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Appendix A:
Codebook for the Social Issues Subset of the General Social Survey

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This codebook accompanies gss_75_82_89_96_02_04.por and gss_04.por, which are subsets of the General Social Survey. gss_75_82_89_96_02_04.por includes data from all six time periods of the GSS—2004, 2002, 1996, 1989, 1982, 1975. gss_04 includes data from only the 2004 GSS. Some of the variables in the GSS have been recoded to make them easier to use and some new variables have been created. The variable "Year" indicates the year of the survey.

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	89 82 75	
CLASS	04 02 96 89 82 75	SUBJECTIVE CLASS IDENTIFICATION
COLATH	04 02 96 89 82	ALLOW ANTI-RELIGIONIST TO TEACH
COLCOM	04 02 96 89 82	ALLOW COMMUNIST TO TEACH
COLHOMO	04 02 96 89 82	ALLOW HOMOSEXUAL TO TEACH
COLMIL	04 02 96 89 82	ALLOW MILITARIST TO TEACH
COLRAC	04 02 96 89 82	ALLOW RACIST TO TEACH
CONARMY	04 02 96 89 82 75	CONFIDENCE IN MILITARY
CONBUS	04 02 96 89 82 75	CONFIDENCE IN MAJOR COMPANIES
CONCLERG	04 02 96 89 82 75	CONFIDENCE IN ORGANIZED RELIGION
CONEDUC	04 02 96 89 82 75	CONFIDENCE IN EDUCATION
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DEGREE	04 02 96 89 82 75	R'S HIGHEST DEGREE
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FECHLD	04 02 96 89	MOTHER WORKING DOESNT HURT CHILDREN
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FINRELA	04 02 96 89 82 75	OPINION OF FAMILY INCOME
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INCOME98	04 02	TOTAL FAMILY INCOME
INCOME91	96	TOTAL FAMILY INCOME
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INCOME82	82	TOTAL FAMILY INCOME
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LIBCOM	04 02 96 89 82	ALLOW COMMUNISTS BOOK IN LIBRARY
LIBHOMO	04 02 96 89 82	ALLOW HOMOSEXUALS BOOK IN LIBRARY
LIBMIL	04 02 96 89 82	ALLOW MILITARISTS BOOK IN LIBRARY
LIBRAC	04 02 96 89 82	ALLOW RACISTS BOOK IN LIBRARY
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SPKCOM	04 02 96 89 82	ALLOW COMMUNIST TO SPEAK
SPKHOMO	04 02 96 89 82	ALLOW HOMOSEXUAL TO SPEAK
SPKMIL	04 02 96 89 82	ALLOW MILITARIST TO SPEAK

SPKRAC	04 02 96 89 82	ALLOW RACIST TO SPEAK
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ABANY Please tell me whether or not you think it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion the woman wants it for any reason?

1	YES
2	NO
0	NAP
8	DK
9	NA

ABDEFECT Please tell me whether or not you think it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion if there is a strong chance of serious defect in the baby?

1	YES
2	NO
0	NAP
8	DK
9	NA

ABHLTH Please tell me whether or not you think it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion if the woman's own health is seriously endangered by the pregnancy?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

ABNOMORE Please tell me whether or not you think it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion if she is married and does not want any more children?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

ABPOOR Please tell me whether or not you think it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion if the family has a very low income and cannot afford any more children?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

ABRAPE Please tell me whether or not you think it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion if she became pregnant as a result of rape?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

ABSINGLE Please tell me whether or not you think it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion if she is not married and does not want to marry the man?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO

0	NAP
8	DK
9	NA

AGE Age of respondent in years

9	NA
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AGE1 Age recoded ten year intervals

1	UNDER 30
2	30 TO 39
3	40 TO 49
4	50 TO 59
5	60 TO 69
6	70 AND OVER
9	MISSING

AGE2 Age recoded in three categories

1	UNDER 30
2	30 TO 49
3	50 AND OVER
9	MISSING

AGED As you know, many older people share a home with their grown children. Do you think this is generally a good idea or a bad idea?

1	A GOOD IDEA
2	DEPENDS
3	A BAD IDEA
0	NAP
8	DK
9	NA

ATTEND How often do you attend religious services?

