

Codebook for 2016 and 2018/9 survey of North Korean defector-migrants

Data file "nkdf" contains: selected demographics, pride items, and weights

Variable description

Background Variables

- **respid** = respondent ID
- **birth.year** = year of birth
- **age** = age at time of analysis (survey year minus year of birth)
- **years.nk** = number of years spent in North Korea
- **edu.nk** = highest level of education achieved in North Korea
- **class.nk** = measures of objective well-being 3 years prior to defection; range from "high" (extremely well-to-do) to "low" (survival is difficult):

High: I have no problem purchasing expensive things, including: an apartment, car, etc.

Middle-high: I had no problem purchasing consumer items, such as a refrigerator. But I had difficulty purchasing very expensive items.

Middle: I could purchase rice and produce, but I had difficult purchasing consumer items necessary for daily living.

Middle-low: I had enough to eat and live, but I had no money to buy new clothes.

Low: Surviving each day was difficult.

- **gender** = male/female
- **origins** = reported place of birth
- **years.sk** = the number of years spent in South Korea

Pride Variables (pride in North Korea)

Values: 1 = not at all proud; 2 = not particularly proud; 3 = somewhat proud; 4 = very proud; 5 = don't know/can't answer

- **pride.socialism** = The operation of its socialist system
- **pride.politicalinfluence** = Its political influence in the world
- **pride.economics** = Its economic achievements
- **pride.science** = Its achievements in science and technology
- **pride.sports** = Its achievements in sports
- **pride.arts** = Its achievements in art and culture
- **pride.baekdublood** = The Baekdu bloodline
- **pride.military** = Its military power
- **pride.revolutionaryhist** = Its revolutionary (anti-Japanese) history
- **pride.groups** = Its fair and equal treatment of all groups in society
- **pride.juche** = Its promotion/spread of the Juche idea
- **pride.socialsecurity** = Its social welfare system

Other variables

- **year.survey** = year of survey; note: some of the 2019 surveys will have taken place in late December 2018
- **weights** = author created weights based on known population parameters in North Korea (2008), trimmed (.3 min. / 3 max.).