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Variable Name and Label	Description	Source and Notes
earmarks.pcap Earmarks per capita (in dollars)	Earmark spending in dollars per capita	Cohen, L., Coval, J. D., & Malloy, C. (2010, March). <i>Do powerful politicians cause corporate downsizing?</i> Working Paper 15839. Cambridge, MA: National Bureau of Economic Research.
gay.policy gay.policy2 gay.policy.con Billman's policy scale	Higher scores more conservative	Billman, J. (2010). <i>Marriage for some: Understanding variation of gay rights and gay marriage policies in the United States</i> (MA thesis). University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL.
gay.support gay.support3 Lax-Phillips opinion index	Public support for gay rights (higher scores more supportive)	Lax, J. R., & Phillips, J. (2009, August). Gay rights in the states: Public opinion and policy responsiveness, <i>American Political Science Review</i> , 103(3).
gb.win00 gb.win04 Did Bush win electoral vote, 2000 (2004)?	0 = Gore win / 1 = Bush win 0 = Kerry win / 1 = Bush win	Federal Election Commission, http://www.fec.gov/
gunlaw.rank gunlaw.scale Brady Campaign rank Brady Campaign score	Brady Campaign ranking (higher scores indicate fewer gun restrictions) and Brady scale score (higher scores indicate more gun restrictions)	Brady Campaign 2008 State Scorecard, http://www.bradycampaign.org/xshare/bcam/stategunlaws/scorecard/StateRatings.pdf
hispanic04 hispanic08 Percent Hispanic (2004, 2008)	Percentage of population Hispanic, 2004, 2008	United States Census Bureau, http://www.census.gov/
hs.or.more Percent of pop w/HS or higher	Percentage of population 25 years and over with high school degree or higher	United States Census Bureau, http://www.census.gov/compendia/smadb/TableA-22.pdf
mccain08 obama08 obama.win08 Percent vote for McCain Percent vote for Obama	Percent total vote for candidate	Dave Leip's Atlas of U.S. Presidential Elections, http://www.uselectionatlas.org/

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