Appendix A Variable Names, Item Wordings, and Codes for All Data Sets

GSS96TAB.SAV Data Set

Please tell me if you think that it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion if . . .

ABANY The woman wants it for any reason?
1. Yes
2. No

ABHLTH The woman’s health is seriously endangered by the pregnancy?
1. Yes
2. No

ABNOMORE She is married and does not want any more children?
1. Yes
2. No

ABINDEX An index computed from ABANY, ABHLTH, and ABNOMORE.
3. Strongly in favor
4. Moderately in favor
5. Moderately opposed
6. Strongly opposed

AGE Respondent’s age in years. (This variable has been recoded into three age groups of approximately equal size for the GSS96TAB.SAV data set. When selecting independent variables, it may be useful to note that the first age group corresponds roughly to “Generation X,” the second to “baby boomers,” and the third to the “depression generation.”)
1. 18 through 33
2. 34 through 49
3. 50 and older

ATTEND How often do you attend religious services? (This variable has been recoded from eight to four categories for the GSS96TAB.SAV data set.)
0. Never
1. Rarely
2. About Monthly
3. Weekly or more
BUSING

In general, do you favor or oppose the busing of black and white schoolchildren from one school district to another?
1. Favor
2. Oppose

CAPPUN

Do you favor or oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?
1. Favor
2. Oppose

CLASS

If you were asked to use one of four names for your social class, which would you say you belong to?
1. Lower class
2. Working class
3. Middle class
4. Upper class

DEGREE

Respondent's degree. (This variable has been recoded from five to three categories for the GSS96TAB.SAV data set.)
0. Less than high school
1. High school
2. At least some college

DIVORCE

Have you ever been divorced or legally separated?
1. Yes
2. No

EVSTRAY

Have you ever had sex with someone other than your husband or wife while you were married? (Respondents who have never been married have been eliminated.)
1. Yes
2. No

FAMTYPE

Household type (Recoded from HHTYPE1)
1. Childless couple
2. Single parent
3. Single adult
4. Cohabiting
5. Nuclear family

FEAR

Is there any area right around here—that is, within a mile—where you would be afraid to walk alone at night?
1. Yes
2. No

FEPOL

Do you agree or disagree with this statement: most men are better suited emotionally for politics than are most women?
1. Agree
2. Disagree
FEWORK  Do you approve or disapprove of a married woman earning money in business or industry if she has a husband to support her?
1. Approve
2. Disapprove

GRASS  Do you think the use of marijuana should be made legal or not?
1. Legal
2. Not legal

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

HAPPY  Taken all together, how would you say things are these days—would you say that you are
1. Very happy?
2. Pretty happy?
3. Not too happy?

INCOME  In which category did your total family income, from all sources, fall last year—before taxes, that is? (This variable has been recoded for the GSS96TAB.SAV data set.)
1. Lower: $24,999 and less
2. Middle: $25,000 to $50,000
3. Higher: $50,000 and more

LETDIE1  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

MARITAL  Are you currently:
1. Married?
2. Widowed?
3. Divorced?
4. Separated?
5. Never married?

NATCRIMY  We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I’m going to name some of these problems, and for each one I’d like you to tell me whether you think we’re spending too much money on it, too little, or about the right amount on . . . law enforcement. (This variable has been recoded into two categories for the GSS96TAB.SAV data set.)
1. Too little
2. About right/too much
NEWS
How often do you read the newspaper?
1. Every day
2. Less than every day

OBEY
If you had to choose, which thing on this list would you pick as the most important for a child to learn to prepare him or her for life? Which comes next in importance? Which comes third? Which comes fourth? (This variable has been recoded into three categories for the GSS96TAB.SAV data set).
To obey:
1. Most important
2. Second or third important
3. Fourth or fifth important

PILLOK
Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree that methods of birth control should be available to teenagers between the ages of 14 and 16 if their parents do not approve?
1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Disagree
4. Strongly Disagree

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 to extremely conservative. Where would you place yourself on this scale? (This variable has been recoded into three categories for the GSS96TAB.SAV data set.)
1. Liberal
2. Moderate
3. Conservative

POSTLIFE
Do you believe there is a life after death?
1. Yes
2. No

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 a woman have sex relations before marriage, do you think it is
1. Always wrong?
2. Almost always wrong?
3. Wrong only sometimes?
4. Not wrong at all?

