

Appendix to “New Measures of Partisanship, Ideology, and Policy Mood in the American States”

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This appendix contains the variable names of and question wordings for the measures described in:

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1 NAES Variables/Question Wording

- Party Identification: cV01 (2000); cMA01 (2004)
- Self-Reported Ideology: cV04 (2000); cMA06 (2004)
- State Policy Mood: cCE01, cCD03, cCD82, cCD21 (2004)

cV01/cMA01: Party Identification

Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent or something else?

1. Republican
 2. Democrat
 3. Independent
 4. Verbatim [text]
998. Don't know
999. No answer

cV04/cMA06: Ideology¹

Generally speaking, would you describe your political views as very conservative, conservative, moderate, liberal or very liberal?

1. Very conservative
2. Conservative
3. Moderate

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¹This is collapsed into a three-point measure.

- 4. Liberal
- 5. Very liberal
- 998. Don't know
- 999. No answer

cCD03: Defense Spending

Military defense—should the federal government spend more on it, the same as now, less, or no money at all?

- 1. More
- 2. Same
- 3. Less
- 4. None
- 998. Don't know
- 999. Refused

cCD82: Immigration

Restricting immigration to the United States—should the federal government do more about it, do the same as now, do less about it, or do nothing at all?

- 1. More
- 2. Same
- 3. Less
- 4. Nothing
- 998. Don't know
- 999. Refused

cCE01: Abortion

The federal government banning all abortions—do you favor or oppose the federal government doing this?

- 1. Strongly favor
- 2. Somewhat favor
- 3. Somewhat oppose
- 4. Strongly oppose
- 5. Neither favor nor oppose
- 998. Don't know
- 999. Refused

cCD21: Iraq Worth It

All in all, do you think the situation in Iraq was worth going to war over, or not?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 998. Don't know
- 999. Refused

2 CCES Variables/Question Wording

- Party Identification: v3005
- Self-Reported Ideology: v2021
- State Policy Mood: v3019, v3063, v3027, v3022, v3069

v3005: Party Identification

Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a...?

1. Democrat
2. Republican
3. Independent
4. Other (please specify): [text]

v2021: Ideology²

Thinking about politics these days, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?

1. Very Liberal
2. Liberal
3. Moderate
4. Conservative
5. Very Conservative
6. Not sure

v3019: Abortion Opinion

There has been some discussion about abortion during recent years. Which one of the opinions on this page best agrees with your view on this issue?

1. By law, abortion should never be permitted
2. The law should permit abortion only in case of rape, incest or when the woman's life is in danger
3. The law should permit abortion for reasons other than rape, incest, or danger to the woman's life, but only after the need for the abortion has been clearly established
4. By law, a woman should always be able to obtain an abortion as a matter of personal choice
5. Other (please specify): [text]

v3063: Stem Cell Research

Some in Congress argue that this research may lead to cures for diseases and disabilities affecting large numbers of Americans, and should be funded. Others argue that a potential human life has to be destroyed in order to use these cells, and funding it would be unethical. What do you think? If you were faced with this decision, would you vote for or against federal funds for this research?

1. For (that is, funding the research)
2. Against

²This is collapsed into a three-point measure.

3. Don't know

v3027: Affirmative Action

Some people think that if a company has a history of discriminating against blacks when making hiring decisions, then they should be required to have an affirmative action program that gives blacks preference in hiring. What do you think? Should companies that have discriminated against blacks have to have an affirmative action program?

1. Strongly Support Affirmative Action
2. .
3. .
4. .
5. .
6. .
7. Strongly Oppose Affirmative Action

v3022: Environment vs. Jobs

Some people think it is important to protect the environment even if it costs some jobs or otherwise reduces our standard of living. Other people think that protecting the environment is not as important as maintaining jobs and our standard of living. Which is closer to the way you feel, or haven't you thought much about this?

1. Much more important to protect environment even if lose jobs and lower standard of living
2. Environment somewhat more important
3. About the same
4. Economy somewhat more important
5. Much more important to protect jobs, even if environment worse
6. Haven't thought much about this

v3069: Immigration

Another issue is illegal immigration. One plan considered by the Senate would offer illegal immigrants who already live in the U.S. more opportunities to become legal citizens. Some politicians argue that people who have worked hard in jobs that the economy depends should be offered the chance to live here legally. Other politicians argue that the plan is an amnesty that rewards people who have broken the law. What do you think? If you were faced with this decision, would you vote for or against this proposal?

1. For (offering illegal immigrants an opportunity to become citizens)
2. Against
3. Don't know