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**ESS1-6, European Social Survey  
Cumulative File Rounds 1-6**

**Study Documentation**

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## ESS1-6, European Social Survey Cumulative File Rounds 1-6 (ESS1-6)

### Introduction

The ESS Data Download Wizard gives access to cumulative data from countries that have been included in the integrated ESS files in two or more rounds. In the ESS Data Download Wizard you can generate and download a customised subset of the ESS cumulative file by selecting rounds, countries and variables. The data file can be downloaded in SPSS, Stata, SAS and other formats. A Study Description and documentation of the selected variables is generated for each customised data file and is included in the download. All variables that have been asked in more than one round are included in the cumulative data file. These variables are automatically included in the downloaded data by default: CNAME "Title of cumulative dataset" CEDITION "Edition of cumulative dataset" CPRODDAT "Production date of cumulative dataset" CSEQNO "Respondent's sequence number in cumulative dataset", NAME "Title of ESS dataset" ESSROUND "ESS round" EDITION "ESS edition" IDNO "Respondent's identification number" CNTRY "Country" DWEIGHT "Design weight" PSPWGHT "Post-stratification weight including design weight" PWEIGHT "Population size weight (must be combined with dweight)".

### Overview

<b>Identification</b>	ESS1-6e01_1
<b>Abstract</b> The European Social Survey (ESS) is an academically-driven multi-country survey, which has been administered in over 30 countries to date. Its three aims are, firstly - to monitor and interpret changing public attitudes and values within Europe and to investigate how they interact with Europe's changing institutions, secondly - to advance and consolidate improved methods of cross-national survey measurement in Europe and beyond, and thirdly - to develop a series of European social indicators, including attitudinal indicators. 36 participating countries altogether have participated in the first six rounds of the ESS: Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine and the United Kingdom. The cumulative file contains data from countries that have been included in the integrated ESS files in two or more rounds (se version notes on next page).	
<b>Kind of Data</b>	Survey data
<b>Unit of Analysis</b>	Individuals

### Scope & Coverage

#### Universe

All persons aged 15 and over resident within private households, regardless of their nationality, citizenship, language or legal status, in the participating countries.

### Producers

<b>Primary Investigator(s)</b>	The ESS Core Scientific Team (CST)
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### Sampling

<b>Time method</b>	Cross section. Partly repetitive
<b>Weighting</b> DESIGN WEIGHTS: The purpose of the design weights (DWEIGHT) is to correct for unequal probabilities for selection due to the sampling design used. In general design weights were computed for each country as follows. $1.w = 1/(PROB1*...*PROBK)$ is a nx1 vector of weights ; k depends on the number of stages of the sampling design. 2.	

All weights were rescaled in a way that the sum of the final weights equals n, i.e. Rescaled weights =  $n \cdot w / \sum(w)$ .  
**POST-STRATIFICATION WEIGHTS:** The purpose of the post-stratification weights (PSPWGHT) is to reduce sampling error and non-response bias, using auxiliary information. The ESS post-stratification weights have been constructed using information about age, gender, education and region. The ESS post-stratification weights also adjust for unequal selection probabilities (design weights). A raking procedure has been used in the production of the post-stratification weights.  
**POPULATION WEIGHTS:** The Population size weight (PWEIGHT) corrects for population size when combining two or more country's data, and is calculated as  $PWEIGHT = [\text{Population aged 15 years and over}] / [(\text{Net sample in data file}) \cdot 10\,000]$

<b>Accessibility</b>	
<b>Distributor(s)</b>	NSD - Norwegian Centre for Research Data, Harald Hårfagresgt. 29 N-5007 Bergen, Norway. Phone: +47 55 58 21 17 Fax: +47 44 58 96 50 e-mail: nsd@nsd.no Web: <a href="http://www.nsd.no">http://www.nsd.no</a> ESS: essdata@nsd.no ESS: <a href="http://www.europeansocialsurvey.org">www.europeansocialsurvey.org</a>
<b>Restrictions</b>	The data are available without restrictions, for not-for-profit purposes.
<b>Citation Requirements</b> Citation of data: European Social Survey Cumulative File, ESS 1-6 (2014). Data file edition 1.1. NSD - Norwegian Centre for Research Data, Norway - Data Archive and distributor of ESS data. Citation of documentation: European Social Survey (2014). ESS 1-6, European Social Survey Cumulative File, Study Description. Bergen: NSD - Norwegian Centre for Research Data.	
<b>Deposit requirement</b> To provide funding agencies with essential information about the use of ESS data and to facilitate the exchange of information about the ESS, users of ESS data are required to register bibliographic citations of all forms of publications referring to ESS data in the ESS on-line bibliography database at <a href="http://www.europeansocialsurvey.org/bibliography">http://www.europeansocialsurvey.org/bibliography</a>	

