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N = 64,000

Conducted in two waves, pre and post election

Post election questions all have at most 52899 respondents

There are five parts to the 2016 CCES Common Content { sample identi\_ers (including state and congressional district), profile questions (largely demographic), pre-election questions, post-election questions, and contextual data (including candidate names and parties, election results, and roll call votes).

All counts are unweighted, raw counts. The tables distinguish between subtypes of missing data: missing due to respondent skipping and missing due to the question not being asked to the respondent (e.g. due to branching), although some inaccurate labeling within the missing data category may exist. Please consult the questionnaire to see the branching structure of the questions asked.

Key variables:

CC16 364c – presidential preference (pre-survey)

CC16 410a – presidential vote (post-survey)

Questions that most respondents were not asked:

Multrace\_\*

Hispanic origin

Hadjob

Phone (most skipped)

Relig-pew\_protestant

Birthyr is missing, fortunately I can join on the cumulative CCES data…

**Outcome variables of interest:**

Presidential:

Did they vote? Who did they vote for (collapse into one variable?)

Should I use pre or post? (probably post)

Congress: did they vote/which party did they vote for

Probably stick with President and Congress (or just president)

**Explanatory variables of interest:**

Demographics: age, race, religion, education, income. Any others?

Political views: (party ID? Probably too explanatory and not interesting enough)

Issue questions (compile list, organize by topic. Do I pick beforehand? Or keep all that have sufficient respondents?)

Questions:

Can 5-point scales be treated as non-categorical? They are technically ordered, but the numbers might not be that meaningful.

Some have lots of categories, e.g. religpew (