

Codebook for Committee Power Spring 2006.sav

Variable	Description	Values
State	State	State abbreviations
Year	Year	Ten year intervals; 1909-1999
Chamber	Chamber	House or Senate
Independence*	Committee System Power	Ranges from -3 to +3
Openness*	Public Access to Committee Meetings	Ranges from -0.5 to +4
InfoGath*	Information Gathering Ability	Ranges from 0 to +3
PosProt*	Protecting the Committee's Position on the Floor	Ranges from -2 to +3
InitLeg*	Ability to Receive, Rewrite, and Initiate Legislation	Ranges from -0.25 to +2
FlContl*	Floor Controlling the Committee Agenda and Timetable	Ranges from -2 to +2

*A negative score indicates that the rules provide for less committee power. A score of zero indicates that the rules were neutral regarding power or completely silent on the matter. A positive score indicates that the rules provide for more committee power.