

**Codebook**  
**California Assembly Ideal Points, 1901-2003**  
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**Variables**

year – Four-digit year

district – Assembly district

name – Member's name, last name first

candno – Unique identification number for each legislator

partycode – Identification number for political party.

100 Democratic  
200 Republican  
328 Independent  
347 Prohibition  
356 Union Labor  
370 Progressive  
380 Socialist

party – Abbreviation for political party.

terms – Number of terms in office. Freshmen are coded as 1.

taxrank – Assembly district's rank in terms of per capita tax dollars sent to state.  
Translated from county data. Sources: Biennial Report of the State Treasurer (1902–44),  
State Controller's Annual Counties Report (1956–2002).

pcturban – Percent of the Assembly district that is urban. Translated from county data.  
Source: U.S. Census.

primecounty – Assembly member's home county within district

north – Coded 1 if district lies in northern California, 0 otherwise

districtd – Percentage of two-party vote received by Democratic presidential candidates  
in the district in the most recent presidential election.

xfiler – Coded 1 if member cross-filed in most recent election, 0 otherwise.

voteshare – Percentage of the two-party vote received by the member in the most recent  
Assembly election.

dwnom1 – First dimension DW-NOMINATE ideal point.

dwnom2 – Second dimension DW-NOMINATE ideal point.

wnom1 – First dimension W-NOMINATE ideal point (not comparable from year to year).

wnom2 – Second dimension W-NOMINATE ideal point (not comparable from year to year).

wnom3 – Third dimension W-NOMINATE ideal point (not comparable from year to year).

### Notes

This is the dataset used in the following publications:

- Masket, Seth E. 2009. *No Middle Ground: How Informal Party Organizations Control Nominations and Polarize Legislatures*, Ann Arbor: The University of Michigan Press.
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