

Codebook for Cabinet, President, and Congressional Ideal Point Estimates

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This codebook provides the ideology estimates for cabinet secretaries, members of Congress and presidents used in Anthony M. Bertelli and Christian R. Grose. 2011. “The Lengthened Shadow of Another Institution? Ideal Point Estimates for the Executive Branch and Congress.” *American Journal of Political Science* 55(4): 767–81. The dataset is available electronically at <http://agencydata.wordpress.com>.

- *chamber*: House, Senate, President, or Cabinet (with department listed)
- *congress*: Congressional session in which legislator or executive actor served (102nd through 108th)
- *last name*: last name of member of Congress, president, or agency head
- *first name*: first name of member of Congress, president, or agency head
- *state*: Postal code of state of member of Congress; USA for president and Cabinet
- *party*: = 1 if Democrat; = 2 if Republican; = 999 if independent or third party (missing for Cabinet officials)
- *ipe*: Ideal point estimate for actor

- *ipe hpd lower*: 95 % highest posterior density lower bound. Similar to the lower bound of a frequentist confidence interval around the ideal point estimate.
- *ipe hpd upper*: 95 % highest posterior density upper bound. Similar to the upper bound of a frequentist confidence interval around the ideal point estimate.
- *hw bush*: = 1 if legislator, agency head, or president during George HW Bush presidency (only 102nd Congress in this dataset); = 0 otherwise.
- *clinton*: = 1 if legislator, agency head, or president during WJ Clinton presidency; = 0 otherwise.
- *w bush*: = 1 if legislator, agency head, or president during George W Bush presidency (107th and 108th Congress in this dataset); = 0 otherwise.

Notes: All executive branch actors (presidents and agency heads) and some legislators who served in both the House and Senate during the period have ideal point estimates that are constant across time. Agency heads serving during the 1991–2004 period not included are due to lack of data as noted in the article. A handful of cabinet secretaries served for a very short time and took too few positions for valid estimation. Legislators who switched parties have separate ideal point estimates for each party.