Guide to the CCES Cumulative Preferences: 2006 - 2019

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Each year, the Cooperative Congressional Election Study (CCES) asks respondents about their preferences on issues like abortion, immigration, the environment and more. However, variable names for question items often change from year to year.

The **CCES Cumulative Preferences** data set compiles various policy preference question items from CCES respondents from 2006 to 2019. This represents an effort to track, rename, recode, and append together responses to 43 policy preference question items over time. The resulting time series can also be combined with the Cumulative CCES Common Content, which contains demographic and political information of each respondent.

This guide provides details on each policy preference question item, including the years where the question item appears in the survey, frequency tables for item, and it's unique, year-specific variable name and question wording. Some question items are more consistently asked than others. Additionally, some question wording varies slightly across time, with more extreme changes warranting a note at the end of each question item's section.

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1 Question item availability by survey year

Common variable name	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
abortion_scale	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
abortion_always									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
abortion_conditional									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
abortion_20weeks									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
abortion_coverage									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
abortion_expenditures									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
abortion_prohibition									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
enviro_scale	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓							
enviro_vs_jobs	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓						
enviro_35mpg									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
enviro_airwateracts									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
enviro_carbon									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
enviro_renewable									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
guns_scale					✓		✓							
guns_assaultban								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
guns_bgchecks								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
guns_names								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
guns_permits								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
immig_legalize		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
immig_border		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
immig_police					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
immig_employer		✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
immig_services								✓	✓	✓				
military_democracy	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
military_genocide	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
military_helpun	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
military_oil	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
military_protectallies	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
military_terroristcamp	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
spending_vs_tax	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
spending_cuts_most	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
spending_cuts_least	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
spending_welfare											✓		✓	
spending_healthcare											✓		✓	
spending_education											✓		✓	
spending_police											✓		✓	
spending_infrastructure											✓		✓	
affirmativeaction_scale	✓	✓												
affirmativeaction			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
gaymarriage_scale	✓	✓												
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2 Question items

2.1 Abortion

2.1.1 abortion_scale

Support scale for access to abortion (1 = Never permit, 4 = Always allow)

Years in data: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013

Table 1: abortion_scale: Frequency table

abortion_scale	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Never permit	3,481	862	3,774	1,793	6,623	2,448	5,684	1,873
Permit in rape, incest cases	9,120	2,260	7,485	4,402	15,641	5,399	14,146	4,169
Permit in other cases	5,466	1,461	3,661	1,866	8,135	2,888	7,174	2,272
Always allow	15,877	4,677	10,698	5,657	24,639	9,415	27,111	7,963

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 2: abortion_scale: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2006	v3019	There has been some discussion about abortion during recent years. Which one of the opinions on this page best agrees with your view on this issue? [1 By law, abortion should never be permitted, 2 The law should permit abortion only in case of rape, incest or when the woman's life is in danger, 3 The law should permit abortion for reasons other than rape, incest, or danger to the woman's life, but only after the need for the abortion has been clearly established, 4 By law, a woman should always be able to obtain an abortion as a matter of personal choice]
2007	CC06_V3019	There has been some discussion about abortion during recent years. Which one of the opinions on this page best agrees with your view on this issue? [1 By law, abortion should never be permitted, 2 The law should permit abortion only in case of rape, incest, 3 The law should permit abortion for reasons other than rape, 4 By law, a woman should always be able to obtain an abortion]

Table 2: abortion_scale: Year-specific wording *(continued)*

Year	Variable	Question wording
2008	cc310	Which one of the opinions on this page best agrees with your view on abortion? [1 By law, abortion should never be permitted, 2 The law should permit abortion only in case of rape, incest or when the womans life is in danger, 3 The law should permit abortion for reasons other than rape, incest, or danger to the womans life, but only after the need for the abortion has been clearly established, 4 By law, a woman should always be able to obtain an abortion as a matter of personal choice]
2009	cc09_53	Abortion
2010	CC324	Which one of the opinions on this page best agrees with your view on abortion? [1 By law, abortion should never be permitted, 2 The law should permit abortion only in case of rape, incest or when the womans life is in danger, 3 The law should permit abortion for reasons other than rape, incest, or danger to the womans life, but only after the need for the abortion has been clearly established, 4 By law, a woman should always be able to obtain an abortion as a matter of personal choice]
2011	CC352	Abortion
2012	CC324	Which one of the opinions on this page best agrees with your view on abortion? [1 By law, abortion should never be permitted, 2 The law should permit abortion only in case of rape, incest or when the womans life is in danger, 3 The law should permit abortion for reasons other than rape, incest, or danger to the womans life, but only after the need for the abortion has been clearly established, 4 By law, a woman should always be able to obtain an abortion as a matter of personal choice]
2013	CC327	Which one of the opinions on this page best agrees with your view on abortion? [1 By law, abortion should never bepermitted, 2 The law should permit abortion only incase of rape, incest or when thewoman's life is in danger, 3 The law should permit abortion forreasons other than rape, incest, ordanger to the woman's life, but onlyafter the need for the abortion has beenclearly established, 4 By law, a woman should always be ableto obtain an abortion as a matter ofpersonal choice]

2.1.2 abortion_always

Always allow abortion

Years in data: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Table 3: abortion_always: Frequency table

abortion_always	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Support	33,283	7,907	39,808	10,741	35,751	10,067
Oppose	22,395	6,200	24,730	7,444	24,150	7,841

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 4: abortion_always: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2014	CC14_323_1	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? . . . Always allow a woman to obtain an abortion as a matter of choice
2015	CC15_322a	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Always allow a woman to obtain an abortion as a matter of choice
2016	CC16_332a	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Always allow a woman to obtain an abortion as a matter of choice
2017	CC17_332a	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Always allow a woman to obtain an abortion as a matter of choice
2018	CC18_321a	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Always allow a woman to obtain an abortion as a matter of choice
2019	CC19_321a	Always allow a woman to obtain an abortion as a matter of choice

2.1.3 abortion_conditional

Allow abortion only under certain cases

Years in data: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Table 5: abortion_conditional: Frequency table

abortion_conditional	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Support	26,198	6,247	29,616	7,729	24,315	7,572
Oppose	29,166	7,822	34,892	10,452	35,583	10,395

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 6: abortion_conditional: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2014	CC14_323_2	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? . . . Permit abortion only in cases of rape, incest, or when the womans life is in danger
2015	CC15_322b	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Permit abortion ONLY in case of rape, incest or when the woman's life is in danger
2016	CC16_332b	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Permit abortion only in case of rape, incest or when the woman's life is in danger
2017	CC17_332b	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Permit abortion only in case of rape, incest or when the woman's life is in danger
2018	CC18_321b	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Permit abortion ONLY in case of rape, incest or when the woman's life is in danger
2019	CC19_321b	Permit abortion ONLY in case of rape, incest or when the woman's life is in danger

2.1.4 abortion_20weeks

Ban abortion after 20 weeks

Years in data: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Table 7: abortion_20weeks: Frequency table

abortion_20weeks	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Support	37,103	9,676	39,057	11,675	38,280	10,910
Oppose	18,318	4,391	25,461	6,506	21,634	7,079

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 8: abortion_20weeks: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2014	CC14_323_3	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? . . . Prohibit abortions after the 20th week of pregnancy
2015	CC15_322c	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Ban abortions after the 20th week of pregnancy
2016	CC16_332c	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Prohibit all abortions after the 20th week of pregnancy
2017	CC17_332c	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Ban abortions after the 20th week of pregnancy
2018	CC18_321c	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Ban abortions after the 20th week of pregnancy
2019	CC19_321c	Ban abortions after the 20th week of pregnancy

2.1.5 abortion_coverage

Employer coverage of abortion

Years in data: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

Table 9: abortion_coverage: Frequency table

abortion_coverage	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Support	25,366	6,856	28,138	8,225	25,999
Oppose	30,273	7,246	36,400	9,960	33,938

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 10: abortion_coverage: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2014	CC14_323_4	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? . . . Allow employers to decline coverage of abortions in insurance plans
2015	CC15_322d	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Allow employers to decline coverage of abortions in insurance plans
2016	CC16_332d	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Allow employers to decline coverage of abortions in insurance plans
2017	CC17_332d	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Allow employers to decline coverage of abortions in insurance plans

Table 10: abortion_coverage: Year-specific wording *(continued)*

Year	Variable	Question wording
2018	CC18_321d	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Allow employers to decline coverage of abortions in insurance plans

