Correlates of State Policy Project: Data Deposit

The Correlates of State Policy Project (CSPP) aims to compile, disseminate, and encourage the use of data relevant to U.S. state policy research, tracking policy differences across the 50 states (+ DC) and changes over time. We have gathered more than 2,000 variables from various sources and assembled them into one large, useful dataset. We hope this project will become a "one-stop shop" for academics, policy analysts, students, and researchers looking for variables germane to the study of state policies and politics.

We encourage researchers and practitioners to submit relevant data for inclusion to the dataset. Sources and citations for each variable in CSPP are provided with the dataset. Data deposits should include the two files detailed below, along with the submitter's contact information, at a minimum. The CSPP team will review the submission and, if it conforms to the dataset's standards, it will be integrated during an update.

1. **Data File**

   - Preferably a .csv file, but other common file types such as .dta or .rda are acceptable.
   - The file should contain a table comprised of rows and columns.
   - Preferably in a *state-year* panel, where each row of the table represents information regarding a specific year within a specific state. Any collection of states and years (1900–present) is acceptable.
   - The table should contain the following panel variables:
     - *year*
     - *state*

2. **Codebook or ReadMe**

   - Data deposits should also contain a document that will be used to update the CSPP Codebook with information regarding the variables in the submitted file.
   - Preferably a .txt or .csv file.
   - The file should contain a listing of each variable in the data deposit with the following information:
     - *short_desc*: A short description of the variable (i.e. 1-2 sentences)
     - *long_desc*: A long description of the variable (if necessary)
     - *sources*: The source/s to create the variable. This information should include all sources used in the creation of the variable.

Submit these files to CorrelatesofStatePolicyProject@gmail.com