Codebook

"The 2020 Presidential Election and Beliefs About Fraud: Continuity or Change?"

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I. Codebook for "Clean Data, October.dta"

Variable	Variable Definition	Value and Value Labels
female	Gender of respondent	0 = Male 1 = Female . = missing
edu	Educational attainment of respondent	1 = Less than high school 2 = High school grad or GED 3 = Some college, no degree 4 = 2-year college degree 5 = 4-year college degree 6 = Post-graduate degree . = missing
black	Whether or not respondent identifies as Black	0 = Not Black 1 = Black . = missing
hispanic	Whether or not respondent identifies as Hispanic	0 = Not Hispanic 1 = Hispanic . = missing
white	Whether or not respondent identifies as White	0 = Not White 1 = White . = missing
age	Age of respondent	Age in years . = missing
income	Household income of respondent	1 = $24,999 or less 2 = $25,000 to $49,999 3 = $50,000 to $74,999 4 = $75,000 to $99,999 5 = $100,000 to $149,999 6 = $150,000 to $199,999 7 = $200,000 or more . = missing
pid	Partisan affiliation of respondent	1 = Strong Democrat 2 = Weak Democrat 3 = Lean Democrat 4 = "True" Independent 5 = Lean Republican 6 = Weak Republican 7 = Strong Republican . = missing
rep	Whether the respondent is a Republican or a Democrat.	0 = Democrat 1 = Republican . = missing
ideo	Ideological self-identification of respondent	1 = Extremely liberal 2 = Liberal 3 = Somewhat liberal

		4 = Moderate 5 = Somewhat conservative 6 = Conservative 7 = Extremely conservative . = missing
conserv	Whether the respondent is a conservative or a liberal.	0 = Liberal 1 = Conservative . = missing
pidstrength	Strength of respondent's attachment to a political party. Created by "folding" the pid variable at its midpoint.	1 = Independent 2 = Lean 3 = Weak 4 = Strong . = missing
ideostrength	Strength of respondent's ideological self-identification. Created by "folding" the ideo variable at its midpoint.	1 = Moderate 2 = Lean 3 = Weak 4 = Extreme . = missing
attend	Respondent frequency of attendance of religious services or a place of worship	1 = Never 2 = A few times a year 3 = Once or twice a month 4 = Once a week 5 = Every day . = missing
con1	Respondent's reaction to: "Even though we live in a democracy, a few people will always run things anyway."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
con2	Respondent's reaction to: "The people who really 'run' the country, are not known to the voters."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
con3	Respondent's reaction to: "Big events like wars, the recent recession, and the outcomes of elections are controlled by small groups of people who are working in secret against the rest of us."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
con4	Respondent's reaction to: "Much of our lives are being controlled by plots hatched in secret places."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree

		5 = Strongly agree . = missing
conthink	Respondent's average level of conspiracy thinking; uses con1, con2, con3, and con4	Ranges from 1 (least conspiratorial)–5 (most conspiratorial) . = missing
manip1	Respondent's reaction to: "I tend to manipulate others to get my way."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
manip2	Respondent's reaction to: "I have used deceit or lied to get my way."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
manip3	Respondent's reaction to: "I have used flattery to get my way."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
manip4	Respondent's reaction to: "I tend to exploit others towards my own end."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
manipulate	Respondent's average level of Machiavellianism; uses manip1, manip2, manip3, and manip4	Ranges from 1 (least Machiavellian)–5 (most Machiavellian) . = missing
attent1	Respondent's reaction to: "I tend to want others to admire me."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
attent2	Respondent's reaction to: "I tend to want others to pay attention to me."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing

attent3	Respondent's reaction to: "I tend to seek prestige or status."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
attent4	Respondent's reaction to: "I tend to expect special favors from others."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
narcissism	Respondent's average level of narcissism; uses attent1, attent2, attent3, and attent4	Ranges from 1 (least narcissistic)–5 (most narcissistic) . = missing
insens1	Respondent's reaction to: "I tend to lack remorse."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
insens2	Respondent's reaction to: "I tend to be unconcerned with the morality of my actions."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
insens3	Respondent's reaction to: "I tend to be callous or insensitive."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
insens4	Respondent's reaction to: "I tend to be cynical."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
psychopathy	Respondent's average level of sociopathy; uses insens1, insens2, insens3, and insens4	Ranges from 1 (least psychopathic)–5 (most psychopathic) . = missing
darktriad	Respondents average level of psychopathy, narcissism, and	Ranges from 1 (lowest on dark triad)–5 (highest on dark triad)