2.1.6 abortion_expenditures

Prohibit expenditures for abortion

Years in data: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Table 11: abortion_expenditures: Frequency table

abortion_expenditures	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Support	26,497	7,032	29,217	8,253	26,280	9,127
Oppose	28,968	7,027	35,321	9,929	33,651	8,863

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 12: abortion_expenditures: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2014	CC14_323_5	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? . . . Prohibit the expenditure of funds authorized or appropriated by federal law for any abortion
2015	CC15_322e	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Prohibit the expenditure of funds authorized or appropriated by federal law for any abortion.
2016	CC16_332e	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Prohibit the expenditure of funds authorized or appropriated by federal law for any abortion
2017	CC17_332e	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Prohibit the expenditure of funds authorized or appropriated by federal law for any abortion.
2018	CC18_321e	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Prohibit the expenditure of funds authorized or appropriated by federal law for any abortion.
2019	CC19_321d	Prohibit the expenditure of funds authorized or appropriated by federal law for any abortion except to save the life of the woman, or if the pregnancy arises from incest or rape

2.1.7 abortion_prohibition

Total prohibition of abortion

Years in data: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Table 13: abortion_prohibition: Frequency table

abortion_prohibition	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Support	2,597	10,144	3,128	9,224	3,350
Oppose	11,439	54,369	15,056	50,685	14,629

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 14: abortion_prohibition: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2015	CC15_322f	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Make abortions illegal in all circumstances.
2016	CC16_332f	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Make abortions illegal in all circumstances
2017	CC17_332f	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Make abortion illegal in all circumstances.
2018	CC18_321f	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Make abortion illegal in all circumstances.
2019	CC19_321e	Make abortions illegal in all circumstances

2.2 Environment

2.2.1 enviro_scale

Opposition scale to climate change (1 = serious problem, 5 = not occuring)

Years in data: 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

Table 15: enviro_scale: Frequency table

enviro_scale	2006	2007	2009	2010	2011	2012
Immediate action	5,681	2,209	3,073	15,409	5,786	14,764
Some action	4,287	1,486	4,205	13,853	5,778	16,378
More research needed	3,646	1,307	2,743	10,730	4,085	11,461
Not action necessary	2,632	1,027	3,760	11,095	3,289	8,693
Climate change not occurring	0	0	0	4,201	1,212	3,075

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 16: enviro_scale: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2006	v2092	From what you know about global climate change or global warming, which one of the following statements comes closest to your opinion? [1 Global climate change has been established as a serious problem, and immediate action is necessary. 2 There is enough evidence that climate change is taking place and some action should be taken. 3 We don't know enough about global climate change, and more research is necessary before we take any actions. 4 Concern about global climate change is unwarranted.]
2007	CC06_V2092	From what you know about global climate change or global warming, which one of the following statements comes closest to your opinion? [1 Immediate action, 2 Some action, 3 More research, 4 Concern unwarranted]
2009	cc09_51	Global Warming

Table 16: enviro_scale: Year-specific wording *(continued)*

Year	Variable	Question wording
2010	CC321	From what you know about global climate change or global warming, which one of the following statements comes closest to your opinion? [1 Global climate change has been established as a serious problem, and immediate action is necessary. 2 here is enough evidence that climate change is taking place and some action should be taken. 3 We don't know enough about global climate change, and more research is necessary before taking any actions. 4 Concern about global climate change is exaggerated. No action is necessary. 5 Global climate change is not occurring; this is not a real issue.]
2011	CC350	Climate
2012	CC321	From what you know about global climate change or global warming, which one of the following statements comes closest to your opinion? [1 Global Climate change has been established as a serious problem, and immediate action is necessary. 2 There is enough evidence that climate change is taking place and some action should be taken. 3 We don't know enough about global climate change, and more research is necessary before we take any actions. 4 Concern about global climate chane is exaggerated. No action is necessary. 5 Global climate change is not occurring; this is not a real issue]

Note: From 2010 onward, this question includes a fifth response option, 'Global climate change is not occurring'.

2.2.2 enviro_vs_jobs

Preference scale between environmental protection and job availability (1=Environmental protection, 5=Job protection)

Years in data: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2013

Table 17: enviro_vs_jobs: Frequency table

enviro_vs_jobs	2006	2007	2008	2010	2012	2013
Environment much more important	8,557	2,597	3,765	7,643	6,558	2,172
Environment somewhat more important	8,908	2,442	4,917	9,802	9,602	2,874
Environment and jobs of same importance	8,119	2,107	6,745	15,358	17,209	5,844
Jobs somewhat more important	6,239	1,705	6,217	13,453	13,340	3,422

Table 17: enviro_vs_jobs: Frequency table *(continued)*

enviro_vs_jobs	2006	2007	2008	2010	2012	2013
Jobs much more important	3,004	832	4,014	8,964	7,591	2,038
Haven't thought much about this	1,290	261	0	0	0	0

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 18: enviro_vs_jobs: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2006	v3022	Some people think it is important to protect the environment even if it costs some jobs or otherwise reduces our standard of living. Other people think that protecting the environment is not as important as maintaining jobs and our standard of living. Which is closer to the way you feel, or haven't you thought much about this?
2007	CC06_V3022	Some people think it is important to protect the environment even if it costs some jobs or otherwise reduces our standard of living. Other people think that protecting the environment is not as important as maintaining jobs and our standard of living. Which is closer to the way you feel, or haven't you thought much about this?
2008	cc311	Some people think it is important to protect the environment even if it costs some jobs or otherwise reduces our standard of living. Other people think that protecting the environment is not as important as maintaining jobs and our standard of living. Which is closer to the way you feel, or haven't you thought much about this?
2010	CC325	Some people think it is important to protect the environment even if it costs some jobs or otherwise reduces our standard of living. Other people think that protecting the environment is not as important as maintaining jobs and our standard of living. Which is closer to the way you feel, or haven't you thought much about this?
2012	CC325	Some people think it is important to protect the environment even if it costs some jobs or otherwise reduces our standard of living. Other people think that protecting the environment is not as important as maintaining jobs and our standard of living. Which is closer to the way you feel, or haven't you thought much about this?

Table 18: enviro_vs_jobs: Year-specific wording *(continued)*

Year	Variable	Question wording
2013	CC328	Some people think it is important to protect the environment even if it costs some jobs or otherwise reduces our standard of living. Other people think that protecting the environment is not as important as maintaining jobs and our standard of living. Which is closer to the way you feel, or haven't you thought much about this?

Note: In 2006 and 2007, this question includes a sixth response option, 'Haven't thought much about this'.

2.2.3 enviro_35mpg

Raise fuel efficiency from 25 to 35 mpg

Years in data: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

Table 19: enviro_35mpg: Frequency table

enviro_35mpg	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Support	39,160	9,634	45,022	12,533	34,966
Oppose	16,279	4,430	19,522	5,654	16,535

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 20: enviro_35mpg: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2014	CC14_326_2	Raise required fuel efficiency for the average automobile from 25 mpg to 35 mpg.
2015	CC15_323_2	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Raise required fuel efficiency for the average automobile from 25 mpg to 35 mpg.
2016	CC16_333b	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Raise required fuel efficiency for the average automobile from 25 mpg to 35 mpg.
2017	CC17_333b	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Raise required fuel efficiency for the average automobile from 25 mpg to 35 mpg.

Table 20: enviro_35mpg: Year-specific wording *(continued)*

Year	Variable	Question wording
2018	CC18_415b	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Lower the required fuel efficiency for the average automobile from 35 mpg to 25 mpg.

Note: In 2018, question wording switches from 'Raise required fuel efficiency…from 25 mpg' to 'Lower the required fuel efficiency…from 35 mpg'.

