AMERICAN NATIONAL ELECTION STUDIES

TIME SERIES CUMULATIVE DATA FILE 1948-2016

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GENERAL INTRODUCTION

The Cumulative Data File consists of variables derived from the 1948-2016 series of biennial ("time-series") SRC/CPS National Election Studies.
[NOTE: No ANES study was conducted in 1950; 1954 was a minor study although its data are included here in only several variables.]

To produce this dataset, cross-section cases from the time-series election studies have been pooled. *(NOTE: non-cross-section cases from black supplements in 1964, 1968 and 1970 are not included in this file.)*

A variable \ almost always represents a question which has been asked in three or more (Time Series) studies. This dataset incorporates for specific questions data from all time-series studies in which the question was asked in comparable fashion.

When using variables from this dataset, the analyst should keep the following in mind:

1) Question wording has varied over the years. Where there are differences in question wording, we have tried to reference them in the documentation; completeness of this effort, however, cannot be guaranteed.
2) Even if a question is worded identically in successive surveys, its placement in the survey instrument may be different, with unknown (and possibly large) effect.
3) Variables have been recoded to be consistent over time. Questions are not necessarily coded the same way in this dataset as they are in the election study datasets from which they came.

THE SAMPLE SIZES FOR ALL YEARS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

		Cross-section * Weighted**	Unweighted
	1948:	--	N=662
	1952:	--	N=1899
	1954:	--	N=1139
	1956:	--	N=1762
	1958:	N=1822	N=1450
	1960:	N=1954	N=1181
	1962:	--	N=1297
	1964:	--	N=1571
	1966:	--	N=1291
	1968:	--	N=1557
type 0*	1970:	--	N=1507
type 1*	1970:	N=835	N=758
type 2*	1970:	N=817	N=749
	1972:	--	N=2705
	1974:	N=2523	N=1575
	1976:	N=2869.5	N=2248
	1978:	--	N=2304
	1980:	--	N=1614
	1982:	--	N=1418
	1984:	--	N=2257

1986:	--	N=2176
1988:	--	N=2040
1990:	--	N=1980
1992:	****	N=2485
1994:	****	N=1795
1996:	****	N=1714
1998:	****	N=1281
2000:	****	N=1807
2002:	****	N=1511
2004:	****	N=1212
2008:	****	N=2322
2012:	****	N=5914 ****
2016:	****	N=4270 ****

** 1970 numbers exclude 73 non-eligible Rs in the original dataset's cross-section N. The Cumulative File excludes all non-eligible respondents from its cross-section. For descriptions of type 0, type 1, and type 2 variables in 1970, see weight vars VCF0009-VCF0011.*

*** Weighted cross-section Ns are represented in the Guide to Public Opinion and Electoral Behavior, which was produced using data from The Cumulative Data File. To reproduce the data appearing in the GPOEB, it is necessary to use appropriate weights (see VCF0009-VCF0011).*

***** Combined sample (face-to-face and internet)*

NOTE: Weighting 1994 and later are post-stratified and centered to a mean of 1.