**General Social Survey 2008**

Missing data codes: −1, 0 = Question was not asked; 8, 98, 999998 = Don’t know; 9, 99, 999999 = No answer.

ID: Identification number: 1 – 2023.

AGE: 18 - 88; 89 = 89 and older. Missing data: 0, 98, 99.

SEX: 1. Male, 2. Female. Missing data: 0.

RACE: 1. White, 2. Black, 3. Other. Missing data: 0.

INCOME06: Total family income; RINCOME06: Respondent’s income

1. Under $1,000

2. $1,000-$2,999

3. $3,000-$3,999

4. $4,000-$4,999

5. $5,000-$5,999

6. $6,000-$6,999

7. $7,000-$7,999

8. $8,000-$9,999

9. $10,000-$12,499

10. $12,500-$14,999

11. $15,000-$17,499

12. $17,500-$19,999

13. $20,000-$22,499

14. $22,500-$24,999

15. $25000-$29,999

16. $30,000-$34,999

17. $35,000-$39,999

18. $40,000-$49,999

19. $50,000-$59,999

20. $60,000-$74,499

21. $75,000-$89,999

22. $90,000-$109,999

23. $110,000-$129,999

24. $130,000-$149,999

25. $150,000 and over

26. Refused

Missing data: 0, 26, 98, 99.

EDUC, SPEDUC, PAEDUC, MAEDUC: Highest year of school completed of respondent, his/her father, mother, spouse: 0-20. Missing data: 97, 98, 99.

DEGREE, SPDEG, PADEG, MADEG: Highest degree completed of respondent, spouse, father, mother:

0 = Left high school, 1 = High school, 2 = Junior college, 3 = Bachelor’s degree, 4 = Graduate. Missing data: 7, 8, 9.

WRKSTAT: Last week were you working full time, part time, going to school, keeping house, or what?

1 = Working fulltime, 2 = Working part time, 3 = Temporarily not working, 4 = Unemployed, laid off

5 = Retired, 6 = School, 7 = Keeping house, 8 = Other. Missing data: 0, 9.

HRS: If working, full or part time, how many hours did you work last week, at all jobs? 0-89; Missing data: −1, 98, 99.

WRKSLF: Are (were) you self employed or do (did) you work for someone else? 1 = Self-employed; 2 = Someone else. Missing data: 0, 8, 9.

WRKGOVT: Are (were) you employed by the federal, state, or local government or by a private employer (including non-profit organizations)? 1 = Government; 2 = Private. Missing data: 0,8, 9.

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. Missing data: 9.

DIVORCE: Have you ever been divorced or legally separated? 1 = Yes; 2 = No. Missing data: 0, 8, 9.

SPWRKSTA: Last week was your (wife/husband) working … 1 = Working fulltime, 2 =Working part time, 3 = Temporarily not working, 4 = Unemployed, laid off, 5 = Retired, 6 = School, 7 = Keeping house, 8 = Other. Missing data: 0, 9.

SPHRS: If working, full or part time, how many hours did spouse work last week, at all jobs? 0 – 89. Missing data: −1; 98, 99.

PRESTG80, SPPRES80, PAPRES80, MAPRES80: Occupation prestige score (higher is more prestigious) of respondent, spouse, father, mother: 17-86. Missing data: 0.

CHILDS: Number of children: 0 – 7, 8 = 8 or more. Missing data: 0.

AGEKDBRN: Age when first child was born: 9 – 65. Missing data: 0, 98, 99.

EARNRS: Number of family members earning money: 0 – 7, 8 = 8 or more. Missing data: 9.

PARTYID: Generally speaking, do you 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. Missing data: 8, 9.

PARTYID3: 1. Democrat, 2. Independent, 3. Republican

POLVIEW: 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. Missing data: 0, 8, 9.

POLVIEW3: 1.Liberal, 2. Moderate, 3. Conservative

TAX: Federal income tax you pay… 1 = Too high, 2 = About right, 3 = Too low. Missing data: 0, 8, 9.

CAPPUN: Do you favor capital punishment for murder? 1 = Favor, 2 = Oppose. Missing data: 0, 8, 9.

GUNLAW: Do you favor requiring a police permit to buy a gun? 1 = Favor, 2 = Oppose. Missing data: 0, 8, 9.

HAPPY: Taken altogether, how would you say things are these days would you say you are …1 = Very happy, 2 = Pretty happy, 3 = Not too happy. Missing data: 0, 8, 9.

HAPMAR: Taking all things together, how would you describe your marriage? 1= Very happy, 2 = Pretty happy, 3 = Not too happy. Missing data: 0, 8, 9.

HEALTH: Would you say your own health, in general, is … 1 = Excellent, 2 = Good, 3 = Fair, 4 = Poor. Missing data: 0, 8, 9.

LIFE: In general, do you find life 1 = Exciting, 2 = Pretty routine, 3 = Dull. Missing data: 0, 8, 9.

JOBLOSE: In the next 12 months how likely is it that you will lose your job or be laid off? 1 = Very likely, 2 = Fairly likely, 3 = Not too likely, 4 = Not likely. Missing data: 0, 5 (Leaving job), 8, 9.

CLASS: Which of the following four social classes would you say you belong in? 1 = Lower class, 2 = Working class, 3 = Middle class, 4 = Upper class. Missing data: 0, 5, 8, 9.

