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Data Collection Description

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Summary: These instructional materials were developed from GENERAL SOCIAL SURVEYS, 1972-2002: [CUMULATIVE FILE], compiled by James A. Davis, Tom W. Smith, and Peter V. Marsden. The data file (an SPSS portable file) and accompanying documentation are provided to assist educators in instructing students about religion and social issues in the United States in the late 20th and early 21st centuries. An instructor's handout has also been included. This handout contains the following sections, among others: (1) an exercise using General Social Surveys data to create and validate a measure of religiosity, and then to relate the measure to other social variables, (2) an exercise using General Social Surveys data to explore the relationship between religiosity and other social variables using crosstabulation (focusing on two- and three-variable relationships) and to explore the concepts of explanation, spuriousness, and replication, and (3) an exercise using General Social Surveys data to create a measure of religious fundamentalism and to explore the relationship between this measure and various forms of religious behavior and opinions on social issues. The data contain information on the attitudes of a national probability sample of adults 18 years of age and older on a range of social and political issues. For this instructional subset, some variables were recoded and some new variables were created to facilitate analysis. Variables in the dataset include responses to questions on family and gender roles, abortion, sex and sexual materials, personal morals and social mores, social control, general political attitudes, and socioeconomic status.

Universe: All noninstitutionalized English-speaking persons 18 years of age or older, living in the United States.

Sample: The General Social Surveys data were collected using the National Opinion Research Center national probability sample. Full probability sampling was employed in the 2000 and 2002 surveys.

Date of Collection: 2004

Time Period: 2000-2002

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Codebook for the Subset of the 2000 and 2002 General Social Survey

This codebook accompanies the ICPSR instructional module "Sociology of Religion: Exercises Using the General Social Surveys, 2000-2002 [Instructional Materials]" by Edward E. Nelson, California State University, Fresno, Sociology Department. The subset is a combination of the 2000 and 2002 General Social Surveys. Some of the variables in the GSS have been recoded to make them easier to use and some new variables have been created.

List of Variables

Variable Name	Variable Label
ABANY	ABORTION-FOR ANY REASON
ABDEFECT	ABORTION-STRONG CHANCE OF SERIOUS DEFECT
ABHLTH	ABORTION-WOMANS HEALTH ENDANGERED
ABNOMORE	ABORTION-MARRIED, NO MORE CHILDREN
ABPOOR	ABORTION-LOW INCOME, CANT AFFORD MORE
ABRAPE	ABORTION-PREGNANT AS RESULT OF RAPE
ABSINGLE	ABORTION-NOT MARRIED
ADULTS	HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS 18 YRS AND OLDER
AGE	AGE OF RESPONDENT
AGED	SHOULD AGED LIVE WITH THEIR CHILDREN
ATTEND	HOW OFTEN R ATTENDS RELIGIOUS SERVICES
BIBLE	FEELINGS ABOUT THE BIBLE
CAPPUN	FAVOR OR OPPOSE DEATH PENALTY FOR MURDER
CHILDS	TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER HAD
CHLDIDEL	IDEAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN
CLASS	SUBJECTIVE CLASS IDENTIFICATION
COLATH	ALLOW ANTI-RELIGIONIST TO TEACH
COLCOM	ALLOW COMMUNIST TO TEACH
COLHOMO	ALLOW HOMOSEXUAL TO TEACH
COLMIL	ALLOW MILITARIST TO TEACH
COLRAC	ALLOW RACIST TO TEACH
CONCLERG	CONFIDENCE IN ORGANIZED RELIGION
DEGREE	RS HIGHEST DEGREE
DENOM	SELECTED DENOMINATIONS (PROTESTANTS)
DIVLAW	DIVORCE LAWS
DIVORCE	EVER BEEN DIVORCED OR SEPARATED
EDUC	HIGHEST YEAR OF SCHOOL COMPLETED
EQWLTH	SHOULD GOVT REDUCE INCOME DIFFERENCES
EVPAIDSX	EVER HAVE SEX PAID FOR OR BEING PAID
EVSTRAY	HAVE SEX OTHER THAN SPOUSE WHILE MARRIED
FAIR	PEOPLE FAIR OR TRY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE

