

Description of Variables for GSS.xls

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number of observations: 51,020

number of variables: 20

Variable	Description	Values
id	respondent's id number	
year	GSS survey year for this respondent	
marital	marital status	1: married 2: widowed 3: divorced 4: separated 5: never married 9: na
divorce	ever been divorced or separated	0: iap 1: yes 2: no 8: dk 9: na
childs	number of children	8: eight or more 9: dk na
age	age of respondent	89: 89 or older 98: dk 99: na
educ	highest year of school completed	97: iap 98: dk 99: na
sex	respondent's sex	1: male 2: female
race	race of respondent	0: iap 1: white 2: black 3: other
relig	respondent's religious preference	0: iap 1: protestant 2: catholic 3: jewish 4: none 5: other (specify) 6: buddhism 7: hinduism 8: other eastern 9: moslem/islam 10: orthodox-christian 11: christian 12: native american 13: inter-nondenominational 98: dk 99: na
porninf	materials provide info about sex	0: iap 1: yes 2: no 8: dk 9: na

pornmorl	materials lead to breakdown in morals	0: iap 1: yes 2: no 8: dk 9: na
pornrape	materials lead to rape	0: iap 1: yes 2: no 8: dk 9: na
pornout	materials provide outlet	0: iap 1: yes 2: no 8: dk 9: na
pornlaw	feelings about pornography laws	0: iap 1: illegal to all 2: illegal under 18 3: legal 8: dk 9: na
xmovie	seen x-rated movie in last year	0: iap 1: yes 2: no 8: dk 9: na
xmovie1	seen porn film (theater or VCR) last year	0: iap 1: yes 2: no 8: dk 9: na
pornimp	importance of pornography issue to respondent	0: iap 1: one of most imp 2: important 3: not very imp 4: not imp at all 8: dk 9: na
porninfo	how much information does respondent have on porn issue	0: iap 1: all info r needs 2: most info 3: some info 4: very little info 8: dk 9: na
pornfirm	how firm is respondent's opinion on porn issue	0: iap 1: change very likely 2: somewhat likely 3: somewhat unlikely 4: change very unlikely 8: dk 9: na