2.2.4 enviro_airwateracts

Strengthen EPA enforcement of Clean Air and Water acts

Years in data: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Table 21: enviro_airwateracts: Frequency table

enviro_airwateracts	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Support	27,064	7,588	37,672	11,412	30,106	11,097
Oppose	28,342	6,459	26,875	6,772	21,438	6,888

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 22: enviro_airwateracts: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2014	CC14_326_4	Environmental Protection Agency strengthening enforcement of the Clean Air Act even if it costs US jobs
2015	CC15_323_4	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Strengthen the Environmental Protection Agency enforcement of the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act even if costs US jobs
2016	CC16_333d	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Strengthen enforcement of the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act even if costs US jobs
2017	CC17_333d	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Strengthen the Environmental Protection Agency enforcement of the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act even if it costs U.S. jobs.
2018	CC18_415d	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Strengthen the Environmental Protection Agency enforcement of the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act even if it costs US jobs

Table 22: enviro_airwateracts: Year-specific wording *(continued)*

Year	Variable	Question wording
2019	CC19_340c	Strengthen the Environmental Protection Agency enforcement of the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act even if it costs U.S. jobs

2.2.5 enviro_carbon

Allow EPA to regulate carbon dioxide emissions

Years in data: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Table 23: enviro_carbon: Frequency table

enviro_carbon	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Support	38,653	8,982	43,932	12,309	33,678	12,135
Oppose	16,728	5,065	20,608	5,873	17,805	5,842

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 24: enviro_carbon: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2014	CC14_326_1	Do you support or oppose each of the following policies? Environmental Protection Agency regulating carbon emissions
2015	CC15_323_1	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Give Environmental Protection Agency power to regulate Carbon Dioxide emissions
2016	CC16_333a	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Give Environmental Protection Agency power to regulate Carbon Dioxide emissions
2017	CC17_333a	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Give Environmental Protection Agency power to regulate Carbon Dioxide emissions.
2018	CC18_415a	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Give the Environmental Protection Agency power to regulate Carbon Dioxide emissions
2019	CC19_340a	Give the Environmental Protection Agency power to regulate Carbon Dioxide emissions

2.2.6 enviro_renewable

Require states use a minimum amount of renewable fuels

Years in data: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Table 25: enviro_renewable: Frequency table

enviro_renewable	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Support	32,926	8,650	41,447	11,928	31,567	11,527
Oppose	22,577	5,427	23,087	6,262	19,957	6,454

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 26: enviro_renewable: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2014	CC14_326_3	Do you support or oppose each of the following policies? Your state requiring the use of a minimum amount of renewable fuels (wind, solar, and hydroelectric) in the generation of electricity even if electricity prices increase a little?
2015	CC15_323_3	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Require that each state use a minimum amount of renewable fuels (wind, solar, and hydroelectric) in the generation of electricity even if electricity prices increase a little
2016	CC16_333c	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Require that each state use a minimum amount of renewable fuels (wind, solar, and hydroelectric) in the generation of electricity even if electricity prices increase somewhat
2017	CC17_333c	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Require that each state use a minimum amount of renewable fuels (wind, solar, and hydroelectric) in the generation of electricity even if the electricity prices increase a little.
2018	CC18_415c	Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Require that each state use a minimum amount of renewable fuels (wind, solar, and hydroelectric) in the generation of electricity even if electricity prices increase
2019	CC19_340b	Require that each state use a minimum amount of renewable fuels (wind, solar, and hydroelectric) in the generation of electricity even if electricity prices increase a little

2.3 Guns

2.3.1 guns_scale

Restriction scale on gun sales (1 = More strict, 2 = Less strict, 3 = Same)

Years in data: 2010, 2012

Table 27: guns_scale: Frequency table

guns_scale	2010	2012
More strict	23,044	25,616
Less strict	10,491	7,664
Kept as they are	21,807	21,171

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 28: guns_scale: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2010	CC320	In general, do you feel that the laws covering the sale of firearms should be made more strict, less strict, or kept as they are?
2012	CC320	In general, do you feel that the laws covering the sale of firearms should be... [1 More Strict, 2 Less Strict, 3 Kept As They Are]

2.3.2 guns_assaultban

Ban assault rifles

Years in data: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Table 29: guns_assaultban: Frequency table

guns_assaultban	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Support	10,276	35,933	8,945	42,603	12,732	39,057	11,175
Oppose	5,924	19,799	5,210	21,548	5,453	20,507	6,803

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 30: guns_assaultban: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2013	CC13_320d	On the issue of gun regulation, are you for or against each of the following proposals? Ban assault rifles
2014	CC14_320d	On the issue of gun regulation, are you for or against each of the following . . . Ban assault rifles
2015	CC15_320c	On the issue of gun regulation, are you for or against each of the following proposals? Ban assault rifles
2016	CC16_330d	On the issue of gun regulation, do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Ban assault rifles
2017	CC17_330c	On the issue of gun regulation, are you for or against each of the following proposals? Ban assault rifles
2018	CC18_320c	On the issue of gun regulation, are you for or against each of the following proposals? Ban assault rifles
2019	CC19_320c	Ban assault rifles

2.3.3 guns_bgchecks

Background checks for guns for all sales

Years in data: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Table 31: guns_bgchecks: Frequency table

guns_bgchecks	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Support	14,136	48,950	12,333	58,138	16,481	53,989	15,475
Oppose	2,184	7,015	1,841	6,247	1,707	5,728	2,518

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 32: guns_bgchecks: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2013	CC13_320a	On the issue of gun regulation, are you for or against each of the following proposals? Background checks for all sales, including at gun shows and over the Internet
2014	CC14_320a	On the issue of gun regulation, are you for or against each of the following . . . Background Checks

Table 32: guns_bgchecks: Year-specific wording *(continued)*

Year	Variable	Question wording
2015	CC15_320a	On the issue of gun regulation, are you for or against each of the following proposals? Background checks for all sales, including at gun shows and over the Internet
2016	CC16_330a	On the issue of gun regulation, do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Background checks for all sales, including at gun shows and over the Internet
2017	CC17_330a	On the issue of gun regulation, are you for or against each of the following proposals? Background checks for all sales, including at gun shows and over the Internet
2018	CC18_320a	On the issue of gun regulation, are you for or against each of the following proposals? Background checks for all sales, including at gun shows and over the Internet
2019	CC19_320a	Background checks for all gun sales, including at gun shows and over the Internet

2.3.4 guns_names

Prohibit state and local publishing gun owner names

Years in data: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

Table 33: guns_names: Frequency table

guns_names	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Support	9,832	32,054	8,411	37,944	9,930
Oppose	6,437	23,812	5,743	26,273	8,256

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 34: guns_names: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2013	CC13_320b	On the issue of gun regulation, are you for or against each of the following proposals? Prohibit state and local governments from publishing the names and addresses of all gun owners
2014	CC14_320b	On the issue of gun regulation, are you for or against each of the following . . . Prohibit state and local governments from publishing the names and addresses of all gun owners

Table 34: guns_names: Year-specific wording *(continued)*

Year	Variable	Question wording
2015	CC15_320b	On the issue of gun regulation, are you for or against each of the following proposals? Prohibit state and local governments from publishing the names and addresses of all gun owners
2016	CC16_330b	On the issue of gun regulation, do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Prohibit state and local governments from publishing the names and addresses of all gun owners
2017	CC17_330b	On the issue of gun regulation, are you for or against each of the following proposals? Prohibit state and local governments from publishing the names and addresses of all gun owners

2.3.5 guns_permits

Ease ability to obtain concealed-carry permits

Years in data: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Table 35: guns_permits: Frequency table

guns_permits	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Support	6,293	21,611	5,798	24,241	6,824	20,554	7,013
Oppose	9,961	34,245	8,358	39,982	11,364	39,036	10,979

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 36: guns_permits: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2013	CC13_320e	On the issue of gun regulation, are you for or against each of the following proposals? Make it easier for people to obtain concealed-carry permit
2014	CC14_320e	On the issue of gun regulation, are you for or against each of the following . . . Make it easier for people to obtain concealed weapons permits
2015	CC15_320d	On the issue of gun regulation, are you for or against each of the following proposals? Make it easier for people to obtain concealed-carry permit

Table 36: guns_permits: Year-specific wording *(continued)*

Year	Variable	Question wording
2016	CC16_330e	On the issue of gun regulation, do you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Make it easier for people to obtain concealed-carry permit
2017	CC17_330d	On the issue of gun regulation, are you for or against each of the following proposals? Make it easier for people to obtain concealed-carry permit
2018	CC18_320d	On the issue of gun regulation, are you for or against each of the following proposals? Make it easier for people to obtain concealed-carry permit
2019	CC19_320d	Make it easier for people to obtain concealed-carry permit

2.4 Immigration

2.4.1 immig_legalize

Grant conditional legal status to undocumented

Years in data: 2007, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019

Table 37: immig_legalize: Frequency table

immig_legalize	2007	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2019
Support	3,430	22,162	8,897	25,316	7,672	26,970	7,147	36,182	10,195	11,644
Oppose	6,569	33,238	11,253	29,219	8,728	29,230	7,103	28,418	8,005	6,264

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 38: immig_legalize: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2007	CC12x_2	What do you think Congress and the President should do about immigration? Select all that apply. Grant legal status to all illegal immigrants who have held jobs and paid taxes for at least 3 years, and not been convicted of any felony crimes.
2010	CC322_2	What do you think the U.S. government should do about immigration? Select all that apply. Grant legal status to all illegal immigrants who have held jobs and paid taxes for at least 3 years, and not been convicted of any felony crimes.
2011	CC351_1	Immigration - Amnesty for long term residents
2012	CC322_1	Grant legal status to all illegal immigrants who have held jobs and paid taxes for at least 3 years, and not been convicted of any felony crimes.
2013	CC326_1	What do you think the U.S. government should do about immigration? Select all that apply. Grant legal status to all illegal immigrants who have held jobs and paid taxes for at least 3 years, and not been convicted of any felony crimes.
2014	CC14_322_1	What do you think the government should do about immigration? Select all that apply . . . Grant legal status to all illegal immigrants who have held jobs and paid taxes for at least 3 years, and not been convicted of any felony crimes
2015	CC15_321_1	What do you think the U.S. government should do about immigration? Select all that apply. Grant legal status to all illegal immigrants who have held jobs and paid taxes for at least 3 years, and not been convicted of any felony crimes.

