

# Codebook for 2012 Voter Fraud Coverage Dataset

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This is the codebook to the 2012 voter fraud coverage data that examines local newspaper coverage of voter fraud during the 2012 US elections in each of the 50 states used in Fogarty (2017). Information about the variable values is provided when necessary.

- **state:** US state
- **newspaper:** newspaper in state
- **total:** total number of articles on voter fraud
- **preelection:** number of articles on voter fraud before Election Day
- **postelection:** number of articles on voter fraud after Election Day
- **circulation:** newspaper circulation
- **battleground:** whether state was a battleground in 2012 election where 1 = "battleground state" and 0 = "not battleground state"
- **restrlaws2012:** whether state had passed a restrictive voting law in 2012 where 1 = "passed law" and 0 = "not passed law"
- **pct\_black:** percentage of black population in newspaper's media market
- **pct\_white:** percentage of white population in newspaper's media market
- **pct\_hispanic:** percentage of Hispanic population in newspaper's media market
- **pct\_presvote\_2008:** percentage of Obama vote in state
- **pct\_massconserv:** percentage of self-identifying conservatives in state
- **vep08\_turnout:** percentage of voter eligible turnout in 2008 election in state
- **pct\_alec:** percentage of legislators in ALEC in state
- **cases:** number of voter fraud cases during 2012 in state
- **allcases:** total number of voter fraud cases in state
- **gop\_unified\_state:** whether state had both Republican governor and majority in state legislature in state where 1 = "unified" and 0 = "not unified"