FECHLD	MOTHER WORKING DOESNT HURT CHILDREN
FEFAM	BETTER FOR MAN TO WORK, WOMAN TEND HOME
FEPOL	WOMEN NOT SUITED FOR POLITICS
FEPRESCH	PRESCHOOL KIDS SUFFER IF MOTHER WORKS
FUND	HOW FUNDAMENTALIST IS R CURRENTLY
FUND16	HOW FUNDAMENTALIST WAS R AT AGE 16
GRASS	SHOULD MARIJUANA BE MADE LEGAL
GUNLAW	FAVOR OR OPPOSE GUN PERMITS
HAPMAR	HAPPINESS OF MARRIAGE
HAPPY	GENERAL HAPPINESS
HOMOSEX	HOMOSEXUAL SEX RELATIONS
ID	RESPONDENT'S IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
INCOME98	TOTAL FAMILY INCOME
LETDIE1	ALLOW INCURABLE PATIENTS TO DIE
LIBATH	ALLOW ANTI-RELIGIOUS BOOK IN LIBRARY
LIBCOM	ALLOW COMMUNISTS BOOK IN LIBRARY
LIBHOMO	ALLOW HOMOSEXUALS BOOK IN LIBRARY
LIBMIL	ALLOW MILITARISTS BOOK IN LIBRARY
LIBRAC	ALLOW RACISTS BOOK IN LIBRARY
MADEG	MOTHERS HIGHEST DEGREE
MAEDUC	HIGHEST YEAR SCHOOL COMPLETED, MOTHER
MARITAL	MARITAL STATUS
OWNGUN	HAVE GUN IN HOME
PADEG	FATHERS HIGHEST DEGREE
PAEDUC	HIGHEST YEAR SCHOOL COMPLETED, FATHER
PARTNERS	HOW MANY SEX PARTNERS R HAD IN LAST YEAR
PARTYID	POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION
POLVIEWS	THINK OF SELF AS LIBERAL OR CONSERVATIVE
PORNLAW	FEELINGS ABOUT PORNOGRAPHY LAWS
POSTLIFE	BELIEF IN LIFE AFTER DEATH
PRAY	HOW OFTEN DOES R PRAY
PRAYER	SUPPORT SUPREME COURT DECISION--PRAYER
PREMARSX	SEX BEFORE MARRIAGE
PRES96	VOTE FOR CLINTON, BUSH, PEROT
PRES00	VOTE FOR GORE, BUSH, NADER
PRESTG80	RS OCCUPATIONAL PRESTIGE SCORE
RACE00	RACE OF RESPONDENT 2000
RACE02	RACE OF RESPONDENT 2002
REG16	REGION OF RESIDENCE, AGE 16
REGION	REGION OF INTERVIEW
RELIG	RS RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE
RELIG1	MORE DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE
RELIG16	RELIGION IN WHICH RAISED
RELIGOS	RELIGIOSITY
RELITEN	STRENGTH OF RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION
RES16	TYPE OF PLACE LIVED IN WHEN 16 YRS OLD

RINCOM98	RESPONDENTS INCOME
SEI	RESPONDENT SOCIOECONOMIC INDEX
SEX	RESPONDENTS SEX
SEXEDUC	SEX EDUCATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SEXFREQ	FREQUENCY OF SEX DURING LAST YEAR
SPANKING	FAVOR SPANKING TO DISCIPLINE CHILD
SPKATH	ALLOW ANTI-RELIGIONIST TO SPEAK
SPKCOM	ALLOW COMMUNIST TO SPEAK
SPKHOMO	ALLOW HOMOSEXUAL TO SPEAK
SPKMIL	ALLOW MILITARIST.TO SPEAK
SPKRAC	ALLOW RACIST TO SPEAK
SUICIDE1	RIGHT TO SUICIDE IF INCURABLE DISEASE
SUICIDE2	RIGHT TO SUICIDE IF BANKRUPT
SUICIDE3	RIGHT TO SUICIDE IF DISHONORED FAMILY
SUICIDE4	RIGHT TO SUICIDE IF TIRED OF LIVING
TEENSEX	SEX BEFORE MARRIAGE -- TEENS 14-16
TOLATH	TOLERANCE--ANTI RELIGIONIST
TOLCOM	TOLERANCE--COMMUNIST
TOLHOMO	TOLERANCE--HOMOSEXUAL
TOLMIL	TOLERANCE--MILITARIST
TOLRAC	TOLERANCE--RACIST
TRUST	CAN PEOPLE BE TRUSTED
VOTE96	DID R VOTE IN 1996 ELECTION
VOTE00	DID R VOTE IN 2000 ELECTION
XMARSEX	SEX WITH PERSON OTHER THAN SPOUSE
XMOVIE	SEEN X-RATED MOVIE IN LAST YEAR
YEAR	YEAR OF GSS SURVEY (1998 OR 2000)

