The 2012 Election Panel Study

Codebook

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<u>Wave One Variables:</u>

vid—A unique respondent identification number

q83—Gender. (1)Male (2) Female

q2—Political Interest. This variable is constructed from respondents' answers to the following question, "Some people don't pay much attention to political campaigns. How interested have you been in the political campaigns so far this year?" Response options were: Extremely interested (1) Very Interested (2) Moderately Interested (3) Slightly Interested (4) Not interested at all (5)

q7—Party Identification. This variable is constructed from respondents' answers to the following question, "Generally, which of these party labels bests describes you?" Response options were: Strong Democrat (1) Democrat (2) Independent, but lean Democrat (3) Independent (4) Independent, but lean Republican (5) Republican (6) Strong Republican (7)

q8—Political Ideology. This variable is constructed from respondents' answers to the following question, "Now, thinking of your general political views, which of these labels bests describes you?" Response options were: Very conservative (1) somewhat conservative (2) moderate (3) somewhat liberal (4) very liberal (5)

q121_6—Discussant One Same Church. This variable is constructed from a standard "name generator" network battery. It asked, "Is [Person 1] a fellow house of worship member?" Response options were: yes (1) no (2)

q122_6—Discussant One Same Church. This variable is constructed from a standard "name generator" network battery. It asked, "Is [Person 2] a fellow house of worship member?" Response options were: yes (1) no (2)

q123_6—Discussant One Same Church. This variable is constructed from a standard "name generator" network battery. It asked, "Is [Person 3] a fellow house of worship member?" Response options were: yes (1) no (2)

q124_6—Discussant One Same Church. This variable is constructed from a standard "name generator" network battery. It asked, "Is [Person 4] a fellow house of worship member?" Response options were: yes (1) no (2)

q741_6—Discussant One Gender. This variable is constructed from a standard "name generator" network battery. It asked, "Is [Person 1] female?" Response options were: yes (1) no (2)

q742_6—Discussant Two Gender. This variable is constructed from a standard "name generator" network battery. It asked, "Is [Person 2] female?" Response options were: yes (1) no (2)

q743_6—Discussant Three Gender. This variable is constructed from a standard "name generator" network battery. It asked, "Is [Person 3] female?" Response options were: yes (1) no (2)

q744_6—Discussant Four Gender. This variable is constructed from a standard "name generator" network battery. It asked, "Is [Person 4] female?" Response options were: yes (1) no (2)

q23_2—Church Partisanship. This variable is coded from responses to the following prompt: "Thinking about [Your house of worship (if you have one)], how strongly Democratic or Republican leaning would you say they are? Please think of the rating as a percentage -- move the slider left to signal that the group/place is more Democratic, and move it right if the group/place is more Republican." This variable ranges from 0 to 100.

q44_1—Year of Birth.

q48—Household Income. This variable is coded from responses to the following question, "In what category does your total family income fall before taxes?" Response options were: under $25,000 (1) $25-40,000 (2) $41-60,000 (3) $61-80,000 (4) $81-100,000 (5) $101,000 or greater (6)

q49—Race/Ethnicity. This variable is constructed from respondents' answers to the following question, "What racial or ethnic background best describes you?" Response options were: African American (1) Asian American (2) Hispanic/Latino (3) White/Caucasian (4) Other: (5)

q50—Faith Tradition/Denomination. This variable is constructed from respondents' answers to the following question, "Of what religious denomination or faith, if any, do you consider yourself?" Response options were: Protestant (1) Catholic (2) Other Christian (3) Jewish (4) Muslim (5) None (6) Agnostic or Atheist (7) Other: (8) _____

q50_text—Faith Tradition/Denomination (Open-Ended). If "Other" was selected as a response to the above question, study participants were asked to indicate the religious tradition or denomination to which they belonged.

q51—Born Again/Evangelic Identification. This variable is constructed from respondents' answers to the following question, "Do you consider yourself a "born-again" or evangelical Christian?" Response options were: yes (1) no (2)

q52—Frequency of Church Attendance. This variable is constructed from respondents' answers to the following question: "Aside from weddings, baptisms, and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?" Response options were: Never (1) Less than Once a Month (2) Once a Month (3) 2-3 Times a Month (4) Once a Week (5) 2-3 Times a Week (6) Daily (7)

q54—Education. This variable is constructed from respondents' answers to the following question: "What is the highest level of education that you have completed?" Response options were: Less than

High School (1) High School or GED (2) Some college or trade school (3) 4-year college graduate (4) Graduate education (5)

<u>Wave Two Variables:</u>

w69_5—Christian Fundamentalists Feeling Thermometer. This variable is coded from responses to the following prompt: "Moving on, we'd like to get your feelings towards some groups/figures in society. Thinking about [Christian Fundamentalists], please use the following rating scale to indicate how warm or cold you feel towards each of these groups/individuals. 100 indicates that you feel very warm towards that group/person, and 0 that you feel very cold towards that group/person." This variable ranges from 0 to 100.

w88—Same Church. This variables is constructed from respondents' answers to the following question: "Are you still attending the same house of worship as you were 6 months ago?" Response options were: Yes (1) No (2) I did not attend a house of worship 6 months ago. (3)

w52—Frequency of Church Attendance. This variables is constructed from respondents' answers to the following question: "Aside from weddings, baptisms, and funerals, how often do you currently attend religious services?" Response options were: Never (1) Less than Once a Month (2) Once a Month (3) 2-3 Times a Month (4) Once a Week (5) 2-3 Times a Week (6) Daily (7)

v466—Differences in Political Opinions. This variable is coded from responses to the following prompt: "Please think about the people in your house of worship. How do they compare to you? Would you say they are the same as or different from you [in terms of their overall political opinions]?" Response options were: Very different (1) Different (2) Similar (3) Very similar (4)

v467—Differences in Political Interest. This variable is coded from responses to the following prompt: "Please think about the people in your house of worship. How do they compare to you? Would you say they are the same as or different from you [in terms of their level of interest in politics]?" Response options were: Very different (1) Different (2) Similar (3) Very similar (4)

v468—Differences in Age. This variable is coded from responses to the following prompt: "Please think about the people in your house of worship. How do they compare to you? Would you say they are the same as or different from you [in terms of age]?" Response options were: Very different (1) Different (2) Similar (3) Very similar (4)

v469—Differences in Income and Social Class. This variable is coded from responses to the following prompt: "Please think about the people in your house of worship. How do they compare to you? Would you say they are the same as or different from you [in terms of income and social class]?" Response options were: Very different (1) Different (2) Similar (3) Very similar (4)

w89_5—Differences in Education Level. This variable is coded from responses to the following prompt: "Please think about the people in your house of worship. How do they compare to you? Would you say they are the same as or different from you [in terms of education level]?" Response options were: Very different (1) Different (2) Similar (3) Very similar (4)

w89_6—Differences in Religious Beliefs. This variable is coded from responses to the following prompt: "Please think about the people in your house of worship. How do they compare to you?

Would you say they are the same as or different from you [in terms of religious beliefs]?" Response options were: Very different (1) Different (2) Similar (3) Very similar (4)

w89_7—Differences in Race/Ethnicity. This variable is coded from responses to the following prompt: "Please think about the people in your house of worship. How do they compare to you? Would you say they are the same as or different from you [in terms of race/ehnicity]?" Response options were: Very different (1) Different (2) Similar (3) Very similar (4)