

GENERAL SOCIAL SURVEYS  
CUMULATIVE CODEBOOK

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DATA CHARACTERISTICS

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- **year:** GSS YEAR FOR RESPONDENT
- **wrkstat:** LABOR FORCE STATUS
- **marital:** MARITAL STATUS
- **age:** AGE OF RESPONDENT
- **educ:** HIGHEST YEAR OF SCHOOL COMPLETED
- **sex:** SEX OF RESPONDENT
- **race:** RACE OF RESPONDENT
- **born:** WAS RESPONDENT BORN IN THIS COUNTRY
- **income:** TOTAL FAMILY INCOME
- **region:** REGION OF INTERVIEW
- **partyid:** POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION
- **relig:** RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE OF RESPONDENT
- **zodiac:** ASTROLOGICAL SIGN OF RESPONDENT
- **oversamp:** WEIGHTS FOR BLACK OVERSAMPLES
- **wtssall:** WEIGHT VARIABLE 1987
- **vstrat:** vVARIANCE STRATUM
- **vpsu:** VARIANCE PRIMARY SAMPLING UNIT
- **wtssnrps:** WEIGHT VARIABLE 2021
- **wtg\_comb:** COMBINED WEIGHT VARIABLE
- **wealth\_imp:** uses opwlth 'NEED WEALTHY FAMILY TO GET AHEAD'
- **parents\_imp:** uses oppared 'NEED EDUCATED PARENTS TO GET AHEAD'
- **educ\_imp:** uses opeduc: 'NEED GOOD EDUCATION TO GET AHEAD'
- **hardWork\_imp:** uses ophrdwrk 'NEED TO WORK HARD TO GET AHEAD'
- **rightPpl\_imp:** uses opknow 'NEED TO KNOW RIGHT PEOPLE TO GET AHEAD'
- **political\_imp:** uses opclout 'NEED POLITICAL CONNECTIONS TO GET AHEAD'
- **race\_imp:** uses oprace 'NEED TO BE RIGHT RACE TO GET AHEAD'
- **religion\_imp:** uses oprelig 'NEED TO BE RIGHT RELIGION TO GET AHEAD'
- **sex\_imp:** uses opsex 'NEED TO BE RIGHT SEX TO GET AHEAD'

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DATA DICTIONARY

**feature:** DATATYPE

- Feature Category/Range

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- **year:** CATEGORICAL FACTOR

- 1987
- 2021

- **wrkstat:** CATEGORICAL FACTOR

- In school
- Keeping house
- Working full time
- Retired
- Working part time
- Unemployed, laid off, looking for work
- With a job, but not at work because of temporary illness, vacation, or strike
- Other
- missing

- **marital:** CATEGORICAL FACTOR

- Divorced
- Married
- Never married
- Separated
- Widowed
- missing

- **age:** NUMERICAL

- Min=18, Max=88

- **educ:** NUMERICAL

- Min=1, Max=20

- **sex:** CATEGORICAL FACTOR

- FEMALE
- MALE
- missing

- **race:** CATEGORICAL FACTOR

- Black
- White
- Other
- missing
  
- **born:** CATEGORICAL FACTOR
  - NO
  - YES
  - missing
  
- **income:** CATEGORICAL FACTOR
  - \$25,000 or more
  - Less than \$25,000
  - missing
  
- **region:** CATEGORICAL FACTOR
  - South atlantic
  - East north central
  - East south atlantic
  - Mountain
  - New England
  - Pacific
  - Middle Atlantic
  - West south central
  - West north central
  
- **partyid:** CATEGORICAL FACTOR
  - Democrat
  - Independent
  - Republican
  - missing
  
- **relig:** CATEGORICAL FACTOR
  - Buddhism
  - Hinduism
  - Inter-nondenomenational
  - Protestant
  - Muslim/islam
  - Native american
  - Orthodox-christian
  - None
  - Catholic
  - Christian
  - Jewish
  - Other eastern religions

- Other
- missing
- **zodiac:** CATEGORICAL FACTOR
  - Aquarius
  - Aries
  - Cancer
  - Capricorn
  - Gemini
  - Leo
  - Libra
  - Pisces
  - Sagittarius
  - Scorpio
  - Taurus
  - Virgo
  - missing
- **oversamp:** Not quite sure how to handle this one
- **wtssall:** NUMERICAL
  - Min=-70, Max=3.5362
- **vstrat:** NUMERICAL
  - Min=2651, Max=8456
- **vpsu:** Not sure how to handle this. Some weights are >4000 but then others are 1 or 2.
- **wtssnrps:** NUMERICAL
  - Min=-80, Max=7.5570
- **wtg\_comb:** NUMERICAL
  - Min=0.1724, Max=7.5570
- **wealth\_imp:**
  - 1: opwlth=("Very important", "Fairly important", "Essential")
  - 0: opwlth=("Not important at all", "Not very important")
  - NA
- **parents\_imp:**
  - 1: opared=("Very important", "Fairly important", "Essential")
  - 0: opared=("Not important at all", "Not very important")

- NA
- **educ\_imp:**
  - 1: opeduc=("Very important", "Fairly important", "Essential")
  - 0: opeduc=("Not important at all", "Not very important")
  - NA
- **hardWork\_imp:**
  - 1: ophrdwrk=("Very important", "Fairly important", "Essential")
  - 0: ophrdwrk=("Not important at all", "Not very important")
  - NA
- **rightPpl\_imp:**
  - 1: opknow=("Very important", "Fairly important", "Essential")
  - 0: opknow=("Not important at all", "Not very important")
  - NA
- **political\_imp:**
  - 1: opclout=("Very important", "Fairly important", "Essential")
  - 0: opclout=("Not important at all", "Not very important")
  - NA
- **race\_imp:**
  - 1: oprace=("Very important", "Fairly important", "Essential")
  - 0: oprace=("Not important at all", "Not very important")
  - NA
- **religion\_imp:**
  - 1: oprelig=("Very important", "Fairly important", "Essential")
  - 0: oprelig=("Not important at all", "Not very important")
  - NA
- **sex\_imp:**
  - 1: opsex=("Very important", "Fairly important", "Essential")
  - 0: opsex=("Not important at all", "Not very important")
  - NA

