Table A.3 Alphabetical List of Variables in the States Dataset

Variable Name	Description
abort_rank3	Abortion restrictions (3-category ranking)
abort_rate05	Abortions per 1000 women (2005)
abort_rate08	Number of abortions per 1000 women aged 15–44 (2008)
abortion_rank12	2012 abortion rank (Americans United for Life)
abortlaw10	Number of restrictions on abortion (2010)
abortlaw3	Abortion restrictions (three tiers of number of restrictions)
adv_or_more	Percent of population with advanced degree or higher
alcohol	Alcohol consumption in gallons per capita (2007)
attend_pct	Percent frequently attend religious serviced (Pew)
ba_or_more	Percent of population with college degree or higher
battle04	Battleground state in 2004?
blkleg	Percent of state legislators who are black
blkpct04	Percent black (2004)
blkpct08	Percent black (2008)
blkpct10	Percent black (2010)
bush00	Percent voting for Bush in 2000
bush04	Percent voting for Bush in 2004
carfatal	Motor vehicle fatalities (per 100,000 pop)
carfatal07	Motor vehicle fatalities per 100,000 pop (2007)
cig_tax	Cigarette tax per pack (2007)
cig_tax_3	Cigarette tax per pack: 3 categories (2007)
cig_tax12	Cigarette tax per pack (2012)
cig_tax12_3	Cigarette tax per pack: 3 categories (2012)
cigarettes	Packs smoked bimonthly per adult (2003)
college	Percent of population with college or higher
conpct_m	Percent mass public conservative
cons_hr06	Conservatism score, U.S. House delegation (2006)
cons_hr09	Conservatism score, U.S. House delegation (2009)
conserv_advantage	Conservative advantage, mass public (2012)
conserv_public	Percent mass public conservative (2013)
cook_index	Cook Index: Higher scores mean more Democratic
cook_index3	3 quantiles of cook_index
defexpen	Federal defense expenditures per capita