Version 1.14

gsptotal updated through 2016

Variables Added

**Governor Personality**

- **gov_motive_achievement** Governor Achievement Motive Score
- **gov_motive_power** Governor Power Motive Score
- **gov_motive_affiliation_intimacy** Governor Affiliation-Intimacy Motive Score

**State Rankings**

- **SQLI** Quality of Life Index Ranking
- **health_rank** Overall Health Ranking
- **wellbeing** Overall Well-being Index Ranking
- **bus_rank_cnbc** CNBC Best State to do Business in Ranking
- **bus_rank_forbes** Forbes Best State to do Business in Ranking
- **wallstreet_best_run** Ranking of the Best and Worst Run States
- **gov_employ** Ranking of Number of Government Employees
- **sp_credit** S&P State Credit Rating Rank

**Minorities in the Legislature**

- **pctlationoleg** Percentage of Latino Legislators

**Demographics**

- **foreign_born** Foreign Born Population

**Immigration Laws**

- **immig_laws_total** Total Immigration Laws Passed
- **immig_laws_accom** Total Accomodating Immigration Laws Passed
- **immig_las_restrict** Total Restrictive Immigration Laws Passed
- **immig_laws_neut** Total Neutral Immigration Laws Passed

**Energy**

- **energy_efficiency_rank** State Ranking by Energy Efficiency
- **energy_efficiency_score** State Energy Efficiency Score
Version 1.13

Variables Added

Public Policy Opinion

- pro_aid Pro Foreign Aid Opinion
- anti_aid Anti Foreign Aid Opinion
- neutral_aid Neutral Foreign Aid Opinion
- prodefense Pro Defense Opinion
- anti_defense Anti Defense Opinion
- neutral_defense Neutral Defense Opinion
- pro_education Pro Education Opinion
- anti_education Anti Education Opinion
- neutral_education Neutral Education Opinion
- pro_welfare Pro Welfare Opinion
- anti_welfare Anti Welfare Opinion
- neutral_welfare Neutral Welfare Opinion
- pro_health Pro Health Opinion
- anti_health Anti Health Opinion
- neutral_health Neutral Health Opinion
- pro_race Pro Race Opinion
- anti_race Anti Race Opinion
- neutral_race Neutral Race Opinion

Version 1.12

Updated pctfemaleleg to include 1975-2016

Variables added

Females in State Government

- fem_gov Female Governor
- fem_ltgov Female Lieutenant Governor
- fem_secstate Female Secretary of State
- fem_ag Female Attorney General

Education

- grad_rate High School Graduation Rate
- twoweartuition Average In-district Tuition for a 2-year College
- fouryear_tuition Average In-state Tuition for a 4-year University

Healthcare
- **abor_licphys** Abortion Licensed Physician Requirement
- **abor_athosp** Abortion Hospital Requirement
- **abor_secphys** Abortion Second Physician Requirement
- **abor_optout_ind** Individual Abortion Opt-Out
- **abor_optout_inst** Institutional Abortion Opt-Out
- **abor_pubfund** Public Funding of Abortions
- **nurse_reg** Nursing Practice Regulations

**State Personality**

- **extraversion** State extraversion
- **agreeableness** State agreeableness
- **conscientiousness** State conscientiousness
- **neuroticism** State neuroticism
- **openness** State openness
- **extraversion_sd** Standard deviation of state extraversion
- **agreeableness_sd** Standard deviation of state agreeableness
- **conscientiousness_sd** Standard deviation of state conscientiousness
- **neuroticism_sd** Standard deviation of state neuroticism
- **openness_sd** Standard deviation of state openness

**State Constitutions**

- **constitution_adopted** Constitution Adopted
- **current_constitution_length** Constitution Length
- **amendments_submitted** Amendments Submitted
- **amendments_adopted** Amendments Adopted

**Environmental Opinion**

- **pro_environment** Pro Environment Opinion
- **anti_environment** Anti Environment Opinion
- **neutral_environment** Neutral Environment Opinion

Version 1.11

Variable region was mistakenly titled census_region, it does not follow the census coding for State region.

