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     The Campaign Finance API provides data from United States Federal Election Commission
     filings and other sources. The API covers summary information for candidates and
     committees, as well as certain types of itemized data.
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bills\_legislation\_by\_keyword

Search Bills: to search the title and full text of legislation by keyword to get the 20 most recent bills

### Description

Use this request to search the title and full text of legislation by keyword to get the 20 most recent bills. Searches cover House and Senate bills from the 113th Congress through the current Congress (115th). If multiple words are given (e.g. query = health care) the search is treated as multiple keywords using the OR operator. Quoting the words (e.g. query = "health care") makes it a phrase search. Search results can be sorted by date (the default) or by relevance, and in ascending or descending order.

#### Usage

```
bills_legislation_by_keyword(
  query_keyword,
  sort = c("date", "_score"),
  dir = c("desc", "asc"),
  page = 1,
  myAPI_Key
)
```

#### **Arguments**

query_keyword	keyword or phrase to search the title and full text of legislation to get the 20 most recent bills
sort	_score or date (default is date)
dir	sort direction: asc or desc
page	Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to retrieve.
myAPI_Key	API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API key.

#### Value

a list object with the return values about title and full text of legislation by keyword

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
bills_legislation_by_keyword(query_keyword = 'megahertz')
## End(Not run)
```

```
compare\_two\_member\_bill\_sponsorships \\ Compare\ Two\ Members'\ Bill\ Sponsorships
```

### Description

To compare bill sponsorship between two members who served in the same Congress and chamber. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/members/first-member-id/bills/second-member-id/congress/chamber.json

#### Usage

```
compare_two_member_bill_sponsorships(
  first_member_id,
  second_member_id,
  congress,
  chamber,
  page = 1,
  myAPI_Key
)
```

#### **Arguments**

first\_member\_id

The ID of the member to retrieve; it is assigned by the Biographical Directory of the United States Congress or can be retrieved from a member list request.

second\_member\_id

The ID of the member to retrieve; it is assigned by the Biographical Directory

of the United States Congress or can be retrieved from a member list request.

congress 102-116 for House, 101-116 for Senate

chamber house o senate

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of bill sponsorship comparison between two members who served in the same Congress and chamber

#### **Examples**

#### **Description**

Use this request type to compare two members' vote positions in a particular Congress and chamber. Responses include four calculated values, showing the number and percentage of votes in which the members took the same position or opposing positions. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/members member-id/votes/second-member-id/congress/chamber.json

get\_amendments\_bill

#### Usage

```
compare_two_member_vote_positions(
  first_member_id,
  second_member_id,
  congress,
  chamber,
  page = 1,
   myAPI_Key
)
```

#### **Arguments**

first\_member\_id

The ID of the member to retrieve; it is assigned by the Biographical Directory of the United States Congress or can be retrieved from a member list request.

second\_member\_id

The ID of the member to retrieve; it is assigned by the Biographical Directory of the United States Congress or can be retrieved from a member list request.

congress 102-116 for House, 101-116 for Senate

chamber house or senate

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves four calculated values: common\_votes, disagree\_votes, agree\_percent and disagree\_percent to compare two members' vote positions, in a particular Congress and chamber

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
compare_two_member_vote_positions('G000575', 'D000624', '114', 'house')
## End(Not run)
```

get\_amendments\_bill

Get Amendments for a Specific Bill

#### **Description**

HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/congress/bills/bill-id/amendments.json. Use this request type to get Library of Congress-assigned subjects about a particular bill.

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### Usage

```
get_amendments_bill(congress, bill_id, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

### **Arguments**

congress	105-116
bill_id	a bill slug, for example hr4881 - these can be found in the recent bill response.
page	Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to retrieve.
myAPI_Key	API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 20 most recent results and supports paginated requests.

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_amendments_bill(115, 'hr1628')
## End(Not run)
```

get_a_bill	Get a Specific Bill
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### Description

Use this request type to get details on bills that may be considered by the House or Senate in the near future, based on scheduled published or announced by congressional leadership.

### Usage

```
get_a_bill(congress, bill_id, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

### **Arguments**

congress	105-116
bill_id	a bill slug, for example hr4881 - these can be found in the recent bill response.
page	Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to retrieve.
myAPI_Key	API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API key.

#### **Details**

The responses include a legislative\_day attribute which is the earliest the bills could be considered, and a range attribute that indicates whether the bill information comes from a weekly schedule or a daily one. Combine the two for the best sense of when a bill might come up for consideration. For Senate bills, the response includes a context attribute reproducing the sentence that includes mention of the bill. These responses omit bills that have not yet been assigned a bill number or introduced, and additional bills may be considered at any time.

#### Value

List with the result of the query

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_a_bill(115, 'hr21')
## End(Not run)
```

```
get_bills_cosponsored_member
```

Get Bills Cosponsored by a Specific Member

### **Description**

To get the 20 most recent bill cosponsorships for a particular member, either bills cosponsored or bills where cosponsorship was withdrawn. #HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/members/member-id/bills/type.json

#### Usage

```
get_bills_cosponsored_member(
  member_id,
  type = c("cosponsored", "withdrawn"),
  page = 1,
  myAPI_Key
)
```

### **Arguments**

member_id	The ID of the member to retrieve; it is assigned by the Biographical Directory of the United States Congress or can be retrieved from a member list request.
type	cosponsored or withdrawn
page	Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to retrieve.
myAPI_Key	API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API key.

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### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 20 most recent bill cosponsorships for a particular member

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_bills_cosponsored_member('B001260', 'cosponsored')

## End(Not run)

get_candidate

Get Candidate Info https://www.propublica.org/datastore/apis GET
https://api.propublica.org/campaign-finance/v1/cycle/candidates/fec-
id
```

### Description

Get Candidate Info https://www.propublica.org/datastore/apis GET https://api.propublica.org/campaign-finance/v1/cycle/candidates/fec-id

### Usage

```
get_candidate(FEC_ID, cycle = 2018, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

### Arguments

FEC_ID	The FEC-assigned 9-character ID of a candidate.
cycle	The election cycle must be even-numbered year between 1996 and 2018
page	Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to retrieve.
myAPI_Key	API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API key.

#### Value

a list object with the return values about candidate basic information

```
## Not run:
get_candidate('P60005915', 2016)
## End(Not run)
```

```
get_candidates_in_race
```

Get Candidates in Race

### Description

Get Candidates in Race

### Usage

```
get_candidates_in_race(
   state,
   chamber,
   district,
   cycle = 2018,
   return_value = c("results", "query"),
   page = 1,
   myAPI_Key
)
```

#### **Arguments**

state State abbreviation chamber house or senate district house district

cycle The election cycle in question, e.g. 2018

return\_value should results be retrieved, or query string returned.

