

**Origin of Variables in the First and Second Data Sets**  
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This table reports the origin for each variable in the first and second data sets. There are three types of variables.

1. **Original data** (68 variables) refers to the information that my assistants coded from 9,125 newspaper articles. See “Coding Newspaper Articles in the First and Second Data Sets” for the precise coding instructions that my assistants followed.
2. **Process generated** (3 variables) and **investigator** (6 variables) refers to information that was added by the database system or by the principal investigator.
3. **Recode** (48 variables) refers 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.

<b>VARIABLE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>ORIGIN</b>
DOC	Document ID	recode (repnum, story)
PHASE	Phase of Study	investigator
REPNUM	Representative	original data
STORY	Story Number	original data
DATE	Story Date	original data
SECTION	Section	original data
PAGE	Page Number	original data
PAGEONE	Section and Page	recode (section, page)
PAGEONE2	Section and Page	recode (pageone, type2)
WORDS	Number of Words	original data
HDLINE	Representative in Headline	original data
BYLINE	Reporter's Name	original data
DATELINE	Story's Origin	original data
PHOTO	Representative in Photo	original data
HEADPHOT	Rep in Headline or Photo	recode (hdline, photo)
TYPE	Story Type	original data
TYPE2	Story Type	recode (type)
NEWSOPIN	News or Opinion	recode (type)
ABOUT	Main Subject of Story	original data
CENTRAL	Centrality of Representative	original data
CENTRAL2	Centrality (Inverse)	recode (central)
CENT	Centrality	recode (central)
LISTONLY	Representative Only in List	recode (type, central)
VALENCE	Valence from Rep's Perspective	original data
LIST	Information in List	original data

LISTREP	List Mentions Representative	recode (list, listonly, type)
ISSUEA	Most Prominent Issue	original data
ISSUEB	Second Prominent Issue	original data
ISSUEC	Third Prominent Issue	original data
ISSUEA1	Most Prominent Issue -- Collapsed	recode (issuea)
ISSUEPT	Position Taking Issue	recode (issuea, bill)
ABORTN	Mentions Abortion Policy	original data
DEFICIT	Mentions Proposal to Reduce Deficit	original data
CRIME	Mentions Proposal to Control Crime	original data
GAYS	Mentions Proposal About Gays in Military	original data
GUNS	Mentions Proposal to Regulate Guns	original data
CONTRCT	Mentions Contract with America	original data
HEALTH	Mentions Health Care Reform	original data
NAFTA	Mentions NAFTA	original data
ISSUEMEN	Number of Issues Mentioned (of 7)	recode (abortn to nafta, but not contrct)
ROLEA	Representative's Principal Role in Story	original data
ROLEB	Secondary Role	original data
CASEWORK	Casework for Individual Constituents	recode (rolea, roleb)
VISIT	Visit Constituency	recode (rolea, roleb)
CANDIDAT	Candidate in Electoral Contest	recode (rolea, roleb)
GEOAGT	Local Agent	original data
GEOPROT	Local Protector	original data
GEOBOTH	Local Advocate	recode (geoagt, geoprot)
GRPAGT	Group Agent	original data
GENAGT	General Agent	original data
COMLDR	Committee Leader	original data
SUBLDR	Subcommittee Leader	original data
COMMEM	Committee Member	original data
COMM	Committee Member or Leader	recode (comldr, subldr, commem)
COMACT	Committee Member or Leader	recode (comldr, subldr, commem)
COMACT2	Committee Member	recode (type, comact, hearing, markup)
COMACT3	Committee Member	recode (type, comact, hearing, markup)
COMACT4	Committee Member Acts	recode (comact3)
PTYLDR	Party Leader	original data
CAULDR	Caucus Leader	original data
LDRACTS	Leader Acts	recode (comldr, subldr, ptyldr, cauldr, coalitn)
LAWACTS	Law Making Activities	recode (intro, comact4, ldracts)
PROBLEM	Representative Discusses Problem	original data
SOLUTION	Representative Proposes Solution	original data
VIEWS	Representative Offers Views	original data
INTRO	Representative Introduces Bill	original data
ENDORSE	Representatve Endorses Bill	original data
HEARING	Representative in Committee Hearing	original data
MARKUP	Representative in Committee Markup	original data
COALITN	Representative Builds Coalition	original data
ACTION	Law-Making Activities	recode (endorse, hearing, markup, coalitn)
POSITION	Position Taking	recode (views, endorse, ptaking)

POSIT2	Representative Takes Position	recode (position)
PTAKING	Representative Takes Position	original data
PTAKING2	Representative Takes Position	recode (ptaking)
RCVOTE	Roll Call Vote	recode (ptaking)
RCVTYPE	Roll Call Vote Mentioned	recode (rcvvote, type2, listonly)
BILL	Subject of Bill	original data
KEYVOTE	One of 30 Key Votes	recode (bill)
MAJVOTE	One of 9 Major Votes	recode (bill)
POLCONF	Story Reveals Basic Policy Conflict	original data
EXPLAN	Offers Rep's Explanation for Position	original data
EXPLAN2	Offers Rep's Explanation for Position	recode (explan)
CRITICON	Representative Criticized For	original data
CRITICBY	Representative Criticized By	original data
CRITIC	Any Criticism of Representative?	recode (criticon)
CRITIC1	Any Criticism	recode (critic)
RATKDFND	Representative Attacks/Defends Congress	original data
REPETHC	Ethical Problem of Representative	original data
CONETHC	Ethical Problem of Congress	original data
ETHCLINK	Rep's Connection to Ethical Problem	original data
PTYSUPP	Portrayed as Party Supporter or Opponent?	original data
PTYLINK	Who Portrays Rep as Party Supporter?	original data
PRESSUPP	Portrayed as Presidential Supporter?	original data
PRESLINK	Who Portrays Rep as Presidential Supporter?	original data
IDEOL	Portrayed in Ideological Terms?	original data
IDEOLINK	Who Portrays Rep in Ideological Terms?	original data
STAGE	Stage of Representative's 1994 Campaign	original data
STAGE2	Stage of Representative's 1994 Campaign	recode (stage)
CAMPAGN	Focus of Campaign Coverage	original data
CAMPAGN1	Campaign Coverage	recode (campagn)
CONTEST	Contested Election (n=21)	investigator
CHALCENT	Centrality of Challenger	original data
CHALVAL	Valence from Challenger's Perspective	original data
CATKDFND	Challenger Attacks/Defends Congress	original data
REPMEN	Number of Mentions of Representative	original data
CHALMEN	Number of Mentions of Challenger	original data
CHALMEN1	Any Mentions of Challenger	recode (chalmen)
CODERNUM	Coder Number	process generated
ENTRDATE	Date Information Entered into System	process generated
ID	Unique Case ID	process generated
SELECT	Story Selected By	investigator
DUPPAIRS	Number of Times Story Coded	investigator
WKDAY	Weekday of Story	recode (date)
WEEK	Week of Story	recode (date)
MONTH	Month of Story	recode (date)
YEAR	Year of Story	recode (date)
MONTHYR	Month and Year of Story	recode (date)
MONTHYR2	Year and Month of Story	recode (date)

MONTHYR3	Four Month Periods	recode (date)
ONE25TH	One 25th of case	please ignore
ONE24TH	One 24th of case	please ignore
PRIMDATE	Primary Date	investigator
PRIMLS60	Sixty Days Before Primary Date	recode (primdate)
REPCOMP	Rep Name -- Comp Paper	recode (repnum)
COMPAPR	Any competing paper	investigator
COMPAP2	Competing paper	recode (compapr)