

SSRIC Teaching Resources
Representation in California's State Legislature
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Codebook

Members of the California legislature as of September 1, 2007.
Election and registration data: California Secretary of State
(<http://www.sos.ca.gov>). Other district data: Bureau of the Census,
110th State Legislative District Summary Files 1 and 3.
http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/DownloadDatasetServlet?_lang=en&_ts=199826167062 .

This codebook, and the accompanying data files, are found in slightly
different form in John L. Korey. *Introduction to Research Methods in
Political Science: The POWERMUTT Project*.
<http://www.ssrlic.org/tr/onlinetextbooks>.

<u>Variable Name</u>	<u>Variable Label</u>
district	District
pop	Population
white	Percent of population that is non-Hispanic white
black	Percent of population that is non-Hispanic African American
latino	Percent of population that Hispanic
asian	Percent of population that is non-Hispanic Asian American or Pacific Islander
native	Percent of population that is non-Hispanic Native American or Alaskan Native
other	Percent of population that is non-Hispanic of other race
multiple	Percent of population that is non-Hispanic of more than one race
ownocc	Percent of occupied housing that is owner occupied

singunit	Percent of occupied housing that is single-unit (excluding mobile homes, boats, RVs, etc.)
medianhs	Median value, owner occupied housing
urban	Percent of Population living in Urban Areas or Urban Clusters
married	Percent of households that include a married couple
marchild	Percent of households that include a married couple and one or more of their children under 18 years old
femchild	Percent of households that include a single female and one or more of her children under 18 years old
noneng	Percent of households in which the primary language is other than English
forpop	Percent of population that is foreign born
ncitpop	Percent of population that is non-US citizen
college	Percent of population over 25 with college degrees
pcincome	Per capita income
medinc	Median family income
poverty	Percent of population below poverty line
elder	Percent of population age 65 or over
houssize	Mean number of persons per household
totalreg	Total registered voters (February 10, 2007)
demreg	Registered Democrats (February 10, 2007)
repubreg	Registered Republicans (February 10, 2007)
demvote	Democratic Party candidate's vote in most recent senate/assembly election

repvote Republican Party candidate's vote in most recent senate/assembly election

prop40 Percent voting conservative on Proposition 40 (Water bonds, March 2002)

prop45 Percent voting conservative on Proposition 45 (term limits, March 2002)

prop52 Percent voting conservative on Proposition 52 (election day registration, November 2002)

prop54 Percent voting conservative on Proposition 54 (racial classification, March 2003)

prop55 Percent voting conservative on Proposition 55 (school bonds, March 2004)

prop56 Percent voting conservative on Proposition 56 (state budget, March 2004)

prop71 Percent voting conservative on Proposition 71 (embryonic stem cells bonds, November 2004)

prop72 Percent voting conservative on Proposition 72 (health care, November 2004)

prop82 Percent voting conservative on Proposition 82 (preschool education, June 2006)

prop1c Percent voting conservative on Proposition 1C (housing bonds, November 2006)

prop1d Percent voting conservative on Proposition 1D (education bonds, November 2006)

prop1e Percent voting conservative on Proposition 1E (disaster/flood bonds, November 2006)

prop85 Percent voting conservative on Proposition 85 (parental notification for abortion, November 2006)

prop86 Percent voting conservative on Proposition 86 (cigarette tax, November 2006)

prop87 Percent voting conservative on Proposition 87 (alternative energy, November 2006)

distideo District voting record, statewide propositions
 (first principal component of a factor analysis of district votes on the 15 propositions listed above)
 0 Most liberal district in senate/assembly
 100 Most conservative voting record in senate/assembly

name Member's name

party Member's party
 1 Democrat
 2 Republican

gender Member's gender
 1 Male
 2 Female

ethnic Member's ethnicity
 1 Non-Hispanic White
 2 African American
 3 Latino
 4 Asian and Pacific Islander
 5 Native American

Note: Alberto Torrico's parents immigrated to the United States from Bolivia. His mother is of Japanese ancestry. He is classified here as Latino, but is a member of both the Latino and Asian and Pacific Islander caucuses.

memideo Member's voting record, 2007
 0 Most liberal voting record in senate/assembly
 100 Most conservative voting record in senate/assembly

Source: First principal component of a factor analysis of 2007 "scorecards" by the California Chamber of Commerce, the California Taxpayers' Association, the California Farm Bureau, the California Public Interest Research Group, the California Federation of Labor, and the California League of Conservation Voters. Note: Assemblywoman Laura Richardson (Democrat, 55th district) was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives

in a special election on August 21, 2007, and is not scored on this variable.