

**Codebook for the anes2020 dataset for POSC 20093, Fall 2024**  
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**Variable name:** age  
**ANES code:** V201507x  
**Asked before or after election:** before  
**Definition:** Age in years  
**Notes:** Coded as numeric. 80 means 80 or older.

**Variable name:** marital  
**ANES code:** V201508  
**Asked before or after election:** before  
**Definition:** Marital status  
**Notes:** Coded as character variable. Values are divorced, married, never married, separated, and widowed.

**Variable name:** edu  
**ANES code:** V201510  
**Asked before or after election:** before  
**Definition:** Highest level of education completed  
**Notes:** Coded as ordered factor. Values are “less than high school”, “high school”, “some college”, “associate degree”, “ba”, “ma”, and “md, phd, or jd”

**Variable name:** military  
**ANES code:** V201516  
**Asked before or after election:** before  
**Definition:** Is respondent in the military?  
**Notes:** Coded as character. Values are active duty, formerly active duty, and never served.

**Variable name:** union  
**ANES code:** V201544  
**Asked before or after election:** before  
**Definition:** Answer to “do you or anyone else in this household belong to a labor union or to an employee association similar to a union?”  
**Notes:** Coded as numeric. 1 is yes, 0 is no.

**Variable name:** race  
**ANES code:** V201549x  
**Asked before or after election:** before  
**Definition:** Race of respondent (self-reported)

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Notes: Coded as character. Values are Asian or Pacific Islander, Black, Hispanic, Multiple Races, Native American, White

**Variable name:** child

ANES code: V201567

Asked before or after election: before

Definition: How many children or teenagers age 0 to 17 live in this household?

Notes: Coded as numeric. 4 means 4 or more.

**Variable name:** sex

ANES code: V201600

Asked before or after election: before

Definition: Self-reported

Notes: Coded as numeric. 1 is female, 0 is male.

**Variable name:** lgbtq

ANES code: V201601

Asked before or after election: before

Definition: Do you consider yourself to be heterosexual or straight, homosexual or gay [or lesbian], or bisexual?

Notes: Coded as character. Values are bisexual, gay, other, straight

**Variable name:** income

ANES code: V201617x

Asked before or after election: before

Definition: R's income

Notes: Coded as ordered factor. Values are "under \$24,999", "\$25,000-64,999", "\$65,000-\$109,999", and "\$110,000 or more"

**Variable name:** guns

ANES code: V201628

Asked before or after election:

Definition: How many guns do you or anyone else living here own?

Notes: Coded as numeric.

**Variable name:** partyid

ANES code: V201231x

Asked before or after election: before

Definition: R's party affiliation.

Notes: Coded as ordered factor. Values are "strong democrat", "not very strong democrat", "independent democrat", "independent", "independent republican", "not very strong republican", "strong republican"

**Variable name:** religimp

ANES code: V201433

Asked before or after election: before

Definition: How important is religion in your life?

Notes: Coded as ordered factor. Values are “extremely important”, “very important”, “moderately important”, “a little important”, “not important at all”

**Variable name:** bibleword

ANES code: V201434

Asked before or after election: before

Definition: Which of these statements comes closest to describing your feelings about the Bible?

Notes: Coded as ordered factor. Values are “literal word of g-d”, “inspired by g-d”, “word of people”

**Variable name:** religion

ANES code: V201435

Asked before or after election: before

Definition: R's religion.

Notes: Coded as character. Values are Agnostic, Atheist, Buddhist, Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Hindu, Jewish, LDS, Muslim, Nothing, Other, Protestant

**Variable name:** religservice

ANES code: V201453

Asked before or after election: before

Definition: How often R attends religious services.

Notes: Coded as ordered factor. Values are “every week”, “almost every week”, “once a month”, “a few times a year”, “never”

**Variable name:** hope

ANES code: V201115

Asked before or after election: before

Definition: How hopeful do you feel about how things are going in the country these days?

Notes: Coded as ordered factor. Values are “not at all”, “a little”, “somewhat”, “very”, “extremely”

**Variable name:** outrage

ANES code: V201117

Asked before or after election: before

Definition: How outraged do you feel about how things are going in the country these days?

Notes: Coded as ordered factor. Values are “not at all”, “a little”, “somewhat”, “very”, “extremely”

**Variable name:** ideology

ANES code: V201200

Asked before or after election: before

Definition: R’s ideology.

