

Box 1.2 The *Companion Datasets*

The poliscidata package has four datasets.

1. **gss.** This dataset has selected variables from the 2012 General Social Survey, a random sample of 1,974 adults aged 18 years or older, conducted by the National Opinion Research Center and made available through the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) at the University of Michigan. Some of the scales in gss were constructed by the authors. The variables in the gss dataset are described in the Appendix (Table A.1).
2. **nes.** This dataset includes selected variables from the 2012 National Election Study, a random sample of 5,916 citizens of voting age, conducted by the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research and made available through ICPSR. See the Appendix (Table A.2).
3. **states.** This dataset includes variables on each of the 50 states. Most of these variables were compiled by the authors from various sources. A complete description of variables in the states dataset is found in the Appendix (Table A.3).
4. **world.** This dataset includes variables on 167 countries of the world. These variables are based on data compiled by Pippa Norris, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, and made available to the scholarly community through her Internet site. See the Appendix (Table A.4) for a complete description of variables in the world dataset.