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It would be appreciated if you would let me know of any errors or omissions in this release of the dataset (Pippa.Norris@Harvard.edu) and these will be amended in subsequent versions. Release 1.1 includes minor corrections for Barking, Corby, Hampshire East, Harlow, Nottingham East, Ross, Skye and Lochaber, Stalybridge, Glasgow North East, Regents Park, and Poplar and Canning Town. A second version will be released in late summer 2005, including any official corrections to the 2005 election results made by the Press Association.

The dataset covers the results of the 2005 general election for the 628 British parliamentary constituencies. For comparison, it also includes comparable historical results in the 1992, 1997 and 2001 general elections, as well as basic social and demographic indicators derived from the 1991 and 2001 Census data. The dataset does not include the election results for the 18 constituencies in Northern Ireland.

The recent boundary revisions in Scotland means that estimated results for 2001 are used for comparison in this region. It should be noted that at present the dataset lacks the 2001 census data for the revised Scottish constituency boundaries, as this information has not yet been released by the UK Census. Estimated turnout figures are also not available for the new Scottish seats. Where these variables are consistent with England and Wales, this data will be merged in due course.

Information about the notional '1992' vote under the revised boundaries in the UK is derived from Colin Rallings and Michael Thrasher *Media Guide to the New Parliamentary Constituencies* (BBC/ITN.PA News/Sky 1995).

Information about the notional '2001' vote under the revised boundaries in Scotland is based on David Denver, Colin Rallings and Michael Thrasher. Eds. 2004. *Media Guide to the New Scottish Westminster Parliamentary Constituencies*. Plymouth: University of Plymouth.

The classification of the names, gender and ethnicity of prospective parliamentary candidates was collected by Rosie Campbell at Birkbeck College.

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Codebook: List of variables on the working file

Name	(Position) Label
PA05	1) Standard Press Association Constituency Reference Number, 2005
Seat05	2) Name of constituency 2005
Region	3) Major Census Region Britain
County	4) County
1. ELECTION RESULTS 2005	
Win05	5) Winner of seat 2005
Sec05	6) Party in 2nd place 2005
seatch05	7) Seat change 2001-5
margin05	8) Type of marginal 2005
battle05	9) Type of battleground seat 2005
maj05	10) % Majority 2005
turn05	11) % Turnout 2005
con05	12) % vote Conservative2005
lab05	13) % vote Labour 2005
ld05	14) % vote LibDem 2005
snp05	15) % vote SNP 2005
pc05	16) % vote PC 2005
bnp05	17) % vote BNP2005
ukip05	18) % vote UKIP 2005
grn05	19) % vote Green 2005
oth05	20) % vote Other 2005
swing05	21) Labour to Conservative swing 2001-5
con0105	22) Change in the Conservative vote 2001-5
lab0105	23) Change in the Labour vote 2001-5
ld0105	24) Change in the LibDem vote 2001-5
bnp0105	25) Change in the BNP vote 2001-5
turn0105	26) Change in turnout 2001-5
elec0105	27) Change in the total electorate 2001-5
convt05	28) Conservative vote 2005
labvt05	29) Labour vote 2005
ldvt05	30) LibDem vote 2005
snpvt05	31) SNP vote 2005
pcvt05	32) PC vote 2005
bnpvt05	33) BNP vote 2005
grnvt05	34) Green vote 2005
ukipvt05	35) UKIP vote 2005
othvt05	36) Other vote 2005
majvt05	37) Majority vote 2005
totvt05	38) Total votes cast 2005
elec05	39) Total electorate 2005
2. MPS AND CANDIDATES 2005	
MP01	40) Name of MP 2001
Minister05	41) Minister or shadow minister during the 2005 election
Retire05	42) Incumbent MP retiring in 2005
Byelec0105	43) Byelection in seat during 2001-2005
Conppc05	44) Name of Conservative PPC 2005

