position

 860 4 Candidate Provides No

 Information

--------------------------------------------------------------------------

CandidateClimateChange Candidate's Climate Change and EPA

Regulations Position

--------------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (byte)

 label: epaLabel

 range: [1,4] units: 1

 unique values: 4 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 382 1 Candidate Supports EPA

 Regulations And Measures To

 Mitigate Climate Change

 278 2 Candidate Opposes EPA

 Regulations Or Denies Climate

 Change Effects

 100 3 Candidate Provides

 Complicated/Complex/Unclear

 Position

 902 4 Candidate Provides No

 Information

--------------------------------------------------------------------------

CandidateNSA Candidate's Position on NSA Data Collection

--------------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (byte)

 label: nsaLabel

 range: [1,4] units: 1

 unique values: 4 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 11 1 Candidate Supports NSA Data

 Collection

 342 2 Candidate Opposes NSA Data

 Collection

 57 3 Candidate Provides

 Complicated/Complex/Unclear

 Position

 1252 4 Candidate Provides No

 Information

--------------------------------------------------------------------------

CandidateSameSexMarriage Candidate's Same Sex Marriage

Position

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 type: numeric (byte)

 label: ssmLabel

 range: [1,4] units: 1

 unique values: 4 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 327 1 Candidate Favors Same Sex

 Marriage

 225 2 Candidate Opposes Same Sex

 Marriage

 50 3 Candidate Provides

 Complicated/Complex/Unclear

 Position

 1060 4 Candidate Provides No

 Information

--------------------------------------------------------------------------

CandidateDebtDeficit Candidate's Debt And Deficit

Position

--------------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (byte)

 label: debtLabel

 range: [1,4] units: 1

 unique values: 4 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 32 1 Candidate Supports Increasing

 Debt Or Deficit

 882 2 Candidate Supports Debt And

 Deficit Reduction

 53 3 Candidate Provides

 Complicated/Complex/Unclear

 Position

 695 4 Candidate Provides No

 Information

--------------------------------------------------------------------------CandidateKeystone Candidate's Keystone XL Pipeline Position

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 type: numeric (byte)

 label: keyLabel

 range: [1,4] units: 1

 unique values: 4 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 291 1 Candidate Supports Building

 Keystone XL Pipeline

 66 2 Candidate Opposes Completion Of

 Keystone XL Pipeline

 23 3 Candidate Provides

 Complicated/Complex/Unclear

 Position

 1282 4 Candidate Provides No

 Information

--------------------------------------------------------------------------

CandidateRegulations Candidate's Position On Regulations On

Small Businesses

--------------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (byte)

 label: regsLabel

 range: [1,4] units: 1

 unique values: 4 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 60 1 Candidate Supports Placing Smart

 Regulations On Small Business

 660 2 Candidate Opposes Small Business

 Regulations And 'Red Tape'

 47 3 Candidate Provides

 Complicated/Complex/Unclear

 Position

 895 4 Candidate Provides No

 Information

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CandidateDefenseSpending Candidate's Position On Cutting Defense

Spending

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 type: numeric (byte)

 label: defLabel

 range: [1,4] units: 1

 unique values: 4 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 126 1 Candidate Supports Cuts To

 Defense Spending

 255 2 Candidate Opposes Cuts To

 Defense Spending

 83 3 Candidate Provides

 Complicated/Complex/Unclear

 Position

 1198 4 Candidate Provides No

 Information

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Senate Senate Candidate Dummy Variable

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 type: numeric (byte)

 label: senLabel

 range: [0,1] units: 1

 unique values: 2 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 1443 0 House Candidate

 219 1 Senate Candidate

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Incumbent Incumbency Status

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 type: numeric (byte)

 label: IncLabel

 range: [0,1] units: 1

 unique values: 2 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 1248 0 Non-Incumbent

 414 1 Incumbent

----------------------------------------------------------------------

Contested Contested Primary

----------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (byte)

 label: ContestLabel

 range: [0,1] units: 1

 unique values: 2 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 430 0 Uncontested Primary

 1232 1 Contested Primary

----------------------------------------------------------------------

OpenSeatElection Open Seat Status

----------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (byte)

 label: OpenLabel

 range: [0,1] units: 1

 unique values: 2 missing .: 220/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 1167 0 Race Is Not Open Seat

 275 1 Race Is Open Seat

 220 .

----------------------------------------------------------------------

CandidatePrimaryVoteWinStatus Candidate's Primary Result

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 type: numeric (byte)

 label: PrimWinStatusLabel

 range: [0,2] units: 1

 unique values: 3 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 784 0 Lost

 844 1 Won

 34 2 Advanced To Runoff

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CandidatePrimaryVotePercent Candidate's Primary Vote Percent

----------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (double)

 range: [0,1] units: .0001

 unique values: 747 missing .: 30/1662

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CandidatePrimaryVoteCount Candidate's Primary Vote Count

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 type: numeric (double)

 range: [0,781259] units: .01

 unique values: 1408 missing .: 213/1662

----------------------------------------------------------------------

CandidateRunoffVoteWinStatus Candidate's Runoff Result

----------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (byte)

 label: RunWinStatusLabel

 range: [0,1] units: 1

 unique values: 2 missing .: 1628/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 17 0 Lost

 17 1 Won

 1628 .

