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AMERICAN NATIONAL ELECTION STUDIES

TIME SERIES CUMULATIVE DATA FILE

1948-2012

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>> CUMULATIVE DATA FILE - GENERAL INTRODUCTION

The Cumulative Data File consists of variables derived from the 1948-2004 series of biennial ("time-series") SRC/CPS National Election Studies. [NOTE: No ANES study was conducted in 1950; 1954 was a minor study although its data are included here.]

To produce this dataset, cross-section cases from the time-series election studies have been pooled; the total unweighted cross-section N is 46,226. (NOTE: non-cross-section cases from black supplements in 1964, 1968 and 1970 are not included in this file.)

A variable in the dataset almost always represents a question which has been asked in three or more (time-series) studies. This dataset incorporates for specific questions data from all time-series studies in which the question was asked in comparable fashion.

When using variables from this dataset, the analyst should keep the following in mind:

- 1) Question wording has varied over the years. Where there are differences in question wording, we have tried to reference them in the documentation; completeness of this effort, however, cannot be guaranteed.
- 2) Even if a question is worded identically in successive surveys, its placement in the survey instrument may be different, with unknown (and possibly large) effect.
- 3) Variables have been recoded to be consistent over time. Questions are not necessarily coded the same way in this dataset as they are in the election study datasets from which they came.

THE SAMPLE SIZES FOR ALL YEARS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	Cross-section *	
	Weighted**	Unweighted
1948:	--	N=662
1952:	--	N=1899
1954:	--	N=1139
1956:	--	N=1762
1958:	N=1822	N=1450
1960:	N=1954	N=1181
1962:	--	N=1297
1964:	--	N=1571
1966:	--	N=1291
1968:	--	N=1557
type 0* 1970:	--	N=1507
type 1* 1970:	N=835	N=758
type 2* 1970:	N=817	N=749
1972:	--	N=2705
1974:	N=2523	N=1575
1976:	N=2869.5	N=2248
1978:	--	N=2304
1980:	--	N=1614
1982:	--	N=1418
1984:	--	N=2257
1986:	--	N=2176
1988:	--	N=2040
1990:	--	N=1980 ***
1992:	****	N=2485

1994:	****	N=1795
1996:	****	N=1714
1998:	****	N=1281
2000:	****	N=1807
2002:	****	N=1511
2004:	****	N=1212
2008:	****	N=2322
2012:	****	N=5914 *****

- \* note: the 1970 figures exclude 73 non-eligible Rs in the original dataset's cross-section N. The Cumulative File excludes all non-eligible respondents from its cross-section. For descriptions of type 0, type 1, and type 2 variables in 1970, see weight vars VCF0009-VCF0011.
- \*\* note: the weighted cross-section Ns are represented in the Guide to Public Opinion and Electoral Behavior, which was produced using data from the Cumulative File. To reproduce the data appearing in the Sourcebook, it is necessary to use appropriate weights (see VCF0009-VCF0011).
- \*\*\*note: 20 cases have been deleted from the 1990 Study data due to belated discovery of interview fabrication and ineligible Rs.
- \*\*\*\*note: In 1992 and later studies there were multiple weights which can be used with the data; see Study documentation.
- \*\*\*\*\*Combined sample (face-to-face and internet)