

Origin of Variables in the Third Data Set
Congress, the Press, and Political Accountability
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This table reports the origin for each variable in the third data set. There are four types of variables.

1. **Original variables** (47 variables) refer to information that was collected for this study. These variables include citation counts per month (23 variables), headline counts per month (23 variables), and the estimated percentage of incorrect citations (1 variable estimated by sampling techniques).
2. **Variables from secondary sources** (51 variables) refer to information that was collected from nine sources that are listed at the end of this document.
3. **Process variables** (8 variables) refer to variables that were used to merge various data sets or that came directly from the first data set.
4. **Recoded variables** (59 variables) refer to variables that are based on one or more original variables.

CAUTION. The principal investigator and his assistants have taken great care in creating the original data. He is reasonably comfortable about the accuracy and reliability of these variables. Users should be more cautious in using the recoded data. I have created these for my own use and I have not been as careful about documenting each variable or deleting variables that had problems.

VARIABLE NAME, Variable Label, Value Labels	Source
CASE Case (cite)	process
REPNAME Representative's name	PA
WOMAN Woman 0 male 1 female	PA
MINORITY minority status 0 white 1 black 2 Hispanic 3 Asian/pacific islander	CQWR

MINOR Minority 0 No 1 Yes	recode
STATEREP State (rep)	PA
STATENUM ICPSR State Code	NES
DISR Representative's District Number	PA
DISTCODE ICPSR District Code	NES
NES94RES Number of Respondents in 94 NES Sample	NES
NES94YES Some NES 94 Respondents 0 NO 1 Yes	recode
YR Year Elected	PA
SENIOR Years in House	recode
PARTY Party 0 Republican 1 Democrat	PA
RNUM Rep's number in original study	process
CCHAIR Committee Chair or RMM 0 no 1 chair 2 rmm	PA
COMCHAIR Committee Chair 0 No 1 Yes	recode
COMRMM Committee RMM 0 No 1 Yes	recode

SCHAIR Subcommittee Chair or RMM 0 no 1 chair 2 rmm	PA
SUBCHAIR Subcommittee Chair 0 No 1 Yes	recode
SUBRMM Subcommittee RMM 0 No 1 Yes	recode
PLEADER Party Leader 0 No 1 Yes	PA
ETHICS2 Ethics Issue (93-94)	CQA
GEN92 Rep's percentage 92 election	PA
PRIM92 Rep's percentage 1992 primary	PA
PRESVOTE 1992 pres. vote (percent Dem)	PA
EXREP92 Rep's 1992 expenditures	PA
EXOPP92 Opponent's 1992 expenditures	PA
MEDINC Median family income	CD90
POVERTY Families in poverty (percent)	CD90
COLLEGE Percent college graduates	CD90
PRIMDATE Primary date	CQWR
PRIMLATE Primary after 9/1/94 0 No 1 Yes	recoded

PRIMONTH Month of primary	recoded
RUNDATE Run-off date	CQWR
CQRATE CQ rating	CQWR
1 safe for incumbent	
2 incumbent favored	
3 leans toward incumbent	
4 no clear favorite	
5 safe for incumbent's party	
6 incumbent's party favored	
7 leans toward incumbent's party	
8 no clear favorite for party	
GEN94 Rep's percentage 94 election	PA
PRIM94 Rep's percentage 1994 primary	PA
OUT94 Outcome 1994	CQWR
1 won	
2 lost general	
3 lost primary	
4 retired at end of term	
5 did not complete term	
6 ran senate	
7 ran governor	
8 other	
LOST94G Lost 94 General	recoded
0 No	
1 Yes	
SENGOV Ran for Senator or Governor	recoded
0 No	
1 Yes	
NOCONTST Not running or no challenger	recoded

NOCHAL No challenger 0 Has challenger 1 No challenger	recoded
ADA93 ADA (1993)	PA/WA
ADA94 ADA (1994)	PA/WA
ADA9394 Average ADA (93-94)	recoded
IDEOEXTR Ideological Extremity	recoded
NAFTA Vote on Nafta 0 did not vote 1 yes 2 no	CQWR
BUDGET Vote on budget 0 did not vote 1 yes 2 no	CQWR
CRIME Vote on crime 0 did not vote 1 yes 2 no	CQWR
PSUP93 93 votes in support of Clinton	PA/WA
POPP93 93 votes opposing Clinton	PA/WA
PSUP94 94 votes in support of Clinton	PA/WA
POPP94 94 votes opposing Clinton	PA/WA
EXREP94 Rep's 1994 spending	PA
EXCHL94 Challenger's 1994 spending	PA
CQ93C Pages in 93 index	CQWR