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

The result of the API call (list), unless return\_value=query (mostly for debugging), in which case the query string is returned.

```
## Not run:
get_candidates_in_race('MI', 'house', 11)
## End(Not run)
```

get\_candidate\_by\_name

```
{\tt get\_candidate\_by\_name} \quad \textit{Get Candidate Info}
```

### Description

https://www.propublica.org/datastore/apis HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/campaign-finance/v1/cycle/candidates/search

### Usage

```
get_candidate_by_name(NAME, cycle = 2018, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

### **Arguments**

NAME The first or last name of the candidate.

cycle The election cycle

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves federal candidates by last name, using a query string parameter.

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_candidate_by_name('Wilson', 2016)
## End(Not run)
```

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#### **Description**

Get Committee Info HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/campaign-finance/v1/cycle/committees/fecid

#### Usage

```
get_committee(FEC_ID, cycle = 2018, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

### **Arguments**

FEC\_ID The FEC-assigned 9-character ID of a committee.

cycle The election cycle

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves ca specific FEC committee for a given campaign cycle from the campaign-finance API from ProPublica.

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_committee('C00553560', 2016)
## End(Not run)
```

```
get_committee_by_name Get Committee by name
```

### **Description**

HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/campaign-finance/v1/cycle/committees/search

#### Usage

```
get_committee_by_name(NAME, cycle = 2018, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

### **Arguments**

NAME The name of the committee.

cycle The election cycle

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves ca specific committee by name for a given campaign cycle from the campaign-finance API from ProPublica.

### **Examples**

### **Description**

HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/campaign-finance/v1/cycle/committees/fec-id/electioneering\_communication

### Usage

```
get_committee_electioneering_communications(
  cycle = 2018,
  FEC_ID,
  page = 1,
  myAPI_Key
)
```

### Arguments

cycle	The election cycle
FEC_ID	The FEC-assigned 9-character ID of a committee.
page	Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to retrieve.
myAPI_Key	API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 20 most recently added FEC independent expenditure-only committees, known as "super PACs" from the campaign-finance API from ProPublica.

```
## Not run:
get_committee_electioneering_communications(2016, 'C30002034')

## End(Not run)

get_committee_filings Get Committee Filings
```

### **Description**

HTTP Request GET https://api.propublica.org/campaign-finance/v1/cycle/committees/fec-id/filings

### Usage

```
get_committee_filings(FEC_ID, cycle = 2018, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

### **Arguments**

FEC_ID	The FEC-assigned 9-character ID of a committee.
cycle	The election cycle
page	Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to retrieve.
myAPI_Key	API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 20 most recent FEC filings from the specified committee. Electronic filings are available back to 2001. Paper filings by Senate candidate committees and senatorial party committees go back to 1999.

```
## Not run:
get_committee_filings('C00553560', 2016)
## End(Not run)
```

```
get_committee_leadership
```

Get Leadership Committees

### **Description**

HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/campaign-finance/v1/cycle/committees/leadership

#### **Usage**

```
get_committee_leadership(cycle = 2018, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

#### Arguments

cycle The election cycle: an even-numbered year between 1996 and 2016. The current

cycle in 2018

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves committees designated as "leadership PACs" by the FEC from the campaign-finance API from ProPublica.

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_committee_leadership(2016)
## End(Not run)
```

get\_congressional\_statement\_by\_bill

Get Congressional Statements by Bill

### **Description**

To get lists of statements published on a specific member's congressional website during a particular congress, use the following function. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/congress/bills/bill-id/statements.json

#### Usage

```
get_congressional_statement_by_bill(congress, bill_id, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

#### **Arguments**

congress	113-116

bill\_id a bill slug, for example s19 - these can be found in bill responses.

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 20 most recent results and supports pagination using multiples of 20.

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_congressional_statement_by_bill(115, 's19')
## End(Not run)
```

```
get_congressional_statement_by_member
```

Get Congressional Statements by Member

### Description

Get lists of statements published on a specific member's congressional website during a particular congress, use the following function.

#### Usage

```
get_congressional_statement_by_member(member_id, congress, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

### Arguments

member_id	The ID of the mem	per to retrieve; it	is assigned b	by the I	Biographical Dire	ectory
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of the United States Congress or can be retrieved from a member list request.

congress 113-116

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 20 most recent results and supports pagination using multiples of 20.

### **Description**

To get lists of statements published on congressional websites for a particular subject, use the following function. These subjects are not automatically assigned but are manually curated by ProPublica, although they are based on legislative subjects produced by the Library of Congress. We advise using the statement search response for a more complete listing of statements about a keyword or phrase. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/statements/subject/subject.json

#### Usage

```
get_congressional_statement_by_subjects(subject, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

#### **Arguments**

subject Slug version of subject

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 20 most recent results and supports pagination using multiples of 20.

```
## Not run:
get_statement_subjects()$results[[11]][3]
get_congressional_statement_by_subjects(get_statement_subjects()$results[[11]][3])
get_congressional_statement_by_subjects("Central Intelligence Agency")
## End(Not run)
```

get\_congress\_member Get a Specific Member

#### **Description**

To get biographical and Congressional role information for a particular member of Congress. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/members/member-id.json

### Usage

```
get_congress_member(member_id, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

#### **Arguments**

member\_id The ID of the member to retrieve; it is assigned by the Biographical Directory

of the United States Congress or can be retrieved from a member list request.

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves biographical and Congressional role information for a particular member of Congress

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_congress_member('K000388')
## End(Not run)
```

```
{\tt get\_cosponsors\_specific\_bill}
```

Get Cosponsors for a Specific Bill

### Description

HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/congress/bills/bill-id/cosponsors.json. Use this request type to get Library of Congress-assigned subjects about a particular bill.

#### Usage

```
get_cosponsors_specific_bill(congress, bill_id, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

#### **Arguments**

congress	105-116
bill_id	a bill slug, for example hr4881 - these can be found in the recent bill response.
page	Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to retrieve.
myAPI_Key	API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves information about the cosponsors of a particular bill

### **Examples**

### Description

Senate Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/members/chamber/state/current.json House Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/members/chamber/state/district/current.json

### Usage

```
get_current_members_by_statedistrict(
   state,
   chamber,
   district,
   page = 1,
   myAPI_Key
)
```

### Arguments

state Two-letter state abbreviation

chamber house or senate

district House of Representatives district number (House requests only). For states with

at-large districts (AK, DE, MT, ND, SD, VT, WY), territories (GU, AS, VI, MP), commonwealths (PR) and the District of Columbia, use a district value of

1.

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves biographical and Congressional role information for a particular member of Congress by State/District

### **Examples**

### Description

HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/campaign-finance/v1/cycle/electioneering\_communications/year/month/day

### Usage

```
get_electioneering_communications_by_date(
  cycle = 2018,
  year,
  month,
  day,
  page = 1,
  myAPI_Key
)
```

#### **Arguments**

cycle	The election cycle
year	The four-digit year from 2008-2016.
month	The two-digit month from 01-12
day	The two-digit day from 01-31
page	Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to retrieve.
myAPI_Key	API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API key.

### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves all broadcast advertisements that identify one or more federal candidates (and have aired 30 days before a primary election and 60 days before the general election) from a specific date.

### **Examples**

### **Description**

HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/campaign-finance/v1/cycle/committees/fec-id/electioneering\_communication

### Usage

```
get_electioneering_communications_committee(
  cycle = 2018,
  FEC_ID,
  page = 1,
  myAPI_Key
)
```

#### **Arguments**

cycle	The election cycle
FEC_ID	The FEC-assigned 9-character ID of a committee. To find a committee official FEC ID, use a candidate search request or the FEC web site.
page	Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to retrieve.
myAPI_Key	API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the most recent broadcast advertisements by a specific committee that identify one or more federal candidates (and have aired 30 days before a primary election and 60 days before the general election).

### Description

HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/campaign-finance/v1/cycle/filings/year/month/day

### Usage

```
get_electronic_filing_byDate(
  cycle = 2018,
  year,
  month,
  day,
  page = 1,
  myAPI_Key
)
```

### **Arguments**

cycle	The election cycle
year	The four-digit year from 2001-2016
month	The two-digit month from 01-12
day	The two-digit day from 01-31
page	Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to retrieve.
myAPI_Key	API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves information about FEC reports filed electronically on a specific date.

