

Correlates of State Policy - Updates Version 1.0 - 1.14

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 Immigrant Laws Passed
- **immig_laws_accom** Total Accommodating Immigrant Laws Passed
- **immig_las_restrict** Total Restrictive Immigrant Laws Passed
- **immig_laws_neut** Total Neutral Immigrant 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
- **pro_defense** 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
- **twoyear_tuition** 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
- **avsoc_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,

limit_type, term_limit_length_uncertainty, years_left_before_limit, years_left_before_limit_note, years_left_before_limit_uncertain, lame_duck_last_term, lame_duck_last_year, lame_duck_last_2nd_to_last_year, lame_duck_notes, femgov, femgov_notes, stateleg, stateleg_sour, congmemo, congmemo_sour, stateleg_congmemo_notes, legexper, party_midear_change, party_midear_change_direction, govparty_a, party_midbiennium_change, party_midbiennium_change_direction, govparty_b, govparty_b_2, state_midterm_penalty, govparty_c, gov_non_maj_pty, gub_party_change, gov_pty_change_since_last_budget, gov_pty_change_since_1st_budget2, years_since_other_party, open_bcs_term_limit

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= Demcorats 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

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_incumb** - Total contributions to all Incumbent candidates running for State offices

- **contrib_to_dems** - Total contributions to all Democratic candidates running for State offices

- **contribute_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
 - acounty**> - 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.