

Codebook for ANES 2024

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A note about the data source

The data in this dataset is drawn from the 2024 wave of the [American National Election Study](#), which was conducted both before and after the 2024 presidential election in the United States. [Michael Strausz](#) selected the variables and their order, and edited the dataset for readability and usability in R. This dataset was downloaded in May 2025; it is a prerelease of the data.

Demographics

Variable	age
<i>Definition</i>	Respondent's age on election day
<i>Notes</i>	80 and over are coded 80
<i>Original name</i>	V241458x
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election
Variable	female
<i>Definition</i>	Respondent's sex
<i>Scale</i>	0 if male, 1 if female
<i>Original name</i>	V241550
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election
Variable	marital
<i>Definition</i>	Respondent's marital status
<i>Values</i>	divorced, married, never married, separated, or widowed
<i>Original name</i>	V241459
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election
Variable	mil
<i>Definition</i>	Respondent's military service
<i>Values</i>	active duty, formerly active duty , or never served
<i>Original name</i>	V241470
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election
Variable	union
<i>Definition</i>	Respondent or member of household is union member
<i>Scale</i>	0 if no, 1 if yes
<i>Original name</i>	V241497
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election

Variable	race
<i>Definition</i>	Race/ethnicity of respondent
<i>Values</i>	Asian or Pacific Islander, Black, Hispanic, Multiple races, Native American, White
<i>Original name</i>	V241501x
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election
Variable	children
<i>Definition</i>	Number of children in household
<i>Notes</i>	9 means “more than 8”
<i>Original name</i>	V241521
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election
Variable	landline
<i>Definition</i>	There is a working landline in respondent’s household
<i>Scale</i>	1 means landline, 0 means no landline
<i>Original name</i>	V241525
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election
Variable	smartphone
<i>Definition</i>	Respondent or someone in household has cellphone with internet connection
<i>Scale</i>	1 means smartphone, 0 means no smartphone
<i>Original name</i>	V241528
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election
Variable	passport
<i>Definition</i>	Respondent has valid, non-expired U.S. passport connection
<i>Scale</i>	1 means passport, 0 means no passport
<i>Original name</i>	V241537
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election
Variable	trans
<i>Definition</i>	Respondent identifies as transgender
<i>Scale</i>	1 means transgender, 0 means not transgender
<i>Original name</i>	V241552
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election
Variable	gayLesbian
<i>Definition</i>	Respondent’s sexual orientation
<i>Values</i>	bisexual, gay/lesbian, other, straight
<i>Original name</i>	V242144
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election

Variable	income
<i>Definition</i>	Respondent's household income
<i>Scale</i>	Ordered factor with six values ranging from "under \$9,999" to "\$250,000 or more"
<i>Original name</i>	V241567x
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election
Variable	guns
<i>Definition</i>	How many guns in Respondent's household?
<i>Original name</i>	V241583
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election
Variable	ncis
<i>Definition</i>	Does Respondent regularly watch NCIS on TV?
<i>Scale</i>	1 means NCIS watcher, 0 means not NCIS watcher
<i>Original name</i>	V241601r
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election
Variable	polTalk
<i>Definition</i>	Number of days in the past week Respondent discussed politics with family or friends
<i>Scale</i>	Integer ranging from 0 to 7
<i>Original name</i>	V242025
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Post-election

Religion

Variable	relig
<i>Definition</i>	Respondent's religion
<i>Values</i>	Agnostic, Atheist, Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, Latter-Day Saints, Muslim, Nothing in particular, Orthodox Christian, Other, Protestant, or Roman Catholic
<i>Original name</i>	V241422
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election
Variable	bible
<i>Definition</i>	Is the bible the word of G-d or people?
<i>Scale</i>	Ordered factor with three values: "literal word of g-d," "inspired by g-d," "word of people,"
<i>Original name</i>	V241421
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election

Variable	religAttn
<i>Definition</i>	How often does Respondent attend religious services?
<i>Scale</i>	Ordered factor with five values ranging from “every week” to “never.”
<i>Original name</i>	V241440
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election

Education and political knowledge

Variable	education
<i>Definition</i>	Respondent’s level of education
<i>Scale</i>	Ordered factor with five values ranging from “less than high school” to “graduate degree.”
<i>Original name</i>	V241465x
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election

Variable	studentLoans
<i>Definition</i>	How much money Respondent owes in student loans, in dollars
<i>Original name</i>	V241569
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election

Variable	senateTerm
<i>Definition</i>	Respondent’s answer to the question “How many years are there in one full term of office for a U.S. Senator?”
<i>Original name</i>	V241612
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election

Variable	houseKnowledge
<i>Definition</i>	Respondent correctly identified the Republicans as the party that controlled the House of Representative before the 2024 election
<i>Scale</i>	1 for correct answer, 0 for incorrect answer
<i>Original name</i>	V241614
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election

Voting and elections

Variable	presPredict
<i>Definition</i>	Who does Respondent think will win the 2024 presidential election?
<i>Values</i>	“Donald Trump” and “Kamala Harris”
<i>Original name</i>	V241211
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election