Table 38: immig_legalize: Year-specific wording *(continued)*

Year	Variable	Question wording
2016	CC16_331_1	What do you think the U.S. government should do about immigration? Select all that apply. Immigration - Grant legal status to all illegal immigrants who have held jobs and paid taxes for at least 3 years, and not been convicted of any felony crimes
2017	CC17_331_1	What do you think the U.S. government should do about immigration? Select all that apply. Grant legal status to all illegal immigrants who have held jobs and paid taxes for at least 3 years, and not been convicted of any felony crimes.
2019	CC19_322d	Grant legal status to all illegal immigrants who have held jobs and paid taxes for at least 3 years, and not been convicted of any felony crimes.

2.4.2 immig_border

Increase border security between US-Mexico

Years in data: 2007, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Table 39: immig_border: Frequency table

immig_border	2007	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Support	5,451	33,861	11,100	30,801	8,769	31,682	7,601	31,858	7,760	24,362	12,003
Oppose	4,548	21,539	9,050	23,734	7,631	24,518	6,649	32,742	10,440	35,323	5,868

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 40: immig_border: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2007	CC12x_4	What do you think Congress and the President should do about immigration? Select all that apply. Increase the number of border patrol on the US-Mexican border.
2010	CC322_4	What do you think the U.S. government should do about immigration? Select all that apply. Increase the number of border patrols on the US-Mexican border.
2011	CC351_2	Immigration - Increase border presence
2012	CC322_2	Increase the number of border patrols on the US-Mexican border.

Table 40: immig_border: Year-specific wording *(continued)*

Year	Variable	Question wording
2013	CC326_2	What do you think the U.S. government should do about immigration? Select all that apply. Increase the number of border patrols on the U.S.-Mexican border.
2014	CC14_322_2	What do you think the government should do about immigration? Select all that apply . . . Increase Border Patrols along the US-Mexico border
2015	CC15_321_2	What do you think the U.S. government should do about immigration? Select all that apply. Increase the number of border patrols on the US-Mexican border.
2016	CC16_331_2	What do you think the U.S. government should do about immigration? Select all that apply. Immigration - Increase the number of border patrols on the U.S.-Mexican border
2017	CC17_331_2	What do you think the U.S. government should do about immigration? Select all that apply. Increase the number of border patrols on the U.S.-Mexican border.
2018	CC18_322a	What do you think the U.S. government should do about immigration? Do you support or oppose each of the following? Increase spending on border security by 25 billion, including building a wall between the U.S. and Mexico.
2019	CC19_322e	Increase the number of border patrols on the U.S.-Mexican border.

Note: In 2018 alone, question wording includes 'building a wall between the U.S. and Mexico'.

2.4.3 immig_police

Allow police questioning of suspected undocumented

Years in data: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017

Table 41: immig_police: Frequency table

immig_police	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2017
Support	25,999	8,613	21,795	6,006	19,729	5,041	5,084
Oppose	29,401	11,537	32,740	10,394	36,471	9,209	13,116

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 42: immig_police: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2010	CC322_5	What do you think the U.S. government should do about immigration? Select all that apply. Allow police to question anyone they think may be in the country illegally.
2011	CC351_3	Immigration - Police question those reasonably suspected of being illegal
2012	CC322_3	Allow police to question anyone they think may be in the country illegally.
2013	CC326_3	What do you think the U.S. government should do about immigration? Select all that apply. Allow police to question anyone they think may be in the country illegally.
2014	CC14_322_3	What do you think the government should do about immigration? Select all that apply . . . Allow police to question anyone they think may be in the country illegally.
2015	CC15_321_3	What do you think the U.S. government should do about immigration? Select all that apply. Allow police to question anyone they think may be in the country illegally.
2017	CC17_331_3	What do you think the U.S. government should do about immigration? Select all that apply. Allow police to question anyone they think may be in the country illegally.

2.4.4 immig_employer

Sanction employers hiring undocumented

Years in data: 2007, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

Table 43: immig_employer: Frequency table

immig_employer	2007	2010	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Support	6,897	1,684	34,354	10,310	34,013	8,387	8,578	9,207
Oppose	3,102	579	20,181	6,090	22,187	5,863	4,691	8,993

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 44: immig_employer: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2007	CC12x_1	What do you think Congress and the President should do about immigration? Select all that apply. Fine US businesses that hire illegal immigrants.
2010	CC322_1	What do you think the U.S. government should do about immigration? Select all that apply. Fine Businesses
2012	CC322_4	Fine US businesses that hire illegal immigrants.
2013	CC326_4	What do you think the U.S. government should do about immigration? Select all that apply. Fine U.S. businesses that hire illegal immigrants.
2014	CC14_322_4	What do you think the government should do about immigration? Select all that apply . . . Fine US businesses that hire illegal immigrants
2015	CC15_321_4	What do you think the U.S. government should do about immigration? Select all that apply. Fine US businesses that hire illegal immigrants.
2016	CC16_331_4	What do you think the U.S. government should do about immigration? Select all that apply. Immigration - Fine U.S. businesses that hire illegal immigrants
2017	CC17_331_4	What do you think the U.S. government should do about immigration? Select all that apply. Fine U.S. businesses that hire illegal immigrants.

2.4.5 immig_services

Prohibit services to immigrants

Years in data: 2012, 2013, 2014

Table 45: immig_services: Frequency table

immig_services	2012	2013	2014
Support	17,415	5,078	30,574
Oppose	37,120	11,322	25,626

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 46: immig_services: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2012	CC322_5	Prohibit illegal immigrants from using emergency hospital care and public schools.
2013	CC326_5	What do you think the U.S. government should do about immigration? Select all that apply. Prohibit illegal immigrants from using emergency hospital care and public schools.
2014	CC14_322_5	What do you think the government should do about immigration? Select all that apply . . . Identify and deport illegal immigrants

2.5 Military

2.5.1 military_democracy

Approve of military to assist in spread democracy

Years in data: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

Table 47: military_democracy: Frequency table

military_democracy	2006	2007	2008	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Support	8,290	2,147	5,223	8,885	3,160	7,651	2,323	7,349	2,216	7,896
Oppose	28,018	7,840	15,843	37,799	16,990	37,367	14,077	41,504	12,034	45,003

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 48: military_democracy: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2006	v3032	For each of the following reasons, would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops? Please check all that apply: Military use to Spread democracy
2007	CC06_V3032	For each of the following reasons, would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops? Please check all that apply: Spread of democracy
2008	cc418_4	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Assist the spread of democracy
2010	CC414_4	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Assist the spread of democracy
2011	CC356_4	Assist the spread of democracy
2012	CC414_4	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Assist the spread of democracy
2013	CC322_4	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Assist the spread of democracy
2014	CC414_4	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Assist the spread of democracy
2015	CC15_324_4	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Assist the spread of democracy
2016	CC16_414_4	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Assist the spread of democracy

2.5.2 military_genocide

Approve of military to intervene in genocide or civil war

Years in data: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

Table 49: military_genocide: Frequency table

military_genocide	2006	2007	2008	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Support	19,085	5,391	11,083	19,179	7,923	16,341	4,680	17,982	6,161	20,546
Oppose	17,223	4,596	9,983	27,505	12,227	28,677	11,720	30,871	8,089	32,353

