Codebook

Codebook for "Information Control and Public Support for Social Credit Systems in China"
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1. College Survey Dataset (Source: field surveys conducted by the authors)

File: "data/collegesurvey.dta"

Varname	Description
univ	University (1=First University, 2=Second University, 3=Third University)
id	ID
age	Age
female	Female (1=Yes, 0=No)
born_prov	Born Province (String Variable)
Faminc	Family Income 1 <500 CNY 2 501 CNY -1000 CNY 3 1001 CNY -2000 CNY 4 2001 CNY -3000 CNY 5 3001 CNY -5000 CNY 6 5001 CNY -8000 CNY 7 8001 CNY -10000 CNY 8 10001 CNY -15000 CNY 9 >15000 CNY
faminc_sat	Family Income Satisfaction (0=Not Satisfied, …, 10=Very Satisfied)
party	Party Affiliation (1=CCP, 2=Youth League, 3=Other Party, 4=No Affiliation)
party_fa	Father's Party Affiliation (1=CCP, 2=Youth League, 3=Other Party, 4=No Affiliation)
party_mo	Mother's Party Affiliation (1=CCP, 2=Youth League, 3=Other Party, 4=No Affiliation)
party_status	CCP Party Membership (1=Yes, 0=No)
par_political	Participate in Political Organizations (1=Yes, 0=No)
par_org	Participate In Student Organizations (1=Yes, 0=No)
par_community	Participate in Community Service (1=Never, 2=Seldom, 3=Sometimes, 4=Frequent, 5=Very Frequent)
op_takeother	Opinion: People Take Advantage of Others (0=Not agree, …, 10=Completely Agree)
par_discuss	Discuss Politics (1=Never, 2=Seldom, 3=Sometimes, 4=Frequent, 5=Very Frequent)
media_news	Media Usage: Newspaper and Magazine (1=Never, 2=Seldom, 3=Sometimes, 4=Frequent, 5=Very Frequent)
media_tv	Media Usage: TV and Radio (1=Never, 2=Seldom, 3=Sometimes, 4=Frequent, 5=Very Frequent)
media_phone	Media Usage: Internet (1=Never, 2=Seldom, 3=Sometimes, 4=Frequent, 5=Very Frequent)
provcppcc	Provincial CPPCC Nomination (1=Yes, 0=No)

op_takeself	Opinion: Others Take Advantage of You (0=Not agree, …, 10=Completely Agree)
par_comment	Commenting Politics on Social Media (1=Never, 2=Seldom, 3=Sometimes, 4=Frequent, 5=Very Frequent)
Behavior	Social Order Violations 1 >10 Times 2 6-10 Times 3 3-5 Times 4 1-2 Times 5 Never
qc_group	Social Credit System Treatment Groups (1=Social Order Maintenance, 2=Political Repression, 3=Order-Maintenance & Repression, 4=Control)
scinfo_state	Source to Know the SCS: State Media (1=Yes, 0=No)
scinfo_nonstate	Source To Know the SCS: Non-state Media (1=Yes, 0=No)
scinfo_comrcl	Source To Know the SCS: Commercials (1=Yes, 0=No)
scinfo_self	Source To Know the SCS: Self Experience (1=Yes, 0=No)
scinfo_friend	Source To Know the SCS: Heard from Others (1=Yes, 0=No)
scinfo_never	Source To Know the SCS: Never Heard Of (1=Yes, 0=No)
sc_legit	Support for the SCS (0=Oppose, …, 10=Support)
sc_selfscore	Self-Evaluation of Social Credits (1=Much Below Average, 2=Below Average, 3=Average, 4=Above Average, 5=Much Above Average)
sc_manage	Who Should Manage the SCS (1=Government, 2=Domestic 3rd Party, 3=International 3rd Party)
sc_gov	Government Management of the SCS (1=Yes, 0=No)
treat_cv	Treatment: Social Order Maintenance (1=Yes, 0=No)
treat_po	Treatment: Political Repression (1=Yes, 0=No)
treat_cv_po	Treatment: Order-Maintenance & Repression (1=Yes, 0=No)

2. Nationwide Online Survey Dataset (Source: Online Survey Conducted by the Authors)
File: “data/nationwidesurvey.dta”

Varname	Description
city_rural	City or Rural (1=City, 0=Rural)
education	Education (1=No, 2=Low, 3=Medium, 4=High)
gender	Gender (1=Male, 0=Female)
age1	Age
income	Income Share on Basic Needs 1 All of it 2 Most of it 3 About half 4 Less than half 5 Only a little
ccp_memberdm	CCP Party Membership (1=Yes, 0=No)
pubemploy	Employee in Public Sector (1=Yes, 0=No)
region	Province

	1 Anhui 2 Beijing 3 Chongqing 4 Fujian 5 Gansu 6 Guangdong 7 Guangxi 8 Guizhou 9 Hainan 10 Hebei 11 Heilongjiang 12 Henan 13 Hubei 14 Hunan 15 Jiangsu 16 Jiangxi 17 Jilin 18 Liaoning 19 Inner Mongolia 20 Ningxia 21 Qinghai 22 Shaanxi 23 Shandong 24 Shanghai 25 Shanxi 26 Sichuan 27 Tianjin 28 Xinjiang 29 Yunnan 30 Zhejiang 31 None of the above
region2	Region 1 West, if region == 3; 5; 8; 20; 21; 22; 26; 28; 29; 30 2 Central, if region == 1; 7; 11; 12; 13; 14; 16; 17; 19; 25 3 East, if region == 2; 4; 6; 9; 10; 15; 18; 23; 24; 27; 31
living_in_pilot_city	Living in Pilot City (1=Yes, 0=No)
score_vs_family	Own Score vs. Family/Friend Score 1 Much lower 2 Slightly lower 3 About the same 4 Slightly higher 5 Much higher 98 I don't know 99 I'd rather not answer this question
credit_decision_influence	Decision not to use a Product because of Score (1=Yes, 0=No)
credit_score_fairness	Fairness of SCS 1 Very unfair

	2 Somewhat unfair 3 Somewhat fair 4 Very fair
credit_systems_approval	Approval of SCS 1 Strongly disapprove 2 Somewhat disapprove 3 Neither disapprove nor approve 4 Somewhat approve 5 Strongly approve
are_chinese_distrusting	Distrust in Chinese Society 1 Strongly disagree 2 Somewhat disagree 3 Neither agree nor disagree 4 Somewhat agree 5 Strongly agree
friends_credit_score_influence	Influence of Friends' Credit Score 0 No 1 Yes 99 I don’t know
lower_friends	Influence of Friends' Credit Score (Recoded) (1=Yes, 0=No)
government_confidence	Government Confidence 1 No confidence at all 2 Not very much confidence 3 Quite a lot of confidence 4 Full confidence
credit_information_TV	Source of Information about SCSs: Television or Newspapers (1=Yes, 0=No)
infotvnews	Source of Information about SCSs: Television or Newspapers (Commercial SCS Users Only) (1=Yes, 0=No)
privacyuse	Stop Using Website/App for Privacy Concerns (1=Yes, 0=No)