```
## Not run:
get_electronic_filing_byDate(2016, 2016, '01', '10')
## End(Not run)
```

```
get_electronic_filing_by_committees
```

Search for Electronic Filings by committee name o partial name

#### **Description**

HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/campaign-finance/v1/cycle/filings/search

### Usage

```
get_electronic_filing_by_committees(NAME, cycle = 2018, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

### **Arguments**

NAME The committee name or partial name

cycle The election cycle

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves information about FEC reports filed electronically by a committee for a given campaign cycle from the campaign-finance API from ProPublica.

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_electronic_filing_by_committees(NAME = "UNITED EGG", 2016)
## End(Not run)
```

```
get_electronic_filing_by_types
```

Get Electronic Filings By Type

#### **Description**

HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/campaign-finance/v1/cycle/filings/types/form-type-id

#### Usage

```
get_electronic_filing_by_types(cycle = 2018, form_type_id, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

#### **Arguments**

cycle The election cycle

form\_type\_id F + integer. To get form type IDs, use an electronic filing form types request.

Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves a list of available form types for FEC electronic filings.

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_electronic_filing_by_types(2016, 'F24')
get_electronic_filing_by_types(2016,
matrix(unlist(get_electronic_filing_form_types(2016)$results),
ncol = 2, byrow = TRUE)[8])
#'
## End(Not run)
```

### **Description**

HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/campaign-finance/v1/cycle/filings/types

#### Usage

```
get_electronic_filing_form_types(cycle = 2018, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

#### **Arguments**

cycle The election cycle

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves a list of available form types for FEC electronic filings.

```
## Not run:
get_electronic_filing_form_types(2016)
## End(Not run)
```

```
{\it get\_hearing\_specific\_committee} \\ {\it Get Hearings for a Specific Committee}
```

### Description

To get a list of 20 upcoming Senate or House committee meetings, use the following function. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/congress/chamber/committee-id/hearings.json

### Usage

```
get_hearing_specific_committee(
  congress,
  chamber,
  committee_id,
  page = 1,
  myAPI_Key
)
```

### **Arguments**

congress	114-116
chamber	house or senate
committee_id	Optional committee abbreviation, for example HSAG. Use the full committees response to find abbreviations.
page	Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to retrieve.
myAPI_Key	API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 20 most recent hearings and supports pagination.

### **Description**

To get the latest actions from the House or Senate floor, use the following function. HTTP Request: GET hhttps://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/chamber/floor\_updates/year/month/day.json

#### Usage

```
get_house_senate_floor_actions_by_date(
  chamber,
  year,
  month,
  day,
  page = 1,
  myAPI_Key
)
```

#### Arguments

chamber house or senate

year YYYY format

month MM format

day DD format

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to retrieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 20 most recent results for that date and supports pagination using multiples of 20.

### Description

 $\#HTTP\ Request:\ GET\ https://api.propublica.org/campaign-finance/v1/cycle/committees/fec-id/independent\_expenditures$ 

### Usage

```
get_independent_expenditure_by_committee(
  cycle = 2018,
  FEC_ID,
  page = 1,
  myAPI_Key
)
```

#### **Arguments**

cycle	The election cycle
FEC_ID	The FEC-assigned 9-character ID of a committee. To find a committee official FEC ID, use a candidate search request or the FEC web site.
page	Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to retrieve.
myAPI_Key	API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 20 most recent independent expenditures by a given committee.

```
## Not run:
get_independent_expenditure_by_committee(2016, FEC_ID ='C00575423')
## End(Not run)
```

```
get_independent_expenditure_by_date

Get Independent Expenditures by Date
```

HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/campaign-finance/v1/cycle/independent\_expenditures/year/month/day

### Usage

```
get_independent_expenditure_by_date(
  cycle = 2018,
  year,
  month,
  day,
  page = 1,
  myAPI_Key
)
```

#### **Arguments**

cycle	The election cycle
year	The four-digit year from 2008-2016
month	The two-digit month from 01-12
day	The two-digit day from 01-31
page	Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to retrieve.
myAPI_Key	API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API key.

### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves all independent expenditures on a specific date (the date of activity, not the date filed with the FEC).

```
## Not run:
get_independent_expenditure_by_date(2016, year = 2018, month ='01', day = '01')
## End(Not run)
```

HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/campaign-finance/v1/cycle/independent\_expenditures/race\_totals/office

### Usage

```
get_independent_expenditure_office_totals(
  cycle = 2018,
  office = c("house", "senate", "president"),
  page = 1,
  myAPI_Key
)
```

### **Arguments**

cycle	The election cycle
office	one of house, senate or president
page	Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to retrieve.
myAPI_Key	API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves he amount of money spent in independent expenditures for a given office (either House, Senate or President).

```
## Not run:
get_independent_expenditure_office_totals(2016, 'president')
get_independent_expenditure_office_totals(2016, 'house')
get_independent_expenditure_office_totals(2016, 'senate')
## End(Not run)
```

HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/campaign-finance/v1/cycle/committees/fec-id/independent\_expenditures/rac

### Usage

```
get_independent_expenditure_race_totals_committee(
  cycle,
  FEC_ID,
  page = 1,
  myAPI_Key
)
```

### **Arguments**

cycle	The election cycle
FEC_ID	The FEC-assigned 9-character ID of a committee
page	Results come in batches of $20$ . The page parameter specifies which one to retrieve.
myAPI_Key	API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API key.

### Value

list of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the total amounts of money that a given committee has spent on individual races (consisting of a state, office and district) during a cycle.

```
## Not run:
get_independent_expenditure_race_totals_committee(2016, 'C00490375')
## End(Not run)
```

#HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/campaign-finance/v1/cycle/candidates/fec-id/independent\_expenditures

### Usage

```
get_independent_expenditure_support_candidate(
  cycle = 2018,
  FEC_ID,
  page = 1,
  myAPI_Key
)
```

### **Arguments**

cycle	The election cycle
FEC_ID	The FEC-assigned 9-character ID of a committee. To find a committee official FEC ID, use a candidate search request or the FEC web site.
page	Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to retrieve.
myAPI_Key	API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 200 most recent independent expenditures in support of or opposition to a given candidate.

```
## Not run:
get_independent_expenditure_support_candidate(2016, FEC_ID ='P00003392')
## End(Not run)
```

```
get_independent_expenditure_support_presidential_candidate

Get Independent Expenditures that Support or Oppose Presidential

Candidates
```

#HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/campaign-finance/v1/cycle/president/independent\_expenditures

### Usage

```
get_independent_expenditure_support_presidential_candidate(
  cycle = 2018,
  page = 1,
  myAPI_Key
)
```

### **Arguments**

cycle The election cycle

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

kev.

### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 200 most recent independent expenditures in support of or opposition to any presidential candidate.

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_independent_expenditure_support_presidential_candidate(2016)
## End(Not run)
```

get\_lobbyist\_bundlers Get Lobbyist Bundlers for a Specific Committee

### **Description**

Committees must report registered lobbyists who act as "bundlers", collecting donations for the committee from multiple contributors. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/campaign-finance/v1/cycle/committees/fec-id/lobbyist\_bundlers

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### Usage

```
get_lobbyist_bundlers(cycle = 2018, FEC_ID, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

### **Arguments**

cycle	The election cycle
FEC_ID	The FEC-assigned 9-character ID of a committee. To find a committee's official FEC ID, use a committee search request or the FEC web site.
page	Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to retrieve.
myAPI_Key	API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

## key.

### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the most recent lobbyist bundlers reported by a specific committee.

