Codebook

**Dataset**

General Social Survey, 2010 Merged Dataset

**File name**

gss2010merged\_gender\_and\_sexuality.sav

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**Cases Sampled**

292

**Variables Employed**

25

**Citation**

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**Description**

The General Social Surveys (***GSS***) have been conducted by the National Opinion Research Center annually since 1972 and biennially beginning in 1994. Data are collected from a random sample of adults in the U.S. via face to face interviews with a response rate of 70%. Main areas covered in the GSS include socioeconomic status, social mobility, social control, the family, race relations, sex relations, civil liberties, and morality. The GSS is considered to be representative of the US adult population and is the most widely cited and respected study of social attitudes in the US. The GSS has questions that are standard and have been included in each wave of data collection, but there are also topical modules to further explore current issues, such as feminism, abortion, and racial discrimination.

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| Variable Information | | |
| Variable | Position | Label |
| age | 1 | AGE OF RESPONDENT |
| attend | 2 | HOW OFTEN R ATTENDS RELIGIOUS SERVICES |
| childs | 3 | NUMBER OF CHILDREN |
| class | 4 | SUBJECTIVE CLASS IDENTIFICATION |
| degree | 5 | RS HIGHEST DEGREE |
| educ | 6 | HIGHEST YEAR OF SCHOOL COMPLETED |
| fechld | 7 | MOTHER WORKING DOESNT HURT CHILDREN |
| fefam | 8 | BETTER FOR MAN TO WORK, WOMAN TEND HOME |
| fepol | 9 | WOMEN NOT SUITED FOR POLITICS |
| fepresch | 10 | PRESCHOOL KIDS SUFFER IF MOTHER WORKS |
| fescale |  | Attitude toward gender roles (summary scale) |
| health | 11 | CONDITION OF HEALTH |
| homosex | 12 | HOMOSEXUAL SEX RELATIONS |
| hrs1 | 13 | NUMBER OF HOURS WORKED LAST WEEK |
| income06 | 14 | TOTAL FAMILY INCOME |
| marital | 15 | MARITAL STATUS |
| partners | 16 | HOW MANY SEX PARTNERS R HAD IN LAST YEAR |
| partyid | 17 | POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION |
| pillok | 18 | BIRTH CONTROL TO TEENAGERS 14-16 |
| polviews | 19 | THINK OF SELF AS LIBERAL OR CONSERVATIVE |
| premarsx | 20 | SEX BEFORE MARRIAGE |
| racecen1 | 21 | WHAT IS RS RACE 1ST MENTION |
| sex | 22 | RESPONDENTS SEX |
| sexeduc | 23 | SEX EDUCATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS |
| teensex | 24 | SEX BEFORE MARRIAGE -- TEENS 14-16 |
| xmarsex | 25 | SEX WITH PERSON OTHER THAN SPOUSE |
| sexscale |  | Attitude toward sexuality (summary scale) |
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| **age** | | | | |
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| Standard Attributes | Position | 1 |  |  |
| Label | AGE OF RESPONDENT |  |  |
| N | Valid | 292 |  |  |
| Missing | 0 |  |  |
| Central Tendency and Dispersion | Mean | 42.98 |  |  |
| Standard Deviation | 13.376 |  |  |
| Percentile 25 | 31.50 |  |  |
| Percentile 50 | 43.00 |  |  |
| Percentile 75 | 53.00 |  |  |

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| **attend** | | | | |
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| Standard Attributes | Position | 2 |  |  |
| Label | HOW OFTEN R ATTENDS RELIGIOUS SERVICES |  |  |
| Valid Values | 0 | NEVER | 68 | 23.3% |
| 1 | LT ONCE A YEAR | 27 | 9.2% |
| 2 | ONCE A YEAR | 46 | 15.8% |
| 3 | SEVRL TIMES A YR | 25 | 8.6% |
| 4 | ONCE A MONTH | 29 | 9.9% |
| 5 | 2-3X A MONTH | 20 | 6.8% |
| 6 | NRLY EVERY WEEK | 11 | 3.8% |
| 7 | EVERY WEEK | 47 | 16.1% |
| 8 | MORE THN ONCE WK | 19 | 6.5% |

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| **childs** | | | | |
|  | | Value | Count | Percent |
| Standard Attributes | Position | 3 |  |  |
| Label | NUMBER OF CHILDREN |  |  |
| Valid Values | 0 |  | 89 | 30.5% |
| 1 |  | 42 | 14.4% |
| 2 |  | 86 | 29.5% |
| 3 |  | 50 | 17.1% |
| 4 |  | 16 | 5.5% |
| 5 |  | 6 | 2.1% |
| 6 |  | 1 | 0.3% |
| 7 |  | 1 | 0.3% |
| 8 | EIGHT OR MORE | 1 | 0.3% |