UNEMP: Have you ever been unemployed in the last 10 years? 1 = Yes, 2 = No. Missing data: 0, 8, 9.

UNION: Do you or your spouse belong to a union? 1 = Respondent belongs, 2 = Spouse belongs, 3 = Both belong, 4 = Neither belong. Missing data: 0, 8, 9.

PARSOL: Compared to your parents at your age is your standard of living be… 1 = Much better, 2 = somewhat better, 3 = About the same, 4 = Somewhat worse, 5 = Much worse. Missing data: 0, 8, 9.

KIDSSOL: When your children are at your age will their standard of living be… 1 = Much better, 2 = somewhat better, 3 = About the same, 4 = Somewhat worse, 5 = Much worse. Missing data: 0, 8, 9.

NEWS: Do you read newspapers… 1 = Every day, 2 = Few times per week, 3 = Once per week, 4 = Less than once per week, 5 = Never. Missing data: 0, 8, 9.

TVHOURS: On average days how many hours do you spend watching television? 0 – 24. Missing data: −1, 98, 99.

EQWLTH: Should government reduce income differences between rich and poor? 1 = government should reduce differences, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 = No government action. Missing data: 0, 8, 9.

HELPPOOR: Should government improve standard of living of poor people? 1 = Government act, 2, 3, 4, 5 = People should help themselves. Missing data: 0, 8, 9

HELPNOT: Should government do more or less to solve country’s problems? 1 =Government should do more, 2, 3, 4, 5 = Government does too much. Missing data: 0, 8, 9.

HELPSICK: Is it government’s responsibility to help pay for doctor and hospital bills? 1 = Government should help, 2, 3, 4, 5 = People should help themselves. Missing data: 0, 8, 9.

ASTROSCI: Is astrology scientific? 1 = Very scientific, 2 = Sort of scientific, 3 = Not at all scientific. Missing data: 0, 8, 9.

SCISTUDY: Do you have a clear understanding of what scientific study means? 1 = Clear understanding, 2 = General sense, 3 = Little understanding. Missing data: 0, 8, 9.

ODDS1: A doctor tells a couple that there is one chance in four that their child will have an inherited disease. Does this mean that if the first child has the illness, the next three will not? 1 = Yes, 2 = No. Missing data: 0, 8, 9.

ODDS2: A doctor tells a couple that there is one chance in four that their child will have an inherited disease. Does this mean that each of the couple’s children will have the same risk of suffering the illness? 1 = Yes, 2 = No. Missing data: 0, 8, 9.

HOTCORE: The center of the earth is very hot. 1 = True, 2 = False. Missing data: 0, 8, 9,.

EARTHSUN: Does the Earth go around the Sun or does the Sun go around the Earth? 1 = Earth around Sun, 2 = Sum around Earth. Missing data: 0, 8, 9.

COLDEG1: Highest degree earned: 1 = Associate’s, 2 = Bachelor’s, 3 = Master’s, 4 = MBA, 5 = Law, 6 = PhD, 7 = MD, 8 = Other. Missing data: 0, 98, 99.

COLSCINM: Have you taken any college level science courses? 1 = Yes, 2= No. Missing data: 0, 8, 9.

HSMATH: Highest level of mathematics courses completed in high school: 0 = None, 1 = general, business, or vocational, 2 = pre-algebra, 3 = 1 year of algebra, 4 = 2 years of algebra, 5 = geometry, 6 = trigonometry, linear programming analysis, 7 = pre-calculus, 8 = calculus, 9 = statistics and probability, 10 = other. Missing data: −1, 98, 99.

CUREMPYR: How many years with current employer? 1 – 45. Missing data: −1, 98, 99.

PAYCHNGE: How much has your pay changed in current job since the job began? 1 = More than the cost of living, 2 = Stayed about the same as the cost of living, 3 = Has not kept up with the cost of living. Missing data: 0, 8, 9.

PASTPAY: Was your starting pay higher, lower, or about the same as your previous job? 1 = Higher, 2 = About the same, Lower, 4 = Current job is only job. Missing data: 0, 8, 9.

WHYLEAVE: Why did you leave your last job? 1 = Left voluntarily, 2 = Job was abolished, 3 = Permanently laid off. Missing data: 0, 8, 9.

AGECMEUS: If born outside the United States, at what age did you permanently move to the United States? Missing data: 0, 98, 99.

TAXRICH: How would you describe taxes in America (all taxes, including Social Security, income, sales, etc.) for those with high incomes? 1 = Much too high, 2 = Too high, 3 = About right, 4 = Too low, 5 = Much too low. Missing data: 0, 8, 9.

TAXSHARE: Should the rich pay bigger share of taxes? 1 = Much larger share, 2 = Larger share, 3 = Same share, 4 = Smaller share, 5 = Much lower share. Missing data: 0, 8, 9.

EVIDU: Have you ever taken any drugs by injection (heroine, cocaine, etc.)? 1 = Yes, 2 = No. Missing data: 0, 8, 9.

EVCRACK: Have you ever used “crack” cocaine? 1 = Yes, 2 = No. Missing data: 0, 8, 9.

EVSTRAY: Have you ever has sex with someone other than your spouse while you were married? 1 = Yes, 2 = No, 3 = Never married. Missing data: 0, 8, 9.