Codebook for BESIP 2014 - 2019

Subset of variables used in the BESIP application.

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Case identification

'id': uniquely identifies each case (individual) in the dataset.

Wave identification

'wavefe': identifies specific interview waves

Interview date and time

'startDayFrm_Jan1_1960W': number of days between January 1, 1960 and the start date of the interview.

'endDayFrm_Jan1_1960W': number of days between January 1, 1960 and the end date of the interview.

'starttimeW': start time of interview.

'endtimeW': end time of interview.

Dependent Variables

Sense of civic duty to vote: 'rec_dutytovote2'

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? It is every citizen's duty to vote in an election.

1	Strongly disagree
2	Disagree
3	Neither agree nor disagree
4	Agree
5	Strongly agree
.	Don't know

Trust in Members of Parliament: 'trustmps'

How much trust do you have in Members of Parliament in general?

1 "No trust" to 7 "A great deal of trust"

Internal political efficacy: 'efficacyunderstand'

I have a pretty good understanding of the important political issues facing our country.

1	Strongly disagree
2	Disagree
3	Neither agree nor disagree
4	Agree
5	Strongly agree
.	Don't know

External political efficacy: 'efficacypolcare'

Politicians don't care what people like me think.

5 Strongly disagree

4 Disagree

3 Neither agree nor disagree

2 Agree

1 Strongly agree

. Don't know

Satisfaction with UK democracy: 'satdemuk'

On the whole, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way that democracy works in the UK as a whole?

1 Very dissatisfied

2 A little dissatisfied

3 Fairly satisfied

4 Very satisfied

. Don't know

Explanatory Variables

Gender: 'rec_gender'

0	Missing
1	Male
2	Female

Education:'p_edlevel'

0	Missing
1	No qualifications or Below GCSE
2	GCSE or A-level
3	Undergraduate
4	Postgrad

Age Cohort: 'agecoh'

0	Missing
1	born before 1946
2	born between 1946 and 1964 (inclusive)
3	born between 1965 and 1980 (inclusive)
4	born after 1980

Gross Household Income: 'p_gross_household'

0	Missing
1	Less than £25,000
2	£25,000 to less than £50,000
3	£50,000 or more

Religiosity: 'religious'

0 Missing, Refused, Not Religious
1 Belong to a religion

Party identification: 'partyid'

0 No Party

1 Conservative

2 Labor Party

3 Other Party

Strength of party identification: 'partyidstrength'

1 Very Strong

2 Fairly Strong

3 Not very strong, don't know, missing

Country: 'country'

1 England

2 Scotland

3 Wales

. Missing