Variables Added

**Alcohol Laws**

- **dry_counties** Number of “Dry Counties” in the State
- **moist_counties** Number of “Moist Counties” in the State
State Demographics

- **undocumented_immigrants** Estimated Number of Undocumented Immigrants
- **state_culture** State Culture Type

Version 1.10

Corrected an error with hou_chamber variable

Version 1.9

Variables Added

**Labor Force and Social Welfare Demographics**

- **employed** Employed Population (Total Number)
- **unemployed** Unemployed Population (Total Number)
- **marginallyfoodinsecure** Marginally Food Insecure
- **foodinsecure** Food Insecure
- **verylowfoodsecure** Very Low Food Insecure
- **lowincchildren_number** Number of Low Income Uninsured Children
- **afdccases_childonly** AFDC/TANF Child-Only Caseloads
- **wicparticipation** WIC Participation
- **nslp_free** NSLP Free Participation
- **nslp_reduced** NSLP Reduced Participation
- **nslp_total** Total NSLP Participation
- **sbp_free** SBP Free Participation
- **sbp_reduced** SBP Reduced Participation
- **sbp_total** Total SBP Participation
- **workerscompensation** Workers’ Compensation
- **stateeitcrate** State EITC Rate

**SSI Recipients**

- **ssistate** Maximum SSI State Benefits
- **ssitotal** Total SSI Benefits
- **ssirecipients_total** Total Number of SSI Recipients
- **ssirecipients_aged** Number of Aged SSI Recipients
- **ssirecipients_blind** Number of Blind SSI Recipients
- **ssirecipients_disabled** Number of Disabled SSI Recipients

Version 1.8

Variables Added

**Tax Rates**
• wine_tax Wine Tax Rate
• wine_tax_rank Ranking of Wine Tax Rate
• spirit_tax Spirit Tax Rate
• spirit_tax_rank Ranking of Spirit Tax Rate
• beer_tax Beer Tax Rate
• beer_tax_rank Ranking of Beer Tax Rate

Social Capital

• soc_capital Social Capital
• soc_capital_ma Moving Average Weighted Social Capital

Policy Liberalism

• st_ec Mean Economic Liberalism- All Survey Respondents
• st_soc Mean Social Liberalism- All Survey Respondents
• avgec_low Mean Economic Liberalism- Low Income Respondents
• avgsoc_low Mean Social Liberalism- Low Income Respondents
• avgec_mid Mean Economic Liberalism- Mid Income Respondents
• avgsoc_mid Mean Social Liberalism- Mid Income Respondents
• avgec_high Mean Economic Liberalism- High Income Respondents
• avgsoc_high Mean Social Liberalism- High Income Respondents
• vst_ec Mean Economic Liberalism- All Voters
• vst_soc Mean Social Liberalism- All Voters
• vavgec_low Mean Economic Liberalism- Low Income Voters
• vavgsoc_low Mean Social Liberalism- Low Income Voters
• vavgec_mid Mean Economic Liberalism- Mid Income Voters
• vavgsoc_mid Mean Social Liberalism- Mid Income Voters
• vavgec_high Mean Economic Liberalism- High Income Voters
• vavgsoc_high Mean Social Liberalism- High Income Voters

Version 1.7

Fixed: We fixed a sort error that affected variables from Carl Klarner’s "Governors Dataset." This error existed in versions 1.0–1.5. Variables from that dataset include:

prez_election_year, weird5, weird5_b, biennium, biennium_b, biennium_first_year, biennium_second_year, govname1, govname1_sour, govname1_date, govname2, govname2_sour, govname2_date, govname2_notes, gub_election, gub_election_regime, gov_midyear_change_date, gov_midyear_change_month, gov_midyear_change_day, gov_midyear_change_ordinal_day, gov_midyear_change_a, budget_pass2011_04_20, when_leg_met2011_04_13, gov_midyear_change_b, gov_midyear_change_b_note, new_gov_b, past_gov, past_gov_note, gov_midyear_change_c, gov_midyear_change_c_note, new_gov_c,d, fracleg_old_variable, fracleg_old_variable_note, years_served, budgets_overseen, years_served_budgets_overseen_notes, term_length, years_left_in_term, limit_exists,
Variables Added:

