

Sources:

Source acronym	Source name	Webpage link	Last access date
BDUS	Biographical Directory of the United States Congress	http://bioguide.Congress.gov/	9 th April 2020
CBP	Congressional Bills Project	http://congressionalbills.org	8 th August 2018
CS	Charles Stewart's Congressional Data Page	http://web.mit.edu/17.251/www/data_page.html	28 th July 2018
DBD	Digital Boundary Definitions of United States Congressional Districts	http://cdmaps.polisci.ucla.edu	18 th March 2020
JF	James Fowler personal webpage	http://jhfowler.ucsd.edu/cosponsorship.htm	28 th November 2017
LEP	Legislative Effectiveness Project	http://www.thelawmakers.org	18 th March 2020
OCUS	Office of Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives	http://clerk.house.gov/memberinfo/leadership.aspx	18 th March 2020
PAP	Policy Agendas Project	www.comparativeagendas.net/us	8 th August 2018
SF	Sunlight Foundation	https://github.com/unitedstates/congress-legislators	18 th March 2020
VV	Voteview	http://voteview.com	12 th March 2019

Data

Dataset name: roll call votes

Dataset content: Roll call votes from the 109th to the 113th Congress. Paired votes and votes for which the date was not reported in the original source were excluded.

Variable Name	Description	Source
cast_code	Categorical variable. It takes 1 if the Congress member voted yeah, 3 if the Congress member voted Nay, 9 if the Congress member abstained.	VV
cm_id	Unique Congress Member id.	Author's elaboration
cosponsor	Dummy variable taking value of 1 if the Congress member is a cosponsor of the bill under rollcall vote, and 0 otherwise.	JF
congress	Categorical variable. It takes 1 if the record refers to the 109th Congress, 2 if the record refers to the 110th Congress, 3 if the record refers to the 111th Congress, 4 if the record refers to the 112th Congress, 5 if the record refers to the 113th Congress.	Authors' elaboration from VV
date	Date on which the rollcall took place.	VV
id_roll_call	Unique identifier of the roll call vote.	Authors' elaboration from VV

id_bill	Unique identifier of the bill on which rollcall was held.	Authors' elaboration from VV
maj_lead	Dummy variable taking value of 1 if the Congress member was a majority leader at the time when the bill was under rollcall vote, and 0 otherwise.	Authors' elaboration from OCUS
min_lead	Dummy variable taking value of 1 if the Congress member was a minority leader at the time when the bill was under rollcall vote, and 0 otherwise.	Authors' elaboration from OCUS
nominate_mid_1	Average distance to the center in terms of ideology of Congress members who participated to the rollcall vote, measured using the absolute value of the first dimension of the dw-nominate score created by McCarty et al. (1997).	VV
nominate_mid_2	Average distance to the center in terms of ideology of Congress members who participated to the rollcall vote, measured using the absolute value of the second dimension of the dw-nominate score created by McCarty et al. (1997).	VV
session	Indicator for which session of the congress in which a rollcall occurred.	VV
sponsor	Dummy variable taking value of 1 if the Congress member is the sponsor of the bill under rollcall vote, and 0 otherwise.	JF