PRES92
Did you vote for Clinton, Bush, or Perot in the presidential election of 1992? (Respondents who voted for other candidates and those who did not vote have been omitted.)
1. Clinton
2. Bush
3. Perot
PRESTIGE
Respondent’s occupational prestige. (This variable has been recoded from PRESTG80 for the GSS96TAB.SAV data set.)
1. Low (scores of 17–35)
2. Moderate (scores of 36–48)
3. High (scores of 49–86)

On the average, blacks have worse jobs, income, and housing than white people. Do you think these differences are

RACDIF2
Because most blacks have less inborn ability to learn?
1. Yes
2. No

RACDIF4
Because most blacks just don’t have the motivation or willpower to pull themselves out of poverty?
1. Yes
2. No

RACE
Determined by interviewer observation. “Others” have been eliminated.
1. White
2. Black

REGION
Respondent’s region. (This variable has been recoded for the GSS96TAB.SAV data set.)
1. North (New England and N.Y., N.J., Pa.)

RELIG
What is your religious preference?
1. Protestant
2. Catholic
3. Jewish
4. None
5. Other

RELITEN
Would you call yourself a ————(preference named for RELIG)? (The values “somewhat strong” and “not very strong” have been switched for this variable for the GSS96TAB.SAV data set.)
1. Strong
2. Somewhat strong
3. Not very strong
4. No religion

SATJOB
On the whole, how satisfied are you with the work you do? (This variable has been recoded for the GSS96TAB.SAV data set.)
1. Satisfied
2. Dissatisfied

SEX
Determined by interviewer observation
1. Male
2. Female
SEXHAR
Have you ever been sexually harassed at work?
(Respondents who have never worked have been eliminated.)
1. Yes
2. No

SPANKING
Do you agree or disagree that it is sometimes necessary to discipline a child with a good, hard spanking? (This variable has been recoded for the GSS96TAB.SAV data set.)
1. Agree
2. Disagree

SRCBELT
Respondent's type of residence. (This variable has been recoded for the GSS96TAB.SAV data set.)
1. Larger city
2. Suburbs
3. Smaller town
4. Rural area

THNKSELF
If you had to choose, which thing on this list would you pick as the most important for a child to learn to prepare him or her for life? Which comes next in importance? Which comes third? Which comes fourth? (This variable has been recoded into three categories for the GSS96TAB.SAV data set).
To think for himself or herself:
1. Most important
2. Second or third important
3. Fourth or fifth important

TRUST
In general, 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

VOTE92
Do you remember for sure whether or not you voted in the 1992 presidential election? (Respondents not eligible to vote and those that refused to answer have been eliminated.)
1. Voted
2. Did not vote

XMOVIE
Have you seen an X-rated movie in the last year?
1. Yes
2. No

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AGE
Respondent's age in years.

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. Two to three times a month
6. Nearly every week
7. Every week
8. More than once a week

**CHILDS**
How many children have you ever had? Please count all that were born alive at any time (including any you had from a previous marriage).
0. None
1. One
2. Two
3. Three
4. Four
5. Five
6. Six
7. Seven
8. Eight or more

**CHLDIDEL**
What do you think is the ideal number of children for a family to have?
0. None
1. One
2. Two
3. Three
4. Four
5. Five
6. Six
7. Seven or more
8. As many as you want

**CLASS**
If you were asked to use one of four names for your social class, which would you say you belong to?
1. Lower class
2. Working class
3. Middle class
4. Upper class

**EDUC**
Respondent's education (years of formal schooling).

**HRS1**
How many hours were you at work last week? (Actual hours)

**INCOME91**
In which of the following categories did your total family income, from all sources, fall last year before taxes?
1. less than $1000
2. 1000 to 2999
3. 3000 to 3999
4. 4000 to 4999
5. 5000 to 5999
6. 6000 to 6999
7. 7000 to 7999
8. 8000 to 9999
9. 10000 to 12499
10. 12500 to 14999
11. 15000 to 17499
12. 17500 to 19999
13. 20000 to 22499
14. 22500 to 24999
15. 25000 to 29999
16. 30000 to 34999
17. 35000 to 39999
18. 40000 to 49999
19. 50000 to 59999
20. 60000 to 74999
21. 75000+