Variable Name	Question and Value Label
ABANY	Please tell me whether or not you think it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion the woman wants it for any reason?
	1 YES 2 NO 0 NAP 8 DK 9 NA
ABDEFECT	Please tell me whether or not you think it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion if there is a strong chance of serious defect in the baby?
	1 YES 2 NO 0 NAP 8 DK 9 NA
ABHLTH	Please tell me whether or not you think it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion if the woman's own health is seriously endangered by the pregnancy?
	1 YES 2 NO 0 NAP 8 DK 9 NA
ABNOMORE	Please tell me whether or not you think it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion if she is married and does not want any more children?
	1 YES 2 NO 0 NAP 8 DK 9 NA

ABPOOR Please tell me whether or not you think it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion if the family has a very low income and cannot afford any more children?

1 YES
2 NO
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

ABRAPE Please tell me whether or not you think it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion if she became pregnant as a result of rape?

1 YES
2 NO
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

ABSINGLE Please tell me whether or not you think it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion if she is not married and does not want to marry the man?

1 YES
2 NO
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

ADULTS Household members 18 years and older

AGE Age of respondent in years

99 NA

AGED As you know, many older people share a home with their grown children. Do you think this is generally a good idea or a bad idea?

1 A GOOD IDEA
2 DEPENDS
3 A BAD IDEA
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

ATTEND How often do you attend religious services?

0 NEVER
1 LESS THAN ONCE A YEAR
2 ONCE A YEAR
3 SEVERAL TIMES A YEAR
4 ONCE A MONTH
5 2-3 TIMES A MONTH
6 NEARLY EVERY WEEK
7 EVERY WEEK
8 MORE THN ONCE A WEEK
9 DK,NA

BIBLE Which of these statements comes closest to describing your feelings about the Bible?

1. Bible is the actual word of God and is to be taken literally, word for word
2. Bible is the inspired word of God but not everything in it should be taken literally, word for word
3. Bible is an ancient book of fables, legends, history, and moral precepts recorded by men
4. Other
0. NAP
8. DK
9. NA

CAPPUN Do you favor or oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?

1 FAVOR
2 OPPOSE
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

CHILDS How many children have you ever had? (Includes all that were born alive at any time and those from a previous marriage)

8 EIGHT OR MORE
9 NA

CHLDIDEL What do you think is the ideal number of children for a family to have?

7 SEVEN+
-1 NAP
8 AS MANY AS WANT
9 DK,NA

CLASS If you were asked to use one of four names for your social class, which would you say you belong in: the lower class, the working class, the middle class, or the upper class?

1 LOWER CLASS
2 WORKING CLASS
3 MIDDLE CLASS
4 UPPER CLASS
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

COLATH There are always some people whose ideas are considered bad or dangerous by other people. For instance, somebody who is against all churches and religion. Should such a person be allowed to teach in a college or university, or not?

1 ALLOW
2 NOT ALLOW
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

COLCOM Now, I should like to ask you some questions about a man who admits he is a Communist. Suppose he is teaching in a college. Should such a person be allowed to teach in a college or university, or not?

1 ALLOW
2 NOT ALLOW
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

COLHOMO And what about a man who admits that he is a homosexual? Should such a person be allowed to teach in a college or university, or not?

1 ALLOW
2 NOT ALLOW
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

COLMIL Consider a person who advocates doing away with elections and letting the military run the country. Should such a person be allowed to teach in a college or university, or not?

