**Dataset: General Social Surveys (GSS), 1972-2006 [Cumulative File]** [**http://www3.norc.org**](http://www3.norc.org)

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