GSS 2014 Variables and Descriptions

Variable	Description
id	respondnt id number
age	age of respondent
sex	respondents sex
race	race of respondent
educ	highest year of school completed
dipged	diploma, ged, or other
paeduc	highest year school completed, father
maeduc	highest year school completed, mother
speduc	highest year school completed, spouse
sei10	r's socioeconomic index (2010)
conrinc	respondent income in constant dollars
coninc	family income in constant dollars
degree	rs highest degree
padeg	fathers highest degree
madeg	mothers highest degree
spdeg	spouses highest degree
citizen	are you a citizen of america?
born	was r born in this country
year	gss year for this respondent
cohort	year of birth
spsei10	r's spouse's socioeconomic index (2010)
pasei10	r's father's socioeconomic index (2010)
masei10	r's mother's socioeconomic index (2010)
childs	number of children
immcrime	immigrants increase crime rates
abany	abortion if woman wants for any reason
abdefect	strong chance of serious defect
abhlth	womans health seriously endangered
abnomore	marriedwants no more children
abpoor	low incomecant afford more children
abrape	pregnant as result of rape
absingle	not married
accptoth	r accept others even when they do things wrong
acqntsex	r had sex with acquaintance last year
actassoc	how important to be active on soc or pol association
actlaw	how likely r to do something if unjust law being cons
adults	household members 18 yrs and older sci rsch is necessary and should be supported by federal
advfront	govt
affctlaw	how lliely congress give serious attention to rs dema
affrmact	favor preference in hiring blacks
aged	should aged live with their children
aidscndm	condom can reduce aids

aidslook a health-look person may have aids

amancstr how important to have american ancestry

ambetter agree america is a better country

ambornin how important to have been born in america

amchrstn how important to be a christian

amcit how important to have american citizenship
amcitizn agree i would rather be a citizen of america
amcult it is impossible to become fully american
amenglsh how important to be able to speak english

amfeel how important to feel american

amgovt how important to respect america's laws etc
amlived how important to have lived in america for life

amownway america should follow its own interests

amproud1 how proud being american

amshamed agree there are things make me ashamed

amsports agree sports makes me proud to be an american
amtv tv should give preference to american films

arthrtis told have arthritis or rheumatism

astrolgy ever read a horscope or persoanl astrology report

astrosci astrology is scientific

attend how often r attends religious services
attrally attended a political meeting or rally
avoidbuy boycotted products for pol reasons
household members less than 6 yrs old
backpain r had back pain in the past 12 months

balneg sci research is strongly in favor of harmful results

bettrlfe science makes our lives better

betrlang which language r speaks more fluent

bible feelings about the bible

bigbang sci knowledge: the universe began with a huge explosion

boyorgrl sci knowledge:father gene decides sex of baby
buypol how important to choose products for pol reasons
buyvalue percent of company stock r bought from own money
cantrust poeple can be trusted or cant be too careful

cappun favor or oppose death penalty for murder

careself those in need have to take care of themselves

carried r carried a stranger's belongings

chldidel ideal number of children

chngeoth how often r try to persuade other to share views

chngtme how often r allowed change schedule

choices political parties dont give real policy choices

closeblk how close feel to blacks

closewht how close feel to whites

clsenoam how close do you feel to north america
clsestat how close do you feel to your state

clsetown how close do you feel to your town or city

clseusa how close do you feel to america

cntctgov contacted politician or civil servant to express view

colath allow anti-religionist to teach
colcom should communist teacher be fired
coldeg1 the highest degree r have earned

colhomo allow homosexual to teach
colmil allow militarist to teach

colmslm allow anti-american muslim clergymen teaching in college

colrac allow racist to teach

colsci r has taken any college-level sci course

colscinm number of college-level sci courses r have taken

compperf size of perf based pay depend on profits

comprend rs understanding of questions

compuse r use computer

conarmy confidence in military

condom used condom last time

condrift sci knowledge:the continents have been moving

coneduc confidence in education

confed confid. in exec branch of fed govt

conlabor confidence in organized labor

conlegis confidence in congress
conmedic confidence in medicine
conpress confidence in press

corruptn how widespread corruption is in pub service in americ

courts courts dealing with criminals

cowrkhlp coworkers can be relied on when r needs help

cowrkint coworkers take a personal interest in r

crack30 r last use crack cocaine

crimlose people convicted of serious crimes lose citizen rights

cutahead r allowed a stranger to go ahead of you in line

decsorgs america should follow decision of intl org

defpensn r has defined benefit pension plan

dem10fut how well will democracy work in america in ten yrs
dem10pst how well did democracy work in america ten yrs ago

demtoday how well democracy work in america

denom16 denomination in which r was raised

directns r has given directions to a stranger

discaff whites hurt by aff. action

discaffm a man won't get a job or promotion
discaffw a woman won't get a job or promotion

discpol how often r discuss politics

divlaw divorce laws

divorce ever been divorced or separated

dwelown does r own or rent home?