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 50: military_genocide: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2006	v3031	For each of the following reasons, would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops? Please check all that apply: Military use to intervene in Genocide or Civil War
2007	CC06_V3031	For each of the following reasons, would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops? Please check all that apply: Intervene in a region where there is genocide or a civil war
2008	cc418_3	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Intervene in a region where there is genocide or a civil war
2010	CC414_3	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Intervene in a region where there is genocide or a civil war
2011	CC356_3	Intervene in a region where there is genocide or a civil war
2012	CC414_3	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Intervene in a region where there is genocide or a civil war
2013	CC322_3	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Intervene in a region where there is genocide or a civil war
2014	CC414_3	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Intervene in a region where there is genocide or a civil war
2015	CC15_324_3	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Intervene in a region where there is genocide or a civil war
2016	CC16_414_3	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Intervene in a region where there is genocide or a civil war

2.5.3 military_helpun

Approve of military to help the United Nations uphold international law

Years in data: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

Table 51: military_helpun: Frequency table

military_helpun	2006	2007	2008	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Support	19,962	5,576	10,574	18,727	8,691	18,244	7,395	20,050	6,715	24,159
Oppose	16,346	4,411	10,492	27,957	11,459	26,774	9,005	28,803	7,535	28,740

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 52: military_helpun: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2006	v3034	For each of the following reasons, would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops? Please check all that apply: Military use to Help the United Nations
2007	CC06_V3034	For each of the following reasons, would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops? Please check all that apply: To help the United Nations uphold international law
2008	cc418_6	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Help the United Nations uphold international law
2010	CC414_6	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Help the United Nations uphold international law
2011	CC356_6	Help the United Nations uphold international law
2012	CC414_6	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Help the United Nations uphold international law
2013	CC322_6	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Help the United Nations uphold international law
2014	CC414_6	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Help the United Nations uphold international law
2015	CC15_324_6	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Help the United Nations uphold international law
2016	CC16_414_6	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Help the United Nations uphold international law

2.5.4 military_oil

Approve of military ensuring oil supply

Years in data: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

Table 53: military_oil: Frequency table

military_oil	2006	2007	2008	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Support	7,447	2,056	5,388	12,206	4,791	11,483	3,815	9,845	3,027	9,521
Oppose	28,861	7,931	15,678	34,478	15,359	33,535	12,585	39,008	11,223	43,378

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 54: military_oil: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2006	v3029	For each of the following reasons, would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops? Please check all that apply: Military use to ensure the supply of oil
2007	CC06_V3029	For each of the following reasons, would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops? Please check all that apply: To nsure the supply of oil
2008	cc418_1	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Ensure the supply of oil
2010	CC414_1	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Ensure the supply of oil
2011	CC356_1	Ensure the supply of oil
2012	CC414_1	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Ensure the supply of oil
2013	CC322_1	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Ensure the supply of oil
2014	CC414_1	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Ensure the supply of oil
2015	CC15_324_1	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Ensure the supply of oil
2016	CC16_414_1	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Ensure the supply of oil

2.5.5 military_protectallies

Approve of military to protect US allies under attack

Years in data: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

Table 55: military_protectallies: Frequency table

military_protectallies	2006	2007	2008	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Support	29,175	8,205	16,559	34,750	14,501	32,800	11,517	32,921	10,337	37,979
Oppose	7,133	1,782	4,507	11,934	5,649	12,218	4,883	15,932	3,913	14,920

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 56: military_protectallies: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2006	v3033	For each of the following reasons, would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops? Please check all that apply: Military use to Protect American Allies
2007	CC06_V3033	For each of the following reasons, would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops? Please check all that apply: Protect American allies
2008	cc418_5	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Protect American allies under attack by foreign nations
2010	CC414_5	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Protect American allies under attack by foreign nations
2011	CC356_5	Protect American allies under attack by foreign nations
2012	CC414_5	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Protect American allies under attack by foreign nations
2013	CC322_5	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Protect American allies under attack by foreign nations
2014	CC414_5	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Protect American allies under attack by foreign nations
2015	CC15_324_5	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Protect American allies under attack by foreign nations
2016	CC16_414_5	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Protect American allies under attack by foreign nations

2.5.6 military_terroristcamp

Approve of military to destroy terrorist camp

Years in data: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

Table 57: military_terroristcamp: Frequency table

military_terroristcamp	2006	2007	2008	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Support	25,724	7,221	15,248	33,030	13,617	28,745	9,615	29,809	9,845	34,290
Oppose	10,584	2,766	5,818	13,654	6,533	16,273	6,785	19,044	4,405	18,609

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 58: military_terroristcamp: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2006	v3030	For each of the following reasons, would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops? Please check all that apply: Military use to destroy a Terrorist camp
2007	CC06_V3030	For each of the following reasons, would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops? Please check all that apply: Destroy a terrorist camp
2008	cc418_2	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Destroy a terrorist camp
2010	CC414_2	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Destroy a terrorist camp
2011	CC356_2	Destroy a terrorist camp
2012	CC414_2	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Destroy a terrorist camp
2013	CC322_2	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Destroy a terrorist camp
2014	CC414_2	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Destroy a terrorist camp
2015	CC15_324_2	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Destroy a terrorist camp
2016	CC16_414_2	Would you approve of the use of U.S. military troops in order to...? Destroy a terrorist camp

2.6 Spending

2.6.1 spending_vs_tax

Preference scale from 0 (increasing taxes) to 100 (spending cuts on education, health care, welfare and construction)

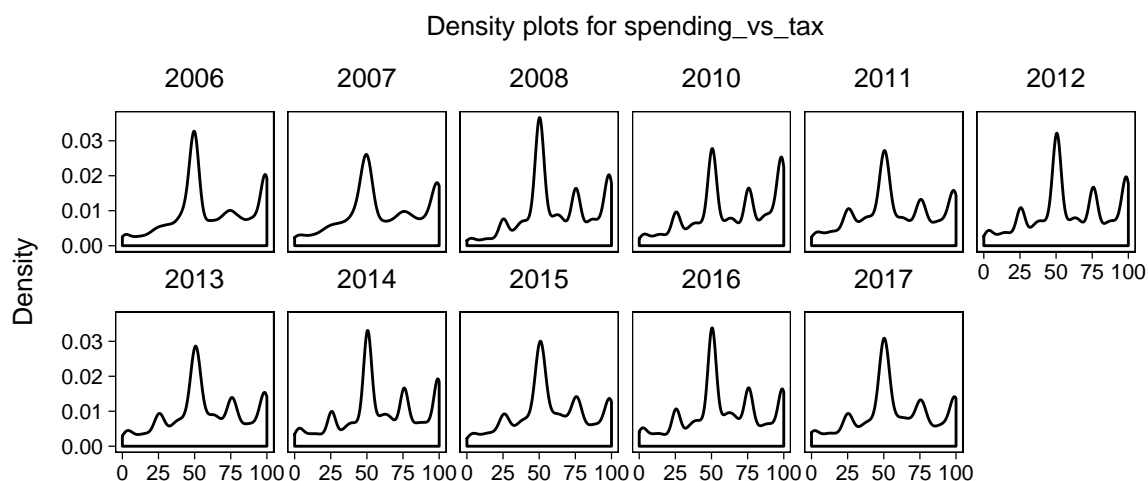Years in data: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

Density plots for spending_vs_tax

Figure 1: Density plots for question item

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 59: spending_vs_tax: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2006	v4040	If your state were to have a budget deficit this year it would have to raise taxes on income or sales or cut spending, such as on education, health care, welfare, and road construction. What would you prefer more raising taxes or cutting spending? Choose a point along the scale from 100 percent tax increases (and no spending cuts) to 100 percent spending cuts (and 0 percent no tax increases). The point in the middle means that any the budget should be balanced with equal amounts of spending cuts and tax increases. If you are not sure, or don't know, please check here: [dk]

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Table 59: spending_vs_tax: Year-specific wording *(continued)*

Year	Variable	Question wording
2007	CC06_V4040	If your state were to have a budget deficit this year it would have to raise taxes on income or sales or cut spending, such as on education, health care, welfare, and road construction. What would you prefer more raising taxes or cutting spending? Choose a point along the scale from 100 percent tax increases (and no spending cuts) to 100 percent spending cuts (and 0 percent no tax increases). The point in the middle means that any the budget should be balanced with equal amounts of spending cuts and tax increases.
2008	cc420	If your state were to have a budget deficit this year it would have to raise taxes on income or sales or cut spending, such as on education, health care, welfare, and road construction. What would you prefer more, raising taxes or cutting spending? Choose a point along the scale from 100 percent tax increases (and no spending cuts) to 100 percent spending cuts (and no tax increases). The point in the middle means that the budget should be balanced with equal amounts of spending cuts and tax increases. If you are not sure, or don't know, please check the box below... Values in range 0 to 100
2010	CC415r	If your state were to have a budget deficit this year it would have to raise taxes on income or sales or cut spending, such as on education, health care, welfare, and road construction. What would you prefer more, raising taxes or cutting spending? Choose a point along the scale from 100 percent tax increases (and no spending cuts) to 100 percent spending cuts (and no tax increases). The point in the middle means that the budget should be balanced with equal amounts of spending cuts and tax increases. If you are not sure, or don't know, please check the box below Values in range 0 to 100
2011	CC357	Raise Taxes or Cut Spending Rule

