Data Information about RAW DATA

A The first column is the userid for each subject.

BThe second indicates whether the subject was in a forecasting condition or not (1=forecasting, 0=not forecasting)

The next four questions are answered using a rating scale from 1 to 8, where 1=Staunch Liberal, 2=Very Liberal, 3=Liberal, 4=Slightly Liberal, 5=Slightly Conservative, 6=Conservative, 7=Very Conservative, and 8 = Staunch Conservative.

C The third column asks, “Generally I think of myself as…”

D The fourth column says, “How would you describe yourself on social issues?”

E The fifth says, “How would you describe yourself on economic issues?”

F The sixth says, “How would you describe yourself on military issues?”

G The seventh column says, ”Do you usually vote in US Presidential elections?”

H The eight column says, “If yes, with which party are you affiliated? 1 = Democratic, 2=Republican, 3= Other

Remaining columns measure political attitudes, first for oneself and second for a typical person on the opposite side. There are 36 items for each. Below are the items. The scale used was -6 to 6, where -6=Strongly Disagree, 4=Disagree, 2=Slightly Disagree, 0=Neither Agree nor Disagree, 2=Slightly Agree, 4=Agree, and 6=Strongly Agree. We recoded liberal items to reflect conservative views (by changing the sign on all items marked L). Then we averaged over domains.

ECONOMICS

L 1 The government should raise federal minimum wage.

C 2 Welfare recipients should be tested for drug use.

C 3 High government taxes hurt the economy.

L 4 The wealthy should be taxed at a higher percentage than the lower and middle classes.

L 5 Government regulation of business is necessary to protect the public interest.

L 6 New government programs should be created to further assist poor people in the United States

L 7 Economic success should take precedent over environmental policies.

SOCIAL

L 8 Gay marriage should be legal.

L 9 Crime can be attributed to poverty and discrimination.

L 10 Government should financially support art projects that are morally objectionable.

C 11 Not all free speech protected by the First Amendment should be permitted.

C 12 Public funding can be used to support religious schooling.

C 13 Businesses should be able to deny service to a customer on the basis of an owner’s religious beliefs.

C 14 The government should restrict abortion and other reproductive decisions.

L 15 Health insurance providers should be required to offer contraceptives.

L 16 The government should support affirmative action programs.

L 17 Terminally ill patients should have access to assisted suicide.

L 18 "Gender Identity" should be added to anti-discrimination laws.

DOMESTIC

L 19 Police officers should be required to wear body cameras.

L 20 Convicted felons should have the right to vote.

C 21 The US should implement Voter ID laws.

L 22 Recreational marijuana should be legalized.

L 23 There should be more restrictions on the purchasing of a firearm.

L 24 Term limits should be set for members of Congress.

L 25 The government should do everything in its power to protect the environment.

L 26 The government should increase spending on social security.

MILITARY

L 27 The US should accept more refugees seeking asylum.

L 28 Free trade agreements (e.g. NAFTA, Trans-Pacific Partnership "TPP") between the US and other nations are beneficial.

C 29 Using overwhelming military force is the best way to defeat terrorism around the world.

C 30 The best way to ensure peace is through military strength.

L 31 Diplomacy (e.g. Iran Nuclear Deal) better ensures US security interests than the use of military force.

C 32 The US should deploy ground forces to combat on ISIS.

L 33 Problems in the world would be even worse without US involvement.

L 34 The US should remain in the United Nations.

L 35 The US should increase foreign aid spending.

C 36 The US should continue NSA surveillance of its allies.

The information above applies to data from Years 1 and 2. The last page in the excel spreadsheet contains the forecasting questions, dates they were launched and dates they were closed, outcomes (1=Yes, 0=No), and resolution criteria.