Labppc05	45) Name of Labour PPC 2005
LDppc05	46) Name of Liberal Democrat PPC 2005
Consex05	47) Gender of Conservative PPC 2005
Labsex05	48) Gender of Labour PPC 2005
LDSex05	49) Gender of Liberal Democrat PPC 2005
LabAws05	50) All woman shortlist used in Labour selection 2005
Conrace05	51) Ethnicity of Conservative PPC 2005
Labrace05	52) Ethnicity of Labour PPC 2005
LDrace05	53) Ethnicity of Liberal Democrat PPC 2005
ConInc05	54) Incumbency status of Conservative candidate 2005
LabInc05	55) Incumbency status of Labour candidate 2005
LDInc05	56) Incumbency status of Liberal Democrat candidate 2005
csi05	57) Conservative 'city seat initiative' 2005
	3. Election Results 2001
Margin01	58) Type of marginal 2001
Battle01	59) Type of battleground seat 2001
win01	60) Winner of seat 2001
sec01	61) Party in 2nd place 2001
turn01	62) % Turnout 2001
maj01	63) % Majority 2001
con01	64) % Vote Conservative 2001
lab01	65) % Vote Labour 2001
ld01	66) % Vote LibDem 2001
snp01	67) % Vote SNP 2001
pc01	68) % Vote PC 2001
bnp01	69) % Vote BNP 2001
grn01	70) % Vote Green 2001
ukip01	71) % Vote UK Independence Party 2001
oth01	72) % Vote for other parties 2001
swing01	73) 'Butler' Lab to Con swing 1997-2001
seatch01	74) Seat changed in 2001
convt01	75) Conservative vote 2001
labvt01	76) Labour vote 2001
ldvt01	77) Liberal Democrat Vote 2001
snpvt01	78) SNP Vote 2001
pcvt01	79) Plaid Cymru vote 2001
ukipvt01	80) UK Independence vote 2001
grnvt01	81) Green vote 2001
bnpvt01	82) BNP Vote 2001
othvt01	83) Other vote 2001
majvt01	84) Size of majority 2001
totvt01	85) Total number of votes 2001
elec01	86) Total electorate 2001
con9701	87) Change in the Conservative Vote 1997-2001
lab9701	88) Change in the Labour share of the vote 1997-2001
ld9701	89) Change in the Lib Dem share of the vote 1997-2001
turn9701	90) Change in % turnout 1997-2001
Old_PA	91) Standard PA Constituency Reference Number, 2001
seat01	92) Name of constituency 2001

	4. MPs and Candidates 2001
conppc01	93) Name of Conservative candidate 2001
labppc01	94) Name of Labour candidate 2001
ldppc01	95) Name of Lib Dem candidate 2001
coninc01	96) Incumbency status of Conservative candidate 2001
labinc01	97) Incumbency status of Labour candidate 2001
ldinc01	98) Incumbency status of LD candidate 2001
consex01	99) Gender of Conservative candidate 2001
labsex01	100) Gender of Labour candidate 2001
ldsex01	101) Gender of LD candidate 2001
labrac01	102) Ethnicity of Labour candidate 2001
ldrace01	103) Ethnicity of LD Candidate 2001
conrac01	104) Ethnicity of Conservative candidate 2001
	5. Election Results 1997
win97	105) Winner of seat 1997
sec97	106) Party in second place 1997
turn97	107) Votes cast as a proportion of the electorate, 1997
maj97	108) Percentage majority 1997
con97	109) % Conservative Vote 1997
lab97	110) % Vote Labour 1997
ld97	111) % Vote Liberal Democrat 1997
snp97	112) % Vote SNP 1997
pc97	113) % Vote for Plaid Cymru 1997
ref97	114) % Vote for Referendum Party 1997
other97	115) % Vote for Other Parties 1997
swg9297	116) 'Butler' Con-Lab Swing 1992-1997
allswg97	117) Swing from 2nd to 1st party, 1992-97
gain97	118) Seat gain in 1992-1997
convt97	119) Vote for the Conservative Party, 1997
labvt97	120) Vote for the Labour Party, 1997
ldvt97	121) Vote for the Liberal Democrats 1997
snpvt97	122) Vote for the SNP, 1997
pcvt97	123) Vote for Plaid Cymru 1997
refvt97	124) Vote for the Referendum Party, 1997
othvt97	125) Vote for Other Parties, 1997
majvt97	126) Majority Vote 1997
elec97	127) Size of electorate 1997
totvt97	128) Total Vote, 1997
	6. MPs and Candidates 1997
conppc97	129) Name of Conservative PPC
labppc97	130) Name of Labour PPC
ldppc97	131) Name of Liberal Democratic PPC
natppc97	132) Name of SNP/PC PPC
consex97	133) Gender of Conservative PPC
ldsex97	134) Gender of Lib Dem PPC
labsex97	135) Gender of Labour PPC
natsex97	136) Gender of SNP/PC PPC
conrace97	137) Ethnicity of Conservative PPC