0	NEVER
1	LT ONCE A YEAR
2	ONCE A YEAR
3	SEVERAL TIMES A YEAR
4	ONCE A MONTH

- 5 2-3X A MONTH
- 6 NEARLY EVERY WEEK
- 7 EVERY WEEK
- 8 MORE THAN ONCE WEEK
- 9 DK, NA

CHILDS How many children have you ever had? (Includes all that were born alive at any time and those from a previous marriage)

- 8 EIGHT OR MORE
- 9 NA

CLASS If you were asked to use one of four names for your social class, which would you say you belong in: the lower class, the working class, the middle class, or the upper class?

- 1 LOWER CLASS
- 2 WORKING CLASS
- 3 MIDDLE CLASS
- 4 UPPER CLASS
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

COLATH There are always some people whose ideas are considered bad or dangerous by other people. For instance, somebody who is against all churches and religion . . .

Should such a person be allowed to teach in a college or university, or not?

- 1 ALLOWED
- 2 NOT ALLOWED
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

COLCOM Now, I should like to ask you some questions about a man who admits he is a Communist. Suppose he is teaching in a college. Should he be allowed to teach, or not?

- 1 ALLOWED
- 2 NOT ALLOWED
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK

9 NA

COLHOMO And what about a man who admits that he is a homosexual? Should such a person be allowed to teach in a college or university, or not?

1 ALLOW
2 NOT
ALLOW
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

COLMIL Consider a person who advocates doing away with elections and letting the military run the country. Should such a person be allowed to teach in a college or university, or not?

1 ALLOW
2 NOT
ALLOW
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

COLRAC Or consider a person who believes that Blacks are genetically inferior. Should such a person be allowed to teach in a college or university, or not?

1 ALLOW
2 NOT
ALLOW
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

CONARMY I am going to name some institutions in this country. As far as the people running these institutions are concerned, would you say you have a great deal of confidence, only some confidence, or hardly any confidence at all in them?

Military

1 A GREAT DEAL
2 ONLY SOME
3 HARDLY ANY
0 NAP
8 DK
9 NA

CONBUS I am going to name some institutions in this country. As far as the people running these institutions are concerned, would you say you have a great deal of confidence, only some confidence, or hardly any confidence at all in them?

Major companies

- 1 A GREAT DEAL
- 2 ONLY SOME
- 3 HARDLY ANY
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

CONCLERG I am going to name some institutions in this country. As far as the people running these institutions are concerned, would you say you have a great deal of confidence, only some confidence, or hardly any confidence at all in them?

Organized religion

- 1 A GREAT DEAL
- 2 ONLY SOME
- 3 HARDLY ANY
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

CONEDUC I am going to name some institutions in this country. As far as the people running these institutions are concerned, would you say you have a great deal of confidence, only some confidence, or hardly any confidence at all in them?

Education

- 1 A GREAT DEAL
- 2 ONLY SOME
- 3 HARDLY ANY
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

CONFED I am going to name some institutions in this country. As far as the people running these institutions are concerned, would you say you have a great deal of confidence, only some confidence, or hardly any confidence at all in them?

Executive branch of the federal government

- 1 A GREAT DEAL

- 2 ONLY SOME
- 3 HARDLY ANY
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

CONFINAN I am going to name some institutions in this country. As far as the people running these institutions are concerned, would you say you have a great deal of confidence, only some confidence, or hardly any confidence at all in them?

Banks and financial institutions

- 1 A GREAT DEAL
- 2 ONLY SOME
- 3 HARDLY ANY
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

CONJUDGE I am going to name some institutions in this country. As far as the people running these institutions are concerned, would you say you have a great deal of confidence, only some confidence, or hardly any confidence at all in them?

U.S. Supreme Court

- 1 A GREAT DEAL
- 2 ONLY SOME
- 3 HARDLY ANY
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

CONLABOR I am going to name some institutions in this country. As far as the people running these institutions are concerned, would you say you have a great deal of confidence, only some confidence, or hardly any confidence at all in them?

Organized labor

- 1 A GREAT DEAL
- 2 ONLY SOME
- 3 HARDLY ANY
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

CONLEGIS I am going to name some institutions in this country. As far as the people running these institutions are concerned, would you say you have a great deal of confidence, only some confidence, or hardly any confidence at all in them?

Congress

- 1 A GREAT DEAL
- 2 ONLY SOME
- 3 HARDLY ANY
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

CONMEDIC I am going to name some institutions in this country. As far as the people running these institutions are concerned, would you say you have a great deal of confidence, only some confidence, or hardly any confidence at all in them?