Variable	v2024
<i>Definition</i>	Who did Respondent vote for in 2024 presidential election?
<i>Values</i>	“Cornel West,” “Donald Trump,” “Jill Stein,” “Kamala Harris,” “Other,” or “Robert F. Kennedy, Jr”
<i>Original name</i>	V242096x
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Both
Variable	v2020
<i>Definition</i>	Who did Respondent vote for in 2020 presidential election?
<i>Values</i>	“Did not vote”, “Donald Trump,” “Joe Biden,” or “Other”
<i>Original name</i>	V241106x
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Before 2024 election
Variable	v2016
<i>Definition</i>	Who did Respondent vote for in 2016 presidential election?
<i>Values</i>	“Hillary Clinton,” “Donald Trump,” or “Other”
<i>Original name</i>	V241108
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Before 2024 election
Variable	turnout
<i>Definition</i>	Respondent voted in 2024
<i>Scale</i>	1 means that they voted, 0 means that they did not
<i>Original name</i>	V241118
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Both

Emotions and attention

Variable	hope
<i>Definition</i>	How hopeful does Respondent feel about how things are going in the country
<i>Scale</i>	Ordered factor with five values ranging from “not at all” to “extremely”
<i>Original name</i>	V241118
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election
Variable	fear
<i>Definition</i>	How afraid does Respondent feel about how things are going in the country
<i>Scale</i>	Ordered factor with five values ranging from “not at all” to “extremely”
<i>Original name</i>	V241119
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election

Variable	outrage
<i>Definition</i>	How outraged does Respondent feel about how things are going in the country
<i>Scale</i>	Ordered factor with five values ranging from “not at all” to “extremely”
<i>Original name</i>	V241120
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election
Variable	attention
<i>Definition</i>	How often does Respondent pay attention to what’s going on in government and politics?
<i>Scale</i>	Ordered factor with five values ranging from “always” to “never”
<i>Original name</i>	V241004
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election

Trust

Variable	trustGov
<i>Definition</i>	How often can Respondent trust the federal government in Washington to do what is right?
<i>Scale</i>	Ordered factor with five values ranging from “always” to “never”
<i>Original name</i>	V241229
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election
Variable	trustCourts
<i>Definition</i>	How often can Respondent trust the court system to do what is right?
<i>Scale</i>	Ordered factor with five values ranging from “always” to “never”
<i>Original name</i>	V241229
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election
Variable	trustPeople
<i>Definition</i>	Generally speaking, how often can Respondent trust other people?
<i>Scale</i>	Ordered factor with five values ranging from “always” to “never”
<i>Original name</i>	V241234
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election
Variable	trustSci
<i>Definition</i>	How much does Respondent trust scientists?
<i>Scale</i>	Ordered factor with four values ranging from “a lot” to “not at all”
<i>Original name</i>	V241234
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Post-election

Variable	trustMSM
<i>Definition</i>	How much does Respondent trust traditional news media, such as newspapers, television or radio?
<i>Scale</i>	Ordered factor with four values ranging from “a lot” to “not at all”
<i>Original name</i>	V242422
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Post-election
Variable	trustMSM
<i>Definition</i>	How much does Respondent trust social media, such as Facebook, Twitter or X, or Instagram?
<i>Scale</i>	Ordered factor with four values ranging from “a lot” to “not at all”
<i>Original name</i>	V242423
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Post-election

Policy positions

Variable	healthPolicy
<i>Definition</i>	Respondent’s view on the best health insurance policy
<i>Scale</i>	Ordered factor with seven values ranging from “Government insurance” to “Private insurances”
<i>Original name</i>	V241245
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election
Variable	abortion
<i>Definition</i>	How Respondent views the ideal regulations on abortion
<i>Scale</i>	Ordered factor with seven values ranging from “always permitted” to “never permitted”
<i>Original name</i>	V241248
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election
Variable	univApproval
<i>Definition</i>	Does Respondent approve or disapprove of how universities are run?
<i>Scale</i>	Ordered factor with seven values ranging from “approve strongly” to “disapprove strongly”
<i>Original name</i>	V241287x
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election
Variable	deiApproval
<i>Definition</i>	Does Respondent favor or oppose DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion)?
<i>Scale</i>	Ordered factor with seven values ranging from “favor strongly” to “oppose strongly”
<i>Original name</i>	V241290x
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election

