Codebook for the General Social Survey extract, 1990-1998 (icpsr_gss4)

id: ID number of respondent (specific to year)

year: year of survey

Did R participate in the survey in **year90, year91, year93, year94, year96,** or **year98**

    0: No   1: Yes

male: Male?
female: Female?

    0: No   1:Yes

race: Respondent's race (self-identified)

    1: White   2: Black   3: Other

black: Are you Black?
othrrace: Are you of another race? (Not Black or white)
white: Are you white?
nonwhite: Are you nonwhite?

    0: No   1:Yes

marital: Respondent's marital status

    1: Married   2: Widowed   3: Divorced   4: Separated   5: Never married

ms_mar: Is the respondent married?
ms_widow: Is the respondent a widow?
ms_div: Is the respondent divorced?
ms_sep: Is the respondent separated?
ms_dvsep: Is the respondent divorced or separated?
ms_never: Is the respondent never married?
evermar: Has respondent ever been married?
everdiv: Has respondent ever been divorced? (Constructed from GSS **divorce** variable)

    0: No   1: Yes

agewed: Age at first marriage (in years)
agekdbrn: Age at birth of first child (in years)
age: Respondent's current age (in years)
agesq: Respondent's current age squared

sibs: Number of siblings

       11: More than 10

chldrn: Number of children

family16: Respondent's family structure at age 16

0: Other	1: Mother & father	2: Father & stepmother
3: Mother & stepfather	4: Father only	5: Mother only
6: Male relative	7: Female relative	8: Male & female relatives

fm16_2bp: Respondent lived with both biological parents at 16?
fm16_fsm: Respondent lived with father and stepmother at 16?
fm16_msf: Respondent lived with mother and stepfather at 16?
fm16_mom: Respondent lived with mother only at 16?
fm16_dad: Respondent lived with father only at 16?
fm16_oth: Respondent lived with other people at 16?

       0: No   1: Yes

fm16dif: Explanation of why R did not live with mother & father at age 16 (if applicable)

1: Parent died	2: Divorce or separation	3: Armed forces
4: Institutionalized	5: Other	

fm16_ded: Respondent's parent was dead when R was 16?
fm16_div: Respondent's parents were separated or divorced when R was 16?
fm16_arm: Respondent's father was away in the army when R was 16?
fm16_ins: Respondent's parent institutionalized when R was 16?

       0: No   1: Yes

educ: Respondent's education in years
speduc: Spouse's education in years
paeduc: Father's education in years
maeduc: Mother's education in years

degree: Respondent's educational attainment
spdeg: Spouse's educational attainment
padeg: Father's educational attainment
madeg: Mother's educational attainment

0: Less than high school	1: High school	2: Junior college
3: Bachelor's degree	4: Graduate	

ednohs, spednohs, paednohs, maednohs: Respondent/Spouse/Father/Mother didn't go to high school
edhs, spedhs, paedhs, maedhs: Respondent/Spouse/Father/Mother went to high school
edjcol, spedjcol, paedjcol, maedjcol: Respondent/Spouse/Father/Mother went to junior college

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edcol, spedcol, paedcol, maedcol: Respondent/Spouse/Father/Mother has a Bachelor's degree

edgrad, spedgrad, paedgrad, maedgrad: Respondent/Spouse/Father/Mother has graduate degree

        0: No   1: Yes

jobtype: Respondent's job type
spjobtyp: Spouse's job type
pajobtyp: Father's job type
majobtyp: Mother's job type

        1: Upper nonmanual   2: Lower nonmanual
        3: Upper manual   4: Lower manual

jobuwc, spjobuwc, pajobuwc, majobuwc: Respondent/spouse/father/mother works upper nonmanual job
joblwc, spjoblwc, pajoblwc, majoblwc: Respondent/spouse/father/mother works lower nonmanual job
jobubc, spjobubc, pajobubc, majobubc: Respondent/spouse/father/mother works upper manual job
joblbc, spjoblbc, pajoblbc, majoblbc: Respondent/spouse/father/mother works upper manual job

        0: No   1: Yes

jobsei: Respondent's occupational prestige score
spjobsei: Spouse's occupational prestige score
pajobsei: Father's occupational prestige score (while R was growing up)
majobsei: Mother's occupational prestige score (while R was growing up)

        Range for occupational prestige scores: 17-86[1]

faminc: Respondent's family income, in thousands of dollars
respinc: Respondent's own annual income, in thousands of dollars
realinc: Respondent's family income, in inflation-adjusted (constant) dollars
realrinc: Respondent's own annual income, in inflation-adjusted (constant) dollars
p_faminc: Proportion of family income that is respondent's income

partyid: Respondent's political party identification

        1: Strong Democrat   2: Weak Democrat
        3: Independent, closer to Democrat   4: Independent
        5: Independent, closer to Republican   6: Weak Republican
        7: Strong Republican

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[1] For more on SEI occupational prestige and the GSS, see: http://www.norc.org/NR/rdonlyres/21C53AAC-1267-43B6-A915-A38857DC9D63/1288/AppendixG.pdf

polviews: Respondent's political views

    1: Extremely Liberal   2: Liberal   3: Slightly Liberal
    4: Moderate   5: Slightly Conservative   6: Conservative
    7: Extremely Conservative

didvote: Did respondent vote in the most recent Presidential election?