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| **class** | | | | |
|  | | Value | Count | Percent |
| Standard Attributes | Position | 4 |  |  |
| Label | SUBJECTIVE CLASS IDENTIFICATION |  |  |
| Valid Values | 1 | LOWER CLASS | 11 | 3.8% |
| 2 | WORKING CLASS | 157 | 53.8% |
| 3 | MIDDLE CLASS | 121 | 41.4% |
| 4 | UPPER CLASS | 3 | 1.0% |
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| **degree** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Standard Attributes | | | Position | | | 5 |  | | |  | | |
| Label | | | RS HIGHEST DEGREE |  | | |  | | |
| Valid Values | | | 0 | | | LT HIGH SCHOOL | 24 | | | 8.2% | | |
| 1 | | | HIGH SCHOOL | 127 | | | 43.5% | | |
| 2 | | | JUNIOR COLLEGE | 26 | | | 8.9% | | |
| 3 | | | BACHELOR | 73 | | | 25.0% | | |
| 4 | | | GRADUATE | 42 | | | 14.4% | | |
| **educ** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | | | | | Value | | | Count | | | Percent | |
| Standard Attributes | | Position | | | 6 | | |  | | |  | |
| Label | | | HIGHEST YEAR OF SCHOOL COMPLETED | | |  | | |  | |
| Valid Values | | 2 | | |  | | | 1 | | | 0.3% | |
| 6 | | |  | | | 2 | | | 0.7% | |
| 7 | | |  | | | 1 | | | 0.3% | |
| 8 | | |  | | | 2 | | | 0.7% | |
| 9 | | |  | | | 5 | | | 1.7% | |
| 10 | | |  | | | 6 | | | 2.1% | |
| 11 | | |  | | | 14 | | | 4.8% | |
| 12 | | |  | | | 60 | | | 20.5% | |
| 13 | | |  | | | 26 | | | 8.9% | |
| 14 | | |  | | | 41 | | | 14.0% | |
| 15 | | |  | | | 19 | | | 6.5% | |
| 16 | | |  | | | 56 | | | 19.2% | |
| 17 | | |  | | | 19 | | | 6.5% | |
| 18 | | |  | | | 12 | | | 4.1% | |
| 19 | | |  | | | 9 | | | 3.1% | |
| 20 | | |  | | | 19 | | | 6.5% | |
| **fechld** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | | | | Value | | | | | Count | | | Percent |
| Standard Attributes | Position | | | 7 | | | | |  | | |  |
| Label | | | MOTHER WORKING DOESNT HURT CHILDREN | | | | |  | | |  |
| Valid Values | 1 | | | STRONGLY AGREE | | | | | 92 | | | 31.5% |
| 2 | | | AGREE | | | | | 134 | | | 45.9% |
| 3 | | | DISAGREE | | | | | 53 | | | 18.2% |
| 4 | | | STRONGLY DISAGREE | | | | | 13 | | | 4.5% |
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| **fefam** | | | | |
|  | | Value | Count | Percent |
| Standard Attributes | Position | 8 |  |  |
| Label | BETTER FOR MAN TO WORK, WOMAN TEND HOME |  |  |
| Valid Values | 1 | STRONGLY AGREE | 14 | 4.8% |
| 2 | AGREE | 72 | 24.7% |
| 3 | DISAGREE | 122 | 41.8% |
| 4 | STRONGLY DISAGREE | 84 | 28.8% |

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| **fepol** | | | | |
|  | | Value | Count | Percent |
| Standard Attributes | Position | 9 |  |  |
| Label | WOMEN NOT SUITED FOR POLITICS |  |  |
| Valid Values | 1 | AGREE | 63 | 21.6% |
| 2 | DISAGREE | 229 | 78.4% |

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| **fepresch** | | | | | | | | |
|  | | | Value | | | Count | | Percent |
| Standard Attributes | Position | | 10 | | |  | |  |
| Label | | PRESCHOOL KIDS SUFFER IF MOTHER WORKS | | |  | |  |
| Valid Values | 1 | | STRONGLY AGREE | | | 13 | | 4.5% |
| 2 | | AGREE | | | 73 | | 25.0% |
| 3 | | DISAGREE | | | 157 | | 53.8% |
| 4 | | STRONGLY DISAGREE | | | 49 | | 16.8% |
| **Fescale**  Measures attitude toward women’s role in home, workplace, and politics  Ranges from 0 (most traditional/sexist) to 7 (most progressive/egalitarian)  Summation of fefam, fepol, and fepresch  **health** | | | | | | | | |
|  | | | | Value | Count | | Percent | |
| Standard Attributes | | Position | | 11 |  | |  | |
| Label | | CONDITION OF HEALTH |  | |  | |
| Valid Values | | 1 | | EXCELLENT | 87 | | 29.8% | |
| 2 | | GOOD | 149 | | 51.0% | |
| 3 | | FAIR | 51 | | 17.5% | |
| 4 | | POOR | 5 | | 1.7% | |
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| **homosex** | | | | |
|  | | Value | Count | Percent |
| Standard Attributes | Position | 12 |  |  |
| Label | HOMOSEXUAL SEX RELATIONS |  |  |
| Valid Values | 1 | ALWAYS WRONG | 121 | 41.4% |
| 2 | ALMST ALWAYS WRG | 10 | 3.4% |
| 3 | SOMETIMES WRONG | 26 | 8.9% |
| 4 | NOT WRONG AT ALL | 135 | 46.2% |