1 ALLOW
2 NOT ALLOW
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

COLRAC Or consider a person who believes that Blacks are genetically inferior. Should such a person be allowed to teach in a college or university, or not?

1 ALLOW
2 NOT ALLOW
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

CONCLERG I am going to name some institutions in this country. As far as the people running these institutions are concerned, would you say you have a great deal of confidence, only some confidence, or hardly any confidence at all in them?

Organized religion

1 A GREAT DEAL
2 ONLY SOME
3 HARDLY ANY
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

DEGREE Respondent's highest degree

0 LESS THAN HIGH SCHOOL
1 HIGH SCHOOL
2 JUNIOR COLLEGE
3 BACHELOR
4 GRADUATE
7 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

DENOM Selected denominations (Protestant)

10	American Baptist Association
11	American Baptist Church in USA
12	National Baptist Convention of American
13	National Baptist Convention USA
13	Southern Baptist
16	Other Baptists
18	Baptist-don’t know which
20	African Methodist Episcopal
21	African Methodist Episcopal Zion
22	United Methodist
23	Other Methodist
28	Methodist-don’t know which
30	American Lutheran
31	Lutheran Church in America
32	Lutheran-Missouri Synod
33	Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod
34	Other Lutheran
35	Evangelical Lutheran
38	Lutheran-don’t know which
40	Presbyterian Church in US
41	United Presbyterian Church in US
42	Other Presbyterian
43	Presbyterian merged
48	Presbyterian-don’t know which
50	Episcopal
60	Other
70	No denomination
0	Not applicable
98	Don’t know
99	No answer

DIVLAW Should divorce in this country be easier or more difficult to obtain than it is now?

1	EASIER
2	STAY SAME
3	MORE DIFFICULT
0	NAP
8	DK
9	NA

DIVORCE Have you ever been divorced or legally separated?

1 YES
2 NO
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

EDUC What is the highest grade in elementary school or high school that you finished and got credit for?

97 NAP
98 DK
99 NA

EQWLTH Some people think that the government in Washington ought to reduce the income differences between the rich and the poor, perhaps by raising the taxes of wealthy families or by giving income assistance to the poor. Others think that the government should not concern itself with reducing this income difference between the rich and the poor.

1 GOVT REDUCE DIFF
7 NO GOVT ACTION
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

EVPAIDSX Thinking about the time since your 18th birthday, have you ever had sex with a person you paid or who paid you for sex?

1 YES
2 NO
0 NAP
9 NA

EVSTRAY Have you ever had sex with someone other than your husband or wife while you were married?

1 YES
2 NO
3 NEVER MARRIED
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

FAIR Do you think most people would try to take advantage of you if they got a chance, or would they try to be fair?

1 TAKE ADVANTAGE
2 DEPENDS
3 FAIR
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

FECHLD A working mother can establish just as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work.

1 STRONGLY AGREE
2 AGREE
3 DISAGREE
4 STRONGLY DISAGREE
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

FEFAM It is much better for everyone involved if the man is the achiever outside the home and the woman takes care of the home and family.

1 STRONGLY AGREE
2 AGREE
3 DISAGREE
4 STRONGLY DISAGREE
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

FEPOL Most men are better suited emotionally for politics than are most women.

1 AGREE
2 DISAGREE
0 NAP
8 NOT SURE
9 NA

FEPRESCH A preschool child is likely to suffer if his or her mother works.

1 STRONGLY AGREE
2 AGREE
3 DISAGREE
4 STRONGLY DISAGREE
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

FUND Fundamentalism/Liberalism of respondent's religion
Note: This variable was created by NORC by classifying religions as fundamentalist, moderate, or liberal. All members of a particular religion are placed in the same category. This variable is not based on individual responses.

1 FUNDAMENTALIST
2 MODERATE
3 LIBERAL
0 NAP
9 NA

FUND16 Fundamentalism/Liberalism of religion respondent raised in

1 FUNDAMENTALIST
2 MODERATE
3 LIBERAL
0 NAP
9 NA

GRASS Do you think the use of marijuana should be made legal or not?

1 LEGAL
2 NOT LEGAL
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

GUNLAW Would you favor or oppose a law which would require a person to obtain a police permit before he or she could buy a gun?

