

Independent Variables	Description	Mean	Std. Dev.
Seniority <sup>a</sup>	Number of terms served by member in Congress	5.205	3.964
State Legislative Experience <sup>a</sup>	Equals “1” if member served in state legislature	0.487	0.500
State Legislative Professionalism <sup>b</sup>	Squire’s index of state professionalism relative to Congress	0.290	0.150
Majority Party <sup>a</sup>	Equals “1” if member is in majority party	0.569	0.495
Majority Party Leadership <sup>a</sup>	Equals “1” if member is in majority party leadership	0.016	0.125
Minority Party Leadership <sup>a</sup>	Equals “1” if member is in minority party leadership	0.017	0.131
Speaker <sup>a</sup>	Equals “1” if member is Speaker of the House	0.002	0.042
Committee Chair <sup>c</sup>	Equals “1” if member is a committee chair	0.050	0.218
Subcommittee Chair <sup>a</sup>	Equals “1” if member is a subcommittee chair	0.249	0.432
Power Committee <sup>c</sup>	Equals “1” if member serves on Rules, Appropriations, or Ways and Means	0.251	0.434
Distance from Median <sup>d</sup>	Member <i>i</i> ’s DW-NOMINATE score – Median member’s DW-NOMINATE score	0.353	0.223
Female <sup>a</sup>	Equals “1” if member is female	0.088	0.283
African-American <sup>a</sup>	Equals “1” if member is African-American	0.065	0.246
Latino <sup>a</sup>	Equals “1” if member is Latino/Latina	0.035	0.185
Size of Congressional Delegation <sup>e</sup>	Number of districts in state congressional delegation	18.35	13.99
Vote Share <sup>a</sup>	Percentage of vote received in previous election	68.53	13.89

*Data sources:*

<sup>a</sup>Constructed by authors based on *Almanac of American Politics*, various years.

<sup>b</sup>Constructed by authors based on updates to Squire (1992).

<sup>c</sup>Constructed by authors based on Nelson (1992) and Stewart and Woon (2005).

<sup>d</sup>Constructed by authors from DW-NOMINATE scores provided by Keith Poole.

<sup>e</sup>Constructed by authors.