Table 59: spending_vs_tax: Year-specific wording *(continued)*

Year	Variable	Question wording
2012	CC415r	If your state were to have a budget deficit this year it would have to raise taxes on income and sales or cut spending, such as on education, health care, welfare, and road construction. What would you prefer more raising taxes or cutting spending? Choose a point along the scale from 100 percent tax increases (and no spending cuts) to 100 percent spending cuts (and no tax increases). The point in the middle means that the budget should be balanced with equal amounts of spending cuts and tax increases. If you are Not sure, or don't know, please check the 'not sure' box.
2013	CC13_323	If your state were to have a budget deficit this year it would have to raise taxes on income and sales or cut spending, such as on education, health care, welfare, and road construction. What would you prefer more raising taxes or cutting spending? Choose a point along the scale from 100 percent tax increases (and no spending cuts) to 100 percent spending cuts (and no tax increases). The point in the middle means that the budget should be balanced with equal amounts of spending cuts and tax increases. If you are Not sure, or don't know, please check the 'not sure' box.
2014	CC415r	If your state were to have a budget deficit this year it would have to raise taxes on income and sales or cut spending, such as on education, health care, welfare, and road construction. What would you prefer more raising taxes or cutting spending? Choose a point along the scale from 100 percent tax increases (and no spending cuts) to 100 percent spending cuts (and no tax increases). The point in the middle means that the budget should be balanced with equal amounts of spending cuts and tax increases. If you are Not sure, or don't know, please check the 'not sure' box.

Year	Variable	Question wording
2015	CC15_331	If your state were to have a budget deficit this year it would have to raise taxes on income and sales or cut spending, such as on education, health care, welfare, and road construction. What would you prefer more raising taxes or cutting spending? Choose a point along the scale from 100 percent tax increases (and no spending cuts) to 100 percent spending cuts (and no tax increases). The point in the middle means that the budget should be balanced with equal amounts of spending cuts and tax increases. If you are Not sure, or don't know, please check the 'Not sure' box.
2016	CC16_415r	If your state were to have a budget deficit this year it would have to raise taxes on income and sales or cut spending, such as on education, health care, welfare, and road construction. What would you prefer more, raising taxes or cutting spending? Choose a point along the scale from 100
2017	CC17_343	If your state were to have a budget deficit this year it would have to raise taxes on income and sales or cut spending, such as on education, health care, welfare, and road construction. What would you prefer more raising taxes or cutting spending? Choose a point along the scale from 100 percent tax increases (and no spending cuts) to 100 percent spending cuts (and no tax increases). The point in the middle means that the budget should be balanced with equal amounts of spending cuts and tax increases. If you are Not sure, or don't know, please check the 'Not sure' box.

2.6.2 spending_cuts_most

Most preferred spending cut option (1=Defense, 2=Domestic, 3=Raise taxes)

Years in data: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017

Table 60: spending_cuts_most: Frequency table

spending_cuts_most	2006	2007	2008	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2017
Cut defense spending	9,291	3,270	9,396	22,061	7,226	21,793	7,182	23,581	5,525	7,846
Cut domestic spending	14,540	4,646	13,834	24,549	7,538	20,865	5,794	20,764	5,552	6,366
Raise taxes	4,798	1,659	2,390	8,211	5,386	11,081	3,219	11,218	2,940	3,787
Borrow	1,394	365	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 61: spending_cuts_most: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2006	v4044	What would you most prefer that Congress do - cut domestic spending, cut military spending, raise taxes, or borrow funds?
2007	CC06_V4044	What would you most prefer that Congress do - cut domestic spending, cut military spending, raise taxes, or borrow funds?
2008	cc309	What would you most prefer that Congress do - cut domestic spending, cut military spending, or raise taxes?
2010	CC328	The federal budget is approximately 600 billion this year. If the Congress were to balance the budget it would have to consider cutting defense spending, cutting domestic spending (such as Medicare or Social Security), or raising taxes to cover the deficit. What would you most prefer that Congress do - cut domestic spending, cut defense spending, or raise taxes?
2011	CC355a	Budget Balance 1
2012	CC328	The federal budget deficit is approximately 1 trillion this year. If the Congress were to balance the budget it would have to consider cutting defense spending, cutting domestic spending (such as Medicare and Social Security), or raising taxes to cover the deficit. What would you MOST prefer that Congress do - cut domestic spending, cut defense spending, or raise taxes
2013	CC13_331a	If your state were to have a budget deficit this year it would have to raise taxes on income and sales or cut spending, such as on education, health care, welfare, and road construction. What would you prefer more raising taxes or cutting spending? Choose a point along the scale from 100 percent tax increases (and no spending cuts) to 100 percent spending cuts (and no tax increases). The point in the middle means that the budget should be balanced with equal amounts of spending cuts and tax increases. If you are Not sure, or don't know, please check the 'not sure' box.
2014	CC14_329a	The federal budget deficit is approximately 500 billion this year. If the Congress were to balance the budget it would have to consider cutting defense spending, cutting domestic spending (such as Medicare and Social Security), or raising taxes to cover the deficit. What would you most prefer that Congress do - cut domestic spending, cut defense spending, or raise taxes?

Year	Variable	Question wording
2015	CC15_333a	The federal budget deficit is approximately 1 trillion this year. If the Congress were to balance the budget it would have to consider cutting defense spending, cutting domestic spending (such as Medicare and Social Security), or raising taxes to cover the deficit. What would you most prefer that Congress do - cut domestic spending, cut defense spending, or raise taxes?
2017	CC17_345a	The federal budget deficit is approximately 700 billion this year. If the Congress were to balance the budget it would have to consider cutting defense spending, cutting domestic spending (such as Medicare and Social Security), or raising taxes to cover the deficit. What would you most prefer that Congress do - cut domestic spending, cut defense spending, or raise taxes?

Note: In 2006 and 2007, this question includes a fourth response option, 'Borrow'.

2.6.3 spending_cuts_least

Least preferred spending cut option (1=Defense, 2=Domestic, 3=Raise taxes)

Years in data: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017

Table 62: spending_cuts_least: Frequency table

spending_cuts_least	2006	2007	2008	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2017
Cut defense spending	6,870	2,051	4,808	8,062	4,721	10,493	2,665	11,694	3,232	4,035
Cut domestic spending	3,245	1,208	5,933	17,016	7,446	19,130	6,131	18,583	4,939	6,943
Raise taxes	7,924	2,629	14,919	29,550	7,800	23,876	7,343	25,098	5,917	7,010
Borrow	11,041	3,821	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 63: spending_cuts_least: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2006	v4046	What do you least want Congress to do?
2007	CC06_V4046	Should Congress cut spending, raise taxes, or borrow... What do you least want Congress to do?
2008	cc310a	What do you least want Congress to do?

Table 63: spending_cuts_least: Year-specific wording *(continued)*

Year	Variable	Question wording
2010	CC329	The federal budget is approximately 600 billion this year. If the Congress were to balance the budget it would have to consider cutting defense spending, cutting domestic spending (such as Medicare or Social Security), or raising taxes to cover the deficit. What do you least want Congress to do?
2011	CC355b	Budget Balance 2
2012	CC329	The federal budget deficit is approximately 1 trillion this year. If the Congress were to balance the budget it would have to consider cutting defense spending, cutting domestic spending (such as Medicare and Social Security), or raising taxes to cover the deficit. What would you LEAST prefer that Congress do - cut domestic spending, cut defense spending, or raise taxes
2013	CC13_331b	If the state had to raise taxes, what share of the tax increase should come from increased income taxes and what share from increased sales taxes? Choose a point along the scale from 100 percent from sales (and none from income) to 100 percent from income (and none from sales). The point in the middle means that any increase in taxes should come equally from sales and income taxes. If you are Not sure, or don't know, please check the 'not sure' box.
2014	CC14_329b	The federal budget deficit is approximately 500 billion this year. If the Congress were to balance the budget it would have to consider cutting defense spending, cutting domestic spending (such as Medicare and Social Security), or raising taxes to cover the deficit. What do you least want Congress to do?
2015	CC15_333b	The federal budget deficit is approximately 1 trillion this year. If the Congress were to balance the budget it would have to consider cutting defense spending, cutting domestic spending (such as Medicare and Social Security), or raising taxes to cover the deficit. What do you least want Congress to do?
2017	CC17_345b	The federal budget deficit is approximately 700 billion this year. If the Congress were to balance the budget it would have to consider cutting defense spending, cutting domestic spending (such as Medicare and Social Security), or raising taxes to cover the deficit. What do you least want Congress to do?

