

Table A-2 Descriptions of Variables in states (Continued)

Variable Name and Label	Description	Source and Notes
dem.hr09 Percent U.S. House delegation Democratic (2009)	Number of Democratic members of U.S. House of Representatives as a percentage of state's House delegation, 2009	American Conservative Union, http://www.conservative.org/ <i>Note: Percentages were calculated by author.</i>
demnat06 Percent U.S. House and Senate Democratic (2006)	Number of Democratic House and Senate members as a percentage of total House and Senate delegations, 2006	American Conservative Union, http://www.conservative.org/ <i>Note: Percentages were calculated by author.</i>
dempct.m Percent mass public Democratic reppct.m Percent mass public Republican indpct.m Percent mass public Independent libpct.m Percent mass public Liberal modpct.m Percent mass public Moderate conpct.m Percent mass public Conservative	Pooled CBS News/New York Times poll party identification and ideology estimates, 1977–1999.	Gerald C. Wright, Indiana University. Data used with permission. Erikson, R. S., Wright, G. C., & McIver, J. P. (1993). <i>Statehouse democracy</i> . Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.
demstate06 demstate09 Percent of state legislators who are Democrats (2006, 2009)	Number of Democratic state house and senate members as a percentage of total house and senate members, 2006 post-election/2007 pre-election; 2009	National Conference of State Legislatures, http://www.ncsl.org/
density Population per square mile	Population per square mile, 2005	United States Census Bureau, http://www.census.gov/compendia/smadb/TableA-01.pdf