### **Examples**

### Description

To get a list of members who have left the Senate or House or have announced plans to do so. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/congress/chamber/members/leaving.json

### Usage

```
get_members_leaving(congress, chamber, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

### Arguments

congress	111-116
chamber	house or senate
page	Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to retrieve.
myAPI_Key	API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API key.

### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves a list of members who have left the Senate or House

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
    get_members_leaving(115, 'house')

## End(Not run)

get_member_vote_position

    Get a Specific Member's Vote Positions
```

### Description

To get the most recent vote positions for a specific member of the House of Representatives or Senate. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/members/member-id/votes.json

### Usage

```
get_member_vote_position(member_id, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

### **Arguments**

member_id	The ID of the member to retrieve; it is assigned by the Biographical Directory of the United States Congress or can be retrieved from a member list request.
page	Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to retrieve.
myAPI_Key	API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the most recent vote positions for a specific member of the House of Representatives or Senate

```
## Not run:
get_member_vote_position('K000388')
## End(Not run)
```

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Get New Members

### **Description**

To get a list of the most recent new members of the current Congress. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/members/new.json

#### Usage

```
get_new_members(page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

### **Arguments**

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves a list of the most recent new members of the current Congress

## Examples

```
## Not run:
get_new_members()
## End(Not run)
```

```
get_nominees_by_state Get Nominees by State
```

## **Description**

To get a list of presidential civilian nominations of individuals from a specific state, use the following function. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/congress/nominees/state/state.json

```
get_nominees_by_state(congress, state, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

congress 107-116

state Two-letter state abbreviation

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_nominees_by_state(115, 'VA')
## End(Not run)
```

```
{\it Get\ Quarterly\ Office\ Expenses\ by\ Category\ for\ a\ Specific\ House\ Member}
```

### **Description**

The House of Representatives publishes quarterly reports detailing official office expenses by law-makers. The Congress API has data beginning in the third quarter of 2009. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/members/member-id/office\_expenses/year/quarter.json

## Usage

```
get_quarter_office_expenses_by_category_house_member(
  member_id,
  category,
  page = 1,
   myAPI_Key
)
```

### **Arguments**

member\_id The ID of the member to retrieve; it is assigned by the Biographical Directory

of the United States Congress or can be retrieved from a member list request.

category travel or personnel or rent-utilities or other-services or supplies or franked-mail

or printing or equipment or total.

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

the amount a given lawmaker spent during a specified year and quarter in a specified category

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_quarter_office_expenses_by_category_house_member('A000374', 'travel')
## End(Not run)
```

```
get_quarter_office_expenses_house_member
```

Get Quarterly Office Expenses by a Specific House Member

### **Description**

The House of Representatives publishes quarterly reports detailing official office expenses by law-makers. The Congress API has data beginning in the third quarter of 2009. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/members/member-id/office\_expenses/year/quarter.json

#### Usage

```
get_quarter_office_expenses_house_member(
  member_id,
  year,
  quarter,
  page = 1,
  myAPI_Key
)
```

#### **Arguments**

member\_id The ID of the member to retrieve; it is assigned by the Biographical Directory

of the United States Congress or can be retrieved from a member list request.l

year 2009-2017 quarter 1,2,3,4

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

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### Value

the amount a given lawmaker spent during a specified year and quarter by category,

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_quarter_office_expenses_house_member('A000374', 2017, 4)
## End(Not run)
```

get\_races\_for\_state

Get all Candidates in a State for an Election Cycle

## Description

Get all Candidates in a State for an Election Cycle

### Usage

```
get_races_for_state(state, cycle = 2018)
```

## Arguments

state The State (US) of the election cycle Which election cycle (e.g. 2018)

### Value

the result of the API call.

```
## Not run:
get_races_for_state('DE')
get_races_for_state('DE', 2016)
## End(Not run)
```

HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/campaign-finance/v1/cycle/committees/superpacs

### Usage

```
get_recently_added_independent_expenditure_committees(
  cycle = 2018,
  page = 1,
  myAPI_Key
)
```

## **Arguments**

cycle The election cycle

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 20 most recently added FEC independent expenditure-only committees, known as "super PACs".

```
## Not run:
get_recently_added_independent_expenditure_committees(2016)
## End(Not run)
```

```
{\tt get\_recently\_candidates}
```

```
Get Top 20 Candidates in Specific Financial Category HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/campaign-finance/v1/cycle/candidates/new (https://www.propublica.org/datastore/apis)
```

Get Top 20 Candidates in Specific Financial Category

HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/campaign-finance/v1/cycle/candidates/new (https://www.propublica.org/data

### Usage

```
get_recently_candidates(cycle = 2018, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

#### **Arguments**

cycle The election cycle: Four-digit even-numbered year between 2010 and 2018

Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to retrieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of the most recently added FEC candidates for a given campaign cycle from the campaign-finance API from ProPublica.

### **Examples**

### Description

HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/campaign-finance/v1/cycle/committees/new

### Usage

```
get_recently_committees(cycle = 2018, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

#### **Arguments**

cycle The election cycle

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

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### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 20 most recently added FEC committees from the campaign-finance API from ProPublica.

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_recently_committees(2016)
## End(Not run)
```

### **Description**

HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/campaign-finance/v1/cycle/filings/amendments

### Usage

```
get_recent_amendments(cycle = 2018, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

### **Arguments**

cycle The election cycle

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the most recent filings that are amendments of earlier filings

```
## Not run:
get_recent_amendments(2016)
## End(Not run)
```

To get a list of 20 upcoming Senate or House committee meetings, use the following function. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/congress/committees/hearings.json

#### Usage

```
get_recent_committee_hearing(congress, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

### **Arguments**

congress 114-116

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 20 most recent results and supports pagination using multiples of 20.

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_recent_committee_hearing(115)
## End(Not run)
```

```
get_recent_congressional_statements
```

Get Recent Congressional Statements

### Description

To get lists of recent statements published on congressional websites, use the following function. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/statements/latest.json

```
get_recent_congressional_statements(page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 20 most recent results and supports pagination using multiples of 20.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
get_recent_congressional_statements()
## End(Not run)
```

```
{\tt get\_recent\_congressional\_statements\_by\_date}
```

Get Congressional Statements by Date

## Description

To get lists of statements published on congressional websites on a particular date, use the following function. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/statements/date/date.json

#### Usage

```
get_recent_congressional_statements_by_date(
  year,
  month,
  day,
  page = 1,
  myAPI_Key
)
```

## Arguments

year YYYY format month MM format day DD format

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 20 most recent results and supports pagination using multiples of 20.

### **Examples**

## Description

To get lists of statements published on congressional websites using a search term, use the following function. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/statements/search.json?query=term

### Usage

```
get_recent_congressional_statements_by_term(term, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

### Arguments

term search term

Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to retrieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 20 most recent results that contain the search term in the title or body of the statement and supports pagination using multiples of 20.

```
## Not run:
get_recent_congressional_statements_by_term('AHCA')
## End(Not run)
```

HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/campaign-finance/v1/cycle/electioneering\_communications

#### Usage

```
get_recent_electioneering_communications(cycle = 2018, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

#### **Arguments**

cycle The election cycle

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 20 most recent broadcast advertisements that identify one or more federal candidates (and have aired 30 days before a primary election and 60 days before the general election).

