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

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

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

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

state State

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

type: string (str2)

unique values: 49 missing "": 0/1662

examples: "FL"

"MA"

"NJ"

"TN"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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 .

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

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

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

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

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

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)

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

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)

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

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)

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

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)

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

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)

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

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