**GSS 2018**

**Description**

Cross-section data for 536 individuals taken from the US General Social Survey 2018.

**Files**

* data description.pdf (this file)
* GSSdata2018\_cleaned.csv (main data, including 536 individuals after eliminating missing observations)
* GSSdata2018\_original.csv (raw data, including 2348 individuals)
* Variables Code.txt (coding of the variables)

**Variables**

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| Variable | Definition |
| SEX | Sex of respondent |
| AGE | Age of respondent |
| RACE | Race of respondent |
| MARITAL | Marital status |
| SIBS | Number of siblings |
| CHILDS | Number of children |
| HOMPOP | Number of persons in household |
| ADULTS | Number of household members over 17 |
| BABIES | Number of household members under 6 |
| EDUC | Highest year of school completed |
| MAEDUC | Highest year school completed, mother |
| PAEDUC | Highest year school completed, father |
| SPEDUC | Highest year school completed, spouse |
| RINCOME | Respondent’s income |
| INCOME | Total family income |
| WRKSTAT | Labor force status |
| YEARSJOB | How long worked in current job |
| WRKGOVT | Government or private employee |
| WRKSLF | Self-employed or work for somebody |
| SPWRKSTA | Spouse labor force status |
| SATJOB1 | Job satisfaction in general |
| HEALTH | Health condition |
| HAPPY | General happiness |
| VOTE12 | Voted in 2012 election |
| VOTE16 | Voted in 2016 election |
| PRES12 | Voted Obama or Romney |
| PRES16 | Voted Clinton or Trump |
| OWNGUN | Have gun in home |
| HELL | Believe hell |
| HEAVEN | Believe heaven |
| ODDS1 | Test of knowledge about probablity1 (see Q.1 below) |
| ODDS2 | Test of knowledge about probablity2 (see Q.2 below) |

Q.1: Now, think about this situation. A doctor tells a couple that their genetic makeup means that they’ve got one in four chances of having a child with an inherited illness.

A. Does this mean that if their first child has the illness, the next three will not have the illness?

Q.2: Now, think about this situation. A doctor tells a couple that their genetic makeup means that they’ve got one in four chances of having a child with an inherited illness.

B. Does this mean that each of the couple’s children will have the same risk of suffering from the illness?

**About the GSS**

*The General Social Survey (GSS) is a nationally representative survey of adults in the United States conducted since 1972. The GSS collects data on contemporary American society in order to monitor and explain trends in opinions, attitudes and behaviors. The GSS has adapted questions from earlier surveys, thereby allowing researchers to conduct comparisons for up to 80 years.*

(About the GSS: https://gss.norc.org/About-The-GSS)

**Link to the Data Source**

GSS Data Explorer: <https://gssdataexplorer.norc.org/>