**Campaign Finance**

- overall_fin_reg Overall Campaign Finance Stringency
- disclosure_fin_reg Campaign Finance Disclosure Stringency
- public_fin_reg Public Campaign Finance Stringency
- indlimit Limit on Individual Campaign Contributions
- famlimit Limit on Family Campaign Contributions
- candlimit Limit on Candidate Self-Contributions
- corplimits Limit on Corporate Campaign Contributions

**Demographics**

- nonwhite Nonwhite Population

**Interest Groups**

- union_density Union Density

**Welfare Spending**

- welfare_spending_percap Welfare Spending
- cash_assist_percap Cash Assistance Spending
- unemploy_comp_percap Unemployment Compensation Spending

**Economic Freedom**

- efna_index EFNA index of the State Economic Freedom

**Legislative Professionalism**

- sess_length Session Length
- leg_realsalary Legislator Salary
- leg_expend Legislator Expenditures
- **bowen_legprof_firstdim** First Dimension Professionalism Score
- **bowen_legprof_seconddim** Second Dimension Professionalism Score

**Version 1.6**

*Income Inequality*

- **gini_coef** State income inequality measured by Gini Coefficient
- **atkin_index** State income inequality measured by Atkinson Index
- **theil_index** State income inequality measured by Theil Index

**Government Integrity**

- **integrity** State Government Integrity

**Version 1.5**

- Variables Added
  - *Measures of State Corruption*
  - **corruption_convict** Convictions relating to corruption (“criminal abuses of public trust by government officials”)
  - *Interest Groups*
  - **christright_inf** Index measuring the Influence of Christian Right Interest Groups
  - *Health Care*
  - **med_enroll_aged** Number of Medicaid Enrollees in the Aged Enrollment Group
  - **med_enroll_disab** Number of Medicaid Enrollees in the Disability Enrollment Group
  - **med_enroll_adult** Number of Medicaid Enrollees in the Adult Enrollment Group
  - **med_enroll_child** Number of Medicaid Enrollees in the Children Enrollment Group
  - **med_enroll_total** Total Number of Medicaid Enrollees
  - **med_spend_aged** Total Medicaid Spending on Enrollees in the Aged Enrollment Group
  - **med_spend_disab** Total Medicaid Spending on Enrollees in the Disability Enrollment Group
  - **med_spend_adult** Total Medicaid Spending on Enrollees in the Adult Enrollment Group
  - **med_spend_child** Total Medicaid Spending on Enrollees in the Children Enrollment Group
  - **med_spend_total** Total Medicaid Spending
  - *Political Knowledge*
  - **know_gov** Percent of population who can correctly name their Governor.
  - **know_govparty** Percent of population who can correctly name the party of their Governor.
  - **partisan_knowledge_scale** Number of items correct on Cooperative Congressional Election Study’s partisan knowledge scale
**Income Inequality**

- `incshare_top10`: Share of total income earned by the top 10% of earners
- `incshare_top5`: Share of total income earned by the top 5% of earners
- `incshare_top1`: Share of total income earned by the top 1% of earners
- `incshare_top05`: Share of total income earned by the top 0.5% of earners
- `incshare_top01`: Share of total income earned by the top 0.1% of earners
- `incshare_top001`: Share of total income earned by the top 0.01% of earners

**Government Measures**

- `speaker_power`: Index of State Speaker of the House power. Year is coded for the beginning of the Legislative Term.

**Version 1.4**

- **Variables added**

  **State Legislative Measures**

  - `sen_prop_up`: Proportion of State Senate Seats up for Reelection This Year
  - `sen_elections_this_year`: State Senate Elections This Year? (1 = 19% or more of Seats up, 0 = Fewer than 19% up)
  - `sen_dem_in_sess`: Number of Democrats in the State Senate this Session
  - `sen_rep_in_sess`: Number of Republicans in the State Senate this Session
  - `sen_ind_in_sess`: Number of Non-major Party members in the State Senate this Session
  - `sen_vac_in_sess`: Number of Vacant Seats in the State Senate this Session
  - `sen_tot_in_sess`: Total Number of state Senators this Session
  - `sen_cont_alt`: Party in Control of State Senate (1 = Democrats, 0 = Republicans, .5 = Tie)