MAEDUC  | Education of respondent’s mother (years of formal schooling).
PAEDUC  | Education of respondent’s father (years of formal schooling).
PAPRES80 | Occupational prestige score for respondent’s father
PARTNRS5 | How many sex partners have you had in the last five years?
   0. No partners
   1. 1 partner
   2. 2 partners
   3. 3 partners
   4. 4 partners
   5. 5 to 10 partners
   6. 11 to 20 partners
   7. 21 to 100 partners
   8. More than 100 partners

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 to extremely conservative. Where would you place yourself on this scale?
   1. Extremely liberal
   2. Liberal
   3. Slightly liberal
   4. Moderate
   5. Slightly conservative
   6. Conservative
   7. Extremely conservative

PRESTG80 | Respondent’s occupational prestige score

RACE | Determined by interviewer observation. “Others” have been eliminated.
   1. White
   2. Black

RELIG | What is your religious preference?
   1. Protestant
   2. Catholic
   3. Jewish
   4. None
   5. Other

RELITEN | Would you call yourself a ____________ (preference named for RELIG)?
(The values “somewhat strong” and “not very strong” have been switched for this variable for the GSS96COR.SAV data set.)
   1. Strong
   2. Somewhat strong
   3. Not very strong
   4. No religion
RINCOM91 In which of the following categories did your income fall last year before taxes?
1. less than $1000
2. 1000 to 2999
3. 3000 to 3999
4. 4000 to 4999
5. 5000 to 5999
6. 6000 to 6999
7. 7000 to 7999
8. 8000 to 9999
9. 10000 to 12499
10. 12500 to 14999
11. 15000 to 17499
12. 17500 to 19999
13. 20000 to 22499
14. 22500 to 24999
15. 25000 to 29999
16. 30000 to 34999
17. 35000 to 39999
18. 40000 to 49999
19. 50000 to 59999
20. 60000 to 74999
21. 75000+

SATJOB On the whole, how satisfied are you with the work you do?
1. Very satisfied
2. Moderately satisfied
3. A little dissatisfied
4. Very dissatisfied

SEX Determined by interviewer observation
1. Male
2. Female

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. Two to three times a month
4. Weekly
5. Two to three times a week
6. Four or more times a week

SIBS How many brothers and sisters did you have? Please count all those born alive, but no longer living, as well as those alive now. Also include stepbrothers and stepsisters, and children adopted by your parents. (Actual numbers)
7. Seven or more

SRCBELT Respondent type of residence (This variable has been recoded for the GSS96COR.SAV data set.)
1. Larger city
2. Suburbs
3. Smaller town
4. Rural area
TVHOURS
On the average day, how many hours do you personally watch television? (Actual hours)

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Please tell me if you think that it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion if...

ABHLTH
The woman's health is seriously endangered by the pregnancy?
1. Yes
2. No

ABNOMORE
She is married and does not want any more children?
1. Yes
2. No

AGE
Respondent's age in years

AGEWED
How old were you when you first married? (Scores are actual years.)

ATTEND
How often do you attend religious services? (This variable has been recoded from eight to four categories for the GSS72.SAV data set.)
0. Never
1. Rarely
2. About monthly
3. Weekly or more

BUSING
In general, do you favor or oppose the busing of black and white schoolchildren from one school district to another?
1. Favor
2. Oppose

CAPPUN2
Are you in favor of the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?
1. Yes
2. No

CHLDIDEL
What do you think is the ideal number of children for a family to have?
0. None
1. One
2. Two
3. Three
4. Four
5. Five
6. Six
7. Seven or more
8. As many as you want

CHILDS
How many children have you ever had? Please count all that were born alive at any time (including any you had from a previous marriage).
0. None
1. One
2. Two
3. Three
4. Four
5. Five  
6. Six  
7. Seven  
8. Eight or more  

**CLASS**  
If you were asked to use one of four names for your social class, which would you say you belong to?  
1. Lower class  
2. Working class  
3. Middle class  
4. Upper class  

**DEGREE**  
Respondent’s degree. (This variable has been recoded from five to three categories for the GSS72.SAV data set.)  
0. Less than high school  
1. High school  
2. At least some college  

**DIVORCE**  
Have you ever been divorced or legally separated?  
1. Yes  
2. No  

**EDUC**  
Respondent’s education (years of formal schooling)  

**FEPRES**  
If your party nominated a woman for President, would you vote for her if she were qualified for the job?  
1. Yes  
2. No  

**FEWORK**  
Do you approve or disapprove of a married women earning money in business or industry if she has a husband to support her?  
1. Approve  
2. Disapprove  

**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  

**HAPPY**  
Taken all together, how would you say things are these days—would you say that you are  
1. Very happy?  
2. Pretty happy?  
3. Not too happy?  