earnrs how many in family earned money

earthsun sci knowledge: the earth goes around the sun

effctsup supervisor effective solve work/personal conflicts
elecfair how fair last natl election:opprtunities of candidate

electron sci knowledge:electrons are smaller than atoms
elecvote how honest last natl election:counting of votes

emailhr email hours per week
emailmin email minutes per week

empinput r involved in any task force for decision-making

emptrain received formal training from employer
eqwlth should govt reduce income differences

esop r is member of esop

evidu r ever inject drugs

evolved sci knowledge:human beings developed from animals
evpaidsx ever have sex paid for or being paid since 18

evstray have sex other than spouse while married

evwork ever work as long as one year

excldimm america should exclude illegal immigrants

expdesgn better way to test drug btw control and non-control

exptext why is it better to test drug this way
extrapay eligible for performance based pay

extrayr year of the most recent perf based payments

fair
 people fair or try to take advantage
fairearn how fair is what r earn on the job

famgen number of family generations in household

family16 living with parents when 16 yrs old
famvswk how often fam life interfere job

famwkoff how hard to take time off

feelevel amount of fees paid

feeused fee given to get case

fefam better for man to work, woman tend home

fehire should hire and promote women

fejobaff for or against preferential hiring of women

fepol women not suited for politics

fepresch preschool kids suffer if mother works

finalter change in financial situation

forland foreigners should not be allowed to buy land

form form of split questionnaire asked
freetrde free trade leads to better products

fringeok fringe benefits are good

frndsex r had sex with friend last year

fucitzn is r planning/appling for us citizenship or not

getanead opinion of now people get anead

givblood r donated blood during the past 12 months

givchrty r has given money to a charity

givhmlss r has given food or money to a homeless person
givseat r offered seat to a stranger during past 12 months

govdook we can trust people in govt

granborn how many grandparents born outside u.s.

grpother r belongs to another voluntary association

grpparty r belongs to a political party

grprelig r belongs to a church or othr religious organization

grpsprts r belongs to a sports, leisure, or cultural grp

grpwork r belongs to a trade union or professtional associati

gunlaw favor or oppose gun permits

(on a scale of 1 to 7, where 1 is not at all important

gvtrghts and 7 is very important,

handmove r perform forceful hand movements
hapcohab happiness of relt with partner

hapmar happiness of marriage

haveinfo enough info to get the job done

height r is how tall

helpaway r looked after plant or pet of others while away

helpblk should govt aid blacks?

helpful people helpful or looking out for selves

helphwrk helped someone with hwork during past 12 months

helpjob helped somebody to find a job past 12 months

helpoth to help others

helppoor should govt improve standard of living?
helpsick should govt help pay for medical care?

helpusa how important to help worse off ppl in america

helpwrld how important to help worse off ppl in rest of world

hhtype household type

hhtype1 household type (condensed)

hispanic hispanic specified
hivkiss kiss can spread hiv

hivtest have you ever been tested for hiv

hivtest1 in what month and year was your last hiv test

hivtest2 where did you have your last hiv test
hivvac there is a vaccine that can prevent hiv
hlpequip enough help and equip to ge the job done

hlthall healthcare provided for everyone

hlthdays days of activity limitation past 30 days

homosex homosexual sex relations

hompop number of persons in household

hotcore sci knowledge: the center of earth is very hot

hrsrelax hours per day r have to relax

hsbio r ever took a high school biology course
hschem r ever took a high school chemistry course

hsmath the highest level of math r completed in high school

hsphys r ever took a high school physics course

hurtatwk number of injuries on the job past 12 months

hvylift r do repeated lifting

hyperten told have hypertension or high blood pressure

idu30 r inject drugs in past 30 days
if08who who you would have voted for

immameco immigrants good for america

immassim what statement about immigrants matches view

immcult immigrants undermine american culture

immeduc legal immigrants should have same education as americans

immideas immigrants make america more open

immjobs immigrants take jobs away

immrghts legal immigrants should have same right as american

imports america should limit the import
incom16 rs family income when 16 yrs old

income
 total family income
income06 total family income

intecon
inteduc
intenvir
interpol

intfarm interested in farm issues

intintl interested in international issues

intlblks unintelligent - intelligent

intlincs largee intl company damage to local business

intlwhts unintelligent -intelligent

intmed interested in medical discoveries
intmil interested in military policy
intrhome internet access in r's home