  - `hs_prop_up`: Proportion of State House Seats up for Reelection This Year
  - `hs_elections_this_year`: State House Elections This Year? (1 = 19% or more of Seats up, 0 = Fewer than 19% up)
  - `hs_dem_in_sess`: Number of Democrats in the State House this Session
  - `hs_rep_in_sess`: Number of Republicans in the State House this Session
  - `hs_ind_in_sess`: Number of Non-major Party members in the State House this Session
  - `hs_vac_in_sess`: Number of Vacant Seats in the State House this Session
  - `hs_tot_in_sess`: Total Number of state House Members this Session
  - `hs_cont_alt`: Party in Control of State Senate (1 = Democrats, 0 = Republicans, .5 = Tie)

  - `veto_override_prop`: Proportion of Legislators Needed to Override Governor Veto

  - `veto_override_prop_elected`: Who does Override Proportion Pertain to? (1 = Elected Senators, 0 = Present Senators)

  - `leg_cont`: Democrats Power of the legislature (1 = Democrats Control Both Chambers; 0 = Democrats Control Neither Chamber; .5 = Democrats Control One Chamber, .25 = Democrats Split Control of One Chamber, .75 = Democrats Control One Chamber and Split Control of the Other)

  - `split_leg`: Is there a Split Legislature (1 = Chamber are Not Controlled by Same
Party, 0= Else)
divided_gov - Is there Divided Government? (1= Two Chambers of Legislature and Governorship are not all Controlled by Same Party, 0= Same Party Controls All Three Institutions)

sen_dem_prop_all - Proportion of State Senate Seats Held by Democrats
sen_rep_prop_all - Proportion of State Senate Seats Held by Republicans
hs_dem_prop_all - Proportion of State House Seats Held by Democrats
hs_rep_prop_all - Proportion of State House Seats Held by Republicans
per_leg_of_govs_pty - Percent of Legislature Across the Two Chambers that are of the Same Party as the Governor
dem_veto_proof - Do Democrats Have Enough Members in Both Chambers to Override a Governor's Veto?
rep_veto_proof - Do Republicans Have Enough Members in Both Chambers to Override a Governor's Veto?
dem_unified - Is there a Unified Democratic Government (1= Democrats control both Legislative Chambers and Governorship, 0= else)

LGBT Equality Measures
giexorder - Does State have Executive Order Prohibiting Discrimination on the Basis of Gender Identity
gilaw - Does State have a Law Prohibiting Discrimination on the Basis of Gender Identity
soexorder - Does State have Executive Order Prohibiting Discrimination on the Basis of Sexual Orientation
solaw - Does State have a Law Prohibiting Discrimination on the Basis of Sexual Orientation

Demography Measures
evangelical_pop - Percentage of Evangelical Residents in a State

State Fiscal Measures
spending_stfunds_perincome - Spending from state funds as a percent of state personal income
spending_fedfunds_perincome - Spending from federal funds as a percent of state personal income
employ_pop - Rolling Employment to Population Ratio
change_proptax - Change in Property Tax Revenue from the Previous Year
change_bustax_other - Change in Other Business Taxes and Fees Revenue from Previous Year
change_utiltax - Change in Public Utility Tax Revenues from Previous Year
change_amustax - Change in Amusement Tax Revenues from Previous Year
change_docstocktax - Change in Document & Stock Transfers Tax Revenues from Previous Year
change_corptax - Change in Corporate Income Tax Revenues from Previous Year
change_corplicrev - Change in Corporate Licenses Revenue from Previous Year
Year

change_salestax - Change in Sales Tax Revenue from Previous Year
change_incometax - Change in Personal Income Tax Revenue from Previous Year
change_sevtax - Change in Severance Tax Revenue from Previous Year
change_fueltax - Change in Fuel Tax Revenue from Previous Year
change_tobtax - Change in Tobacco Tax Revenue from Previous Year
change_vehtax - Change in Motor Vehicles Tax Revenue from Previous Year
change_stincometax - Change in Personal State Income Tax Revenue from Previous Year
fedshare_rev - Federal Share of State Revenue
med_spending_own - Medicaid Spending Divided By Own-Source Revenue
dayreserve_genfund - Days' worth of General Fund expenditures in reserve
endingbal_rainyday - Ending balance plus Rainy Day Funds (in millions)
res_genfund - Reserves as a percent of General Fund expenditures