Medicine

- 1 A GREAT DEAL
- 2 ONLY SOME
- 3 HARDLY ANY
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

CONPRESS I am going to name some institutions in this country. As far as the people running these institutions are concerned, would you say you have a great deal of confidence, only some confidence, or hardly any confidence at all in them?

Press

- 1 A GREAT DEAL
- 2 ONLY SOME
- 3 HARDLY ANY
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

CONSCI I am going to name some institutions in this country. As far as the people running these institutions are concerned, would you say you have a great deal of confidence, only some confidence, or hardly any confidence at all in them?

Scientific Community

- 1 A GREAT DEAL

- 2 ONLY SOME
- 3 HARDLY ANY
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

CONTV I am going to name some institutions in this country. As far as the people running these institutions are concerned, would you say you have a great deal of confidence, only some confidence, or hardly any confidence at all in them?

TV

- 1 A GREAT DEAL
- 2 ONLY SOME
- 3 HARDLY ANY
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

COURTS In general, do you think the courts in this area deal too harshly or not harshly enough with criminals?

- 1 TOO HARSH
- 2 ABOUT RIGHT
- 3 NOT HARSH ENOUGH
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

DEGREE Respondent's highest degree

- 0 LT HIGH SCHOOL
- 1 HIGH SCHOOL
- 2 JUNIOR COLLEGE
- 3 BACHELOR
- 4 GRADUATE
- 7 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

EDUC What is the highest grade in elementary school or high school that you finished and got credit for?

- 8 DK
- 9 NA

EDUC1 Education recoded

- 1 12 YEARS OR LESS
- 2 13 TO 15 YEARS
- 3 16 YEARS OR MORE
- 9 DK, NA

EQWLTH Some people think that the government in Washington ought to reduce the income differences between the rich and the poor, perhaps by raising the taxes of wealthy families or by giving income assistance to the poor. Others think that the government should not concern itself with reducing this income difference between the rich and the poor.

- 1 GOVERNMENT REDUCE DIFFERENCES
- 7 NO GOVERNMENT ACTION
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

FEAR Is there any area right around here--that is, within a mile--where you would be afraid to walk alone at night?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK

FECHLD A working mother can establish just as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work.

- 1 STRONGLY AGREE
- 2 AGREE
- 3 DISAGREE
- 4 STRONGLY DISAGREE
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

FEFAM It is much better for everyone involved if the man is the achiever outside the home and the woman takes care of the home and family.

- 1 STRONGLY AGREE
- 2 AGREE
- 3 DISAGREE
- 4 STRONGLY DISAGREE

- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

FEPOL Most men are better suited emotionally for politics than are most women.

- 1 AGREE
- 2 DISAGREE
- 0 NAP
- 8 NOT SURE
- 9 NA

FEPRESCH A preschool child is likely to suffer if his or her mother works.

- 1 STRONGLY AGREE
- 2 AGREE
- 3 DISAGREE
- 4 STRONGLY DISAGREE
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

FINALTER During the last few years, has your financial situation been getting better, worse, or has it stayed the same?

- 1 BETTER
- 2 STAYED SAME
- 3 WORSE
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

FINRELA Compared with American families in general, would you say your family income is far below average, below average, average, above average, or far above average?

- 1 FAR BELOW AVERAGE
- 2 BELOW AVERAGE
- 3 AVERAGE
- 4 ABOVE AVERAGE
- 5 FAR ABOVE AVERAGE
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

FUND Fundamentalism/Liberalism of respondent's religion

- 1 FUNDAMENTALIST
- 2 MODERATE
- 3 LIBERAL
- 9 NA

INCOME98 In which of these groups did your total family income, from all sources, fall last year before taxes? [\[see footnote 1\]](#)

- 1 Under \$10000
- 2 \$10000-14999
- 3 \$15000-19999
- 4 \$20000-24999
- 5 \$25000-34999
- 6 \$35000-49999
- 7 \$50000-59999
- 8 \$60000-74999
- 9 \$75000-89999
- 10 \$90000-109999
- 11 \$110000+

INCOME91 In which of these groups did your total family income, from all sources, fall last year before taxes? [\[see footnote 1\]](#)

- 1 Under \$10000
- 2 \$10000-14999
- 3 \$15000-19999
- 4 \$20000-24999
- 5 \$25000-34999
- 6 \$35000-49999
- 7 \$50000-59999
- 8 \$60000-74999
- 9 \$75000+

INCOME86 [\[see footnote 1\]](#)