intsci interested in new scientific discoveries

intspace interested in space exploration

inttech interested in technologies
jobfind could r find equally good job
jobfind1 how easy for r to find a same job

jobhour short working hours

jobinc high income

joblose is r likely to lose job

jobmeans work important and feel accomplishment

jobpromo chances for advancement
jobsec no danger of being fired
jobsecok the job security is good
joindem took part in a demonstration

kidssol rs kids living standard compared to r
knowschd how far in advance know work schedule

knowwhat r knows what's expected on job
laidoff r was laid off main job last year

lasers sci knowledge:lasers work by focusing sound waves

learnnew job requires r to learn new things

leftrght how left or right in politics

lentto lent money to another person past 12 months

lessprd agree often less proud of america
letdie1 allow incurable patients to die

letin1 number of immigrants to america nowadays should be

letin1a number of immigrants nowadays should be
libath allow anti-religious book in library
libcom allow communists book in library
libhomo allow homosexuals book in library
libmil allow militarists book in library

libmslm allow anti-american muslim clergymen's books in library

librac allow racists book in library

livewhts r favors living in half white neighborhood
loanitem r has let someone borrow a item of some value

localnum number of employees: rs work site
maind10 mothers industry code (naics 2007)

major1 college major 1
major2 college major 2

majorcol the field of degree r earned

manvsemp relations bw management and employees
maocc10 mothers census occupation code (2010)

marasian close relative marry asian
marblk close relative marry black
marhisp close relative marry hispanic

marhomo homosexuals should have right to marry

marital marital status
martype marital type

matesex was 1 of rs partners spouse or regular

mawrkgrw mothers employment when r was 16

mawrkslf mother self-emp. or worked for somebody
meltpot1 better to maintain distinct cultures

meovrwrk men hurt family when focus on work too much

mincult ethnic minorities should be given gov assistance

misswork miss work for health past 30 days

mntlhlth days of poor mental health past 30 days

mobile16 geographic mobility since age 16

mode interview done in-person or over the phone

moredays days per month r work extra hours
mustwork mandatory to work extra hours

nafta1 how much heard or read about nafta?

nafta2a america benefits from being a member of nafta?

nataid foreign aid

 ${f nataidy}$ assistance to other countries -- ver y

natarms military, armaments, and defense
natarmsy national defense -- version y

natchld assistance for childcare

natcity solving problems of big cities

natcityy assistance to big cities -- version y

natcrime halting rising crime rate
natcrimy law enforcement -- verison y
natdrug dealing with drug addiction

natdrugy drug rehabilitation -- version y
nateduc improving nations education system

nateducy education -- version y

natenrgy developing alternative energy sources

natenvir improving & protecting environment

natenviy the environment -- version y

natfare welfare

natfarey assistance to the poor -- version y
natheal improving & protecting nations health

nathealy health -- version y
natmass mass transportation
natpark parks and recreation

natrace improving the conditions of blacks
natracey assistance to blacks -- version y

natroad highways and bridges

natsoc social security

natspac space exploration program
natspacy space exploration -- version y
news how often does r read newspaper

 ${\tt newsfrom}$ $\,$ main source of information about events in the news

science & tech. give more opportunities to next

nextgen generation

notvote citizens have right not to vote
ntcitvte long-term residents should vote
ntwkhard past week not work hard enough

numemps number of employee for the self-employed
nummen number of male sex partners since 18

number of people working in organization at all

numorg locations

numwomen number of female sex partners since 18

obey to obey

obeylaws how important always to abey laws
opdevel opportunity to develop my abilities

oppsegov how important: citizen engage in acts of civil disobed

othersex r had sex with some other last year

othjew consider self to be jewish

othlang can r speak language other than english

othlang1 what other languages does r speak
othlang2 what other languages does r speak

