

# Codebook for Issue-Level Dataset

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<u>Variable Number</u>	<u>Variable Description</u>
p003issue	Issue code
p002name	Issue name
p004congress	Congress of initial field work on issue

### **Advocacy Measures**

continuing	Did advocacy on issue continue after first two-year cycle? (1=yes, 0=no)
partisan	Issue described as partisan by at least one advocate (1=yes, 0=no)
partisan3	Degree of partisanship on issue 0 Nonpartisan 1 Somewhat partisan 2 Strongly partisan
sides	Number of sides on issue
previous	Lobbying activity on issue in previous Congress (1=yes, 0=no)
future	Lobbying activity planned for next Congress (1=yes, 0=no)
solo	Only one side of organized advocates on issue (1=yes, 0=no)
sqrm	Resources for the status quo
chrn	Resources for policy change
lbchrn	One standard deviation below resources for policy change
ubchrn	One standard deviation above resources for policy change
intent2	Number of sides seeking policy change on issue
intent1	Number of sides defending status quo on issue

### **Policy Outcome Measures**

accel	Policy change adopted after Bush election (1=yes, 0=no)
reverse	Policy reversed after Bush election (1=yes, 0=no)
stall107	Issue fell off agenda after Bush election (1=yes, 0=no)
stall106	Issue added to policy agenda after Bush election (1=yes, 0=no)
any4	Issue influenced by 2000 presidential election (1=yes, 0=no)
pvote	Party vote in Congress on issue (1=yes, 0=no)
flvote	Floor vote in Congress on issue (1=yes, 0=no)
veto	Presidential veto of bill on this issue (1=yes, 0=no)
p018	Policy change in first two-year cycle 0 No change 1 Modest change 2 Significant change
p050	Policy change in first two-year cycle 0 No change 1 Modest change 2 Significant change
omnibus	Issue is part of omnibus legislation (1=yes, 0=no)

### **Issue Salience Indicators**

bills	Number of bills introduced in Congress on issue
hearings	Number of congressional hearings on issue
witness	Number of people testifying on issue in Congress
house	Number of statements from House members on issue on official web site
senate	Number of statements from Senators on issue on official web site
floor	Number of legislators making floor statements on issue (in CR)
news	Number of newspaper articles in major papers on issue

natjournal	Number of National Journal stories on issue
tv	Number of network TV news stories on issue
salindex	standardized salience index created from the nine indicators listed above
sal4	Issue salience in four categories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 Low</li> <li>1 Medium</li> <li>2 High</li> <li>3 Thermonuclear</li> </ul>

**Issue Content Indicators**

fed	Issue includes plan to increase/decrease the federal budget (1=yes, 0=no)
estprog	Issue includes plan to expand or cut a federal program (1=yes, 0=no)
newprog	Issue includes plan to create a new federal program (1=yes, 0=no)
jurisch	Includes plan to expand or curtail federal regulatory authority (1=yes, 0=no)