- 1 Under \$10000
- 2 \$10000-14999
- 3 \$15000-19999
- 4 \$20000-24999
- 5 \$25000-34999
- 6 \$35000-49999
- 7 \$50000-59999
- 8 \$60000+

INCOME82 [\[see footnote 1\]](#)

- 1 Under \$10000
- 2 \$10000-14999
- 3 \$15000-19999
- 4 \$20000-24999
- 5 \$25000-34999
- 6 \$35000-49999
- 7 \$50000+

INCOME [\[see footnote 1\]](#)

- 1 Under \$10000
- 2 \$10000-14999
- 3 \$15000-19999
- 4 \$20000-24999
- 5 \$25000+

LIBATH There are always some people whose ideas are considered bad or dangerous by other people. For instance, somebody who is against all churches and religion . . . If some people in your community suggested that a book he wrote against churches and religion should be taken out of your public library, would you favor removing this book, or not?

- 1 NOT REMOVE
- 2 REMOVE
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

LIBCOM Now, I should like to ask you some questions about a man who admits he is a Communist. Suppose he wrote a book which is in your public library. Somebody in your community suggests that the book should be removed from the library. Would you favor removing it, or not?

- 1 NOT REMOVE
- 2 REMOVE
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

LIBHOMO And what about a man who admits that he is a homosexual? If some people in your community suggested that a book he wrote in favor of homosexuality should be taken out of your public library, would you favor removing this book, or not?

- 1 NOT REMOVE
- 2 REMOVE
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

LIBMIL Consider a person who advocates doing away with elections and letting the military run the country. Suppose he wrote a book advocating doing away with elections and letting the military run the country. Somebody in your community suggests that the book be removed from the public library. Would you favor removing it, or not?

- 1 NOT REMOVE
- 2 REMOVE
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

LIBRAC Or consider a person who believes that Blacks are genetically inferior. If some people in your community suggested that a book he wrote which said Blacks are inferior should be taken out of your public library, would you favor removing this book, or not?

- 1 NOT REMOVE
- 2 REMOVE
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

MARITAL Are you currently--married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

- 1 MARRIED
- 2 WIDOWED
- 3 DIVORCED
- 4 SEPARATED
- 5 NEVER MARRIED
- 9 NA

NATAID We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think we're spending too much money on it, too little money, or about the right amount. Are we spending too much money, too little money, or about the right amount on...

Foreign aid

- 1 TOO LITTLE
- 2 ABOUT RIGHT
- 3 TOO MUCH
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

NATAIDY We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think we're spending too much money on it, too little money, or about the right amount. Are we spending too much money, too little money, or about the right amount on...

Assistance to other countries

- 1 TOO LITTLE
- 2 ABOUT RIGHT
- 3 TOO MUCH
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

NATARMS We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think we're spending too much money on it, too little money, or about the right amount. Are we spending too much money, too little money, or about the right amount on...

The military, armaments and defense

- 1 TOO LITTLE
- 2 ABOUT RIGHT
- 3 TOO MUCH
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

NATARMSY We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think we're spending too much money on it, too little money, or about the right amount. Are we spending too much money, too little money, or about the right amount on...

National defense

- 1 TOO LITTLE

- 2 ABOUT RIGHT
- 3 TOO MUCH
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

NATCITY We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think we're spending too much money on it, too little money, or about the right amount. Are we spending too much money, too little money, or about the right amount on...

Solving the problems of the big cities

- 1 TOO LITTLE
- 2 ABOUT RIGHT
- 3 TOO MUCH
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

NATCITYY We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think we're spending too much money on it, too little money, or about the right amount. Are we spending too much money, too little money, or about the right amount on...

Assistance to big cities

- 1 TOO LITTLE
- 2 ABOUT RIGHT
- 3 TOO MUCH
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

NATCRIME We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think we're spending too much money on it, too little money, or about the right amount. Are we spending too much money, too little money, or about the right amount on...

Halting the rising crime rate

- 1 TOO LITTLE
- 2 ABOUT RIGHT

- 3 TOO MUCH
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

NATCRIMY We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think we're spending too much money on it, too little money, or about the right amount. Are we spending too much money, too little money, or about the right amount on...

Law enforcement

- 1 TOO LITTLE
- 2 ABOUT RIGHT
- 3 TOO MUCH
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

NATDRUG We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think we're spending too much money on it, too little money, or about the right amount. Are we spending too much money, too little money, or about the right amount on...