labrace97	138) Ethnicity of Labour PPC
ldrace97	139) Ethnicity of Lib Dem PPC
natrac97	140) Ethnicity of Nationalist PPC
7. Election results 1992	
win92	141) Winner 1992
sec92	142) Second 1992
turn92	143) Voting turnout 1992
maj92	144) Percentage Majority 1992
con92	145) Conservative share of the vote estimated 1992
lab92	146) Labour share of the Vote estimated 1992
ld92	147) Liberal Democrat Share of the Vote estimated 1992
snp92	148) SNP share of the vote 1992 estimated
pc92	149) PC share of the vote 1992 estimated
oth92	150) Other party Share of the Vote estimated 1992
convt92	151) Number of Conservative Votes 1992
labvt92	152) Number of Labour Votes 1992
ldvt92	153) Number of Liberal Democratic Votes 1992
othvt92	154) Number of votes for Other Parties, 1992
natvt92	155) Number of votes for SNP/PC 1992
majvt92	156) Number of Majority Votes 1992
totvt92	157) Total number of votes, 1992
elec92	158) Size of electorate, 1992
8. 1991 Census	
ownocc91	159) Proportion of Owner Occupied Hseholds 1991 Census
owner91	160) Proportion of Hseholds Own Outright 1991 Census
rentpriv91	161) Proportion of Hseholds Rented Privately 1991 Census
hse_ass91	162) Proportion of Hseholds Rented Housing Association 1991 Census
council91	163) Proportion of HseHolds Rented from LA/New Town 1991 census
sec_home91	164) Proportion of Hseholds w. second home 1991 census
car91	165) Proportion of HseHolds with 1 or more cars 1991 census
oneroom91	166) Proportion of Hseholds with more than 1 person per room 1991 census
no_ch91	167) Proportion of HseHolds with no central heating 1991 census
white91	168) Proportion of white residents 1991 Census
black91	169) Proportion of Black residents 1991 Census
Asian91	170) Proportion of Indian, Pakistani and Bangladeshi residents 1991 census
othernw91	171) Proportion of other non-white residents 1991 census
nonwhite91	172) Total proportion of non-white residents 1991 census
ecactive91	173) Proportion of Economically Active Residents 1991 census
inactive91	174) Proportion of Economically Inactive Residents 1991 census
ft_work91	175) Proportion of economically active in full-time work 1991 census
pt_work91	176) Proportion of economically active in part-time work 1991 census
selfempl91	177) Proportion of economically active self-employed 1991 census
govscheme91	178) Proportion of economically active on government schemes 1991 census
dole97	179) Proportion of economically active unemployed spring 1997
under_16	180) Proportion of population aged under 16 1991 census
age16_24	181) Proportion of population aged 16-24 1991 census
age25_39	182) Proportion of population aged 25-39 1991 census
age40_65	183) Proportion of population aged 40-65 1991 census
pension91	184) Proportion of population of pensionable age 1991 census
workage91	185) Proportion of population of working age 1991 census

