| Variable Name | Description |
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| dem_advantage | Democratic advantage, mass public (2012) |
| dem_hr09 | Percent U.S. House delegation Democratic (2009) |
| demhr11 | Percent HR delegation Democratic (2011) |
| demnat06 | Percent U.S. House and Senate Democratic (2006) |
| dempct_m | Percent mass public Democratic |
| demstate06 | Percent of state legislators who are Democrats (2006) |
| demstate09 | Percent of state legislators who are Democrats (2009) |
| demstate13 | Percent state legislature Democrats (2013) |
| density | Population density (2010) |
| division | Census division (9 different regions of country) |
| earmarks_pcap | Earmarks per capita (in dollars) |
| evm | State electoral vote: McCain (2008) |
| evo | State electoral vote: Obama (2008) |
| evo2012 | Obama's Electoral College vote |
| evr2012 | Romney's Electoral College vote |
| gay_policy | Billman's policy scale (4 ordinal categories) |
| gay_policy_con | Does state have "most conservative" gay policies? |
| gay_policy2 | RECODE of gay_policy (Billman's policy scale) |
| gay_support | Lax-Phillips opinion index |
| gay_support3 | Gay rights: public support (3 categories) |
| gb_win00 | Did Bush win electoral vote, 2000? |
| gb_win04 | Did Bush win electoral vote, 2004? |
| gore00 | Percent voting for Gore 2000 |
| govt_worker | Percentage workforce government workers (2012) |
| gun_check | Background checks for gun purchases per 100,000 pop (2012) |
| gun_dealer | Gun dealers per 100,000 pop |
| gun_murder10 | Gun murder rate (2010) |
| gun_rank_rev | Recode of gun_rank11 so higher number ranks = more gun restrictions |
| gun_rank11 | Brady gun rank (2011) |
| gun_rank3 | Recode of gun_rank11 (3 ordinal categories) |
| gun_scale11 | Brady gun law scale (2011) |
| gunlaw_rank | Brady campaign rank (2008) |
| gunlaw_rank3_rev | Number of restrictions (2008) |