	Machiavellianism. Average of insens1, insens2, insens3, insens4, attent1, attent2, attent3, attent4, manip1, manip2, manip3, and manip4	. = missing
facebook	Respondent's self-reported frequency of time spent on Facebook	1 = Not at all 2 = Once a month or less 3 = Several times a month 4 = Several times a week 5 = Everyday . = missing
twitter	Respondent's self-reported frequency of time spent on Twitter	1 = Not at all 2 = Once a month or less 3 = Several times a month 4 = Several times a week 5 = Everyday . = missing
instagram	Respondent's self-reported frequency of time spent on Instagram	1 = Not at all 2 = Once a month or less 3 = Several times a month 4 = Several times a week 5 = Everyday . = missing
reddit	Respondent's self-reported frequency of time spent on Reddit	1 = Not at all 2 = Once a month or less 3 = Several times a month 4 = Several times a week 5 = Everyday . = missing
chans	Respondent's self-reported frequency of time spent on 4chan and/or 8chan	1 = Not at all 2 = Once a month or less 3 = Several times a month 4 = Several times a week 5 = Everyday . = missing
socialmedia	Summary of respondent's social media use; constructed by averaging the facebook, twitter, instagram, reddit, and chans variables.	Ranges from 1 (very infrequent social media use) to 5 (very frequent social media use)
voterfraud	Respondent reaction to: "If your preferred candidate does not win the presidential election, how likely do you think election fraud will have been involved?"	1 = Very unlikely 2 = Somewhat unlikely 3 = Not sure 4 = Somewhat likely 5 = Very likely . = missing

postoffice	Respondent reaction to: “There is a conspiracy to stop the U.S. Post Office from processing mail-in ballots.”	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
mailin	Respondent reaction to: “In terms of voting this year, allowing ballots to be sent by mail will increase instances of voter fraud.”	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
leaveoffice	Respondent reaction to: “If he loses the election, Donald Trump will not willingly leave office.”	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
cancel	Respondent reaction to: “Some people currently have the fear that the 2020 election will be cancelled. How likely do you think this is?”	1 = Very unlikely 2 = Somewhat unlikely 3 = Not sure 4 = Somewhat likely 5 = Very likely . = missing
ano1	Respondent reaction to:	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
ano2	Respondent reaction to:	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
ano3	Respondent reaction to:	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
anomie	Summary of respondent’s level of anomie; constructed by averaging the ano1, ano2, and ano3 variables.	Ranges from 1 (very low anomie) to 5 (very high anomie)

conwis	Respondent's reaction to: "I often disagree with conventional views about the world."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
official	Respondent's reaction to: "Official government accounts of events cannot be trusted."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
wronginfo	Respondent's reaction to: "Much of the information we receive is wrong."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
majevents	Respondent's reaction to: "Major events are not always what they seem."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
denialism	Summary of respondent's level of denialism; constructed by averaging the conwis, official, wronginfo, and majevents variables.	Ranges from 1 (very low penchant for denialism) to 5 (very high penchant for denialism)

II. "Clean Data, CCES 2012.dta"

Variable	Variable Definition	Value and Value Labels
pid	Partisan affiliation of respondent	1 = Strong Democrat 2 = Weak Democrat 3 = Lean Democrat 4 = "True" Independent 5 = Lean Republican 6 = Weak Republican 7 = Strong Republican . = missing
rep	Whether the respondent is a Republican or a Democrat.	0 = Democrat 1 = Republican . = missing
ideo	Ideological self-identification of respondent	1 = Extremely liberal 2 = Liberal 3 = Somewhat liberal 4 = Moderate 5 = Somewhat conservative 6 = Conservative 7 = Extremely conservative . = missing
pidstrength	Strength of respondent's attachment to a political party. Created by "folding" the pid variable at its midpoint.	1 = Independent 2 = Lean 3 = Weak 4 = Strong . = missing
voterfraud	Respondent reaction to: "If your preferred candidate does not win the presidential election, how likely do you think election fraud will have been involved?"	1 = Very unlikely 2 = Somewhat unlikely 3 = Not sure 4 = Somewhat likely 5 = Very likely . = missing
voterfraud_dum	Whether respondent responded "very likely" or "somewhat likely" to voterfraud item.	0 = No (1, 2, or 3 for voterfraud) 1 = Yes (4 or 5 for voterfraud) . = missing
con1	Respondent's reaction to: "Even though we live in a democracy, a few people will always run things anyway."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
con2	Respondent's reaction to: "The people who really 'run' the country, are not known to the voters."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree

