

Codebook for: “The Declarations of Independents: Open-Ended Survey Responses and the Nature of Non-Identification”

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1. Overview

- **Filename:** ABJK_Declarations.csv
- **Source:** Data compiled from the American National Election Studies (ANES) from the following files:
 - American National Election Studies. 2022. *ANES Time Series Cumulative Data File, 1984–2020* [dataset and documentation]. September 16, 2022 version.
 - American National Election Studies. 1984–2004. *Redacted Open-Ends, Likes–Dislikes, 1984–2004* [dataset].
 - American National Election Studies. 2008. *Redacted Open-Ends* [dataset].
 - American National Election Studies. 2012. *Redacted Open-Ends* [dataset].
 - American National Election Studies. 2016. *Redacted Open-Ends* [dataset].
 - American National Election Studies. 2020. *Redacted Open-Ends* [dataset].
- **Description:** This dataset contains the variables required to run the two main analysis scripts (ABJK_Declarations.STM.R, ABJK_Declarations.SVM.R) which reproduce all results reported in the paper. The variables are drawn from the ANES Time Series Cumulative File and from respondents' open-ended responses. Variable cleaning and preparation of the open-ended responses were completed before constructing this dataset as part of a larger project with the ANES open-ended responses; only the variables used in the analyses are included here. Variables created by machine-learning procedures (e.g., SVM classifications, topic-model outputs) are not included in this codebook, as they are generated within the analysis scripts. The source scripts used to produce the dataset are available upon request.
- **Citation:** Please cite the replication dataset as:
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2. Variable Description

Variable	Label	Values / Coding
caseid	Original ANES case identifier	—
unique.id	Unique case identifier (analysis dataset)	—
year	Survey year	1984–2020
year_1984	Survey year 1984 indicator	1 = Yes, 0 = No
year_1988	Survey year 1988 indicator	1 = Yes, 0 = No
year_1992	Survey year 1992 indicator	1 = Yes, 0 = No
year_1996	Survey year 1996 indicator	1 = Yes, 0 = No
year_2000	Survey year 2000 indicator	1 = Yes, 0 = No
year_2004	Survey year 2004 indicator	1 = Yes, 0 = No
year_2008	Survey year 2008 indicator	1 = Yes, 0 = No
year_2012	Survey year 2012 indicator	1 = Yes, 0 = No
year_2016	Survey year 2016 indicator	1 = Yes, 0 = No
year_2020	Survey year 2020 indicator	1 = Yes, 0 = No
weight.combined	Combined survey weight (full sample)	Continuous
mode	Survey mode	FTF, Telephone, Tele-Post, Tele-Pre, Video, Web
age.18.39	Age 18–39 indicator	1 = Yes, 0 = No
age.40.64	Age 40–64 indicator	1 = Yes, 0 = No
age.64.plus	Age 65+ indicator	1 = Yes, 0 = No
pid7	Seven-point party ID	1 = Strong Democrat; 2 = Weak Democrat; 3 = Independent–Democrat; 4 = Pure Independent; 5 = Independent–Republican; 6 = Weak Republican; 7 = Strong Republican
pid3	Three-category party ID	Democrat; Pure Independent; Republican
pid.rep	Republican identifier	1 = Yes, 0 = No
pid.dem	Democratic identifier	1 = Yes, 0 = No
pid.pureind	Pure Independent (PID7 = 4)	1 = Yes, 0 = No
pid.leaner	Leaning Independent (PID7 = 3 or 5)	1 = Yes, 0 = No
pid.strong	Strong partisan (PID7 = 1 or 7)	1 = Yes, 0 = No
pid.weak	Weak partisan (PID7 = 2 or 6)	1 = Yes, 0 = No
race.white	White (non-Hispanic) indicator	1 = Yes, 0 = No
race.black	Black (non-Hispanic) indicator	1 = Yes, 0 = No
race.other	Other race indicator	1 = Yes, 0 = No
female	Female indicator	1 = Female, 0 = Male
college	College degree indicator	1 = Yes, 0 = No
pol.int	Political interest (rescaled)	0–1
trust	Trust in government	0–100

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Variable	Label	Values / Coding
ideo7	Seven-point ideology	1 = Extremely liberal, 2 = Liberal, 3 = Slightly liberal, 4 = Moderate, middle of the road, 5 = Slightly conservative, 6 = Conservative, 7 = Extremely conservative
dislikeanything.rep	Indicates any dislike of the Republican Party	1 = Yes, 0 = No
repdislikes	GPT spelling-corrected open-ended dislikes of Republican Party	Raw text string
repdislikes.orig	Original open-ended dislikes of Republican Party	Raw text string
dislikeanything.dem	Indicates any dislike of the Democratic Party	1 = Yes, 0 = No
demdislikes	GPT spelling-corrected open-ended dislikes of Democratic Party	Raw text string
demdislikes.orig	Original open-ended dislikes of Democratic Party	Raw text string

Note: Missing values are coded as NA in the cleaned dataset.