1 FAVOR
2 OPPOSE
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

HAPMAR Taking things all together, how would you describe your marriage? Would you say that your marriage is very happy, pretty happy, or not too happy?

1 VERY HAPPY
2 PRETTY HAPPY
3 NOT TOO HAPPY
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

HAPPY Taken all together, how would you say things are these dayswould you say that you are very happy, pretty happy, or not too happy?

1 VERY HAPPY
2 PRETTY HAPPY
3 NOT TOO HAPPY
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

HOMOSEX What about sexual relations between two adults of the same sex–do you think it is always wrong, almost always wrong, wrong only sometimes, or not wrong at all?

1 ALWAYS WRONG
2 ALMOST ALWAYS WRONG
3 WRONG ONLY SOMETIMES
4 NOT WRONG AT ALL
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

ID Respondent’s identification number

INCOME98 In which of these groups did your total family income, from all sources, fall last year before taxes?

1	LT $1000
2	$1000-2999
3	$3000-3999
4	$4000-4999
5	$5000-5999
6	$6000-6999
7	$7000-7999
8	$8000-9999
9	$10000-12499
10	$12500-14999
11	$15000-17499
12	$17500-19999
13	$20000-22499
14	$22500-24999
15	$25000-29999
16	$30000-34999
17	$35000-39999
18	$40000-49999
19	$50000-59999
20	$60000-74999
21	$75000-89999
22	$90000-109999
23	$110000 or over
98	DK
99	NA

LETDIE1 When a person has a disease that cannot be cured, do you think doctors should be allowed by law to end the patient's life by me painless means if the patient and his family request it?

1	YES
2	NO
0	NAP
8	DK
9	NA

LIBATH There are always some people whose ideas are considered bad or dangerous by other people. For instance, somebody who is against all churches and religion . . . If some people in your community suggested that a book he wrote against churches and religion should be taken out of your public library, would you favor removing this book, or not?

1 NOT REMOVE (ALLOWED)
2 REMOVE (NOT ALLOWED)
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

LIBCOM Now, I should like to ask you some questions about a man who admits he is a Communist. Suppose he wrote a book which is in your public library. Somebody in your community suggests that the book should be removed from the library. Would you favor removing it, or not?

1 NOT REMOVE (ALLOWED)
2 REMOVE (NOT ALLOWED)
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

LIBHOMO And what about a man who admits that he is a homosexual? If some people in your community suggested that a book he wrote in favor of homosexuality should be taken out of your public library, would you favor removing this book, or not?

1 NOT REMOVE (ALLOWED)
2 REMOVE (NOT ALLOWED)
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

LIBMIL Consider a person who advocates doing away with elections and letting the military run the country. Suppose he wrote a book advocating doing away with elections and letting the military run the country. Somebody in your community suggests that the book be removed from the public library. Would you favor removing it, or not?

1 NOT REMOVE (ALLOWED)
2 REMOVE (NOT ALLOWED)
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

LIBRAC Or consider a person who believes that Blacks are genetically inferior. If some people in your community suggested that a book he wrote which said Blacks are inferior should be taken out of your public library, would you favor removing this book, or not?

1 NOT REMOVE (ALLOWED)
2 REMOVE (NOT ALLOWED)
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

MADEG Mother's highest degree

0 LESS THAN HIGH SCHOOL
1 HIGH SCHOOL
2 JUNIOR COLLEGE
3 BACHELOR
4 GRADUATE
7 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

MAEDUC What is the highest grade in elementary school or high school that your mother finished and got credit for?

97 NAP
98 DK
99 NA

MARITAL Are you currently--married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

1 MARRIED
2 WIDOWED
3 DIVORCED
4 SEPARATED
5 NEVER MARRIED

OWNGUN Do you happen to have in your home (IF HOUSE: or garage) any guns or revolvers?

1	YES
2	NO
0	NAP
3	REFUSED
8	DK

PADEG Father's highest degree

0	LESS THAN HIGH SCHOOL
1	HIGH SCHOOL
2	JUNIOR COLLEGE
3	BACHELOR
4	GRADUATE
7	NAP
8	DK
9	NA

PAEDUC What is the highest grade in elementary school or high school that your father finished and got credit for?