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
  get_recent_electioneering_communications(2016)

## End(Not run)

get_recent_house_senate_floor_actions
```

# Get Recent House and Senate Floor Actions

#### **Description**

To get the latest actions from the House or Senate floor, use the following function. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/congress/chamber/floor\_updates.json

```
get_recent_house_senate_floor_actions(congress, chamber, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

congress 114-116 for House, 96-116 for Senate

chamber house or senate

Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to repage

API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API myAPI\_Key

### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 20 most recent results and supports pagination using multiples of 20. The date attribute represents the "legislative day" in which the action took place (actions that occur after midnight often are part of the previous day's activity).

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_recent_house_senate_floor_actions(115, 'house')
## End(Not run)
```

```
get_recent_independent_expend
```

Get Recent Independent Expenditures

### **Description**

HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/campaign-finance/v1/cycle/independent\_expenditures

### Usage

```
get_recent_independent_expend(cycle = 2018, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

### **Arguments**

cycle The election cycle

> @return List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 200 most recent independent expenditures and optionally can be offset by multiples of 20.

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_recent_independent_expend(2016)
## End(Not run)
```

```
get_recent_late_contributions
```

Get Recent Late Contributions https://www.propublica.org/datastore/apis HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/campaign-finance/v1/cycle/contributions/48hour

### **Description**

Get Recent Late Contributions https://www.propublica.org/datastore/apis HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/canfinance/v1/cycle/contributions/48hour

## Usage

```
get_recent_late_contributions(cycle = 2018, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

### Arguments

cycle	The election cycle. Cycle must be even-numbered year between 2010 and 2018
page	Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to retrieve.
myAPI_Key	API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the most recent late contributions to candidates from the campaign-finance API from ProPublica.

```
## Not run:
get_recent_late_contributions(2016)
## End(Not run)
```

```
get_recent_late_contributions_candidate

Get Recent Late Contributions to a Specific Candidate

https://www.propublica.org/datastore/apis HTTP Request: GET

https://api.propublica.org/campaign-finance/v1/cycle/candidates/fec-
id/48hour
```

Get Recent Late Contributions to a Specific Candidate https://www.propublica.org/datastore/apis HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/campaign-finance/v1/cycle/candidates/fec-id/48hour

#### Usage

```
get_recent_late_contributions_candidate(
  cycle = 2018,
  FEC_ID,
  page = 1,
  myAPI_Key
)
```

### **Arguments**

cycle	The election cycle
FEC_ID	The FEC-assigned 9-character ID of a candidate.
page	Results come in batches of $20$ . The page parameter specifies which one to retrieve.
myAPI_Key	API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the most recent late contributions to candidates from the campaign-finance API from ProPublica.

```
## Not run:
get_recent_late_contributions_candidate(2016, 'H4NY11138')
## End(Not run)
```

```
get_recent_late_contributions_committee

Get Recent Late Contributions to a Specific Committee

https://www.propublica.org/datastore/apis HTTP Request: GET

https://api.propublica.org/campaign-finance/v1/cycle/committees/fec-
id/48hour
```

Get Recent Late Contributions to a Specific Committee https://www.propublica.org/datastore/apis HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/campaign-finance/v1/cycle/committees/fec-id/48hour

## Usage

```
get_recent_late_contributions_committee(
  cycle = 2018,
  FEC_ID,
  page = 1,
  myAPI_Key
)
```

### **Arguments**

cycle	The election cycle
FEC_ID	The FEC-assigned 9-character ID of a committee.
page	Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to retrieve.
myAPI_Key	API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the most recent late contributions to a specific committee.

```
## Not run:
get_recent_late_contributions_committee(2016, 'C00575050')
## End(Not run)
```

```
get_recent_late_contributions_date

Get Recent Late Contributions by Date
```

HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/campaign-finance/v1/cycle/contributions/48hour/year/month/day

### Usage

```
get_recent_late_contributions_date(
  cycle = 2018,
  year,
  month,
  day,
  page = 1,
  myAPI_Key
)
```

### **Arguments**

cycle	The election cycle
year	The four-digit year from 2010-2018, match cycle
month	The two-digit month from 01-12
day	The two-digit day from 01-31
page	Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to retrieve.
myAPI_Key	API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API key.

## Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves late contributions from a specific dates for a given campaign cycle from the campaign-finance API from ProPublica.

```
## Not run:
get_recent_late_contributions_date(2016, year = 2016, month = '09', day = '07')
## End(Not run)
```

To get the 20 most recent lobbying representation filings, use the following function. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/lobbying/latest.json

## Usage

```
get_recent_lobbying_representation_filings(page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

### Arguments

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 20 most recent lobbying representation filings.

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_recent_lobbying_representation_filings()
## End(Not run)
```

```
get_recent_nominations_by_category
```

Get Recent Nominations by Category

### **Description**

To get lists of presidential nominations for civilian positions,, use the following function. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/congress/nominees/type.json

```
get_recent_nominations_by_category(congress, type, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

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type received, updated, confirmed, withdrawn

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 20 most recent results for the specified type: received, updated, confirmed or withdrawn.

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_recent_nominations_by_category(115, 'confirmed')
## End(Not run)
```

get\_recent\_official\_communications

Get Recent Official Communications

### **Description**

To get lists of official communications to Congress from the president, executive branch agencies and state legislatures to congressional committees, use the following function. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/congress/communications.json

#### Usage

```
get_recent_official_communications(congress, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

### Arguments

congress 114-116 for House, 96-116 for Senate

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 20 most recent official communications to Congress from the president, executive branch agencies and state legislatures to congressional committees. The data covers communications to the House of Representatives since 2015, and communications to the Senate since 1979.

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_recent_official_communications(115)
## End(Not run)
```

### Description

Get lists of official communications to Congress from the president, executive branch agencies and state legislatures to congressional committees.

#### Usage

```
get_recent_official_communications_by_category(
  congress,
  category,
  page = 1,
  myAPI_Key
)
```

## Arguments

congress 114-116 for House, 96-116 for Senate

category ec, pm, pom

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 20 most recent results for the specified type: ec (Executive Communication), pm (Presidential Message) or pom (Petition or Memorial).

```
## Not run:
get_recent_official_communications_by_category(115, 'pm')
## End(Not run)
```

```
get_recent_official_communications_by_chamber

Get Recent Official Communications by Chamber
```

To get lists of official communications to Congress for a specific chamber, use the following function. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/congress/chamber/committees/committee-id/subcommittees/subcommittee-id.json

#### Usage

```
get_recent_official_communications_by_chamber(
  congress,
  chamber,
  page = 1,
  myAPI_Key
)
```

### **Arguments**

congress 114-116 for House, 96-116 for Senate

chamber house or senate

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 20 most recent official communications to Congress for a specific chamber for the specified chamber, either house or senate.

```
## Not run:
get_recent_official_communications_by_chamber(115, 'house')
## End(Not run)
```

```
get_recent_official_communications_by_date

Get Recent Official Communications by Date
```

o get lists of official communications to Congress on a specific date, use the following function. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/congress/communications/category/category.json

## Usage

```
get_recent_official_communications_by_date(
  year,
  month,
  day,
  page = 1,
  myAPI_Key
)
```

### **Arguments**

```
year yyyy format

month mm format

day dd format

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to retrieve.

myAPI_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API key.
```

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 20 most recent results for the specified type: ec (Executive Communication), pm (Presidential Message) or pom (Petition or Memorial).

```
## Not run:
get_recent_official_communications_by_date(2018, '03', '21')
## End(Not run)
```

Lawmakers, mostly in the House but also in the Senate, can make personal explanations for missed or mistaken votes in the Congressional Record. These explanations can refer to a single vote or to multiple votes. To get lists of personal explanations, use the following URI structure. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/congress/explanations.json

#### Usage

```
get_recent_personal_explanations(congress, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

### **Arguments**

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page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 20 most recent results in the specified Congress

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_recent_personal_explanations(114)
## End(Not run)
```

### **Description**

Lawmakers, mostly in the House but also in the Senate, can make personal explanations for missed or mistaken votes in the Congressional Record. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/members/membe

### Usage

```
get_recent_personal_explanations_specific_member(
  member_id,
  congress,
  page = 1,
  myAPI_Key
)
```

#### **Arguments**

member\_id The ID of the member to retrieve; it is assigned by the Biographical Directory

of the United States Congress or can be retrieved from a member list request.