Dealing with drug addiction

- 1 TOO LITTLE
- 2 ABOUT RIGHT
- 3 TOO MUCH
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

NATDRUGY We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think we're spending too much money on it, too little money, or about the right amount. Are we spending too much money, too little money, or about the right amount on...

Drug rehabilitation

- 1 TOO LITTLE
- 2 ABOUT RIGHT
- 3 TOO MUCH

- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

NATEDUC We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think we're spending too much money on it, too little money, or about the right amount. Are we spending too much money, too little money, or about the right amount on...

Improving the nation's education system

- 1 TOO LITTLE
- 2 ABOUT RIGHT
- 3 TOO MUCH
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

NATEDUCY We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think we're spending too much money on it, too little money, or about the right amount. Are we spending too much money, too little money, or about the right amount on...

Education

- 1 TOO LITTLE
- 2 ABOUT RIGHT
- 3 TOO MUCH
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

NATENVIR We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think we're spending too much money on it, too little money, or about the right amount. Are we spending too much money, too little money, or about the right amount on...

Improving and protecting the environment

- 1 TOO LITTLE
- 2 ABOUT RIGHT
- 3 TOO MUCH
- 0 NAP

- 8 DK
- 9 NA

NATENVII We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think we're spending too much money on it, too little money, or about the right amount. Are we spending too much money, too little money, or about the right amount on...

The environment

- 1 TOO LITTLE
- 2 ABOUT RIGHT
- 3 TOO MUCH
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

NATFARE We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think we're spending too much money on it, too little money, or about the right amount. Are we spending too much money, too little money, or about the right amount on...

Welfare

- 1 TOO LITTLE
- 2 ABOUT RIGHT
- 3 TOO MUCH
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

NATFAREY We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think we're spending too much money on it, too little money, or about the right amount. Are we spending too much money, too little money, or about the right amount on...

Assistance to the poor

- 1 TOO LITTLE
- 2 ABOUT RIGHT
- 3 TOO MUCH
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK

NATHEAL We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think we're spending too much money on it, too little money, or about the right amount. Are we spending too much money, too little money, or about the right amount on...

Improving and protecting the nation's health

- 1 TOO LITTLE
- 2 ABOUT RIGHT
- 3 TOO MUCH
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

NATHEALY We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think we're spending too much money on it, too little money, or about the right amount. Are we spending too much money, too little money, or about the right amount on...

Health

- 1 TOO LITTLE
- 2 ABOUT RIGHT
- 3 TOO MUCH
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

NATMASS We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think we're spending too much money on it, too little money, or about the right amount. Are we spending too much money, too little money, or about the right amount on...

Mass Transportation

- 1 TOO LITTLE
- 2 ABOUT RIGHT
- 3 TOO MUCH
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

NATPARK We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think we're spending too much money on it, too little money, or about the right amount. Are we spending too much money, too little money, or about the right amount on...

Parks and recreation

- 1 TOO LITTLE
- 2 ABOUT RIGHT
- 3 TOO MUCH
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

NATRACE We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think we're spending too much money on it, too little money, or about the right amount. Are we spending too much money, too little money, or about the right amount on...

Improving the conditions of Blacks

- 1 TOO LITTLE
- 2 ABOUT RIGHT
- 3 TOO MUCH
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

NATRACEY We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think we're spending too much money on it, too little money, or about the right amount. Are we spending too much money, too little money, or about the right amount on...

Assistance to blacks

- 1 TOO LITTLE
- 2 ABOUT RIGHT
- 3 TOO MUCH
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

NATROAD We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for

each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think we're spending too much money on it, too little money, or about the right amount. Are we spending too much money, too little money, or about the right amount on...

Highways and bridges

- 1 TOO LITTLE
- 2 ABOUT RIGHT
- 3 TOO MUCH
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

NATSOC We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think we're spending too much money on it, too little money, or about the right amount. Are we spending too much money, too little money, or about the right amount on...

Social Security

- 1 TOO LITTLE
- 2 ABOUT RIGHT
- 3 TOO MUCH
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

NATSPAC We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think we're spending too much money on it, too little money, or about the right amount. First (READ ITEM A) . . . are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on (ITEM)?

Space exploration program

- 1 TOO LITTLE
- 2 ABOUT RIGHT
- 3 TOO MUCH
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

NATSPACY We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think we're spending too much money

on it, too little money, or about the right amount. First (READ ITEM A) . . . are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on (ITEM)?

Space exploration

- 1 TOO LITTLE
- 2 ABOUT RIGHT
- 3 TOO MUCH
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

PARTYID Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, Democrat, Independent, or what?