97	NAP
98	DK
99	NA

PARTNERS How many sex partners have you had in the last 12 months?

0	NO PARTNERS
1	1 PARTNER
2	2 PARTNERS
3	3 PARTNERS
4	4 PARTNERS
5	5-10 PARTNERS
6	11-20 PARTNERS
7	21-100 PARTNERS
-1	NAP
98	DK
99	NA

PARTYID Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, Democrat, Independent, or what?

0 STRONG DEMOCRAT
1 NOT STRONG DEMOCRAT
2 INDEPENDENT, NEAR DEMOCRAT
3 INDEPENDENT
4 INDEPENDENT, NEAR REPUBLICAN
5 NOT STRONG REPUBLICAN
6 STRONG REPUBLICAN
7 OTHER PARTY
9 NA

POLVIEWS We hear a lot of talk these days about liberals and conservatives. I'm going to show you a seven-point scale on which the political views that people might hold are arranged from extremely liberal--point 1--to extremely conservative-- point 7. Where would you place yourself on this scale?

1 EXTREMELY LIBERAL
2 LIBERAL
3 SLIGHTLY LIBERAL
4 MODERATE
5 SLIGHTLY CONSERVATIVE
6 CONSERVATIVE
7 EXTRMLY CONSERVATIVE
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

PORNLAW Which of these statements comes closest to your feelings about pornography laws?

1 ILLEGAL TO ALL
2 ILLEGAL UNDER 18
3 LEGAL
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

POSTLIFE Do you believe there is a life after death?

1 YES
2 NO
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

PRAY About how often do you pray?

1 SEVERAL TIMES A DAY
2 ONCE A DAY
3 SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK
4 ONCE A WEEK
5 LESS THAN ONCE A WEEK
6 NEVER
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

PRAYER The United States Supreme Court has ruled that no state or local government may require the reading of the Lord's Prayer or Bible verses in public schools. What are your views on this--do you approve or disapprove of the court ruling?

1 APPROVE
2 DISAPPROVE
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

PREMARSX There's been a lot of discussion about the way morals and attitudes about sex are changing in this country. If a man and woman have sex relations before marriage, do you think it is always wrong, almost always wrong, wrong only sometimes, or not wrong at all?

1 ALWAYS WRONG
2 ALMST ALWAYS WRG
3 SOMETIMES WRONG
4 NOT WRONG AT ALL
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

PRES96 Did you vote for Clinton, Dole, or Perot in 1996?

1 CLINTON
2 DOLE
3 PEROT
4 OTHER
0 NAP
6 NO PRES. VOTE
9 DK, NA

PRES00 Did you vote for Gore, Bush, or Nader in 2000?

1 GORE
2 BUSH
3 NADER
4 OTHER
0 NAP
6 NO PRES. VOTE
9 DK, NA

PRESTG80 Prestige of respondent's occupation. Measure of respondent's occupational prestige which is a replication and extension of the Hodge-Siegel-Rossi ratings of occupational prestige. Low scores indicate low prestige and high scores indicate high prestige. See the appendices in the Cumulative Codebook for the General Social Surveys for more information.

0 DK, NA, NAP

RACE00 What race do you consider yourself? (Question used in 2000 survey)

1 WHITE
2 BLACK
3 OTHER

RACE02 What race do you consider yourself? (Question asked in 2002 survey)

1 WHITE
2 BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN
3 AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE
4 ASIAN
5 NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER
6 OTHER
7 MULTIPLE RACES MENTIONED

REG16 In what state or foreign country were you living when you were 16 years old?

0 FOREIGN
1 NEW ENGLAND
2 MIDDLE ATLANTIC
3 E. NOR. CENTRAL
4 W. NOR. CENTRAL
5 SOUTH ATLANTIC
6 E. SOU. CENTRAL
7 W.SOU. CENTRAL
8 MOUNTAIN
9 PACIFIC

REGION Region of interview

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RELIG What is your religious preference? Is it Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no religion?

1 PROTESTANT
2 CATHOLIC
3 JEWISH
4 NONE
5 OTHER
8 DK
9 NA

RELIG1 More detailed breakdown of religious preference.