Notes: Coded as ordered factor. Values are “extremely liberal”, “liberal”, “slightly liberal”, “moderate”, “slightly conservative”, “conservative”, “extremely conservative”

**Variable name:** prespred

ANES code: V201217

Asked before or after election: before

Definition: Who do you think will be elected President in November?

Notes: Coded as character. Values are “Joe Biden” and “Donald Trump”

**Variable name:** dutychoice

ANES code: V201225x

Asked before or after election: before

Definition: Whether R thinks voting is more of a duty or more of a choice

Notes: Coded as character. Values are “choice,” “duty”, and “neither”

**Variable name:** trustgov

ANES code: V201233

Asked before or after election: before

Definition: How often can you trust the federal government in Washington to do what is right?

Notes: Coded as ordered factor. Values are “always”, “most of the time”, “half of the time”, “some of the time”, “never”

**Variable name:** interestsall

ANES code: V201234

Asked before or after election: before

Definition: Would you say the government is pretty much run by a few big interests looking out for themselves or that it is run for the benefit of all the people?

Notes: Coded as numeric. 0 means “Run by a few big interests”, 1 means “For the benefit of all the people”.

**Variable name:** trustpeople

ANES code: V201237

Asked before or after election: before

Definition: Generally speaking, how often can you trust other people?

Notes: Coded as ordered factor. Values are “always”, “most of the time”, “half of the time”, “some of the time”, “never”

**Variable name:** senateknowl

ANES code: V201644

Asked before or after election: before

Definition: For how many years is a United States Senator elected - that is, how many years are there in one full term of office for a U.S. Senator?

Notes: Coded as numeric.

**Variable name:** freedomofpress

ANES code: V201366

Asked before or after election: before

Definition: For the next few items, we would like to know how important you think each one is to the United States maintaining a strong democracy. First, how important is it that news organizations are free to criticize political leaders?

Notes: Coded as ordered factor. Values are “extremely important”, “very important”, “moderately important”, “a little important”, “not important at all”

**Variable name:** electionmisconduct

ANES code: V201368

Asked before or after election: before

Definition: How important is it that elected officials face serious consequences if they engage in misconduct?

Notes: Coded as ordered factor. Values are “extremely important”, “very important”, “moderately important”, “a little important”, “not important at all”

**Variable name:** facts

ANES code: V201369

Asked before or after election: before

Definition: How important is it that people agree on basic facts even if they disagree politically?

Notes: Coded as ordered factor. Values are “extremely important”, “very important”, “moderately important”, “a little important”, “not important at all”

**Variable name:** trustmedia

ANES code: V201377

Asked before or after election: before

Definition: In general, how much trust and confidence do you have in the news media when it comes to reporting the news fully, accurately, and fairly?

Notes: Coded as ordered factor. Values are “none”, “a little”, “some”, “a lot”, and “a great deal”

**Variable name:** attention

ANES code: V201005

Asked before or after election: before

Definition: How often do you pay attention to what's going on in government and politics?

Notes: Coded as ordered factor. Values are "always", "most of the time", "half of the time", "some of the time", "never"

**Variable name:** v2016

ANES code: V201103

Asked before or after election: before 2020 election

Definition: Who did R vote for in 2016?

Notes: Coded as character. Values are Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump.

**Variable name:** v2020

ANES code: V202073

Asked before or after election: after

Definition: Who did R vote for in 2016?

Notes: Coded as character. Values are Donald Trump, Howie Hawkins, Jo Jorgensen, Joe Biden

**Variable name:** turnout2020

ANES code: V202066

Asked before or after election: after

Definition: Did R vote in November 2020 election?

Notes: Coded as character. Values are "did not vote" and "voted"

**Variable name:** covid

ANES code: V201392x

Asked before or after election: before

Definition: R's assessment of government's response to COVID.

Notes: Coded as ordered factor. Values are "Much too quick", "Somewhat too quick", "About right", "Somewhat too slow", "Much too slow"

**Variable name:** climatechange

ANES code: V201401

Asked before or after election: before

Definition: Do you think the federal government should be doing more about rising temperatures, should be doing less, or is it currently doing the right amount?

