GSS 2018 Dataset for Sociology 302 Final Project
CODEBOOK

Part 1: VARIABLE LIST

Basic demographic variables:
   1. **year**   "GSS interview year for this respondent";
   2. **id_**   "Respondent id number";
   3. **sex**   "Respondents sex";
   4. **race**   "Race of respondent";
   5. **born**   "Was r born in this country";
   6. **age**   "Age of respondent";
   7. **marital** "Marital status";

Socioeconomic status variables:
   8. **educ**   "Highest year of school completed";
   9. **paeduc**   "Highest year school completed, father";
   10. **maeduc**   "Highest year school completed, mother";
   11. **sei10**   "R's socioeconomic index (2010)";
   12. **pasei10** "R's father's socioeconomic index (2010)";
   13. **wrkstat** "Labor force status";

Well-being variables:

   14. **quallife** "R's quality of life";
   15. **hlthphys** "R's physical health";
   16. **hlthmntl** "R's mental health, mood, and ability to think";
   17. **happy**   "General happiness";
   18. **satsoc**   "R's satisfaction with social activities and relationships";

Attitudes variables:

   19. **natchld** "Do you think our country is spending too much/little money on assistance for childcare?"
   20. **natsci**   "Do you think our country is spending too much/little money on supporting scientific research?"
   21. **natenrgy** "Do you think our country is spending too much/little money on developing alternative energy sources?"

Part 2: VARIABLE LABEL AND VALUE DEFINITION

1. year   "GSS interview year for this respondent";

  year = 2018 for all respondents

2. id_   "Respondent id number";

3. sex   "Respondents sex";

  1=male
  2=female

4. race   "Race of respondent";
  1=white
  2=black
  3=other

5. born   "Was the respondent born in this country";
  1=yes
  2=no

6. age   "Age of respondent";

7. marital "Marital status";
  1 = Married
  2 = Widowed
  3 = Divorced
  4 = Separated
  5 = Never married

8. educ   "Highest year of school completed";
  Treat this variable as a numeric variable. The value represents the years of schooling of the respondent.

9. paeduc   "Highest year school completed, father";
  Treat this variable as a numeric variable. The value represents the years of schooling of the respondent's father.

10. maeduc   "Highest year school completed, mother";
  Treat this variable as a numeric variable. The value represents the years of schooling of the respondent's mother.

11. sei10   "Respondent's socioeconomic index (2010)";
  Treat this variable as a numeric variable. Higher value indicates higher socioeconomic status of the respondent.

12. pasei10 "Respondent's father's socioeconomic index (2010)";
Treat this variable as a numeric variable. Higher value indicates higher socioeconomic status of the respondent's father.

13. wrkstat "Labor force status";
1 = Working fulltime
2 = Working parttime
3 = Temp not working
4 = Unemployed, laid off
5 = Retired
6 = School
7 = Keeping house
8 = Other

14. quallife "R's quality of life";
1 Excellent
2 Very good
3 Good
4 Fair
5 Poor
(This variable can also be treated as numeric variable.)

15. hlthphys "R's physical health";
1 = Excellent
2 = Very good
3 = Good
4 = Fair
5 = Poor
(This variable can also be treated as numeric variable.)

16. hlthmntl "R's mental health, mood, and ability to think";
1 = Excellent
2 = Very good
3 = Good
4 = Fair
5 = Poor
(This variable can also be treated as numeric variable.)

17. happy "General happiness";
1 = Very happy
2 = Pretty happy
3 = Not too happy
(This variable can also be treated as numeric variable.)

18. satsoc   "R's satisfaction with social activities and relationships";
> 1 = Excellent
> 2 = Very good
> 3 = Good
> 4 = Fair
> 5 = Poor
> (This variable can also be treated as numeric variable.)

19. natchld "Do you think our country is spending too much/little money on assistance for childcare?"
> 1 Too little
> 2 About right
> 3 Too much
> (This variable can also be treated as numeric variable.)

20. natsci   "Do you think our country is spending too much/little money on supporting scientific research?"
> 1 Too little
> 2 About right
> 3 Too much
> (This variable can also be treated as numeric variable.)

21. natenrgy " Do you think our country is spending too much/little money on developing alternative energy sources?"
> 1 Too little
> 2 About right
> 3 Too much
> (This variable can also be treated as numeric variable.)