Variable	voterID
<i>Definition</i>	Does Respondent favor or oppose requiring ID while voting?
<i>Scale</i>	Ordered factor with seven values ranging from “favor strongly” to “oppose strongly”
<i>Original name</i>	V241319x
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election
Variable	gayMarriage
<i>Definition</i>	Does Respondent favor or oppose right of same sex couples to legally marry?
<i>Scale</i>	Ordered factor with seven values ranging from “favor strongly” to “oppose strongly”
<i>Original name</i>	V241385x
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election
Variable	armUkraine
<i>Definition</i>	Does Respondent favor or oppose U.S. giving weapons to help Ukraine fight Russia?
<i>Scale</i>	Ordered factor with seven values ranging from “favor strongly” to “oppose strongly”
<i>Original name</i>	V241400x
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election
Variable	armIsrael
<i>Definition</i>	Does Respondent favor or oppose U.S. giving military assistance to Israel?
<i>Scale</i>	Ordered factor with seven values ranging from “favor strongly” to “oppose strongly”
<i>Original name</i>	V241403x
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election
Variable	gunCon
<i>Definition</i>	Does Respondent think the federal government should make it more difficult or easier to buy a gun?
<i>Scale</i>	Character variable with three possible values: “More difficult,” “Easier,” and “About the same”
<i>Original name</i>	V242325
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Post-election

Environment

Variable	envBusiness
<i>Definition</i>	Respondent's views on environmental regulation
<i>Scale</i>	Ordered factor with seven values ranging from "Need more env. regulations on business" to "Env. regulations too burdensome already"
<i>Original name</i>	V241258
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election
Variable	climateChangeAction
<i>Definition</i>	Respondent's views on whether the US government should be doing more or less about rising temperatures
<i>Scale</i>	Ordered factor with seven values ranging from "much more" to "much less"
<i>Original name</i>	V241366x
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election
Variable	climateChangeEffect
<i>Definition</i>	Respondent's views on how much climate change is effecting severe weather events or temperature patterns in the U.S.
<i>Scale</i>	Ordered factor with five values ranging from "not at all" to "a great deal"
<i>Original name</i>	V242321
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Post-election

Political principles and commitments

Variable	ideology
<i>Definition</i>	Respondent's liberalism/conservatism
<i>Scale</i>	Ordered factor with seven values ranging from "very liberal" to "very conservative"
<i>Original name</i>	V241177
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election
Variable	partyID
<i>Definition</i>	Respondent's partisanship
<i>Scale</i>	Ordered factor with seven values ranging from "strong democrat" to "strong republican"
<i>Original name</i>	V241227x
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election

Variable	pressFreedom
<i>Definition</i>	Respondent's assessment of how important it is that news organizations are free to criticize political leaders?
<i>Scale</i>	Ordered factor with five values ranging from "not important" to "extremely important"
<i>Original name</i>	V241324
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election
Variable	sepPowers
<i>Definition</i>	Respondent's the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government keep one another from having too much power
<i>Scale</i>	Ordered factor with five values ranging from "not important" to "extremely important"
<i>Original name</i>	V241325
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election
Variable	facts
<i>Definition</i>	How important is it that people agree on basic facts even if they disagree politically?
<i>Scale</i>	Ordered factor with five values ranging from "not important" to "extremely important"
<i>Original name</i>	V241327
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election
Variable	compromisePrinciples
<i>Definition</i>	Does Respondent prefer government officials who compromise or stick to principles?
<i>Scale</i>	Ordered factor with six values ranging from "prefers compromise strongly" to "prefers principles strongly"
<i>Original name</i>	V241338x
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Pre-election
Variable	natPride
<i>Definition</i>	Does Respondent believe that the U.S. is better or worse than most countries?
<i>Scale</i>	Ordered factor with five values ranging from "a lot better" to "a lot worse"
<i>Original name</i>	V242266x
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Post-election
Variable	americanDream
<i>Definition</i>	How much opportunity does Respondent think there is in America today for the average person to get ahead?
<i>Scale</i>	Ordered factor with five values ranging from 'a great deal' to "none"
<i>Original name</i>	V242311
<i>Pre/Post-election</i>	Post-election

Feeling thermometers

All of the variables that begin “ft_” are feeling thermometers, where respondents were asked how warmly or coldly they felt toward various groups, concepts, and institutions, with 0 meaning the most cold and 100 meaning the most warm. All of the questions in this version of the dataset were asked after the 2024 election.

Variable	Definition	Original name
ft_harris	Kamala Harris	V242125
ft_trump	Donald Trump	V242126
ft_waltz	Tim Waltz	V242134
ft_vance	J.D. Vance	V242135
ft_fund	Christian fundamentalists	V242137
ft_feminists	Feminists	V242138
ft_liberals	Liberals	V242139
ft_unions	Labor unions	V242140
ft_business	Big business	V242141
ft_conservatives	Conservatives	V242142
ft_ussc	US Supreme Court	V242143
ft_gaylesbian	Gay men and lesbians	V242144
ft_congress	Congress	V242145
ft_muslims	Muslims	V242146
ft_christians	Christians	V242147
ft_maga	Make America Great Again (MAGA)	V242148
ft_jews	Jews	V242149
ft_police	Police	V242150
ft_trans	Transgender people	V242151
ft_blm	Black Lives Matter	V242152
ft_nra	National Rifle Association (NRA)	V242153
ft_fbi	Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI)	V242154
ft_farmers	Rural Americans	V242155
ft_pparenthood	Planned Parenthood	V242156