lone91	186) Proportion of families with dependent children headed by lone parent
migrants91	187) Proportion of residents with a different address to a year previously 1991
illness91	188) Proportion of residents in hseholds reporting long-term illness 1991
seg_i	189) Proportion of Hseholds SEG I- Professional 1991 census
seg_ii	190) Proportion of Hseholds SEG II - Managerial and technical 1991 census
seg_iiin	191) Proportion of hseholds SEG IIIN - Skilled non-manual 1991 census
seg_iiim	192) Proportion of Hseholds SEG IIIM - Skilled Manual 1991 census
seg_iv	193) Proportion of Hseholds SEG IV - Partly skilled 1991 census
seg_v	194) Proportion of hseholds SEG V- Unskilled 1991 census
9. ACORN DEMOGRAPHICS	
tot_pop_2000	195) Acorn estimate of the Total Population, 2000
acorn1	196) Wealthy achievers, suburban areas 2000
acorn2	197) Affluent greys, rural communities 2000
acorn3	198) Prosperous pensioners, retirement areas 2000
acorn4	199) Affluent executives, family areas 2000
acorn5	200) Well-off workers, family areas 2000
acorn6	201) Affluent urbanites, town and city areas 2000
acorn7	202) Prosperous professionals, metropolitan areas 2000
acorn8	203) Better off executives, inner city areas 2000
acorn9	204) Comfortable middle agers, mature home owning areas 2000
acorn10	205) Skilled workers, home owning areas 2000
acorn11	206) New home owners, mature communities 2000
acorn12	207) White collar workers, better off multi ethnic areas 2000
acorn13	208) Older people, less prosperous areas 2000
acorn14	209) Council estate residents, better off homes 2000
acorn15	210) Council estate residents, high unemployment 2000
acorn16	211) Council estate residents, greatest hardship 2000
10. 2001 Census	
TotPop01	212) Total population 2001 Census
Workage01	213) Number of working age, 2001 census
Hhold01	214) Number of households, 2001 census
Pop_aged16_74	215) Number of people aged 16-74, 2001 census
Men01	216) Number of males, 2001 Census
Women01	217) Number of females, 2001 Census
Under16_01	218) Population under 16, 2001 Census
Over18_01	219) Population over 18, 2001 census
Pension01	220) Percentage of retired pop, 2001 Census
Nonwhite01	221) Total proportion of non-white residents, 2001 Census
Illness01	222) Proportion of the pop. suffering from a long-term illness, 2001 Census
Migrant01	223) Percentage of migrants, 2001 Census
Working01	224) Percentage of working age population employed, 2001 census
Dole01	225) Percentage of working age pop unemployed, 2001 census
Nonwork01	226) Percentage of working age pop not in employment, 2001 census
NoQual01	227) Percentage of pop with no qualifications, 2001 census
Manfact01	228) Percentage employed in manufacturing industry, 2001 census
Bus01	229) Percentage using public transport to work, 2001 census
OwnOcc01	230) Proportion of HH owning property, 2001 Census
Rent01	231) Proportion of HH renting property, 2001 census
Car01	232) Proportion of HH with car or van, 2001 census
Single01	233) Proportion of one-person HH, 2001 census

Couple01	234) Proportion of two-person HH, 2001 census
Lone01	235) Proportion of lone-parent HH, 2001 census
Retired01	236) Percentage of retired HH, 2001 census
SEG1_01	237) Percentage large employers or managers, 2001 census
SEG2_01	238) Percentage higher professional occupations, 2001 census
SEG3_01	239) Percentage lower managerial and professional occupations, 2001 census
SEG4_01	240) Percentage intermediate occupations, 2001 census
SEG5_01	241) Percentage small employers and own account workers, 2001 census
SEG6_01	242) Percentage lower supervisory and technical occupations, 2001 census
SEG7_01	243) Percentage semi-routine occupations, 2001 census
SEG8_01	244) Percentage routine occupations, 2001 census
SEG9_01	245) Percentage never worked, 2001 census
SEG10_01	246) Percentage long-term unemployed, 2001 census
SEG11_01	247) Percentage full-time students, 2001 census
SEG12_01	248) Percentage unclassifiable SEG, 2001 census
Christian	249) Percentage Christian
Buddhist	250) Percentage Buddhist
Hindu	251) Percentage Hindu
Jewish	252) Percentage Jewish
Muslim	253) Percentage Muslim
Sikh	254) Percentage Sikh
Other	255) Percentage other religion
No_Relig	256) Percentage no religion
Not_stated	257) Percentage no religion given
Time	258) Expected hour of declaration
Ranked_Declare	259) Ranked declaration time