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1. Open the page in Internet Explorer.

Member	Economic Con. score	Social Con. score	Foreign Con. score	Composite Con. score	Con. Rank
Ackerman, N.Y.-5 (D)	26	19	29	25.2	311
Adams, Fla.-24 (R)	78	86	70	79.5	88
Aderholt, Ala.-4 (R)	60	68	59	64.0	157
Akin, Mo.-2 (R)	100	91	91	97.0	1
Alexander, La.-5 (R)	55	54	73	62.3	167
Altmore, Pa.-4 (D)	40	42	41	41.0	250
Amash, Mich.-3 (R)	47	46	40	44.5	237
Amodel, Nev.-2 (R)	75	64		99.0	
Andrews, N.J.-1 (D)	27	22	27	26.0	305
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2. Select the data. Make sure to select a rectangular matrix. Copy/paste into Excel.

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Name	Econ.con	Soc.con	For.con	Comp.con	Rank	Party		
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3. In Excel, insert a top row for variable names; augment the data as needed. Here a new variable is added for party affiliation.

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> House.data<-csv.get("House.data.csv")
> House.data
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11	Baca, Cal.-33 (D)	11	0	0	7.5	405	D
12	Bachmann, Minn.-6 (R)	13	0	0	8.2	402	D

4. Save as a .csv file in the working directory. Use csv.get to import the dataset into R.