Version 1.3

- Variables added
  State Electoral Campaign Contributions
  nonindiv_contrib - Total contributions to State candidates from non-individuals (e.g. labor unions, parties and candidates, business, PACs, etc.)
  contrib_to_incumbs - Total contributions to all Incumbent candidates running for State offices
  contrib_to_dems - Total contributions to all Democratic candidates running for State offices
  contrive_to_reps - Total contributions to all Republican candidates running for State offices
  contrib_to_thirdparty - Total contributions to all Third Party candidates running for State offices
  contrib_agri - Total contributions to State Office candidates from contributors in the agricultural sector
  contrib_candidates - Total contributions to State Office candidates from other candidates
  contrib_comm_elec - Total contributions to State Office candidates from contributors in the communications and electronics sector
  contrib_construction - Total contributions to State Office candidates from contributors in the construction sector
  contrib_defense - Total contributions to State Office candidates from contributors in the defense sector
  contrib_energy_natres - Total contributions to State Office candidates from contributors in the energy and natural resources sector
  contrib_gov_ed_other - Total contributions to State Office candidates from contributors in government agencies, education, and other sectors
  contrib_health - Total contributions to State Office candidates from contributors in the health sector
**contrib_ideo_singiss** - Total contributions to State Office candidates from contributors in the ideology and single issue sectors

**contrib_labor** - Total contributions to State Office candidates from contributors in the labor sector

**contrib_lawyer_lobby** - Total contributions to State Office candidates from contributors in the lawyer and lobbyist

**contrib_transp** - Total contributions to State Office candidates from contributors in the transportation sector

**contrib_unitemized** - Total contributions to State Office candidates from unitemized contributors

**contrib_fin_ins_realestate** - Total contributions to State Office candidates from contributors in the finance, insurance, real estate sector

**contrib_public_subsidy** - Total contributions to State Office candidates from public subsidies

**contrib_business** - Total contributions to State Office candidates from contributors in the general business sector

**contrib_party** - Total contributions to State Office candidates from political parties

**Version 1.2**

- **Variables added**
  - **gov_contrib** - Contributions to Governor’s Races
  - **house_contrib** - Contributions to State House/Assembly Races
  - **senate_contrib** - Contributions to State Senate Races
  - **court_contrib** - Contributions to State Supreme Court Races
  - **ballot_contrib** - Contributions to Ballot Measure Committees
  - **dem_contrib** - Contributions to the State Democratic Party
  - **rep_contrib** - Contributions to the State Republican Party
  - **accounty** - Total Number of County Level Governments in the State
  - **amuni** - Total Number of Municipal Level Governments in the State
  - **atown** - Total Number of Township Level Governments in the State
  - **mood** - Measure of Stimson’s Policy Mood
  - **democrat** - Proportion of Voters Identifying as Democratic
  - **republican** - Proportion of Voters Identifying as Republican
  - **liberal** - Proportion of Voters Identifying as Liberal
  - **conservative** - Proportion of Voters Identifying as Conservative

**Version 1.1**

- Interest group variables fixed to match original source. The data was originally misaligned due to a sorting error.

- **Variables added:**
  - **afdc_rep** - Average Monthly Number of Total Recipients of AFDC/TANF within a year.
  - **afdc_case** - Average Monthly Number of Total Family Caseloads for
AFDC/TANF within a year.

foodstamp_rep - Average Monthly Number of Persons Receiving Food Stamps/SNAP within a year.

foodstamp_case - Average Monthly Number of Total Caseloads for Food Stamps/SNAP within a year.

statemin – State Minimum Wage in dollars

povrate – Estimated Percent of State Population in Poverty

• State FIPS code for Idaho corrected from 46 to 16.
• Minor test fixes in codebook to add clarity to some variables.