

## **General Social Survey: Variables**

SEX: 1. Male, 2. Female

AGE: Age of respondent

RACE: 1. White, 2. Black, 3. Other

MARITAL: Marital status: 1. Married, 2. Widowed, 3. Divorced, 4. Separated, 5. Never married

CHILDS: Number of children

AGEKDBRN: Age when first child was born

EARNRS: Number of family members earning money

BORN: Born in the United States: 1. Yes, 2. No

CLASS: Which of the following four social classes would you say you belong in? 1. Lower class, 2. Working class, 3. Middle class, 4. Upper class

DWELOWN: Does your family own or rent? 1. Own 2. Buying 3. Other

INCOMECAT: Total family income categories and RINCOME: Respondent's income categories

1. Under \$1,000
2. \$1,000-\$2,999
3. \$3,000-\$3,999
4. \$4,000-\$4,999
5. \$5,000-\$5,999
6. \$6,000-\$6,999
7. \$7,000-\$7,999
8. \$8,000-\$9,999
9. \$10,000-\$12,499
10. \$12,500-\$14,999
11. \$15,000-\$17,499
12. \$17,500-\$19,999
13. \$20,000-\$22,499

14. \$22,500-\$24,999
15. \$25,000-\$29,999
16. \$30,000-\$34,999
17. \$35,000-\$39,999
18. \$40,000-\$49,999
19. \$50,000-\$59,999
20. \$60,000-\$74,999
21. \$75,000-\$89,999
22. \$90,000-\$109,999
23. \$110,000-\$129,999
24. \$130,000-\$149,999
25. \$150,000 and over

INCOME and RINCOME: midpoints of categories (25 = \$175,000)

EDUC, SPEDUC, PAEDUC, and MAEDUC: Highest year of school completed of respondent, his/her spouse, father, mother

DEGREE, SPDEG, PADEG, and MADEG: Highest degree completed of respondent, spouse, father, mother:  
0. Left high school, 1. High school, 2. Junior college, 3. Bachelor's degree, 4. Graduate

WRKSTAT: Work status and SPWRKSTA Work status of spouse: 1. Working fulltime, 2. Working part time, 3. Temporarily not working, 4. Unemployed, laid off, 5. Retired, 6. School, 7. Keeping house, 8. Other

HRS1: If working, full or part time, how many hours did you work last week, at all jobs?

SPHRS1: If working, full or part time, how many hours did spouse work last week, at all jobs?

WRKSLF: Are (were) you self employed or do (did) you work for someone else? 1. Self-employed, 2. Someone else

WRKGOVT: Are (were) you employed by the federal, state, or local government or by a private employer (including non-profit organizations)? 1. Government, 2. Private

TVHOURS: On average days how many hours do you spend watching television?

PARTYID: Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, Democrat, Independent, or what?

0. Strong Democrat, 1. Not strong Democrat, 2. Independent near Democrat, 3. Independent, 4. Independent near Republican, 5. Not strong Republican, 6. Strong Republican, 7. Other party

PARTYID3: 1. Democrat, 2. Independent, 3. Republican

POLVIEWS: I'm going to show you a seven-point scale on which the political views that people might hold are arranged from extremely liberal to extremely conservative. Where would you place yourself on this scale?

1. Extremely liberal, 2. Liberal, 3. Slightly Liberal, 4. Moderate, 5. Slightly conservative, 6. Conservative, 7. Extremely conservative

POLVIEWS3: 1. Liberal, 2. Moderate, 3. Conservative

CAPPUN: Do you favor capital punishment for murder? 1. Favor, 2. Oppose

GUNLAW: Do you favor requiring a police permit to buy a gun? 1. Favor, 2. Oppose

EQWLTH: Should government reduce income differences between rich and poor? 1. Government should reduce differences, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. No government action

HELPPPOOR: Should government improve standard of living of poor people? 1. Government act, 2, 3, 4, 5. People should help themselves

HELPNOT: Should government do more or less to solve country's problems? 1. Government should do more, 2, 3, 4, 5. Government does too much

HELPSICK: Is it government's responsibility to help pay for doctor and hospital bills? 1. Government should help, 2, 3, 4, 5. People should help themselves

TAX: Federal income tax you pay... 1. Too high, 2. About right, 3. Too low

ODDS1: A doctor tells a couple that there is one chance in four that their child will have an inherited disease. Does this mean that if the first child has the illness, the next three will not? 1. Yes, No, 8. Don't know, 9. No answer

ODDS2: A doctor tells a couple that there is one chance in four that their child will have an inherited disease. Does this mean that each of the couple's children will have the same risk of suffering the illness? 1. Yes, 2. No, 8. Don't know, 9. No answer

HOTCORE: The center of the earth is very hot. 1. True, 2. False, 8. Don't know, 9. No answer

EARTHSUN: Does the Earth go around the Sun or does the Sun go around the Earth? 1. Earth around Sun, 2. Sun around Earth, 8. Don't know, 9. No answer

JOBLOSE: In the next 12 months how likely is it that you will lose your job or be laid off? 1. Very likely, 2. Fairly likely, 3. Not too likely, 4. Not likely

JOBFIND: About how easy would it be for you to find a job with another employer with approximately the same income and fringe benefits you now have? 1. Very easy, 2. Somewhat easy, 3. Not easy

SATJOB: On the whole, how satisfied are you with the work you do? 1. Very satisfied, 2. Moderately satisfied, 3. A little dissatisfied, 4. Very dissatisfied

RICHWORK: If you were to get enough money to live as comfortably as you would like for the rest of your life, would you continue to work or would you stop working? 1. Continue working, 2. Stop working

a. Would you please look at this list and tell me which one thing on this list you would most prefer in a job?  
b. Which comes next? c. Which is third most important? d. Which is fourth most important? E. Which is fifth most important? 1. Most important, 2. Second, 3. Third, 4. Fourth, 5. Fifth

JOBINC: High income

JOBSEC: No danger of being fired

JOBHOURS: Working hours are short

JOBPROMO: Chances for advancement

JOBMEANS: Work important and gives a feeling of accomplishment

NEWS: Do you read newspapers... 1. Every day, 2. Few times per week, 3. Once per week, 4. Less than once per week, 5. Never

HAPPY: Taken altogether, how would you say things are these days would you say you are ... 1. Very happy, 2. Pretty happy, 3. Not too happy

HAPMAR: Taking all things together, how would you describe your marriage? 1. Very happy, 2. Pretty happy, 3. Not too happy

HEALTH: Would you say your own health, in general, is ... 1. Excellent, 2. Good, 3. Fair, 4. Poor

LIFE: In general, do you find life 1. Exciting, 2. Pretty routine, 3. Dull

UNEMP: Have you ever been unemployed in the last 10 years? 1. Yes, 2. No

UNION: Do you or your spouse belong to a union? 1. Respondent belongs, 2. Spouse belongs, 3. Both belong, 4. Neither belong.

PARSOL: Compared to your parents at your age is your standard of living be... 1. Much better, 2. Somewhat better, 3. About the same, 4. Somewhat worse, 5. Much worse

KIDSSOL: When your children are at your age will their standard of living be... 1. Much better, 2. Somewhat better, 3. About the same, 4. Somewhat worse, 5. Much worse