		4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
con3	Respondent's reaction to: "Big events like wars, the recent recession, and the outcomes of elections are controlled by small groups of people who are working in secret against the rest of us."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
con4	Respondent's reaction to: "Much of our lives are being controlled by plots hatched in secret places."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
conthink	Respondent's average level of conspiracy thinking; uses con1, con2, con3, and con4	Ranges from 1 (least conspiratorial)–5 (most conspiratorial) . = missing
cancel	Respondent reaction to: "Some people currently have the fear that the 2020 election will be cancelled. How likely do you think this is?"	1 = Very unlikely 2 = Somewhat unlikely 3 = Not sure 4 = Somewhat likely 5 = Very likely . = missing
cancel_dum	Whether respondent responded "very likely" or "somewhat likely" to cancel item.	0 = No (1, 2, or 3 for cancel) 1 = Yes (4 or 5 for cancel) . = missing

III. "Clean Data, CCES 2016.dta"

Variable	Variable Definition	Value and Value Labels
pid	Partisan affiliation of respondent	1 = Strong Democrat 2 = Weak Democrat 3 = Lean Democrat 4 = "True" Independent 5 = Lean Republican 6 = Weak Republican 7 = Strong Republican . = missing
rep	Whether the respondent is a Republican or a Democrat.	0 = Democrat 1 = Republican . = missing
ideo	Ideological self-identification of respondent	1 = Extremely liberal 2 = Liberal 3 = Somewhat liberal 4 = Moderate 5 = Somewhat conservative 6 = Conservative 7 = Extremely conservative . = missing
pidstrength	Strength of respondent's attachment to a political party. Created by "folding" the pid variable at its midpoint.	1 = Independent 2 = Lean 3 = Weak 4 = Strong . = missing
voterfraud	Respondent reaction to: "If your preferred candidate does not win the presidential election, how likely do you think election fraud will have been involved?"	1 = Very unlikely 2 = Somewhat unlikely 3 = Not sure 4 = Somewhat likely 5 = Very likely . = missing
voterfraud_dum	Whether respondent responded "very likely" or "somewhat likely" to voterfraud item.	0 = No (1, 2, or 3 for voterfraud) 1 = Yes (4 or 5 for voterfraud) . = missing
con1	Respondent's reaction to: "Even though we live in a democracy, a few people will always run things anyway."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
con2	Respondent's reaction to: "The people who really 'run' the country, are not known to the voters."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree

		4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
con3	Respondent's reaction to: "Big events like wars, the recent recession, and the outcomes of elections are controlled by small groups of people who are working in secret against the rest of us."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
con4	Respondent's reaction to: "Much of our lives are being controlled by plots hatched in secret places."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
conthink	Respondent's average level of conspiracy thinking; uses con1, con2, con3, and con4	Ranges from 1 (least conspiratorial)–5 (most conspiratorial) . = missing

IV. "Clean Data, CCES 2018.dta"

Variable	Variable Definition	Value and Value Labels
pid	Partisan affiliation of respondent	1 = Strong Democrat 2 = Weak Democrat 3 = Lean Democrat 4 = "True" Independent 5 = Lean Republican 6 = Weak Republican 7 = Strong Republican . = missing
rep	Whether the respondent is a Republican or a Democrat.	0 = Democrat 1 = Republican . = missing
ideo	Ideological self-identification of respondent	1 = Extremely liberal 2 = Liberal 3 = Somewhat liberal 4 = Moderate 5 = Somewhat conservative 6 = Conservative 7 = Extremely conservative . = missing
pidstrength	Strength of respondent's attachment to a political party. Created by "folding" the pid variable at its midpoint.	1 = Independent 2 = Lean 3 = Weak 4 = Strong . = missing
voterfraud	Respondent reaction to: "If your preferred candidate does not win the presidential election, how likely do you think election fraud will have been involved?"	1 = Very unlikely 2 = Somewhat unlikely 3 = Not sure 4 = Somewhat likely 5 = Very likely . = missing
voterfraud_dum	Whether respondent responded "very likely" or "somewhat likely" to voterfraud item.	0 = No (1, 2, or 3 for voterfraud) 1 = Yes (4 or 5 for voterfraud) . = missing
con1	Respondent's reaction to: "Even though we live in a democracy, a few people will always run things anyway."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
con2	Respondent's reaction to: "The people who really 'run' the country, are not known to the voters."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree

		4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
con3	Respondent's reaction to: "Big events like wars, the recent recession, and the outcomes of elections are controlled by small groups of people who are working in secret against the rest of us."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
con4	Respondent's reaction to: "Much of our lives are being controlled by plots hatched in secret places."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
conthink	Respondent's average level of conspiracy thinking; uses con1, con2, con3, and con4	Ranges from 1 (least conspiratorial)–5 (most conspiratorial) . = missing