    0: No   1: Yes

choice88: Who did respondent vote for in the 1988 election?

    1: Dukakis   2: Bush

vote92: Did respondent vote in the 1992 Presidential election?

    1: Voted   1: Did not vote   3: Not eligible   4: Refused

choice92: Who did respondent vote for in the 1992 Presidential election?

    1: Clinton   2: Bush   3: Perot

clintn92: Did respondent vote for Clinton in 1992?
bush92: Did respondent vote for Bush in 19992?
perot92: Did respondent vote for Perot in 1992?

    0: No   1: Yes

choice96: Who did respondent vote for in the 1996 Presidential election? [1998 only]

    1: Clinton   2: Dole   3: Perot

clint96: Did respondent vote for Clinton in 1996?
dole96: Did respondent vote for Dole in 1996?
perot96: Did respondent vote for Perot in 1996?

    0: No   1: Yes

relig: Respondent's religion

    1: Protestant   2: Catholic   3: Jewish
    4: None   5: Other

protstnt: Is respondent Protestant?
catholic: Is respondent Catholic?
jewish: Is respondent Jewish?
norelig: Is respondent not religious?
othrelig: Is respondent another religion?

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libprot: Is respondent a liberal Protestant?
modprot: Is respondent a moderate Protestant?
fundprot: Is respondent a fundamental Protestant?

       0: No   1: Yes

relinten: Respondent's religious intensity

       0: No religion   1: Not very strong
       2: Somewhat strong   3: Strong

fund: How fundamentalist is respondent?

       1: Fundamental   2: Moderate   3: Liberal

sexsex5: Sex of R's sexual partners in the last 5 years

       1: Male only   2: Male and female   3: Female only

gay: Respondent is gay (has only had same-sex sexual partners in last 5 years)
gayorbi: Respondent is gay or bisexual

       0: No   1: Yes

born: Respondent born in America?

       0: No   1: Yes

parborn: Parents born in this country?

       0: Both   1: Mother only
       2: Father only   3: Mother, DK about father
       4: Not mother, DK about father   5: Father, DK about mother
       6: Not father, DK about mother   7: DK about mother or father
       8: Neither born in the US

genam2: Both of respondent's parents born in America?
genam3: All of respondent's grandparents born in America?

       0: No   1: Yes

wordsum: Score on 10-item vocabulary test (range 1-10; those who did not try to answer any of the items are coded as missing.

cappun: Favor or oppose death penalty for murder

       0: No   1: Yes

prchoice: Support for abortion rights (0-7, based on 7-item scale)

abany: Supports abortion in any circumstances
abhlth: Supports abortion when mother's health is in danger
abpoor: Supports abortion when can't afford any more children
abnomore: Supports abortion when mother is married and doesn't want more children
absingle: Supports abortion when mother is not married
abdefect: Supports abortion when there is a strong chance of a serious defect
abrape: Supports abortion when mother is a victim of rape

      0: No   1: Yes

feminist: Do you consider yourself a feminist? [1996 only]

      0: No   1: Yes

hapmar: Taking all things together, how would you describe your marriage?

      1: Not too happy   2: Pretty happy   3: Very happy

health: Respondent's self-rating of health

      1: Poor   2: Fair   3: Good   4: Excellent

life: How exciting do you find life?

      1: Dull   2: Routine   3: Exciting

helpful: Would you say that most of the time people try to be helpful, or that they are mostly just looking out for themselves?

      1: Trying to be helpful   2: Looking out for themselves   3: Depends

fair: Do you think that most people would try to take advantage of you if they got a chance, or would they try to be fair?

      1: Take advantage   2: Be fair   3: Depends

trust: Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful in life?

      1: Can be trusted   2: Can't be too careful   3: Depends

confinan: How much confidence do you have in the people running banks and financial institutions?
conbus: How much confidence do you have in the people running major companies?
conclerg: How much confidence do you have in the people running organized religion?
coneduc: How much confidence do you have in the people running education?

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confed: How much confidence do you have in the people running the executive branch of the federal government?

conlabor: How much confidence do you have in the people running organized labor?

conpress: How much confidence do you have in the people running the press?

conmedic: How much confidence do you have in the people running medicine/medical industry?

contv: How much confidence do you have in the people running television?

conjudge: How much confidence do you have in the Supreme court?

consci: How much confidence do you have in the people running the scientific community?

conlegis: How much confidence do you have in Congress?

conarmy: How much confidence do you have in the people running the military?

> 1: Hardly any   2: Only some   3: A great deal

older: 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: Good idea   2: Bad idea   3: Depends

satjob: On the whole, how satisfied are you with the work you do?

