

Figure 11.8 Editing PDF Data to R-Friendly Format

Sessions, J. (R) -----+ - 5%
Shelby (R) -----+ - 5%

Begich (D) + + + + + - + + + + - + + + + - + 85%
Murkowski (R) -----+ - + + - + - + - + - + + 40%

Kyl (R) -----+ -----+ - 10%
McCain (R) -----+ -----+ - 15%

Boozman (R) -----+ -----+ + 15%
Pryor (D) + ? + + - + + + - + + - + + + + 75%

1. Copy/paste from the Web page.

Sessions R 0 1 0 5
Shelby R 0 1 0 5
Begich D 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 8 5
Murkowski R 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 1 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 4 0
Kyl R 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0
McCain R 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 1 5
Boozman R 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 5
Pryor D 1 NA 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 7 5

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McCain R 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 1 5
Boozman R 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 5
Pryor D 1 NA 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 7 5

2. Use Find/Replace to clean up the data and convert symbols to numerics. For missing data, use “NA,” as in Senator Pryor’s data line.



3. Select the clean text. Click Insert → Table → Convert Text to Table. In the bottom panel, click Other and type a blank space in the box. Click OK.

Sessions	R	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5
Shelby	R	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5
Begich	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	85	
Murkowski	R	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	40	
Kyl	R	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	10	
McCain	R	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	15	
Boozman	R	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	15	
Pryor	D	1	NA	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	75	

4. Copy/paste the table’s cells directly into Excel.