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<b>File</b>	
<b>Filename</b>	ESS1-6_cumulative_e01_1
<b>Extent of Processing Checks</b>	The data file is checked for: duplication of ID numbers, variable names and formats, empty records, wild codes and logical inconsistencies. Missing values have been assigned.
<b>Missing Data</b>	The following missing values have been assigned: 6, 66 etc. = Not applicable 7, 77 etc. = Refusal 8, 88 etc. = Don't know 9, 99 etc. = No answer, i.e. Missing data not elsewhere explained . = Variable not relevant, not deposited, or for other reason omitted from the data file by the archive.
<b>Version</b>	ESS1-6 edition 1.1
<b>Version notes</b>	Includes the following editions of the following integrated ESS data files: ESS1e06_4 (release date 09.03.2016). ESS2e03_4 (release date 26.11.2014). ESS3e03_5 (release date 26.11.2014). ESS4e04_3 (release date 26.11.2014). ESS5e03_2 (release date 26.11.2014). ESS6e02_1 (release date 26.11.2014). Includes data from the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the Russian

	Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine and the United Kingdom.
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# Variables Group(s)

The cumulative dataset contains 30 group(s) total - this subset 3

## Group Administrative variables; country, identifications numbers, editions. Automatically included in data file.

#	Name	Label	Question
1	centry	Country	<b>All rounds:</b> Country
2	cname	Title of cumulative dataset	-
3	cedition	Edition of cumulative dataset	-
4	cproddat	Production date of cumulative dataset	-
5	cseqno	Respondent's sequence number in cumulative dataset	-
6	name	Title of dataset	<b>All rounds:</b> Title of dataset
7	essround	ESS round	<b>All rounds:</b> ESS round
8	edition	Edition	<b>All rounds:</b> Edition
9	idno	Respondent's identification number	<b>All rounds:</b> Respondent's identification number

## Group Design, post-stratification and population weights. Automatically included in data file.

#	Name	Label	Question
1	dweight	Design weight	<b>All rounds:</b> Design weight
2	pspwght	Post-stratification weight including design weight	<b>All rounds:</b> Post-stratification weight including design weight
3	pweight	Population size weight (must be combined with dweight or pspwght)	<b>ESS4:</b> Population size weight (must be combined with dweight or pspwght)

## Group Human values scale

#	Name	Label	Question
8	ipudrst	Important to understand different people	<b>All rounds:</b> Now I will briefly describe some people. Please listen to each description and tell me how much each person is or is not like you. Use this card for your answer. It is important to her/him to listen to people who are different from her/him. Even when she/he disagrees with them, she/he still wants to understand them.

# Variables Description

**The cumulative dataset contains 1138 variable(s) total - this subset 13**



<b>File : ESS1-6_cumulative_e01_1</b>	
<b># cntry: Country</b>	
<b>Question</b>	<b>All rounds:</b> Country
<b>Question number</b>	<b>ESS1:</b> 6 <b>ESS2, ESS3, ESS4, ESS5, ESS6:</b> 5
<b>Value</b>	<b>Label</b>
AT	Austria
BE	Belgium
BG	Bulgaria
CH	Switzerland
CY	Cyprus
CZ	Czech Republic
DE	Germany
DK	Denmark
EE	Estonia
ES	Spain
FI	Finland
FR	France
GB	United Kingdom
GR	Greece
HR	Croatia
HU	Hungary
IE	Ireland
IL	Israel
IS	Iceland
IT	Italy
LT	Lithuania
LU	Luxembourg
NL	Netherlands
NO	Norway
PL	Poland
PT	Portugal
RU	Russia
SE	Sweden
SI	Slovenia
SK	Slovakia
TR	Turkey
UA	Ukraine
<b># cname: Title of cumulative dataset</b>	
<b>Question</b>	
<b>Value</b>	<b>Label</b>
ESS1-6e01_1	
<b># cedition: Edition of cumulative dataset</b>	

