CODEBOOK:
Policy Mood and Political Sophistication: Why Everybody Moves Mood

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Abstract

This Codebook includes all information necessary to replicate the analyses reported in Enns, Peter K. and Paul M. Kellstedt. 2008. “Policy Mood and Political Sophistication: Why Everybody Moves Mood.” British Journal of Political Science 38(3): 433-454. Please direct any questions to Peter Enns (pe52@cornell.edu). If you utilize these data, in addition to citing Enns & Kellstedt (2008), please cite the original sources of the data as appropriate.

The following variables can be found in the dataset EnnsKellstedt_BJPSrepdata.dta. The file EnnsKellstedt_BJPS.do replicates the Figures and Tables reported in the paper.

1. **year**: Unit of analysis, ranges from 1972 to 2004.

2. **mood**: A measure of policy mood (Stimson 1999) based on 33 question items from the General Social Survey (GSS).

3. **mood_nohsd**: A measure of policy mood for those who report an education level less than a high school diploma.

4. **mood_hsdip**: A measure of policy mood for those who report an education level of at least a high school diploma but less than a college diploma.

5. **mood_coldip**: A measure of policy mood for those who report an education level of at least a college diploma.

6. **mood_vocab0_4**: A measure of policy mood for those who scored between 0 and 5 on the GSS 10-item vocabulary test.

7. **mood_vocab5_6**: A measure of policy mood for those who scored a 5 or 6 on the GSS 10-item vocabulary test.

8. **mood_vocab7_10**: A measure of policy mood for those who scored between 7 and 10 on the GSS 10-item vocabulary test.

9. **mood_ls6**: A measure of policy mood for those who report an education level less than sixth grade.

10. **mood_ls7**: A measure of policy mood for those who report an education level less than seventh grade.

11. **mood_ls8**: A measure of policy mood for those who report an education level less than eighth grade.

12. **mood_ls9**: A measure of policy mood for those who report an education level less than ninth grade.

13. **mood_ls10**: A measure of policy mood for those who report an education level less than tenth grade.

14. **mood_ls11**: A measure of policy mood for those who report an education level less than eleventh grade.

16. **ch_unem**: The change in the annual unemployment rate. This variable reflects a three-year moving average of the annual change in the unemployment rate. As we indicate in the text (see Table 5, Columns 1 and 2), this specification offers the closest replication of Erikson, MacKuen & Stimson (2002, Table 6.4). The data come from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (http://www.bls.gov/cps/prev yrs.htm).

17. **inflation**: The annual inflation rate, measured as the percent change from the previous year. The data are from the U.S. Department of Labor Consumer Price Index (ftp://ftp.bls.gov/pub/special.requests/cpi/cpiai.txt).

**References**