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CandidateRunoffPercent Candidate's Runoff Vote Percent

----------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (double)

 range: [27.8,2748] units: .1

 unique values: 34 missing .: 1628/1662

----------------------------------------------------------------------

CandidateRunoffCount Candidate's Runoff Vote Count

----------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (double)

 range: [34.4,245951] units: .1

 unique values: 34 missing .: 1628/1662

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DistrictCookPoliticalScore District's Cook Political Score, (Dem <0)

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 type: numeric (byte)

 range: [-43,32] units: 1

 unique values: 72 missing .: 219/1662

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DistrictRomneyMargin District's Romney Margin in 2012

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 type: numeric (byte)

 range: [-94,62] units: 1

 unique values: 128 missing .: 219/1662

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StateMedicaidExpansion ACA Medicaid Expansion State Status

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 type: numeric (byte)

 label: MedicaidLabel

 range: [1,3] units: 1

 unique values: 3 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 850 1 State Implementing In 2014

 700 2 State Not Implementing Now

 112 3 State Holding Open Debate

----------------------------------------------------------------------

StateExchanges ACA State Exchange State Status

----------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (byte)

 label: ExchangesLabel

 range: [1,3] units: 1

 unique values: 3 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 552 1 State-Based Marketplace

 922 2 Federally-Facilitated

 188 3 Partnership Marketplace

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ElectionDate Primary Election Date

----------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (int)

 range: [304,909] units: 1

 unique values: 15 missing .: 0/1662

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Region1 Regional Code

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 type: numeric (byte)

 label: regLabel

 range: [1,4] units: 1

 unique values: 4 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 226 1 Northeast

 362 2 Midwest

 623 3 South

 451 4 West

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Region2 Regional Divisional Code

----------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (byte)

 label: reggLabel

 range: [1,9] units: 1

 unique values: 9 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 74 1 New England

 152 2 MidAtlantic

 226 3 East North Central

 136 4 West North Central

 340 5 South Atlantic

 120 6 East South Central

 163 7 West South Central

 135 8 Mountain

 316 9 Pacific

--------------------------------------------------------------------------

ImmigrationMentions RECODE of CandidateImmigration

 (Candidate's Immigration Position)

--------------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (byte)

 label: ImmigrationMentions

 range: [0,1] units: 1

 unique values: 2 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 750 0 No Mention

 912 1 Mention

--------------------------------------------------------------------------

ACAMentions RECODE of CandidateACA (Candidate's Affordable Care Act Position)

--------------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (byte)

 label: ACAMentions

 range: [0,1] units: 1

 unique values: 2 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 487 0 No Mention

 1175 1 Mention

--------------------------------------------------------------------------

BenghaziMentions RECODE of CandidateBenghazi (Candidate's Benghazi Position)

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 type: numeric (byte)

 label: BenghaziMentions

 range: [0,1] units: 1

 unique values: 2 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 1405 0 No Mention

 257 1 Mention

--------------------------------------------------------------------------

TaxMentions RECODE of CandidateTax (Candidate's Tax Position)

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 type: numeric (byte)

 label: TaxMentions

 range: [0,1] units: 1

 unique values: 2 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 608 0 No Mention

 1054 1 Mention

--------------------------------------------------------------------------

MinWageMentions RECODE of CandidateMinWage (Candidate's Minimum Wage Position)

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 type: numeric (byte)

 label: MinWageMentions

 range: [0,1] units: 1

 unique values: 2 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 1225 0 No Mention

 437 1 Mention

--------------------------------------------------------------------------

GunMentions RECODE of CandidateGunControl (Candidate's Gun Control Position)

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 type: numeric (byte)

 label: GunMentions

 range: [0,1] units: 1

 unique values: 2 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 835 0 No Mention

 827 1 Mention

--------------------------------------------------------------------------

AbortMentions RECODE of CandidateAbortion (Candidate's Abortion Position)

--------------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (byte)

 label: AbortMentions

 range: [0,1] units: 1

 unique values: 2 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 860 0 No Mention

 802 1 Mention

--------------------------------------------------------------------------

ClimateMentions RECODE of CandidateClimateChange

 (Candidate's Climate Change and EPA

 Regulations

--------------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (byte)

 label: ClimateMentions

 range: [0,1] units: 1

 unique values: 2 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 902 0 No Mention

 760 1 Mention

--------------------------------------------------------------------------

NSAMentions RECODE of CandidateNSA (Candidate's

 Position on NSA Data Collection)

--------------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (byte)

 label: NSAMentions

 range: [0,1] units: 1

 unique values: 2 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 1252 0 No Mention

 410 1 Mention

--------------------------------------------------------------------------

MarriageMentions RECODE of CandidateSameSexMarriage

 (Candidate's Same Sex Marriage

Position)

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 type: numeric (byte)

 label: MarriageMentions

 range: [0,1] units: 1

 unique values: 2 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 1060 0 No Mention

 602 1 Mention

--------------------------------------------------------------------------

DebtDeficitMentions RECODE of CandidateDebtDeficit

 (Candidate's Debt And Deficit

Position)

--------------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (byte)

 label: DebtDeficitMentions

 range: [0,1] units: 1

 unique values: 2 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 695 0 No Mention

 967 1 Mention

--------------------------------------------------------------------------

KeystoneMentions RECODE of CandidateKeystone

(Candidate's Keystone XL Pipeline Position)

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 type: numeric (byte)

 label: KeystoneMentions

 range: [0,1] units: 1

 unique values: 2 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 1282 0 No Mention

 380 1 Mention

--------------------------------------------------------------------------

RegulationsMentions RECODE of CandidateRegulations

 (Candidate's Position On

Regulations On Small Business)

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 type: numeric (byte)

 label: RegulationsMentions

 range: [0,1] units: 1

 unique values: 2 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 895 0 No Mention

 767 1 Mention

--------------------------------------------------------------------------

DefSpendMentions RECODE of CandidateDefenseSpending

(Candidate's Position On Cutting Defense Spending)

--------------------------------------------------------------------------

 type: numeric (byte)

 label: DefSpendMentions

 range: [0,1] units: 1

 unique values: 2 missing .: 0/1662

 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label

 1198 0 No Mention

 464 1 Mention