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page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 20 most recent personal explanations by a specific member in the specified Congress, and supports paginated requests using multiples of 20.

### **Examples**

#### **Description**

Lawmakers, mostly in the House but also in the Senate, can make personal explanations for missed or mistaken votes in the Congressional Record. Unlike the "Recent Personal Explanations" response, this response contains explanations parsed to individual votes and have an additional category attribute describing the general reason for the absence or incorrect vote. To get lists of recent personal explanation votes, use the following URI structure. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/con

```
get_recent_personal_explanations_votes(congress, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

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page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 20 most recent personal explanation votes in the specified Congress, contains explanations parsed to individual votes and have an additional category attribute describing the general reason for the absence or incorrect vote.

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_recent_personal_explanations_votes(114)
## End(Not run)
```

#### **Description**

Lawmakers, mostly in the House but also in the Senate, can make personal explanations for missed or mistaken votes in the Congressional Record. Unlike the "Recent Personal Explanations" response, this response contains explanations parsed to individual votes and have an additional category attribute describing the general reason for the absence or incorrect vote. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/congress/explanations/votes/category.json

#### Usage

```
get_recent_personal_explanations_votes_by_category(
  congress,
  category,
  page = 1,
  myAPI_Key
)
```

### **Arguments**

```
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```

category	options: voted-incorrectly (Voted yes or no by mistake), official-business (Away on official congressional business), ambiguous (No reason given), travel-difficulties (Travel delays and issues), personal (Personal or family reason), claims-voted (Vote made but not recorded), medical (Medical issue for lawmaker, not family), weather, memorial, misunderstanding, leave-of-absence, prior-commitment, election-related, military-service, other
page	Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to retrieve.

API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

myAPI\_Key

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 20 most recent personal explanation votes filtered by a category in the specified Congress.

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_recent_personal_explanations_votes_by_category(115, 'voted-incorrectly')

## End(Not run)

get_recent_personal_explanations_votes_specific_member

Get Recent Personal Explanation Votes by a Specific Member
```

## **Description**

Lawmakers, mostly in the House but also in the Senate, can make personal explanations for missed or mistaken votes in the Congressional Record. To get recent personal explanations by a specific member that are parsed to individual votes and have an additional category attribute describing the general reason for the absence or incorrect vote, use the following function. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/members/member\_id/explanations/congress/votes.json

```
get_recent_personal_explanations_votes_specific_member(
  member_id,
  congress,
  page = 1,
   myAPI_Key
)
```

member_id	The ID of the member to retrieve; it is assigned by the Biographical Directory of the United States Congress or can be retrieved from a member list request.
congress	110-116
page	Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to retrieve.
myAPI_Key	API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 20 most recent personal explanations by a specific member in the specified Congress, and supports paginated requests using multiples of 20.

### **Examples**

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### **Description**

Lawmakers, mostly in the House but also in the Senate, can make personal explanations for missed or mistaken votes in the Congressional Record. To get recent personal explanations by a specific member that are parsed to individual votes and have an additional category attribute describing the general reason for the absence or incorrect vote, use the following function. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/members/member\_id/explanations/congress/votes.json

```
get_recent_personal_explanations_votes_specific_member_by_category(
  member_id,
  congress,
  category,
  page = 1,
  myAPI_Key
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

member\_id The ID of the member to retrieve; it is assigned by the Biographical Directory

of the United States Congress or can be retrieved from a member list request.

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category options: voted-incorrectly (Voted yes or no by mistake), official-business (Away

on official congressional business), ambiguous (No reason given), travel-difficulties (Travel delays and issues), personal (Personal or family reason), claims-voted (Vote made but not recorded), medical (Medical issue for lawmaker, not family), weather, memorial, misunderstanding, leave-of-absence, prior-commitment, election-

related, military-service, other

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 20 most recent personal explanations by a specific member in the specified Congress, and supports paginated requests using multiples of 20.

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_recent_personal_explanations_votes_specific_member_by_category('S001193', 115, 'personal')
## End(Not run)
```

get\_recent\_votes

Get Recent Votes

### Description

You can get recent votes from the House, Senate or both chambers using this request. This request returns the 20 most recent results, sorted by date and roll call number, and you can paginate through votes using the offset querystring parameter that accepts multiples of 20. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/chamber/votes/recent.json

### Usage

```
get_recent_votes(chamber, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

#### **Arguments**

chamber house, senate or both.

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

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### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 20 most recent votes from the House, Senate or both chambers

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_recent_votes('senate')
## End(Not run)
```

get\_related\_bills

Get Related Bills for a Specific Bill

## **Description**

HTTP Request: GET hhttps://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/congress/bills/bill-id/related.json. Use this request type to get Library of Congress-identified related bills for a particular bill.

## Usage

```
get_related_bills(congress, bill_id, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

## Arguments

congress	105-116
bill_id	a bill slug, for example hr4881 - these can be found in the recent bill response.
page	Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to retrieve.
myAPI_Key	API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API key.

### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 20 most recent results and supports paginated requests.

```
## Not run:
get_related_bills(115, 'hr3219')
## End(Not run)
```

```
get_senate_nomination_votes
```

Get Senate Nomination Votes

### **Description**

To get Senate votes on presidential nominations. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/congress/nomin

### Usage

```
get_senate_nomination_votes(congress, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

#### **Arguments**

congress 101-116

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves Senate votes on presidential nominations

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_senate_nomination_votes(114)
## End(Not run)
```

get\_specific\_bill

Get a Specific Bill

#### **Description**

The attributes house\_passage\_vote and senate\_passage\_vote are populated (with the date of passage) only upon successful passage of the bill. Bills before the 113th Congress (prior to 2013) have fewer attribute values than those from the 113th Congress onward, because the more recent bill data comes from the bulk data provided by the Government Publishing Office. Details for the older bills came from scraping Thomas.gov, the former congressional site of the Library of Congress. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/congress/bills/bill-id.json

```
get_specific_bill(congress, bill_id, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

congress	105-116
bill_id	a bill slug, for example hr4881 - these can be found in the recent bill response.
page	Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to retrieve.
myAPI_Key	API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves details about a particular bill, including actions taken and votes

### **Examples**

#### **Description**

Use this request type to search for bill subjects that contain a specified term. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/bills/subjects/search.json

### Usage

```
get_specific_bill_subject(subject, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

#### **Arguments**

subject a word or phrase to search

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves bill subjects that contain a specified term.

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#### **Examples**

#### **Description**

To get information about a single Senate or House committee, including the members of that committee, use the following function. The committee ids can be found in the committee list responses. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/congress/chamber/committees/committee-id.json

## Usage

```
get_specific_committee(congress, chamber, committee_id, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

#### **Arguments**

congress	110-116
chamber	house, senate or joint
committee_id	Committee abbreviation, for example HSAG. Use the full committees response to find abbreviations.
page	Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to retrieve.
myAPI_Key	API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API key.

### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 20 most recent results and supports pagination using multiples of 20.

```
## Not run:
get_specific_committee(115, "senate",
lists_of_committees(115, "senate")$results[[1]]$committees[[1]]$id)
get_specific_committee(115, "senate", "SSAF")
## End(Not run)
```

To get a specific lobbying representation filing, use the following function. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/lobbying/id.json

#### Usage

```
get_specific_lobbying_representation_filings(id, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

### **Arguments**

id numeric id attribute from search or latest responses

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_specific_lobbying_representation_filings('300986302')
## End(Not run)
```

```
get_specific_nominations
```

Get a Specific Nomination

## Description

To get details about a particular presidential civilian nomination,, use the following function. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/congress/nominees/nominee-id.json

```
get_specific_nominations(congress, nominee_id, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

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nominee\_id alphanumeric ID beginning with PN - for example, PN675

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves

### **Examples**

## **Description**

To get a specific roll-call vote, including a complete list of member positions. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/congress/chamber/sessions/session-number/votes/roll-call-number.json

### Usage

```
get_specific_roll_call_vote(
  congress,
  chamber = c("house", "senate"),
  session_number,
  roll_call_number,
  page = 1,
  myAPI_Key
)
```

### **Arguments**

congress 102-116 for House, 80-116 for Senate

chamber house or senate

 $\verb|session_number| 1 or 2, depending on year (1 is odd-numbered years, 2 is even-numbered years)|\\$ 

passed (latest\_major\_action\_date), enacted (enacted), vetoed (vetoed).

```
roll_call_number
```

integer

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves a specific roll-call vote s

#### **Examples**

## Description

To get information about a single Senate or House subcommittee, including the members of that subcommittee, use the following function. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/congress/chamber/coid/subcommittees/subcommittee-id.json

### Usage

```
get_specific_subcommittee(
  congress,
  chamber,
  committee_id,
  subcommittee_id,
  page = 1,
  myAPI_Key
)
```

### **Arguments**

congress 114-116

chamber house or senate or joint

committee\_id Optional committee abbreviation, for example HSAG. Use the full committees

response to find abbreviations.

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subcommittee\_id

Optional sub-committee abbreviation, for example HSAG. Use the full commit-

tees response to find abbreviations.

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 20 most recent hearings and supports pagination.

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_specific_subcommittee(115, 'house', 'HSAS', 'HSAS28')
get_specific_subcommittee(115, 'house',
lists_of_committees(115, "senate")$results[[1]]$committees[[2]]$id,
lists_of_committees(115, "senate")$results[[1]]$committees[[2]]$subcommittees[[1]]$id)
## End(Not run)
```

```
get_statement_subjects
```

Get Statement Subjects

### **Description**

Get lists of subjects used to categorize congressional statements, use the following function. These subjects are not automatically assigned but are manually curated by ProPublica, although they are based on legislative subjects produced by the Library of Congress.

#### Usage

```
get_statement_subjects(page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

### **Arguments**

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

kev.

### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves all of the subjects that have been used at least once.

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_statement_subjects()
## End(Not run)
```

```
get_state_party_counts
```

Get State Party Counts

## Description

To get party membership counts for all states (current Congress only), use the following function. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/states/members/party.json

## Usage

```
get_state_party_counts(page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

## Arguments

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

kev.

### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves

```
## Not run:
get_state_party_counts()
## End(Not run)
```

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```
get_subjects_for_bill Get Subjects for a Specific Bill
```

## **Description**

HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/congress/bills/bill-id/subjects.json. Use this request type to get Library of Congress-assigned subjects about a particular bill.

## Usage

```
get_subjects_for_bill(congress, bill_id, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

#### **Arguments**

congress	105-116
bill_id	a bill slug, for example hr4881 - these can be found in the recent bill response.
page	Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to retrieve.
myAPI_Key	API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 20 most recent results and supports paginated requests.

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_subjects_for_bill(115, 'hr1628')
## End(Not run)
```

## **Description**

https://www.propublica.org/datastore/apis HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/campaign-finance/v1/cycle/candidates/leaders/category

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#### Usage

```
get_top20_candidate_of_FinancialCategory(
  category,
  cycle = 2018,
  page = 1,
  myAPI_Key
)
```

#### Arguments

category One of the values from the following categories: 'candidate-loan', 'contribution-

total', 'debts-owed', 'disbursements-total', 'end-cash', 'individual-total', 'pac-

total', 'receipts-total' and 'refund-total'.

cycle The election cycle

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves a specific FEC candidate for a given campaign cycle.

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_top20_candidate_of_FinancialCategory('pac-total', 2016)
## End(Not run)
```

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Get Upcoming Bills

#### **Description**

The responses include a legislative\_day attribute which is the earliest the bills could be considered and a range attribute that indicates whether the bill information comes from a weekly schedule or a daily one. Combine the two for the best sense of when a bill might come up for consideration. For Senate bills, the response includes a context attribute reproducing the sentence that includes mention of the bill. These responses omit bills that have not yet been assigned a bill number or introduced, and additional bills may be considered at any time. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/bills/upcoming/chamber.json

#### Usage

```
get_upcoming_bills(chamber, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

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## Arguments

chamber house or senate.

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves details on bills that may be considered by the House or Senate in the near future, based on scheduled published or announced by congressional leadership.

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_upcoming_bills('senate')
## End(Not run)
```

get\_votes\_by\_date

Get Votes by Date

## Description

HTTP Requests: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/chamber/votes/year/month.json

#### Usage

```
get_votes_by_date(
  chamber = c("house", "senate"),
  year,
  month,
  page = 1,
  myAPI_Key
)
```

#### **Arguments**

chamber house or senate
year YYYY format
month MM format

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

## Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves all votes for one or both chambers in a particular month s

## **Examples**

# Description

 $HTTP\ Requests:\ GET\ https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/chamber/votes/start-date/end-date.json$ 

# Usage

```
get_votes_by_date_range(
  chamber = c("house", "senate"),
  start_date,
  end_date,
  page = 1,
  myAPI_Key
)
```

# Arguments

chamber	house or senate
start_date	YYYY-MM-DD format
end_date	YYYY-MM-DD format
page	Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to retrieve.
myAPI_Key	API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API key.

## Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves all votes in a particular date range (fewer than  $30 \ days$ ) s

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#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_votes_by_date_range('house', '2017-01-03', '2017-01-31')
## End(Not run)
```

get\_votes\_by\_type

Get Votes by Type

#### **Description**

You can get vote information in four categories: missed votes, party votes, lone no votes and perfect votes. Missed votes provides information about the voting attendance of each member of a specific chamber and congress. Party votes provides information about how often each member of a specific chamber and congress votes with a majority of his or her party. Lone no votes provides information lists members in a specific chamber and congress who were the only members to vote No on a roll call vote, and how often that happened. Perfect votes lists members in a specific chamber and congress who voted Yes or No on every vote for which he or she was eligible. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/congress/chamber/votes/vote-type.json

#### Usage

```
get_votes_by_type(
  congress,
  chamber = c("house", "senate"),
  vote_type,
  page = 1,
  myAPI_Key
)
```

#### **Arguments**

congress 102-116 for House, 80-116 for Senate

chamber house or senate

vote\_type missed, party, loneno or perfect

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves a types of votes of each member of a specific chamber and congress. s

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#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
get_votes_by_type(114, 'house', 'missed')
## End(Not run)
```

# Description

To get a list of Senate, House or joint committees, including their subcommittees, use the following function. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/congress/chamber/committees.json

## Usage

```
lists_of_committees(congress, chamber, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

## Arguments

congress 110-116

chamber house, senate or joint

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 20 most recent results and supports pagination using multiples of 20.