CQ94C Pages in 94 index	CQWR
CQPAGES CQ pages (1993-94)	recoded
PAPER Newspaper name	EP
PAPID Checking variable (cite)	process
CIRC Peak daily circulation	EP
DOMPAPER Dominant paper in district (NES)	EP
1 Single paper in study	
2 Dominant paper in district	
3 Additional paper in district	
STATEPAP State of newspaper	EP
PAPNUM Paper number from original study	process
PHASE Newspaper Phase	process
1 First 25 papers	
2 Next 6 papers	
3 Last 36 papers	
SAMPLE Main Sample	process
1 First 25 Papers	
2 Other 42 Papers	
NDIS Number of districts in core circ.	process
WASH Number of D.C. correspondents	CD/YELL
WASHREPT Any Washington Reporters	recoded
0 No	
1 Yes	
WASHDIST DC Reporters Per District	recoded
CITY Population, city of publication	EP

Variables C9301 to C9411 are uncorrected monthly citation counts
Variables C9301C to C9411C are corrected for the number of
wrong citations (WRONG) in the sampling of actual articles.

C9301	original
C9301C	recoded
C9302	original
C9302C	recoded
C9303	original
C9303C	recoded
C9304	original
C9304C	recoded
C9305	original
C9305C	recoded
C9306	original
C9306C	recoded
C9307	original
C9307C	recoded
C9308	original
C9308C	recoded
C9309	original
C9309C	recoded
C9310	original
C9310C	recoded
C9311	original
C9311C	recoded
C9312	original
C9312C	recoded
C9401	original
C9401C	recoded
C9402	original
C9402C	recoded
C9403	original
C9403C	recoded
C9404	original
C9404C	recoded
C9405	original
C9405C	recoded
C9406	original
C9406C	recoded

C9407	original
C9407C	recoded
C9408	original
C9408C	recoded
C9409	original
C9409C	recoded
C9410	original
C9410C	recoded
C9411	original
C9411C	recoded

Variables H9301 to H9411 are monthly counts for a representative's name appearing in a newspaper headline. These counts appear to be highly accurate and have not been corrected.

H9301	original
H9302	original
H9303	original
H9304	original
H9305	original
H9306	original
H9307	original
H9308	original
H9309	original
H9310	original
H9311	original
H9312	original
H9401	original
H9402	original
H9403	original
H9404	original
H9405	original
H9406	original
H9407	original
H9408	original
H9409	original
H9410	original
H9411	original

GROSS93C 1993 non-error corrected cites	recoded
CITE93 Citations (1993)	recoded
HEAD93 1993 headline count	recoded
GROSS94C 1994 non-error corrected cites	recoded
CITE94 Citations (1994)	recoded
CIT94SON Citations (9/10/11 1994)	recoded
HEAD94 1994 headline counts	recoded
GROSS Gross citations (93 & 94)	recoded
WRONG Percent wrong name in search	original (by sampling)
CITE Citations (93-94)	recoded
HEADLINE Headlines (93-94)	recoded
PRIMDAY day of month for primary	recoded
PRIM0 #ec cites in month of primary	recoded
PRIM1 #ec cites in 1st full month before primary	recoded
PRIM2 #ec cites 2nd month before primary	recoded
PRIM3 #ec cites 3rd month before primary	recoded
PRIM2UNW # ec cites prim month and 2 months prior, unweighted	recoded
PRIM92LA Rep's percentage 1992 primary	PA
PRIM94LA Rep's percentage 1994 primary	PA

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PRIMSORT Used to filter data for primary analysis

recoded

0 prim94la = 100

1 prim94la < 100

NOPCHAL No Primary Challenger

recoded

0 Has Primary Challenger

1 No Primary Challenger

PAP# process

STATE EP

COMPAPER Any competing paper?

EP

0 No

1 Yes

Sources of Data

- CD *Congressional Directory, 103rd Congress*. Washington: Government Printing Office, 1993.
- CD90 *Congressional Districts in the 1990s*. Washington: Congressional Quarterly, 1993.
- CQA *Congressional Quarterly Almanac, 1993* and *Congressional Quarterly Almanac, 1994*. Washington: Congressional Quarterly, 1994 and 1995.
- CQWR *Congressional Quarterly Weekly Report*, Washington: Congressional Quarterly, 1993 and 1994.
- EP *The International Yearbook*. New York: Editor & Publisher, 1993.
- NES *American National Election Study, 1994 Post-Election Survey*, computer file. Study Number 6507. Ann Arbor, MI: Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research, 1995.
- PA *Politics in America 1994* and *Politics in America 1996*. Washington: Congressional Quarterly, 1993 and 1995.
- WA Washington Alert (on-line data base). Washington: Congressional Quarterly, 1995.
- YELL *News Media Yellow Book of Washington and New York*. New York: Monitor Publishing, 1993.