Note: In 2006 and 2007, this question includes a fourth response option, 'Borrow'.

2.6.4 spending_welfare

Spending preferences on welfare (1 = Increase, 3 = Maintain, 5 = Decrease)

Years in data: 2016, 2018

Table 64: spending_welfare: Frequency table

spending_welfare	2016	2018
Greatly increase	4,995	6,419
Slightly increase	7,657	9,989
Maintain	19,534	18,863
Slightly decrease	10,176	8,393
Greatly decrease	10,398	8,025

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 65: spending_welfare: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2016	CC16_426_1	State legislatures must make choices when making spending decisions on important state programs. Would you like your legislature to increase or decrease spending on the five areas below? Welfare
2018	CC18_426_1	State legislatures must make choices when making spending decisions on important state programs. Would you like your legislature to increase or decrease spending on the five areas below? Welfare

2.6.5 spending_healthcare

Spending preferences on health care (1 = Increase, 3 = Maintain, 5 = Decrease)

Years in data: 2016, 2018

Table 66: spending_healthcare: Frequency table

spending_healthcare	2016	2018
Greatly increase	13,550	19,862
Slightly increase	14,765	14,109
Maintain	16,781	12,689
Slightly decrease	4,562	2,852

Table 66: spending_healthcare: Frequency table *(continued)*

spending_healthcare	2016	2018
Greatly decrease	3,096	2,158

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 67: spending_healthcare: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2016	CC16_426_2	State legislatures must make choices when making spending decisions on important state programs. Would you like your legislature to increase or decrease spending on the five areas below? Health Care
2018	CC18_426_2	State legislatures must make choices when making spending decisions on important state programs. Would you like your legislature to increase or decrease spending on the five areas below? Health Care

2.6.6 spending_education

Spending preferences on education (1 = Increase, 3 = Maintain, 5 = Decrease)

Years in data: 2016, 2018

Table 68: spending_education: Frequency table

spending_education	2016	2018
Greatly increase	18,166	21,875
Slightly increase	15,144	14,467
Maintain	14,460	11,805
Slightly decrease	2,993	2,000
Greatly decrease	1,969	1,500

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 69: spending_education: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2016	CC16_426_3	State legislatures must make choices when making spending decisions on important state programs. Would you like your legislature to increase or decrease spending on the five areas below? Education
2018	CC18_426_3	State legislatures must make choices when making spending decisions on important state programs. Would you like your legislature to increase or decrease spending on the five areas below? Education

2.6.7 spending_police

Spending preferences on law enforcement (1 = Increase, 3 = Maintain, 5 = Decrease)

Years in data: 2016, 2018

Table 70: spending_police: Frequency table

spending_police	2016	2018
Greatly increase	11,346	11,764
Slightly increase	17,417	17,309
Maintain	19,428	18,443
Slightly decrease	3,052	2,699
Greatly decrease	1,449	1,405

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 71: spending_police: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2016	CC16_426_4	State legislatures must make choices when making spending decisions on important state programs. Would you like your legislature to increase or decrease spending on the five areas below? Law Enforcement
2018	CC18_426_4	State legislatures must make choices when making spending decisions on important state programs. Would you like your legislature to increase or decrease spending on the five areas below? Law Enforcement

2.6.8 spending_infrastructure

Spending preferences on transportation/infrastructure (1 = Increase, 3 = Maintain, 5 = Decrease)

Years in data: 2016, 2018

Table 72: spending_infrastructure: Frequency table

spending_infrastructure	2016	2018
Greatly increase	13,764	16,899
Slightly increase	17,798	19,015
Maintain	17,793	13,851
Slightly decrease	2,451	1,289
Greatly decrease	921	582

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 73: spending_infrastructure: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2016	CC16_426_5	State legislatures must make choices when making spending decisions on important state programs. Would you like your legislature to increase or decrease spending on the five areas below? Transportation/Infrastructure
2018	CC18_426_5	State legislatures must make choices when making spending decisions on important state programs. Would you like your legislature to increase or decrease spending on the five areas below? Transportation/Infrastructure

2.7 Miscellaneous

2.7.1 affirmativeaction_scale

Opposition scale to affirmative action (1 = Strongly support, 7 = Strongly oppose)

Years in data: 2006, 2007

Table 74: affirmativeaction_scale: Frequency table

affirmativeaction_scale	2006	2007
Strongly support	4,497	1,029
Support	3,567	1,069
Somewhat support	3,834	1,185
Neither support nor oppose	6,623	1,726
Somewhat oppose	3,145	839
Oppose	3,903	1,125
Strongly oppose	10,648	2,999

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 75: affirmativeaction_scale: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2006	v3027	Some people think that if a company has a history of discriminating against blacks when making hiring decisions, then they should be required to have an affirmative action program that gives blacks preference in hiring. What do you think? Should companies that have discriminated against blacks have to have an affirmative action program?
2007	CC06_V3027	Some people think that if a company has a history of discriminating against blacks when making hiring decisions, then they should be required to have an affirmative action program that gives blacks preference in hiring. What do you think? Should companies that have discriminated against blacks have to have an affirmative action program?

Note: In 2006 and 2007, this question includes a fourth response option, 'Not sure', which has been re-coded as 'NA' in this data set.

2.7.2 affirmativeaction

Opposition to affirmative action (1 = Support, 4 = Oppose)

Years in data: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

Table 76: affirmativeaction: Frequency table

affirmativeaction	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Strongly support	2,997	1,581	6,638	2,251	7,448	1,993	8,116
Somewhat support	6,985	3,236	12,985	4,887	13,797	4,176	14,161
Somewhat oppose	6,235	3,392	13,326	5,406	14,183	4,219	14,135
Strongly oppose	9,384	5,541	22,324	7,579	18,869	5,930	19,591

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 77: affirmativeaction: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2008	cc313	Affirmative action programs give preference to racial minorities and to women in employment and college admissions in order to correct for discrimination. Do you support or oppose affirmative action?
2009	cc09_55	Affirmative Action
2010	CC327	Affirmative action programs give preference to racial minorities in employment and college admissions in order to correct for past discrimination. Do you support or oppose affirmative action?
2011	CC354	Affirmative Action
2012	CC327	Affirmative action programs give preference to racial minorities in employment and college admissions in order to correct for past discrimination. Do you support or oppose affirmative action?
2013	CC330	Affirmative action programs give preference to racial minorities in employment and college admissions in order to correct for past discrimination. Do you support or oppose affirmative action?
2014	CC14_328	Affirmative action programs give preference to racial minorities in employment and college admissions in order to correct for past discrimination. Do you support or oppose affirmative action?

2.7.3 gaymarriage_scale

Opposition scale to gay marriage (1=Strongly support, 4=Strongly oppose)

Years in data: 2006, 2007

Table 78: gaymarriage_scale: Frequency table

gaymarriage_scale	2006	2007
Strongly support	5,841	1,958
Somewhat support	1,567	529
Somewhat oppose	1,457	506
Stongly oppose	6,929	2,893
Don't know	417	143

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 79: gaymarriage_scale: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2006	v2103	President Bush recently spoke out in favor of a Constitutional Amendment defining marriage as strictly between a man and a woman. Do you support or oppose a Constitutional amendment banning gay marriage?
2007	CC06_V2103	President Bush recently spoke out in favor of a Constitutional Amendment defining marriage as strictly between a man and a woman. Do you support or oppose a Constitutional amendment banning gay marriage?

2.7.4 gaymarriage

Opposition to gay marriage

Years in data: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

Table 80: gaymarriage: Frequency table

gaymarriage	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Support	12,251	7,674	31,830	12,208	28,085	9,308	32,810	8,248	41,718
Oppose	13,430	6,067	23,328	7,942	25,857	6,867	22,860	5,841	22,407

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 81: gaymarriage: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2008	cc316f	Constitutional Amendment banning Gay Marriage
2009	cc09_54	Gay Marriage
2010	CC326	Do you support a Constitutional Amendment banning Gay Marriage?
2011	CC353	Gay Marriage
2012	CC326	Do you favor or oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally?
2013	CC329	Do you favor or oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally?
2014	CC14_327	Do you favor or oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally?
2015	CC15_325	Do you favor or oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally?
2016	CC16_335	Do you favor or oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally?