**HELPFUL**  
Would you say that most of the time people try to be helpful, or that they are mostly just looking out for themselves?  
1. Helpful  
2. Look out for self  
3. Depends  

**HOMPOP**  
Household size (number of members)
INCOME72  Total family income
   1. Less than $2000
   2. 2000 to 3999
   3. 4000 to 5999
   4. 6000 to 7999
   5. 8000 to 9999
   6. 10000 to 12499
   7. 12500 to 14999
   8. 15000 to 17499
   9. 17500 to 19999
  10. 20000 to 24999
  11. 25000 to 29999
  12. 30000+

MARITAL  Are you currently:
   1. Married?
   2. Widowed?
   3. Divorced?
   4. Separated?
   5. Never married?

NEWS  How often do you read the newspaper?
   1. Everyday
   2. A few times a week
   3. Once a week
   4. Less than once a week
   5. Never

PADEG  Degree of respondent’s father. (This variable has been recoded from five to three categories for the GSS72.SAV data set.)
   1. Less than high school
   2. High school
   3. At least some college

PAEDUC  Education of respondent’s father (years of formal schooling).

PAPRES16  Occupational prestige score of respondent’s father

PARTYID  Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, Democrat, Independent, or what? (This variable has been recoded for the GSS72.SAV data set.)
   1. Democrat
   2. Independent
   3. Republican

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 a woman have sex relations before marriage, do you think it is
   1. Always wrong?
   2. Almost always wrong?
   3. Wrong only sometimes?
   4. Not wrong at all?
PRES68  Did you vote for Humphrey, Nixon, or Wallace in the presidential election of
1968? (Respondents who voted for other candidates and those that did not vote
have been omitted.)
1. Humphrey
2. Nixon
3. Wallace

PRESTIGE  Respondent's occupational prestige score

RACE  Determined by interviewer observation. "Others" have been eliminated.
1. White
2. Black

RACPRES  If your party nominated a Black for president, would you vote for him if he were
qualified for the job?
1. Yes
2. No

REGION  Respondent's region. (This variable has been recoded for the GSS72.SAV data
set.)
1. North (New England and N.Y, N.J, Pa.)
2. Midwest (Ohio, Ill., Ind., Mich., Wis., Minn., Iowa, Mo., N.Dak., S.Dak.,
   Nebr., Kans.)
   Miss., Ark., Okla., Tex., La.)
   Calif., Alaska, Hawaii)

RELIG  What is your religious preference?
1. Protestant
2. Catholic
3. Jewish
4. None
5. Other

SATFIN  So far as you and your family are concerned, would you say that you are pretty
well satisfied with your present financial situation, more or less satisfied, or not
satisfied at all?
1. Pretty well satisfied
2. More or less satisfied
3. Not at all satisfied

SATJOB  On the whole, how satisfied are you with the work you do? (This variable has
been recoded for the GSS72.SAV data set.)
1. Satisfied
2. Dissatisfied

SEX  Determined by interviewer observation
1. Male
2. Female
SIBS  How many brothers and sisters did you have? Please count all those born alive, but no longer living, as well as those alive now. Also include stepbrothers and stepsisters and children adopted by your parents. (Actual numbers)
7. Seven or more

SRCBELT  Respondent’s type of residence. (This variable has been recoded for the GSS72.SAV data set.)
1. Larger city
2. Suburbs
3. Smaller town
4. Rural area

VOTE68  Do you remember for sure whether or not you voted in the 1968 presidential election? (Respondents not eligible to vote and those that refused to answer have been eliminated.)
1. Voted
2. Did not vote

WRKSTAT  Last week, were you
1. Working full-time?
2. Working part-time?
3. Temporarily not at work?
4. Unemployed, laid off?
5. Retired?
6. At school?
7. Keeping house?
8. Other?