**Supporting Information to Has the Tea Party Era Radicalized the GOP? Evidence from Text Analysis of the 2008 and 2012 Republican Primary Debates.**

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**1 Data Sources**

Table 5 reports the dates and places of the primary debates selected for the analysis as well as the sources of their transcriptions. Table 6 reports the sources of the transcriptions of the presidential candidacy announcements.

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**2 Additional Sensitivity Analysis**

To test the sensitivity of the analysis to our stem-selection criterion of being used by at least 15% in of the candidates in each primary, we repeat the analysis with stems used by 30%, 45%, and 60% of the candidates in each primary. The stricter inclusion criteria lead to: (1) wider interval estimates of candidate positions due to the decrease in available information; (2) different relative rankings of the candidates located in the center with partly overlapping interval estimates under most criteria; (3) the same conclusions about the substantive differences between the 2008 and 2012 primaries.