1 Protestant—Baptist
2 Protestant—Methodist
3 Protestant—Lutheran
4 Protestant—Presbyterian
5 Protestant—Episcopal
6 Protestant—Other denomination
7 Protestant—No Protestant denomination given or non-denominational Protestant
8 Catholic
9 Jewish
10 No religious preference
11 Other religious preference

RELIG16 In what religion were you raised?

1 PROTESTANT
2 CATHOLIC
3 JEWISH
4 NONE
5 OTHER
8 DK
9 NA

RELIGOS Religiosity. Religiosity is the strength of an individual's attachment to his or her religious affiliation. It was created by combining three other variables–RELITEN (attachment to religious preference), PRAY (frequency of prayer), and ATTEND (frequency of church attendance). If an individual says he has a strong attachment to his religious affiliation, attends church often, and prays often, then he or she is highly religious. If an individual says he doesn't have a strong attachment to his religious affiliation, attends church infrequently, and prays infrequently, then he or she is not religious. Everyone else will be somewhere between highly religious and not religious.

1 HIGH IN RELIGIOSITY
2 MEDIUM IN RELIGIOSITY
3 LOW IN RELIGIOSITY

RELITEN Would you call yourself a strong _____ or a not very strong _____?

1 STRONG
2 SOMEWHAT STRONG
3 NOT VERY STRONG
4 NO RELIGION
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

RES16 Which of the categories on this card comes closest to the type of place you were living in when you were 16 years old?

1 COUNTRY, NONFARM
2 FARM
3 TOWN LESS THAN 50,000
4 50,000 TO 250,000
5 BIG-CITY SUBURB
6 CITY GREATER THAN 2,500,000
8 DK
9 NA

RINCOM98 Respondent's income. In which of these groups did your earnings for last year fall? That is, before taxes or other deductions.

1	LT $1000
2	$1000-2999
3	$3000-3999
4	$4000-4999
5	$5000-5999
6	$6000-6999
7	$7000-7999
8	$8000-9999
9	$10000-12499
10	$12500-14999
11	$15000-17499
12	$17500-19999
13	$20000-22499
14	$22500-24999
15	$25000-29999
16	$30000-34999
17	$35000-39999
18	$40000-49999
19	$50000-59999
20	$60000-74999
21	$75000-89999
22	$90000-109999
23	$110000 or over
98	DK
99	NA

SEI Respondent’s socioeconomic index. Measure of occupational prestige which is based on the work of Otis Dudley Duncan. Low scores indicate low prestige and high scores indicate high prestige. See the appendices in the Cumulative Codebook for the General Social Surveys for more information.

0	NAP

SEX Respondent’s sex

1	MALE
2	FEMALE

SEXEDUC Would you be for or against sex education in the public schools?

1 FAVOR
2 OPPOSE
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

SEXFREQ About how often did you have sex during the last 12 months?

0 NOT AT ALL
1 ONCE OR TWICE
2 ONCE A MONTH
3 2-3 TIMES A MONTH
4 WEEKLY
5 2-3 PER WEEK
6 4+ PER WEEK
-1 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

SPANKING Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree that it is sometimes necessary to discipline a child with a good, hard spanking?

1 STRONGLY AGREE
2 AGREE
3 DISAGREE
4 STRONGLE DISAGREE
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

SPKATH There are always some people whose ideas are considered bad or dangerous by other people. For instance, somebody who is against all churches and religion. If such a person wanted to make a speech in your (city/town/community) against churches and religion, should he be allowed to speak, or not?

1 ALLOWED
2 NOT ALLOWED
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

SPKCOM Now, I should like to ask you some questions about a man who admits he is a Communist. Suppose this admitted Communist wanted to make a speech in your community. Should he be allowed to speak, or not?

1 ALLOWED
2 NOT ALLOWED
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

SPKHOMO And what about a man who admits that he is a homosexual? Suppose this admitted homosexual wanted to make a speech in your community. Should he be allowed to speak, or not?

1 ALLOWED
2 NOT ALLOWED
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

SPKMIL Consider a person who advocates doing away with elections and letting the military run the country. If such a person wanted to make a speech in your community, should he be allowed to speak, or not?