othreasn how important to try to undrstnd reasonings of othr o

othshelp people should help less fortunate others

oversamp weights for black oversamples
overwork r has too much work to do well

owngun have gun in home

ownstock r has stock in rs company
paidsex r had sex for pay last year

painarms r had pain in the arms in the past 12 months

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fathers industry code (2010)
paind10
          fathers census occupation code (2010)
paocc10
parborn
          were rs parents born in this country
          were your parents citizens of america?
parcit
parsol
          rs living standard compared to parents
          was r's work part-time or full-time?
partfull
          how many sex partners r had in last year
partners
          how many sex partners r had in last 5 years
partnrs5
          r work as part of a team
partteam
          political party affiliation
partyid
          patriotic feelings strengthen america's place in world
patriot1
          patriotic feelings lead to intolerance in america
patriot2
          patriotic feelings are needed for america to remain
patriot3
          united
          patriotic feelings lead to negative feelings towards
patriot4
          immigrants
          father self-emp. or worked for somebody
pawrkslf
paytaxes
          how important never to try to evade taxes
peocntct
          how many people in contact in a typical weekday
          assisting people in trouble is very important
peoptrbl
phase
          subsampling: two-phase design.
          does r have telephone
phone
physhlth
          days of poor physical health past 30 days
          r had sex with casual date last year
pikupsex
          birth control to teenagers 14-16
pillok
pistol
          pistol or revolver in home
polabuse
          citizen said vulgar or obscene things
          pol party encourge ppl to be active in politics in am
polactve
polattak
          citizen attacking policeman with fists
poleff11
          don't have any say about what the government does
poleff18
          govt do not care much what ppl like r think
poleff19
          r have a good understanding of pol issues
          most ppl are better informed about politics than r is
poleff20
polescap
          citizen attempting to escape custody
          donated money or raised funds for soc or pol activity
polfunds
          most politicians are only for what get out of politics
polgreed
          ever approve of police striking citizen
polhitok
polint1
          how interested in politics
          expressed political views on internet past year
polinter
polmurdr
          citizen questioned as murder suspect
          how often use media to get political news
polnews
polopts
          how important:ppl given chance to participate in deci
          think of self as liberal or conservative
polviews
          pope is infallible on matters of faith or morals
popespks
popular
          to be well liked or popular
          feelings about pornography laws
pornlaw
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posslq does r have marital partner

posslqy relationship status and cohabitation or not

postlife belief in life after death

powrorgs intl orgs take away much power from american govt

pray how often does r pray

prayer bible prayer in public schools

premarsx sex before marriage
pres08 vote obama or mccain
pres12 vote obama or romney

preteen household members 6 thru 12 yrs old
prodctiv work conditions allow productivity

promtefr promotions are handled fairly
promteok rs chances for promotion good

proudart how proud its achievements in the arts & lit.

prouddem how proud the way democracy works

proudeco how proud america's economic achievements

proudemp r proud to work for employer

proudgrp how proud its fair and equal treatment

proudhis how proud its history

proudmil how proud america's armed forces

proudpol how proud its political influence in the world
proudsci how proud its scientific and tech achievements

proudspt how proud its achievements in sports
proudsss how proud its social security system
racdif1 differences due to discrimination
racdif2 differences due to inborn disability
racdif3 differences due to lack of education

racdif4 differences due to lack of will
raclive any opp. race in neighborhood

racmeet allowed to hold pub meeting for racist

racopen vote on open housing law
racwork racial makeup of workplace

radioact sci knowledge:all radioactivity is man-made

realinc family income in constant \$
realrinc rs income in constant \$

reborn has r ever had a 'born again' experience

refradms referendum are good way to decide important pol quest

reg16 region of residence, age 16

relactiv how often does r take part in relig activities

relatsex relation to last sex partner

relmeet allowed to hold pub meeting for religious extremist

relpersn r consider self a religious person

res16 type of place lived in when 16 yrs old

respect r treated with respect at work

respnum number in family of r

retchnge r returned money after getting too much change

revmeet allowed to hold pub meeting for ppl who want overthro

rghtsmin how important:govt protect right of minorities

richwork if rich, continue or stop working

rincblls income alone is enough

rincom06 respondents income
rincome respondents income
rowngun does gun belong to r

safefrst no shortcuts on worker safety

safehlth safety and health condition good at work

safetywk worker safety priority at work

satfin satisfaction with financial situation

satjob job or housework

satjob1 job satisfaction in general

savesoul tried to convince others to accept jesus

scibnfts benefits of sci research outweight harmful results

scifrom main source of information about science and technology

scinews1 newspaper printed or online
scinews2 magazine printed or online

scinews3 where online get info

scistudy r has clear understanding of scientific study

scitext what it means to r to study scienfically

secondwk r has job other than main

sector type of college respondent attended

seeksci probable source of information about scientific issues

selffrst people need not overly worry about others
selfless r feels like a selfless caring for others

servepeo how committed govt admnstrators are to serve people

sexeduc
sex education in public schools
sexfreq frequency of sex during last year

sexornt sexual orientation

sexsex sex of sex partners in last year
sexsex5 sex of sex partners last five years