Note: In 2008, this question includes a third response option, 'Not sure', which has been re-coded as 'NA' in this data set. Additionally, from 2012 onward, question wording switches from asking respondents about their support of banning gay marriage, to their support of gay marriage.

2.7.5 incometax_vs_salestax

Preference scale from 0 (increase income tax) to 100 (increase sales tax)

Years in data: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
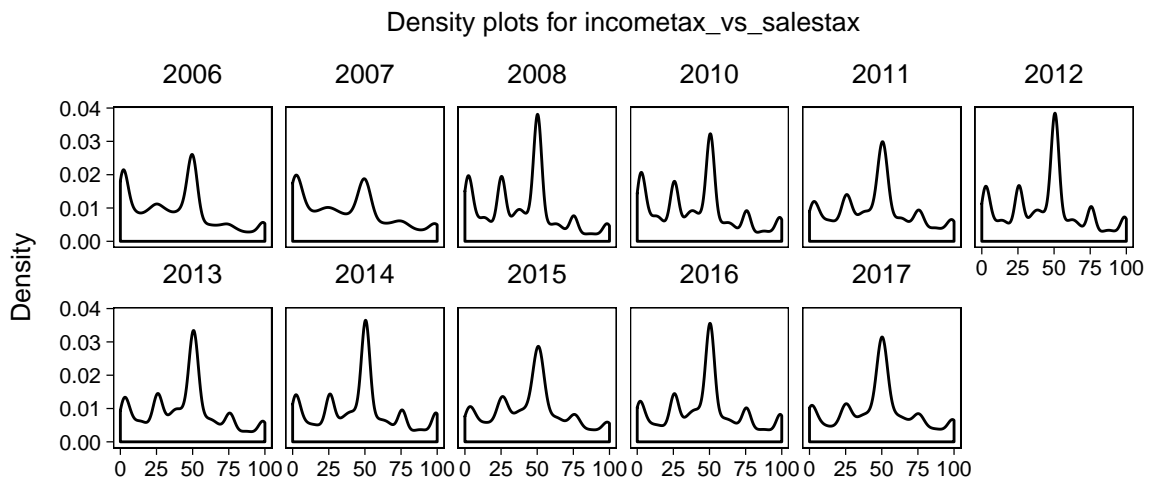
Year-specific variable names and wording

Density plots for incometax_vs_salestax

Figure 2: Density plots for question item

Table 82: incometax_vs_salestax: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2006	v4042	If the state had to raise taxes, which taxes should it increase? Suppose that your state government has to raise some combination of sales taxes and individual income taxes in the coming year. What share of the tax increase should come from increased income taxes and what share from increased sales taxes? Choose a point along the scale from 100 percent from sales (and none from income) to 100 percent from income (and none from sales). The point in the middle means that any increase in taxes should come equally from sales and income taxes. If you are not sure, or don't know, please check here: [dk]
2007	CC06_V4042	If the state had to raise taxes, which taxes should it increase? Suppose that your state government has to raise some combination of sales taxes and individual income taxes in the coming year. What share of the tax increase should come from increased income taxes and what share from increased sales taxes? Choose a point along the scale from 100 percent from sales (and none from income) to 100 percent from income (and none from sales). The point in the middle means that any increase in taxes should come equally from sales and income taxes.

Table 82: incometax_vs_salestax: Year-specific wording *(continued)*

Year	Variable	Question wording
2008	cc421	If the state had to raise taxes, what share of the tax increase should come from increased income taxes and what share from increased sales taxes? Choose a point along the scale from 100 percent from sales (and none from income) to 100 percent from income (and none from sales). The point in the middle means that any increase in taxes should come equally from sales and income taxes. If you are not sure, or don't know, please check the box below... Values in range 0 to 100
2010	CC416r	If the state had to raise taxes, what share of the tax increase should come from increased income taxes and what share from increased sales taxes? Choose a point along the scale from 100 percent from sales (and none from income) to 100 percent from income (and none from sales). The point in the middle means that any increase in taxes should come equally from sales and income taxes. If you are not sure, or don't know, please check the box below Values in range 0 to 100
2011	CC358	Income vs Sales Tax Rule
2012	CC416r	If the state had to raise taxes, what share of the tax increase should come from increased income taxes and what share from increased sales taxes? Choose a point along the scale from 100 percent from sales (and none from income) to 100 percent from income (and none from sales). The point in the middle means that any increase in taxes should come equally from sales and income taxes. If you are Not sure, or don't know, please check the 'not sure' box.
2013	CC13_324	If the state had to raise taxes, what share of the tax increase should come from increased income taxes and what share from increased sales taxes? Choose a point along the scale from 100 percent from sales (and none from income) to 100 percent from income (and none from sales). The point in the middle means that any increase in taxes should come equally from sales and income taxes. If you are Not sure, or don't know, please check the 'not sure' box.

Table 82: incometax_vs_salestax: Year-specific wording *(continued)*

Year	Variable	Question wording
2014	CC416r	If the state had to raise taxes, what share of the tax increase should come from increased income taxes and what share from increased sales taxes? Choose a point along the scale from 100 percent from sales (and none from income) to 100 percent from income (and none from sales). The point in the middle means that any increase in taxes should come equally from sales and income taxes. If you are Not sure, or don't know, please check the 'not sure' box.
2015	CC15_332	If the state had to raise taxes, what share of the tax increase should come from increased income taxes and what share from increased sales taxes? Choose a point along the scale from 100 percent from sales (and none from income) to 100 percent from income (and none from sales). The point in the middle means that any increase in taxes should come equally from sales and income taxes. If you are Not sure, or don't know, please check the 'Not sure' box.
2016	CC16_416r	If the state had to raise taxes, what share of the tax increase should come from increased income taxes and what share from increased sales taxes? Choose a point along the scale from 100
2017	CC17_344	If the state had to raise taxes, what share of the tax increase should come from increased income taxes and what share from increased sales taxes? Choose a point along the scale from 100 percent from sales (and none from income) to 100 percent from income (and none from sales). The point in the middle means that any increase in taxes should come equally from sales and income taxes. If you are Not sure, or don't know, please check the 'Not sure' box.

2.7.6 repealaca

Repeal the Affordable Care Act

Years in data: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Table 83: repealaca: Frequency table

repealaca	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Support	23,288	8,506	28,950	7,881	34,693	8,026	24,887	8,349
Oppose	28,884	7,321	26,879	6,166	29,816	10,020	35,039	9,501

Year-specific variable names and wording

Table 84: repealaca: Year-specific wording

Year	Variable	Question wording
2012	CC332G	Congress Considered many important bills over the past two years. For each of the following tell us whether you support or oppose the legislation in principle. Repeal Affordable Care Act. Would repeal the Affordable Care Act.
2013	CC332C	Congress considered many important bills over the past few years. For each of the following tell us whether you support or oppose the legislation in principle. Repeal Affordable Care Act. Would repeal the Affordable Care Act.
2014	CC14_324_1	The Affordable Health Care Act was passed into law in 2010. It does the following: Requires Americans to obtain health insurance. Prevents insurance companies from denying coverage for pre-existing conditions. Allows people to keep current health insurance and care provider. Sets up national health insurance option for those without coverage, but allows states the option to implement their own insurance system.
2015	CC15_327A	Congress considered many important bills over the past few years. For each of the following tell us whether you support or oppose the legislation in principle. Repeal Affordable Care Act. Would repeal the Affordable Care Act.
2016	CC16_351I	Congress considers many issues. If you were in Congress would you vote FOR or AGAINST each of the following? Repeal Affordable Care Act. Would repeal the Affordable Care Act of 2009 (also known as Obamacare).
2017	CC17_340A	Congress considered many important bills over the past few years. For each of the following tell us whether you support or oppose the legislation in principle. Repeal Affordable Care Act. Would repeal the Affordable Care Act.
2018	CC18_327c	Thinking now about health care policy, would you support or oppose each of the following proposals? Health Care – Repeal the entire Affordable Care Act.
2019	CC19_327d	Repeal the entire Affordable Care Act.

Note: In 2014 alone, question wording switches from asking respondents about their support for repealing the Affordable Care Act, to their support for the Act.