> 1: Very dissatisfied   2: A little satisfied
> 3: Moderately satisfied   4: Very satisfied

helppoor: Respondent self-placement from 1 to 5 on the following scale:

> 1: I strongly agree that the government should improve living standards of poor Americans
> […]
> 5: I strongly agree that people should take care of themselves

helpnot: Respondent self-placement from 1 to 5 on the following scale:

> 1: I strongly agree that the government should do more to solve the country's problems
> […]
> 5: I strongly agree that government doing too much

helpsick: Respondent self-placement from 1 to 5 on the following scale:

> 1: I strongly agree that it is the responsibility of government to help people help pay for doctors and hospital bills
> […]
> 5: I strongly agree that people should take care of themselves

helpblk: Respondent self-placement from 1 to 5 on the following scale:

> 1: I strongly agree that the government is obligated to help Blacks
> […]
> 5: I strongly agree that the government shouldn't give special treatment

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tablprce: If the cost for a small factory to make a table it sells for $200 declines by $20, is it acceptable or unfair if the table factory does not lower its price? [1996 only]

    1: Acceptable   2: Unfair

adoption: For certain kinds of babies, the demand for adoption is higher than the number available. What do you think is the best way to match birth mothers with couples who want to adopt? [1996 only]

    1: Social Worker decides
    2: Auction among suitable candidates (Highest bidder)
    3: Lottery among suitable candidates
    4: Biological mother decides

sellsex: There is nothing inherently wrong with prostitution, so long as the health risks can be minimized. If consenting adults agree to exchange money for sex, that is their business. [1996 only]

reqinfo: It is the responsibility of government to require businesses to provide consumers with the information they need to make informed choices. [1996 only]

natrecon: Natural environments that support scarce or endangered species should be left alone, no matter how great the economic benefits to your community from developing them commercially might be. [1996 only]

    1: Disagree strongly   2: Disagree somewhat
    3: Agree somewhat   4: Agree strongly

sellorgn: Do you believe that people with two healthy kidneys should be permitted to sell a kidney to a hospital or organ center for use for transplants? [1996 only]

    1: Definitely not   2: Probably not   3: Perhaps
    4: Probably   5: Definitely

parsol: How does respondent think his/her standard of living compares to R's parents?

    1: Much worse   2: Somewhat worse   3: About the same
    4: Somewhat better   5: Much better

getahead: Which do you think is most important for getting ahead?

    1: Hard work   2: Hard work and luck equally important   3: Luck

How many days in the past week have you felt… [ALL 1996 only]
shakeblu: that you couldn't shake the blues?
calm: calm?
outraged: outraged at something somebody had done?
hapfeel: happy?

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sad: sad?
ashamed: ashamed of something you'd done?
excited: excited about or interested in something?
lonely: lonely?
fearful: fearful about something that might happen to you?
overjoyed: overjoyed about something?
worried: worried about a lot of little things?
contentd: contented?
anxious: anxious and tense?
restless: so restless that you couldn't sit long in a chair?
madat: mad at someone or something?
atease: at ease?
angry: angry at someone?
embarrass: embarrassed about something?
proud: proud of something you'd done

modpaint: Modern painting is just slapped on; a child could do it. [1993 & 1998 only]
pcorrlit: It is a shame when traditional American literature is ignored while other works are promoted because they are by women or by members of minority groups. [1993 & 1998 only]
judgeart: Only a few people have the knowledge and ability to judge excellence in the arts. [1993 & 1998 only]

    1: Strongly disagree   2: Disagree
    3: Agree   4: Strongly disagree

readfict: Do you read novels, poems, or plays? [1998 only]

    0: No   1: Yes

How important is it that your friends be… [1993 only]
frdcreat: creative?
frdcultr: cultured?
frddynam: dynamic?
frdfun: fun-loving?
frdhonst: honest?
frdintel: intelligent?
frdresp: responsible?

    1: Not at all important   2: Not too important   3: Fairly important
    4: Very important   5: Extremely important

favclass: When you were in high school, what was your favorite high school subject? [1993 only]

    1: Humanities   2: Social Studies   3: Mathematics
    4: Science   5: Other   6: None

colmajor: What was your major field while in college? [1993 only]

    1: Humanities   2: Social Science
    3: Math, Science, or engineering   4: Business
    5: Education   6: Other

layoffs: From time to time companies must lay-off some of their employees. If some have to be laid-off, who, in your opinion, has the greatest right to keep their jobs?" [open-ended question recoded into the following; 1996 only]

    1: Those who have worked for the company for the longest time/have the most seniority
    2: Those who have the greatest need/greatest burden to support a family
    3: Those who are the best workers/most able and productive
    4: Other

Suggestions for variable sets by model:

Linear Regression Model:

Y:	respinc
C:	age
D:	edgrad
X:	male

Binary Regression Model:

Y:	cappun
C:	educ
D:	male
X:	bush92

Ordinal Logit Model:

Y:	confinan
C:	age
D:	edgrad
X:	bush92

Multinomial Logit Model:

Y:	confinan
C:	age
D:	edgrad
X:	bush92

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