- 0 STRONG DEMOCRAT
- 1 NOT STRONG DEMOCRAT
- 2 INDEPENDENT, NEAR DEMOCRAT
- 3 INDEPENDENT
- 4 INDEPENDENT, NEAR REPUBLICAN
- 5 NOT STRONG REPUBLICAN
- 6 STRONG REPUBLICAN
- 7 OTHER PARTY
- 9 NA

PRAY About how often do you pray?

- 1 SEVERAL TIMES A DAY
- 2 ONCE A DAY
- 3 SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK
- 4 ONCE A WEEK
- 5 LESS THAN ONCE A WEEK
- 6 NEVER
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

PRAYER The United States Supreme Court has ruled that no state or local government may require the reading of the Lord's Prayer or Bible verses in public schools. What are your views on this--do you approve or disapprove of the court ruling?

- 1 APPROVE
- 2 DISAPPROVE
- 0 NAP

- 8 DK
- 9 NA

PRESTG80 Prestige of respondent's occupation (1980) Measure of respondent's occupational prestige which is a replication and extension of the Hodge-Siegel-Rossi ratings of occupational prestige. Low scores indicate low prestige and high scores indicate high prestige. See the appendices in the Cumulative Codebook for the General Social Surveys for more information.

0 DK, NA, NAP

PRESTIGE Prestige of respondent's occupation (1970) Measure of respondent's occupational prestige which is a replication and extension of the Hodge-Siegel-Rossi ratings of occupational prestige. Low scores indicate low prestige and high scores indicate high prestige. See the appendices in the Cumulative Codebook for the General Social Surveys for more information.

0 DK, NA, NAP

PRESTG1 Recoded prestige of respondent's occupation (see PRESTG80 and PRESTIGE). (Quartiles are approximate. Percentages will not always equal 25%.)

- 0 DK, NA, NAP
- 1 LOWEST QUARTILE
- 2 SECOND QUARTILE
- 3 THIRD QUARTILE
- 4 HIGHEST QUARTILE

RACE What race do you consider yourself?

- 1 WHITE
- 2 BLACK
- 3 OTHER

RACECEN1 RACECEN2 RACECEN3 What race do you consider yourself? Respondent's first, second, and third mention.

- 1 WHITE
- 2 BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN
- 3 AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE
- 4 ASIAN INDIAN
- 5 CHINESE
- 6 FILIPINO
- 7 JAPANESE
- 8 KOREAN

- 9 VIETNAMESE
- 10 OTHER ASIAN
- 11 NATIVE HAWAIIAN
- 12 GUAMANIAN OR CHAMORRO
- 13 SAMOAN
- 14 OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER
- 15 SOME OTHER RACE
- 16 HISPANIC
- 98 DK
- 99 NA

RACLIVE Are there any (Negroes/Blacks/African-Americans) living in this neighborhood now? [see footnote 2]

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

RACOPEN Suppose there is a community-wide vote on the general housing issue. There are two possible laws to vote on. Which law would you vote for? [see footnote 2]

- 1 OWNER DECIDES
- 2 CAN'T DISCRIMINATE
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

REGION Region of interview

- 1 NEW ENGLAND
- 2 MIDDLE ATLANTIC
- 3 EAST NORTH CENTRAL
- 4 WEST NORTH CENTRAL
- 5 SOUTH ATLANTIC
- 6 EAST SOUTH CENTRAL
- 7 WEST SOUTH CENTRAL
- 8 MOUNTAIN
- 9 PACIFIC

RELIG What is your religious preference? Is it Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no religion?

- 1 PROTESTANT
- 2 CATHOLIC
- 3 JEWISH
- 4 NONE
- 5 OTHER
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

RELGOSA Religiosity. Religiosity is the strength of an individual's attachment to his or her religious affiliation. It was created by combining three other variables- RELITEN (attachment to religious preference), PRAY (frequency of prayer), and ATTEND (frequency of church attendance). If an individual says he has a strong attachment to his religious affiliation, attends church often, and prays often, then he or she is highly religious. If an individual says he doesn't have a strong attachment to his religious affiliation, attends church infrequently, and prays infrequently, then he or she is not religious. Everyone else will be somewhere between highly religious and not religious. (Not available for 1982 and 1975.)

