This data set contains several background, demographic, attitudinal, and behavior variables. They are organized in this data dictionary into subjects: 1) demographic and background; 2) gender; 3) race, immigration, and culture; 4) government and politics; 5) religion; 6) sexuality; and 7) miscellaneous topics.

### TABLE 1: DEMOGRAPHIC AND BACKGROUND VARIABLES

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<td>AGE</td>
<td>Age of respondent</td>
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<td>CHILDS</td>
<td>Number of children of respondent</td>
<td>0 to “8 or more”</td>
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<td>CITIZEN</td>
<td>Are you a citizen of the US?</td>
<td>1 = Yes 2 = No</td>
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<td>CLASS</td>
<td>Respondent’s subjective class identification</td>
<td>1 = Lower class 2 = Working class 3 = Middle class 4 = Upper class</td>
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<td>DEGREE</td>
<td>Respondent’s highest degree</td>
<td>1 = Less than high school 2 = High school 3 = Junior college 4 = Bachelor 5 = Graduate</td>
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<td>DIVORCE</td>
<td>Ever been divorced or separated?</td>
<td>1 = Yes 2 = No</td>
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<td>Respondent’s highest year of school completed</td>
<td>0 to 20</td>
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<td>INCOME</td>
<td>Respondent’s total family income</td>
<td>1 = Less than $1,000 2 = $1,000 to 2,999 3 = $3,000 to 3,999 4 = $4,000 to 4,999 5 = $5,000 to 5,999 6 = $6,000 to 6,999 7 = $7,000 to 7,999 8 = $8,000 to 9,999 9 = $10,000 to 14,999 10 = $15,000 to 19,999 11 = $20,000 to 24,999 12 = $25,000 or more</td>
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<td>Highest degree of respondent’s mother</td>
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<td>MARITAL</td>
<td>Respondent’s marital status</td>
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<td>Highest degree of respondent’s father</td>
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<td>SEX</td>
<td>Respondent’s sex</td>
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<td>SIBS</td>
<td>Respondent’s number of brothers and sisters</td>
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## TABLE 2: ATTITUDBINAL AND BEHAVIORAL VARIABLES