1 ALLOWED
2 NOT ALLOWED
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

SPKRAC Or consider a person who believes that Blacks are genetically inferior. If such a person wanted to make a speech in your community claiming that Blacks are inferior, should he be allowed to speak, or not?

1 ALLOWED
2 NOT ALLOWED
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

SUICIDE1 Do you think a person has the right to end his or her own life if this person has an incurable disease?

1 YES
2 NO
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

SUICIDE2 Do you think a person has the right to end his or her own life if this person if this person has gone bankrupt?

1 YES
2 NO
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

SUICIDE3 Do you think a person has the right to end his or her own life if this person Has dishonored his or her family?

1 YES
2 NO
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

SUICIDE4 Do you think a person has the right to end his or her own life if this person is tired of living and ready to die?

1 YES
2 NO
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

TEENSEX What if they are in their early teens, say 14 to 16 years old? In that case, do you think sex relations before marriage are always wrong, almost always wrong, wrong only sometimes, or not wrong at all?

1 ALWAYS WRONG
2 ALMST ALWAYS WRG
3 SOMETIMES WRONG
4 NOT WRONG AT ALL
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

TOLCOM Tolerance–communist. This is a measure of tolerance created by combining COLATH, LIBATH, and SPKATH. These questions ask if a person would allow someone who is opposed to all churches and religions to teach in a college or university, to have a book in the public library, and to give a public speech. A person is high in tolerance if they would allow all three and low if they would not allow any. All others are medium in tolerance.

1 HIGH
2 MEDIUM HIGH
3 MEDIUM LOW
4 LOW

TOLATH Tolerance–anti-religionist. This is a measure of tolerance created by combining COLCOM, LIBCOM, and SPKCOM. These questions ask if a person who is a communist to teach in a college or university, to have a book in the public library, and to give a public speech. A person is high in tolerance if they would allow all three and low if they would not allow any. All others are medium in tolerance.

1 HIGH
2 MEDIUM HIGH
3 MEDIUM LOW
4 LOW

TOLHOMO Tolerance–homosexual. This is a measure of tolerance created by combining COLHOMO, LIBHOMO, and SPKHOMO. These questions ask if a person who is a homosexual to teach in a college or university, to have a book in the public library, and to give a public speech. A person is high in tolerance if they would allow all three and low if they would not allow any. All others are medium in tolerance.

1 HIGH
2 MEDIUM HIGH
3 MEDIUM LOW
4 LOW

TOLMIL Tolerance–militarist. This is a measure of tolerance created by combining COLMIL, LIBMIL, and SPKMIL. These questions ask if a person who is a militarist to teach in a college or university, to have a book in the public library, and to give a public speech. A person is high in tolerance if they would allow all three and low if they would not allow any. All others are medium in tolerance.

1 HIGH
2 MEDIUM HIGH
3 MEDIUM LOW
4 LOW

TOLRAC Tolerance–racist. This is a measure of tolerance created by combining COLRAC, LIBRAC, and SPKRAC. These questions ask if a person who is a racist to teach in a college or university, to have a book in the public library, and to give a public speech. A person is high in tolerance if they would allow all three and low if they would not allow any. All others are medium in tolerance.

1 HIGH
2 MEDIUM HIGH
3 MEDIUM LOW
4 LOW

TRUST Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?

1 CAN TRUST
2 CANNOT TRUST
3 DEPENDS
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

VOTE96 In 1996, you remember that Clinton ran for President on the Democratic ticket against Dole for the Republicans and Perot as an Independent. Do you remember for sure whether or not you voted in that election?

1 VOTED
2 DID NOT VOTE
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

VOTE00 In 2000, you remember that Gore ran for president on the Democratic ticket against Bush for the Republican and Nader as an Independent. Do you remember for sure whether you voted in that election?

1 VOTED
2 DID NOT VOTE
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

XMARSEX What is your opinion about a married person having sexual relations with someone other than the marriage partner--is it always wrong, almost always wrong, wrong only sometimes, or not wrong at all?

1 ALWAYS WRONG
2 ALMOST ALWAYS WRONG
3 SOMETIMES WRONG
4 NOT WRONG AT ALL
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

XMOVIE Have you seen an X-rated movie in the last year?

1 YES
2 NO
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

YEAR Year of GSS Survey

2000
2002

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