Notes: Coded as character. Values are "doing the right amount", "should be doing less", "should be doing more"

**Variable name:** parentalleave

**ANES code:** V201405x

**Asked before or after election:** before

**Definition:** Should the government require employers to offer paid leave to parents of new children

**Notes:** Coded as ordered factor. Values are “favor a great deal”, “favor a moderate amount”, “favor a little”, “neither favor nor oppose”, “oppose a little”, “oppose a moderate amount”, “oppose a great deal”

**Variable name:** lgdiscrim

**ANES code:** V201414x

**Asked before or after election:** before

**Definition:** Does R favor or oppose laws that protect gays lesbians against job discrimination?

**Notes:** Coded as ordered factor. Values are “favor strongly”, “favor not strongly”, “oppose not strongly”, “oppose strongly”

**Variable name:** envbus

**ANES code:** V201262

**Asked before or after election:** before

**Definition:** Where would you place yourself on the following scale (between 1 and 7): 1 is “Tougher regulations on business needed to protect environment”, and 7 is “Regulations to protect environment already too much a burden on business”?

**Notes:** Coded as numeric.

**Variable name:** econgood

**ANES code:** V201324

**Asked before or after election:** before

**Definition:** What do you think about the state of the economy these days in the United States?

**Notes:** Coded as ordered factor. Values are “very good”, “good”, “neither”, “bad”, or “very bad”

**Variable name:** abortion

**ANES code:** V201336

**Asked before or after election:** before

**Definition:** R was given four choices for views on abortion.

**Notes:** Coded as numeric. Values range from 1, which was abortion should never be permitted, to 4, abortion should always be permitted. People who chose 2 were selecting that abortion should be permitted in cases of rape, incest, or danger to the mother, and people who chose 3 were choosing that “The law should permit abortion other than for rape/incest/danger to woman but only after need clearly established.”

**Variable name:** capitalpunish

**ANES code:** V201345x

**Asked before or after election:** before

**Definition:** R's views on the death penalty.

**Notes:** Coded as ordered factor. Values are "favor strongly", "favor not strongly", "oppose not strongly", "oppose strongly"

**Variable name:** accuratecount

**ANES code:** V201351

**Asked before or after election:** before

**Definition:** In the November 2020 general election, how accurately do you think the votes will be counted?

**Notes:** Coded as ordered factor. Values are "not accurately", "a little accurately", "moderately accurately", "very accurately", "completely accurately"

**Variable name:** votebymail

**ANES code:** V201356x

**Asked before or after election:** before

**Definition:** Rs views on vote by mail.

**Notes:** Coded as ordered factor. Values are "favor a great deal", "favor a moderate amount", "favor a little", "neither favor nor oppose", "oppose a little", "oppose a moderate amount", "oppose a great deal"

### Feeling thermometers

All of the variables that begin ft\_ are feeling thermometers, where respondents were asked for their feelings on a group or a concept. They could choose between 0 (very cold or negative) and 100 (very warm or positive). Here is a bit more information about these variables:

variable name	definition	before election?	ANES
ft_biden	Joe Biden	before	V201151
ft_trump	Donald Trump	before	V201152
ft_dems	Democratic Party	before	V201156
ft_reps	Republican Party	before	V201157
ft_fund	Christian Fundamentalists	after	V202159
ft_fem	Feminists	after	V202160
ft_lib	Liberals	after	V202161
ft_unio	Labor Unions	after	V202162
ft_busi	Big Business	after	V202163
ft_con	Conservatives	after	V202164
ft_supreme	U.S. Supreme Court	after	V202165
ft_lg	Gay Men and Lesbians	after	V202166
ft_cong	Congress	after	V202167
ft_mus	Muslims	after	V202168
ft_chr	Christians	after	V202169



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ft_jews	Jews	after	V202170
ft_pol	Police	after	V202171
ft_trans	Transgender People	after	V202172
ft_sci	Scientists	after	V202173
ft_blm	Black Lives Matter	after	V202174
ft_jou	Journalists	after	V202175
ft_nra	National Rifle Association	after	V202178
ft_fbi	Federal Bureau of Investigation	after	V202181
ft_ice	Immigration and Customs Enforcement	after	V202182
ft_metoo	#Metoo Movement	after	V202183
ft_cdc	Center for Disease Control	after	V202187