<b>File : ESS1-6_cumulative_e01_1</b>		
<b># cedition: Edition of cumulative dataset</b>		
<b>Question</b>		
<b>Value</b>	<b>Label</b>	
1.1		
<b># cproddat: Production date of cumulative dataset</b>		
<b>Question</b>		
<b>Value</b>	<b>Label</b>	
09.03.2016		
<b># cseqno: Respondent's sequence number in cumulative dataset</b>		
<b>Question</b>		
<b># name: Title of dataset</b>		
<b>Question</b>	<b>All rounds: Title of dataset</b>	
<b>Question number</b>	<b>All rounds: 1</b>	
<b>Value</b>	<b>Label</b>	
ESS1e06_4		
ESS2e03_4		
ESS3e03_5		
ESS4e04_3		
ESS5e03_2		
ESS6e02_2		
<b># essround: ESS round</b>		
<b>Question</b>	<b>All rounds: ESS round</b>	
<b>Question number</b>	<b>All rounds: 2</b>	
<b>Value</b>	<b>Label</b>	
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
<b># edition: Edition</b>		
<b>Question</b>	<b>All rounds: Edition</b>	
<b>Question number</b>	<b>All rounds: 3</b>	
<b>Value</b>	<b>Label</b>	
2.2		
3.2		
3.4		
3.5		

<b>File : ESS1-6_cumulative_e01_1</b>	
<b># edition: Edition</b>	
<b>Value</b>	<b>Label</b>
4.3	
6.4	
<b># idno: Respondent's identification number</b>	
<b>Question</b>	<b>All rounds:</b> Respondent's identification number
<b>Question number</b>	ESS1: 5 ESS2, ESS3, ESS4, ESS5, ESS6: 6
<b>Comments</b>	ESS2: Iceland: Inconsistency of respondent identification number across Icelandic data files. For further details please see item 46 in the Documentation Report.
<b># dweight: Design weight</b>	
<b>Question</b>	<b>All rounds:</b> Design weight
<b>Question number</b>	ESS1: R 34 ESS2: R 39 ESS3, ESS4, ESS5, ESS6: R 17
<b># pspwght: Post-stratification weight including design weight</b>	
<b>Question</b>	<b>All rounds:</b> Post-stratification weight including design weight
<b>Question number</b>	ESS1: R 35 ESS2: R 40 ESS3, ESS4, ESS5, ESS6: R 18
<b># pweight: Population size weight (must be combined with dweight or pspwght)</b>	
<b>Question</b>	ESS4: Population size weight (must be combined with dweight or pspwght)
<b>Question number</b>	ESS4: R 19
<b># ipudrst: Important to understand different people</b>	
<b>Question</b>	<b>All rounds:</b> Now I will briefly describe some people. Please listen to each description and tell me how much each person is or is not like you. Use this card for your answer. It is important to her/him to listen to people who are different from her/him. Even when she/he disagrees with them, she/he still wants to understand them.
<b>Question number</b>	ESS1, ESS3, ESS4: G a-u ESS2, ESS5, ESS6: H a-u
<b>Comments</b>	ESS1: [Different questionnaires for female (she/her/herself) and male (he/his/him/himself) respondents.] Italy: Data from Italy have been omitted from the international file. Luxembourg: Luxembourg did not field the supplementary questionnaire. For further details please see item 46 in the Documentation Report. ESS2: [Different questionnaires for female (she/her/herself) and male (he/his/him/himself) respondents.] Ireland: Low return rate for the supplementary questionnaires. For further details, please see item 46 in the Documentation Report. ESS3: Bulgaria: Gq (IPRSPOT): Difference in meaning between the Source question in English and the Bulgarian translation. For further details please see item 46 in the ESS3 - 2006 Documentation Report. ESS4: Germany: Question G11 (IMPFREE) and G12 (IPHLPL) have been switced for women. Data have been recoded and are now correct. Bulgaria: Gq (IPRSPOT): Difference in meaning between the Source question in English and the Bulgarian translation. For further details please see item 46 in the ESS4 - 2008 Documentation Report.
<b>Value</b>	<b>Label</b>
1	Very much like me
2	Like me
3	Somewhat like me
4	A little like me
5	Not like me
6	Not like me at all

**File : ESS1-6\_cumulative\_e01\_1****# ipudrst: Important to understand different people**

Value	Label
7	Refusal
8	Don't know
9	No answer