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
lists_of_committees(115, "senate")
## End(Not run)
```

```
list_members_chamber_congress
```

To get a list of members of a particular chamber in a particular Congress

# Description

The results include all members who have served in that congress and chamber, including members who are no longer in office. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/congress/chamber/members.json

#### Usage

```
list_members_chamber_congress(congress, chamber, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

## **Arguments**

congress 102-118 for House, 80-118 for Senate

chamber house or senate

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

list of members of a particular chamber in a particular Congress

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
list_members_chamber_congress(115, 'senate')
## End(Not run)
```

```
pp_convert_to_data_frame
```

Convert a ProPublica API result a Data Frame

## **Description**

The function attempts to convert the result of a ProPublica API call to a data.frame. If the result of the API call contains various parts, the which\_part parameter can be used to specify for which of these the conversion is required. Typically the 'payload' resides in the 'results' field, which is the default, but occasionally the summary and meta fields might be of interest.

pp\_query

#### Usage

```
pp_convert_to_data_frame(what, which_part = c("result", "summary", "meta"))
```

# **Arguments**

what Return value from one of the get\_functions.

which\_part Which part are we converting. Defaults to 'results', but 'summary' and 'meta'

may be useful in some cases.

## **Details**

The function also replaces . (dot) with \_ (underscore) in column names for compatibility with database inserts (e.g. DBI::dbWriteTable)

## Value

a data.frame

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
tmp <- get_candidates_in_race('MI', 'house',11)
pp_convert_to_data_frame(tmp)
pp_convert_to_data_frame(tmp, 'summary')
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

pp\_query

Execute a query against the ProPublica API

## **Description**

This function is primarily meant to be used by other functions in the package, but is made available in case a "raw query" is required.

## Usage

```
pp_query(
  query,
  API = c("campaign-finance", "congress"),
  version = "v1",
  page = 1,
   myAPI_Key
)
```

#### **Arguments**

query The query to be executed

API Which API are you accessing

version API version. Currently v1.

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

a list object with the return values.

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
pp_query('115/bills/hr21.json', API = 'congress', version='v1')
pp_query('2018/races/MI/house/11.json', API='campaign-finance',version='v1')
## End(Not run)
```

recent\_bills\_by\_member

Get Recent Bills by a Specific Member

## **Description**

Use this request type to get the 20 bills most recently introduced or updated by a particular member. Results can include more than one Congress. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/members/member-id/bills/type.json

#### Usage

```
recent_bills_by_member(member_id, type, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

#### **Arguments**

member\_id member-id The ID of the member to retrieve; it is assigned by the Biographical

Directory of the United States Congress or can be retrieved from a member list

request.

type introduced or updated

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

the 20 bills most recently introduced or updated by a particular member. Results can include more than one Congress.

# **Examples**

# Description

Use this request type to get the 20 most recently updated bills for a specific legislative subject. Results can include more than one Congress. HTTP Request: GET https://api.propublica.org/congress/v1/bills/subjects/subject.

## Usage

```
recent_bills_by_subject(subject, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

## **Arguments**

subject	A slug version o	of a legislative subject,	displayed as url_name	e in subject re-
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sponses.

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves the 20 most recently updated bills for a specific legislative subject.

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
recent_bills_by_subject('meat')
## End(Not run)
```

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# Description

For the current Congress, "recent bills" can be one of four types (see the descriptions below). For previous Congresses, "recent bills" means the last 20 bills of that Congress. In the responses, an active value of true means that the bill has seen action beyond introduction and committee referral. Requests include a chamber value; to get recent bills from the House and Senate, use both as the value. You can paginate through bills using the page-parameter that accepts multiples of 20. Bills before the 113th Congress (prior to 2013) have fewer attribute values than those from the 113th Congress onward, because the more recent bill data comes from the bulk data provided by the Government Publishing Office. The order of the results depends on the value of type and all results are sorted in descending order.

#### Usage

```
recent_bills_by_type(
  congress,
  chamber = c("house", "senate", "both"),
  type = c("introduced", "updated", "active", "passed", "enacted", "vetoed"),
  page = 1,
  myAPI_Key
)
```

#### Arguments

congress	105-116
chamber	house, senate or both
type	introduced (introduced_date), updated (latest_major_action_date), active (latest_major_action_date) passed (latest_major_action_date), enacted (enacted), vetoed (vetoed).
page	Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to retrieve.
myAPI_Key	API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API key.

#### Value

summaries of the 20 most recent bills by type. The order of the results depends on the value of type and all results are sorted in descending order.

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
recent_bills_by_type(115, 'house', 'introduced')
## End(Not run)
```

retrieve\_key

Retrieve the relevant ProPublica API key for congress API or campaign finance API

## **Description**

This function is primarily meant to be used by pp\_query to determine the API keys if not passed explicitly.

## Usage

```
retrieve_key(API = c("congress", "campaign-finance"))
```

# Arguments

API

Which API are you accessing

#### Value

the key from config.yml or global environment variables key\_congress/key\_campaign\_finance

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
retrieve_key('congress')
retrieve_key('campaign-finance')
## End(Not run)
```

```
search_lobbying_representation_filings
Search_Lobbying Representation Filings
```

## **Description**

Returns recent lobbying representation filings for a given search term, in batches of twenty.

## Usage

```
search_lobbying_representation_filings(query, page = 1, myAPI_Key)
```

## **Arguments**

query keyword or phrase

page Results come in batches of 20. The page parameter specifies which one to re-

trieve.

myAPI\_Key API key from Propublica To use the congress API, you must sign up for an API

key.

#### Value

List of returned JSON from endpoint that retrieves

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
search_lobbying_representation_filings('Facebook')
## End(Not run)
```

```
us_congressional_districts
```

**US Congressional Districts** 

## **Description**

A dataset containing some information about US Congressional Districts

#### Usage

```
us_congressional_districts
```

# Format

A data frame with 435 rows and 3 variables:

```
district The district name
```

**state\_name** The state the district is in

state\_abb Two letter state abbreviation

district\_number District number. Except for at-large districts. ...

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validate\_cycle

Validate that year cycle is correct

# Description

Validate that year cycle is correct

# Usage

```
validate_cycle(cycle)
```

# Arguments

cycle

An election cycle (e.g. 2018)

#### Value

TRUE if correct FALSE otherwise

# **Examples**

validate\_cycle(1996)#TRUE
validate\_cycle(1979)#FALSE
validate\_cycle(16) #FALSE

validate\_district

Validate that a district abbreviation is correct

# Description

Validate that a district abbreviation is correct

# Usage

```
validate_district(us_district)
```

## **Arguments**

us\_district An integer corresponding to the district.

#### Value

TRUE if correct FALSE otherwise

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# Examples

```
## Not run:
validate_district(1)#TRUE
validate_district(111) #FALSE
validate_district(us_congressional_districts$district[1]) #FALSE
validate_district(as.numeric(us_congressional_districts$district_number[1])) #TRUE
## End(Not run)
```

validate\_state

Validate that a abbreviation is correct

# Description

Validate that a abbreviation is correct

# Usage

```
validate_state(us_state)
```

# Arguments

us\_state

State abbreviation (e.g. NY)

## Value

TRUE if correct FALSE otherwise

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