- 1 HIGH IN RELIGIOSITY
- 2 MEDIUM IN RELIGIOSITY
- 3 LOW IN RELIGIOSITY
- 9 MISSING

RELGOSB Religiosity. Religiosity is the strength of an individual's attachment to his or her religious affiliation. It was created by combining three other variables- RELITEN (attachment to religious preference) and ATTEND (frequency of church attendance). Note that PRAY was not used in this index. If an individual says he has a strong attachment to his religious affiliation and attends church often, then he or she is highly religious. If an individual says he doesn't have a strong attachment to his religious affiliation and attends church infrequently, then he or she is not religious. Everyone else will be somewhere between highly religious and not religious.

- 1 HIGH IN RELIGIOSITY
- 2 MEDIUM IN RELIGIOSITY
- 3 LOW IN RELIGIOSITY
- 9 MISSING

RELITEN Would you call yourself a strong (Protestant, Catholic, Jew, Other-specify) or a not very strong (Protestant, Catholic, Jew, Other-specify)?

- 1 STRONG
- 2 NOT VERY STRONG
- 3 SOMEWHAT STRONG
- 4 NO RELIGION
- 0 NAP

- 8 DK
- 9 NA

RINCOM98 Respondent's income. In which of these groups did your earnings for last year fall? That is, before taxes or other deductions [\[see footnote 3\]](#).

- 1 Under \$10000
- 2 \$10000-14999
- 3 \$15000-19999
- 4 \$20000-24999
- 5 \$25000-34999
- 6 \$35000-49999
- 7 \$50000-59999
- 8 \$60000-74999
- 9 \$75000-89999
- 10 \$90000-109999
- 11 \$110000+

RINCOM91 Respondent's income. In which of these groups did your earnings for last year fall? That is, before taxes or other deductions [\[see footnote 3\]](#).

- 1 UNDER \$1000
- 2 \$10000-14999
- 3 \$15000-19999
- 4 \$20000-24999
- 5 \$25000-34999
- 6 \$35000-49999
- 7 \$50000-59999
- 8 \$60000-74999
- 9 \$75000+

RINCOM86 Respondent's income. In which of these groups did your earnings for last year fall? That is, before taxes or other deductions [\[see footnote 3\]](#).

- 1 UNDER \$1000
- 2 \$10000-14999
- 3 \$15000-19999
- 4 \$20000-24999
- 5 \$25000-34999
- 6 \$35000-49999
- 7 \$50000-59999
- 8 \$60000+

RINCOM82 Respondent's income. In which of these groups did your earnings for last year fall? That is, before taxes or other deductions [\[see footnote 3\]](#)

- 1 UNDER \$1000
- 2 \$10000-14999
- 3 \$15000-19999
- 4 \$20000-24999
- 5 \$25000-34999
- 6 \$35000-49999
- 7 \$50000+

RINCOME Respondent's income. In which of these groups did your earnings for last year fall? That is, before taxes or other deductions [\[see footnote 3\]](#)

- 1 UNDER \$1000
- 2 \$10000-14999
- 3 \$15000-19999
- 4 \$20000-24999
- 5 \$25000+

SATFIN We are interested in how people are getting along financially these days. So far as you and your family are concerned, would you say that you are pretty well satisfied with your present financial situation, more or less satisfied, or not satisfied at all?

- 1 SATISFIED
- 2 MORE OR LESS
- 3 NOT AT ALL SATISFIED
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

SEI Respondent's socioeconomic index. Measure of occupational prestige which is based on the work of Otis Dudley Duncan. Low scores indicate low prestige and high scores indicate high prestige. See the appendices in the Cumulative Codebook for the General Social Surveys for more information. (Quartiles are approximate. Percentages will not always equal 25%.)

- 0 NAP

SEI1 Recoded respondent's socioeconomic index (see SEI)

- 0 NAP
- 1 LOWEST QUARTILE
- 2 SECOND QUARTILE
- 3 THIRD QUARTILE

4 HIGHEST QUARTILE

SEX Respondent's sex

- 1 MALE
- 2 FEMALE

SPKATH There are always some people whose ideas are considered bad or dangerous by other people. For instance, somebody who is against all churches and religion. If such a person wanted to make a speech in your (city/town/community) against churches and religion, should he be allowed to speak, or not?

- 1 ALLOW
- 2 NOT ALLOW
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

SPKCOM Now, I should like to ask you some questions about a man who admits he is a Communist. Suppose this admitted Communist wanted to make a speech in your community. Should he be allowed to speak, or not?

