

\*\*\* PROGRAM TO ESTIMATE DEMOGRAPHIC DETERMINANTS OF CHILDCARE PREFERENCES \*\*\*

1. Clean GSS-Family data to extract or create variables relevant for analysis.
  - 1.1. Select cases where Respondent:
    - 1.1.1. has children (TOTCHDC);
    - 1.1.2. at least one of those children lives with Respondent at least part-time (HHDSTA\*);
    - 1.1.3. at least one of those children is 12 years of age or less (ACHD\_\*C).
  - 1.2. Select demographic variables – Respondent’s age (AGEC), gender (SEX), marital status (MARSTAT), family income (FAMINCG2), education (EHG3\_01B), place of birth (BRTHCAN), visible minority status (VISMING), and participation in religious activities (REE\_02) – and the child care variables (CC\_10\_\*, CC\_20\_\*, CC\_30\_\*, CC\_40\_\*, CP\_10\_\*, CP\_20\_\*).
  - 1.3. Create the dependent variable (cc\_pref) in a new data frame (final\_data), such that the categories of that variable are the same as those in the existing child care preference variables (CP\_20\_\*), but where, if the Respondent *doesn’t* want to change their current arrangements (CP\_10\_\*), the current child care arrangement variables (CC\_10\_\*, CC\_20\_\*, CC\_30\_\*, CC\_40\_\*) are used to assign equivalent categories. Given that can be up to 7 such preferences expressed, take the preference for the *last* child listed (presumed to be the youngest) as the single preference for the Respondent.
  - 1.4. Recode demographic variables into the new data frame such that:
    - 1.4.1. binary variables (gender, place of birth, visible minority) are Boolean (Female, Canada, Yes as TRUE);
    - 1.4.2. marital status is collapsed and reordered to Single; Married OR Common-law; Widowed, Divorced or Separated;
    - 1.4.3. participation in religious activities is put in reverse order, from Not at all to At least once a week;
    - 1.4.4. Valid skip, don’t know, Refusal, and Not stated values become missing values (NA).
  - 1.5. Drop any cases where the dependent variable is missing.
2. Generate tables of summary statistics for all variables: (t)
  - 2.1. five-number summary with mean and standard deviation for numeric data;
  - 2.2. frequencies and proportions for all categories (including missing, if any) otherwise.
3. Run a multinomial logistic regression of childcare preferences on the included demographic variables, with Parent care as the baseline, and a type II analysis of deviance of the results to identify the “significant” variables.
4. Generate summary tables of the regression coefficients and the analysis of deviance. (t)