

Estimates of Perceived Skill of Agency Workforces from “Elite Perceptions of Agency Ideology and Workforce Skill”

Please refer to our paper for a description of our data and statistical method. Variable definitions are provided below.

Codebook

agency

The name of the federal agency.

dept

The executive department that contains the agency, if applicable.

acr

The acronym for the agency.

skills_rating

The mean of the posterior distribution of the latent skill of each agency’s workforce (i.e., estimated skill of the agency’s workforce). An informed prior on workforce skill was used to generate this estimate.

skills_sd

The standard deviation of the posterior distribution of the latent skill of each agency’s workforce. *skills_lb*

The lower bound of the 95% region of highest posterior density.

skills_ub

The upper bound of the 95% region of highest posterior density.

*base_**

The prefix “base_” identifies variables that correspond to the definitions above for the estimates generated using an uninformed prior on workforce skill.