### GENDER

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| ABANY         | Abortion is okay if woman wants it for any reason | 1 = Yes  
2 = No |
| ABDEFFECT     | Abortion is okay if there’s a strong chance of a serious birth defect | 1 = Yes  
2 = No |
| ABHLTH        | Abortion is okay if the woman’s health is seriously endangered | 1 = Yes  
2 = No |
| ABNOMORE      | Abortion is okay if woman is married and doesn’t want more children | 1 = Yes  
2 = No |
| ABPOOR        | Abortion is okay if woman is poor and cannot afford more children | 1 = Yes  
2 = No |
| ABRACE        | Abortion is okay if pregnancy is the result of rape | 1 = Yes  
2 = No |
| ABSINGLE      | Abortion is okay if woman is not married | 1 = Yes  
2 = No |
| CHLDIDDEL     | Respondent’s ideal number of children | 0 to 6  
7 = “Seven or more”  
8 = “As many as want” |
| DISCAFFM      | Does respondent think a man won’t get a job or promotion because it’s given to a woman | 1 = Very likely  
2 = Somewhat likely  
3 = Somewhat unlikely  
4 = Very unlikely |
| DISCAFFW      | Does respondent think a woman won’t get a job or promotion because it’s given to a man | 1 = Very likely  
2 = Somewhat likely  
3 = Somewhat unlikely  
4 = Very unlikely |
| FECHLD        | Does respondent believe that mother working does not hurt children | 1 = Strongly agree  
2 = Agree  
3 = Disagree  
4 = Disagree strongly |
| FEFAM         | Does respondent believe it’s better for man to work, woman to tend home | 1 = Strongly agree  
2 = Agree  
3 = Disagree  
4 = Disagree strongly |
| FEHELP        | Does respondent believe a wife should help her husband’s career before her own | 1 = Strongly agree  
2 = Agree  
3 = Disagree  
4 = Disagree strongly |
| FEHIRE        | Does respondent believe employers should hire and promote women | 1 = Strongly agree  
2 = Agree  
3 = Neither agree nor disagree  
4 = Disagree  
5 = Disagree strongly |
| FEHOME        | Does respondent believe women should take care of the home, not the country | 1 = Agree  
2 = Disagree |
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| FEIMP         | Importance of women’s rights issues to respondent | 1 = One of most important issues  
2 = Important  
3 = Not very important  
4 = Not important at all |
| FEJOBAFF      | Is respondent for or against the hiring of women | 1 = Strongly for  
2 = For  
3 = Against  
4 = Strongly against |
| FEMINIST      | Does respondent think of self as a feminist | 1 = Yes, a feminist  
2 = No, not a feminist |
| FENEWS        | How often does respondent pay attention to women’s issues | 1 = Very often  
2 = Fairly often  
3 = Not too often  
4 = Never |
| FEPOL         | Does respondent agree that women are not suited for politics | 1 = Agree  
2 = Disagree |
| FEPRES        | Would respondent vote for a woman for president | 1 = Yes  
2 = No |
| FEWORK        | Does respondent think married women should be in the paid work force | 1 = Approve  
2 = Disapprove |
| SEXHAR        | Has respondent experienced sexual harassment | 1 = Yes  
2 = No |
| SEXPROMO      | Does respondent think his/her being a (man/woman) makes promotion opportunities better or worse | 1 = Better  
2 = Worse  
3 = No effect |
| SPHMEMWRK     | How much housework does respondent’s spouse do | 1 = All  
2 = Most  
3 = About half  
4 = Some  
5 = Very little or none |
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| AFFRMACT      | Does respondent favor preference for hiring blacks | 1 = Strongly support preference  
2 = Support preference  
3 = Oppose preference  
4 = Strongly oppose preference |
| BELIKEUS      | Does respondent agree that world would be better if people were more like Americans | 1 = Strongly agree  
2 = Agree  
3 = Neither agree nor disagree  
4 = Disagree  
5 = Disagree strongly |
| BLKSIMP       | Does respondent think conditions have improved for blacks in recent years | 1 = Improved  
2 = Gotten worse  
3 = About the same |
| BUSING        | Respondent’s attitude toward racial busing | 1 = Favor  
2 = Oppose |
| CLOSEBLK      | How close does respondent feel to blacks | 1 = Not at all close  
2 to 4  
5 = Neither one or the other  
6 to 8  
9 = Very close |
| CLOSEWHT      | How close does respondent feel to whites | 1 = Not at all close  
2 to 4  
5 = Neither one or the other  
6 to 8  
9 = Very close |
| DISCAFF       | Does respondent think whites are hurt by affirmative action | 1 = Very likely  
2 = Somewhat likely  
3 = Not very likely |
| IMMAMECO      | Immigrants are good for America | 1 = Strongly agree  
2 = Agree  
3 = Neither agree nor disagree  
4 = Disagree  
5 = Disagree strongly |
| IMMCRIME      | Immigrants increase the crime rate | 1 = Strongly agree  
2 = Agree  
3 = Neither agree nor disagree  
4 = Disagree  
5 = Disagree strongly |
| IMMIDEAS      | Immigrants make America more open to new ideas/cultures | 1 = Strongly agree  
2 = Agree  
3 = Neither agree nor disagree  
4 = Disagree  
5 = Disagree strongly |
| IMMJOBS       | Immigrants take jobs away from citizens | 1 = Strongly agree  
2 = Agree  
3 = Neither agree nor disagree  
4 = Disagree  
5 = Disagree strongly |
### TABLE 3: ATTITUDBINAL AND BEHAVIORAL VARIABLES

#### RACE, IMMIGRATION, & CULTURE (cont’d)

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| MELTPOT1      | Is it better for immigrants to maintain their own cultures or to assimilate | 1 = Better for society to maintain distinct cultures  
2 = Better if groups adapt and blend into larger society |
| REFUGEES      | Should refugees be allowed to come to America | 1 = Strongly agree  
2 = Agree  
3 = Neither agree nor disagree  
4 = Disagree  
5 = Disagree strongly |
| WLTHBLKS      | Does respondent think most blacks are mostly rich or poor | 1 = Rich  
2 to 5  
6 = Poor |
| WLTHWHTS      | Does respondent think whites are mostly rich or poor | 1 = Rich  
2 to 5  
6 = Poor |
| WORKBLKS      | Does respondent think blacks tend to be hard working or lazy | 1 = Hard working  
2 to 5  
6 = Lazy |
| WORKWHTS      | Does respondent think whites tend to be hard working or lazy | 1 = Hard working  
2 to 5  
6 = Lazy |