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| **hrs1** | | | | |
|  | | Value | Count | Percent |
| Standard Attributes | Position | 13 |  |  |
| Label | NUMBER OF HOURS WORKED LAST WEEK |  |  |
| N | Valid | 292 |  |  |
| Missing | 0 |  |  |
| Central Tendency and Dispersion | Mean | 41.10 |  |  |
| Standard Deviation | 15.544 |  |  |
| Percentile 25 | 33.50 |  |  |
| Percentile 50 | 40.00 |  |  |
| Percentile 75 | 50.00 |  |  |

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| **income06** | | | | |
|  | | Value | Count | Percent |
| Standard Attributes | Position | 14 |  |  |
| Label | TOTAL FAMILY INCOME |  |  |
| N | Valid | 292 |  |  |
| Missing | 0 |  |  |
| Central Tendency and Dispersion | Mean | 17.76 |  |  |
| Standard Deviation | 5.556 |  |  |
| Percentile 25 | 15.00 |  |  |
| Percentile 50 | 19.00 |  |  |
| Percentile 75 | 22.00 |  |  |
| Labeled Values | 0 | IAP | 0 | 0.0% |
| 1 | UNDER $1 000 | 2 | 0.7% |
| 2 | $1 000 TO 2 999 | 5 | 1.7% |
| 3 | $3 000 TO 3 999 | 3 | 1.0% |
| 4 | $4 000 TO 4 999 | 1 | 0.3% |
| 5 | $5 000 TO 5 999 | 2 | 0.7% |
| 6 | $6 000 TO 6 999 | 0 | 0.0% |
| 7 | $7 000 TO 7 999 | 1 | 0.3% |
| 8 | $8 000 TO 9 999 | 3 | 1.0% |
| 9 | $10000 TO 12499 | 9 | 3.1% |
| 10 | $12500 TO 14999 | 6 | 2.1% |
| 11 | $15000 TO 17499 | 13 | 4.5% |
| 12 | $17500 TO 19999 | 4 | 1.4% |
| 13 | $20000 TO 22499 | 6 | 2.1% |
| 14 | $22500 TO 24999 | 16 | 5.5% |
| 15 | $25000 TO 29999 | 17 | 5.8% |
| 16 | $30000 TO 34999 | 14 | 4.8% |
| 17 | $35000 TO 39999 | 13 | 4.5% |
| 18 | $40000 TO 49999 | 23 | 7.9% |
| 19 | $50000 TO 59999 | 18 | 6.2% |
| 20 | $60000 TO 74999 | 33 | 11.3% |
| 21 | $75000 TO $89999 | 27 | 9.2% |
| 22 | $90000 TO $109999 | 19 | 6.5% |
| 23 | $110000 TO $129999 | 10 | 3.4% |
| 24 | $130000 TO $149999 | 20 | 6.8% |
| 25 | $150000 OR OVER | 27 | 9.2% |

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| **marital** | | | | |
|  | | Value | Count | Percent |
| Standard Attributes | Position | 15 |  |  |
| Label | MARITAL STATUS |  |  |
| Valid Values | 1 | MARRIED | 136 | 46.6% |
| 2 | WIDOWED | 8 | 2.7% |
| 3 | DIVORCED | 50 | 17.1% |
| 4 | SEPARATED | 9 | 3.1% |
| 5 | NEVER MARRIED | 89 | 30.5% |

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| **partners** | | | | |
|  | | Value | Count | Percent |
| Standard Attributes | Position | 16 |  |  |
| Label | HOW MANY SEX PARTNERS R HAD IN LAST YEAR |  |  |
| Valid Values | 0 | NO PARTNERS | 42 | 14.4% |
| 1 | 1 PARTNER | 192 | 65.8% |
| 2 | 2 PARTNERS | 20 | 6.8% |
| 3 | 3 PARTNERS | 18 | 6.2% |
| 4 | 4 PARTNERS | 10 | 3.4% |
| 5 | 5-10 PARTNERS | 6 | 2.1% |
| 6 | 11-20 PARTNERS | 1 | 0.3% |
| 7 | 21-100 PARTNERS | 0 | 0.0% |
| 8 | MORE THAN 100 PARTNERS | 1 | 0.3% |
| 9 | 1 OR MORE, DK # | 2 | 0.7% |