shortcom world better if america acknowledged shortcomings

sibs number of brothers and sisters

signdpet signed a petition

size size of place in 1000s

slpprblm trouble sleeping last 12 months

socbar spend evening at bar

socfrend spend evening with friends

socommun spend evening with neighbor
socrel spend evening with relatives

solarrev sci knowledge:how long the earth goes around the sun
solok how important:citizens have adequate standard of livi

spanking favor spanking to discipline child

spkcom allow communist to speak
spkhomo allow homosexual to speak

spklang how well does r speak other language

spkmil allow militarist to speak

spkmslm allow muslim clergymen preaching hatred of the us

spkrac allow racist to speak

spocc10 spouse census occupation code (2010)

spother other protestant denominations
sprel spouses religious preference

sprtprsn r consider self a spiritual person
spsector type of college spouse attended

spvtrfair supervisor is fair

spwrkslf spouse self-emp. or works for somebody

spwrksta spouse labor force status

stockops r hold any stock options of rs company

stockval total dollar value of rs stock

stress how often does r find work stressful
stress12 stress management program last 12 months

strredpg access to stress management
suicide1 suicide if incurable disease

suicide2 suicide if bankrupt

suicide3 suicide if dishonored family
suicide4 suicide if tired of living

supcares supervisor concerned about welfare
suprvsjb does r supervise others at work

suphelp supervisor helpful to r in getting job done
talkedto talked with someone depressed past 12 months

talkspvs comfortable talking with supervisor about personal

tax rs federal income tax

teamsafe mgt and employees work together re safety

thnkself to think for ones self

toofast science makes our way of life change too fast

toofewwk how often not enough staff
trdestck company stock publicly traded

trdunion workers need strong unions

trustman r trust management at work

trynewjb how likely r make effort for new job next year

tvhours hours per day watching tv

unemp
 ever unemployed in last ten yrs
union does r or spouse belong to union
unrelat number in household not related

uscitzn is r us citizen

usemedia contacted in the media to express view

useskill how much past skills can you make use in present

usetech percentage of time use tech
usewww r use www other than email

uswar expect u.s. in war within 10 years
uswary expect u.s. in world war in 10 years

valgiven total donations past year r and immediate family

vetyears years in armed forces

sci knowledge:antiviotics kill viruses as well as

viruses bacteria

visitors number of visitors in household

voedcol non-college postsecondary education (voednme1)
voednme1 postsecondary institution attended for credit
voedncol non-college postsecondary education (voednme2)
voednme2 postsecondary institution attended for credit

volchrty r done volunteer work for a charity

volmonth volunteer in last month
vote08 did r vote in 2008 election
vote12 did r vote in 2012 election

voteelec how important always to vote in elections
watchgov how important to keep watch on action of govt

waypaid how paid in main job

wealth total wealth of respondent

webmob r uses home internet through mobile device

weekswrk weeks r. worked last year

weight r weighs how much

whenhs when received hs degree

whoelse1 presence of others:children under six

whoelse2 presence of others:older children
whoelse3 presence of others:spouse partner
whoelse4 presence of others:other relatives

whoelse5 presence of others:other adults

whoelse6 presence of others:no one

 $\begin{tabular}{lll} \textbf{whywkhme} & \textbf{usual reason r work at home} \\ \end{tabular}$

widowed ever been widowed

wkageism r feels discriminated because of age

wkcontct how often contacted about work when not working

wkdecide how often r take part in decisions

wkfreedm a lot of freedom to decide how to do job
wkharoth r threatened on the job last 12 months

 ${\bf wkharsex}$ r sexually harassed on the job last 12 months

wkpraise r is likely to be praised by supervisor
wkracism r feels discriminated because of race
wksexism r feels discriminated because of gender

wksmooth workplace runs in smooth manner
wksub does r or spouse have supervisor
wksubs does supervisor have supervisor
wksup does r or spouse supervise anyone
wksups does subordinate supervise anyone
wkvsfam how often job interferes fam life

wlthblks rich - poor
wlthwhts rich - poor

workblks hard working - lazy

workdiff r does numerous things on job
workfast job requires r to work fast

workfor1 r work for whom
workhard to work hard

workwhts hard working - lazy

wrkgovt govt or private employee
wrkhome how often r works at home

wrksched usual work schedule

wrkstat labor force status

wrktime r has enough time to get the job done

wrktype work arrangement at main job

wrkwayup blacks overcome prejudice without favors

wrldgovt international bodies should enforce environment

xmarsex sex with person other than spouse
xmovie seen x-rated movie in last year
xnorcsiz expanded n.o.r.c. size code

yearsjob time at current job

yearval total dollar value of payments in that year