### TABLE 4: ATTITUDBINAL AND BEHAVIORAL VARIABLES

#### GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

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| AIDOLD        | Does respondent think it is the government’s responsibility to provide for the elderly | 1 = Definitely should be  
2 = Probably should be  
3 = Probably should not be  
4 = Definitely should not be |
| AIDUNEMP      | Does respondent think it is the government’s responsibility to provide for the unemployed | 1 = Definitely should be  
2 = Probably should be  
3 = Probably should not be  
4 = Definitely should not be |
| GRASS         | Does respondent think marijuana should be made legal | 1 = Yes, legal  
2 = No, not legal |
| POLVIEW       | Respondent thinks of self as liberal or conservative | 1 = Extremely liberal  
2 = Liberal  
3 = Slightly liberal  
4 = Moderate  
5 = Slightly conservative  
6 = Conservative  
7 = Extremely conservative |
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| ATTEND        | How often respondent attends religious services | 0 = Never  
1 = Less than once a year  
2 = Once a year  
3 = Several times a year  
4 = Once a month  
5 = 2-3 times a month  
6 = Nearly every week  
7 = Every week  
8 = More than once a week |
| BIBLE         | Respondent’s feelings about the Bible | 1 = Actual word of God  
2 = Inspired word of God  
3 = Book of history and fables  
4 = Other |
| PREMARSX      | Respondent’s attitude about premarital sex | 1 = Always wrong  
2 = Almost always wrong  
3 = Sometimes wrong  
4 = Not wrong at all |
| POSTLIFE      | Does respondent believe in life after death | 1 = Yes  
2 = No |
| PRAY          | How often respondent prays | 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 |
| RELIG         | Respondent’s religious preference | 1 = Protestant  
2 = Catholic  
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| HOMOSEX       | Respondent's attitude toward homosexual relations | 1 = Always wrong  
2 = Almost always wrong  
3 = Sometimes wrong  
4 = Not wrong at all |
| PARTNERS      | How many sex partners respondent had in last year | 0 = No partners  
1 = 1 to 4  
5 = 5 to 10 partners  
6 = 11 to 20 partners  
7 = 21 to 100 partners |
| PILLOK        | Does respondent think birth control should be available to teenagers aged 14 to 16 years | 1 = Agree strongly  
2 = Agree somewhat  
3 = Disagree somewhat  
4 = Disagree strongly |
| PREMARSX      | Respondent's attitude about premarital sex | 1 = Always wrong  
2 = Almost always wrong  
3 = Sometimes wrong  
4 = Not wrong at all |
| SELLSEX       | Does respondent agree there is nothing inherently wrong with prostitution | 1 = Agree strongly  
2 = Agree somewhat  
3 = Disagree somewhat  
4 = Disagree strongly |
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| FEAR          | Is respondent afraid to walk at night in neighborhood | 1 = Yes  
2 = No |
| HAPPY         | Respondent's general happiness | 1 = Very happy  
2 = Pretty happy  
3 = Not too happy |
| HEALTH        | Respondent's condition of health | 1 = Excellent  
2 = Good  
3 = Fair  
4 = Poor |
| SATFIN        | Respondent's satisfaction with his/her financial situation | 1 = Satisfied  
2 = More or less satisfied  
3 = Not at all satisfied |
| SATJOB        | Respondent's satisfaction with his/her job or housework | 1 = Very satisfied  
2 = Moderately satisfied  
3 = A little dissatisfied  
4 = Very dissatisfied |
| TVHOURS       | Number of hours a day respondent spends watching television | 0 to 22 |
| WORKLIFE      | How successful does respondent feel in his/her work life | 1 = Not at all successful  
2 = Not very successful  
3 = Somewhat successful  
4 = Very successful  
5 = Completely successful |