- 1 ALLOW
- 2 NOT ALLOW
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

SPKHOMO And what about a man who admits that he is a homosexual? Suppose this admitted homosexual wanted to make a speech in your community. Should he be allowed to speak, or not?

- 1 ALLOW
- 2 NOT ALLOW
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

SPKMIL Consider a person who advocates doing away with elections and letting the military run the country. If such a person wanted to make a speech in your community, should he be allowed to speak, or not?

- 1 ALLOW
- 2 NOT ALLOW
- 0 NAP

- 8 DK
- 9 NA

SPKRAC Or consider a person who believes that Blacks are genetically inferior. If such a person wanted to make a speech in your community claiming that Blacks are inferior, should he be allowed to speak, or not?

- 1 ALLOW
- 2 NOT ALLOW
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

SUICIDE1 Do you think a person has the right to end his or her own life if this person has an incurable disease?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

SUICIDE2 Do you think a person has the right to end his or her own life if this person if this person has gone bankrupt?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

SUICIDE3 Do you think a person has the right to end his or her own life if this person has dishonored his or her family?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

SUICIDE4 Do you think a person has the right to end his or her own life if this person is tired of living and ready to die?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO

- 0 NAP
- 8 DK
- 9 NA

TOLATH Tolerance-anti-religionist. This is a measure of tolerance created by combining COLATH, LIBATH, and SPKATH. These questions ask if a person who is an atheist should be allowed to teach in a college or university, to have a book in the public library, and to give a public speech. A person is high in tolerance if they would allow all three and low if they would not allow any. All others are medium in tolerance. (Not available for 1975.)

- 3 HIGH
- 4 MEDIUM HIGH
- 5 MEDIUM LOW
- 6 LOW
- 9 MISSING

TOLCOM Tolerance-communist. This is a measure of tolerance created by combining COLCOM, LIBCOM, and SPKCOM. These questions ask if a person who is a Communist should be allowed to teach in a college or university, to have a book in the public library, and to give a public speech. A person is high in tolerance if they would allow all three and low if they would not allow any. All others are medium in tolerance. (Not available for 1975.)

- 3 HIGH
- 4 MEDIUM HIGH
- 5 MEDIUM LOW
- 6 LOW
- 9 MISSING

TOLHOMO Tolerance-homosexual. This is a measure of tolerance created by combining COLHOMO, LIBHOMO, and SPKHOMO. These questions ask if a person who is a homosexual should be allowed to teach in a college or university, to have a book in the public library, and to give a public speech. A person is high in tolerance if they would allow all three and low if they would not allow any. All others are medium in tolerance. (Not available for 1975.)

- 3 HIGH
- 4 MEDIUM HIGH
- 5 MEDIUM LOW
- 6 LOW
- 9 MISSING

TOLMIL Tolerance-militarist. This is a measure of tolerance created by combining COLMIL, LIBMIL, and SPKMIL. These questions ask if a person who is a militarist should be allowed to teach in a college or university, to have a book in the public library, and to give a public speech. A person is high in tolerance if they would allow

all three and low if they would not allow any. All others are medium in tolerance.
(Not available for 1975.)

3	HIGH
4	MEDIUM HIGH
5	MEDIUM LOW
6	LOW
9	MISSING

TOLRAC Tolerance-racist. This is a measure of tolerance created by combining COLRAC, LIBRAC, and SPKRAC. These questions ask if a person who is a racist should be allowed to teach in a college or university, to have a book in the public library, and to give a public speech. A person is high in tolerance if they would allow all three and low if they would not allow any. All others are medium in tolerance.
(Not available for 1975.)

3	HIGH
4	MEDIUM HIGH
5	MEDIUM LOW
6	LOW
9	MISSING

WEIGHT See Appendix B for a discussion of the weight variable.

YEAR Year of survey

Footnote 1 – INCOME98 was used for 2004 and 2002, INCOME91 was used for 1996, INCOME86 was used for 1989, INCOME82 was used for 1982, and INCOME was used for 1975. While the categories are different, they can be recoded to allow comparisons over time.

Footnote 2 -- In 1975, this question was asked of whites only. In 1982, 1989, 1996, 2002, and 2004, this question was asked of all races. This must be kept in mind when comparing data over time.

Footnote 3 – RINCOM98 was used for 2004 and 2002, RINCOM91 was used for 1996, RINCOM86 was used for 1989, RINCOM82 was used for 1982, and RINCOME was used for 1975. While the categories are different, they can be recoded to allow comparisons over time.