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| **partyid** | | | | |
|  | | Value | Count | Percent |
| Standard Attributes | Position | 17 |  |  |
| Label | POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION |  |  |
| Valid Values | 0 | STRONG DEMOCRAT | 41 | 14.0% |
| 1 | NOT STR DEMOCRAT | 44 | 15.1% |
| 2 | IND,NEAR DEM | 36 | 12.3% |
| 3 | INDEPENDENT | 45 | 15.4% |
| 4 | IND,NEAR REP | 37 | 12.7% |
| 5 | NOT STR REPUBLICAN | 54 | 18.5% |
| 6 | STRONG REPUBLICAN | 27 | 9.2% |
| 7 | OTHER PARTY | 8 | 2.7% |
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| **pillok** | | | | |
|  | | Value | Count | Percent |
| Standard Attributes | Position | 18 |  |  |
| Label | BIRTH CONTROL TO TEENAGERS 14-16 |  |  |
| Valid Values | 1 | STRONGLY AGREE | 83 | 28.4% |
| 2 | AGREE | 94 | 32.2% |
| 3 | DISAGREE | 67 | 22.9% |
| 4 | STRONGLY DISAGREE | 48 | 16.4% |

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| **polviews** | | | | |
|  | | Value | Count | Percent |
| Standard Attributes | Position | 19 |  |  |
| Label | THINK OF SELF AS LIBERAL OR CONSERVATIVE |  |  |
| Valid Values | 1 | EXTREMELY LIBERAL | 7 | 2.4% |
| 2 | LIBERAL | 37 | 12.7% |
| 3 | SLIGHTLY LIBERAL | 34 | 11.6% |
| 4 | MODERATE | 115 | 39.4% |
| 5 | SLGHTLY CONSERVATIVE | 44 | 15.1% |
| 6 | CONSERVATIVE | 45 | 15.4% |
| 7 | EXTRMLY CONSERVATIVE | 10 | 3.4% |
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| **premarsx** | | | | |
|  | | Value | Count | Percent |
| Standard Attributes | Position | 20 |  |  |
| Label | SEX BEFORE MARRIAGE |  |  |
| Valid Values | 1 | ALWAYS WRONG | 51 | 17.5% |
| 2 | ALMST ALWAYS WRG | 19 | 6.5% |
| 3 | SOMETIMES WRONG | 42 | 14.4% |
| 4 | NOT WRONG AT ALL | 180 | 61.6% |

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| **racecen1** | | | | | | | | |
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| Standard Attributes | Position | | 21 | | |  | |  |
| Label | | WHAT IS RS RACE 1ST MENTION | | |  | |  |
| Valid Values | 1 | | WHITE | | | 237 | | 81.2% |
| 2 | | BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN | | | 35 | | 12.0% |
| 3 | | OTHER | | | 20 | | 6.8% |
| **sex** | | | | | | | | |
|  | | | | Value | Count | | Percent | |
| Standard Attributes | | Position | | 22 |  | |  | |
| Label | | RESPONDENTS SEX |  | |  | |
| Valid Values | | 1 | | MALE | 149 | | 51.0% | |
| 2 | | FEMALE | 143 | | 49.0% | |

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| **sexeducr** | | | | |
|  | | Value | Count | Percent |
| Standard Attributes | Position | 23 |  |  |
| Label | SEX EDUCATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS |  |  |
| Valid Values | 1 | FAVOR | 269 | 92.1% |
| 0 | OPPOSE | 23 | 7.9% |

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| **teensex** | | | | |
|  | | Value | Count | Percent |
| Standard Attributes | Position | 24 |  |  |
| Label | SEX BEFORE MARRIAGE -- TEENS 14-16 |  |  |
| Valid Values | 1 | ALWAYS WRONG | 193 | 66.1% |
| 2 | ALMST ALWAYS WRG | 42 | 14.4% |
| 3 | SOMETIMES WRONG | 43 | 14.7% |
| 4 | NOT WRONG AT ALL | 14 | 4.8% |

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| **xmarsex** | | | | |
|  | | Value | Count | Percent |
| Standard Attributes | Position | 25 |  |  |
| Label | SEX WITH PERSON OTHER THAN SPOUSE |  |  |
| Valid Values | 1 | ALWAYS WRONG | 229 | 78.4% |
| 2 | ALMST ALWAYS WRG | 39 | 13.4% |
| 3 | SOMETIMES WRONG | 21 | 7.2% |
| 4 | NOT WRONG AT ALL | 3 | 1.0% |

**Sexscale**

Measures attitude toward sex issues

Ranges from 0 (most conservative) to 10 (most liberal)

Summation of homosex, premarsx, teensex, and sexeducr