Codebook for combined GSS Panels:

2006, 2008, 2010 and 2016-2020.

Subset of data used in GSS application.

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Case identification

panel_id – uniquely identifies each case (individual) in the combined dataset.

100*** individual is a part of 2006 panel, *unique id within that panel

200*** individual is a part of 2008 panel, *unique id within that panel

300*** individual is a part of 2010 panel, *unique id within that panel

400*** individual is a part of 2016-2020 panel, *unique id within that panel

Interview date

yearintv – year of interview

dayintv – day of interview

monthintv - month of interview

stata_intvdate – interview date in days since Jan. 1. 1960

Dependent Variables

rec_nat*

Intro for rec_nat* variables:

We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for each one I'd like you to name some of these problems, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think we're on it, spending too much money, too little money, or about the right amount.

<ITEM> . . . are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on <ITEM>?

rec_natarms - The military, armaments and defense

rec_natenvir - Improving and protecting the environment

rec_natfare - Welfare

Coding for rec_nat* variables:

1	Too much
2	About right
3	Too little

rec_letin1a – Immigration

Do you think the number of immigrants to America nowadays should be...

1	Reduced a lot, or...
2	Reduced a little
3	Remain the same as it is
4	Increased a little
5	Increased a lot

rec_partyid – Party identification

Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, Democrat, Independent, or what?

1 Strong Democrat
2 Not very strong Democrat
3 Independent, close to Democrat
4 Independent (Neither, Other party, No response)
5 Independent, close to Republican
6 Not very strong Republican
7 Strong Republican

polviews – Ideology

We hear a lot of talk these days about liberals and conservatives. I'm going to show you a seven-point scale on which the political views that people might hold are arranged from extremely liberal--point 1--to extremely conservative--point 7. Where would you place yourself on this scale?

1 Extremely liberal
2 Liberal
3 Slightly liberal
4 Moderate, middle of the road
5 Slightly conservative
6 Conservative
7 Extremely conservative

Explanatory Variables

panel – Panel observation belongs to

1	2006 Panel
2	2008 Panel
3	2010 Panel
4	2016-2020 Panel

rec_income – Family income last Fall before taxes.

In which of these groups did your total family income, from all sources, fall last year before taxes, that is?

1	less than $15,000
2	$15,000 to $24,999
3	$25,000 or more
888	Refused

age – cardinal value representing respondent's age

e.g. 23	23 years old
89	89 years old or older

degree – Respondent's education

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

race – Respondent's race

1	White
2	Black
3	Other

sex – Respondent's sex

1	Males
2	Female