# Codebook

*Cross-National Support for the Welfare State Under Wealth Inequality*

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## A. Codebook for `cs_survey.RData`

**Original Cross-National Survey**

**Id** CHARACTER STRING
*Description*: Id of respondent

**country_name** CHARACTER STRING
Description: country name

**age** NUMERIC
Description: age

**gender** CHARACTER STRING
Description: gender
Values: {male, female]

**living_situation** CHARACTER STRING
Description: "*Which of the following describes your current living situation*?"
Values:

- o I am the only adult in the household
- o I live with my husband/wife/partner
- o I live in my parents' home
- o I live with other family, friends, or roommates

**no_chld** NUMERIC
Description: "*How many children do you have that are living at home with you?"*
*Values: true number, NA if answer was 8 or more*

**highest_educ** CHARACTER STRING
Description: *What is the highest level of education you have successfully completed?*
Values:

- high school = Completed high school
- voc_training_2plus = Completed vocational education of 2 years or more
- postgraduate = Completed a postgraduate degree (incl. MA, MBA)"
- voc_training = Completed vocational training/education of less than 2 years
- college = Completed college
- doctorate Completed a doctoral degree (incl. J.D or M.D)

- primary_educ = Completed primary education
- no_primary_educ = Not completed primary education

**currnt_empl_stat_RESP** CHARACTER STRING
Description: [FOR RESPONDENT]: *Which of the following categories best describes your current employment situation?*
Values:
- o Self-employed or working for your husband/wife/partner's business
- o Employed
- o In education or training (including vocational training)
- o Unemployed, looking for job
- o Unemployed, not looking for job
- o Permanently sick or disabled
- o Retired
- o Community, civil or military service
- o Housework, homemaker
- o Temporary leave from work (incl. maternity/paternity leave, looking after children)
- o Other

**tot_net_inc_USD** NUMERIC, in USD
Description: "*In the year 2016, what was your household's total income, after taxes and compulsory deductions, from all sources (including wages, salaries, tips, interest, investment income, social security, government benefits, income from retirement plans, etc.)?*

*[all variables include true number if respondents entered an amount or the midpoint of the interval if respondents selected an interval]*

**ass_check_sav_USD** NUMERIC
Description: "Please take a look at the following categories and state the value, if any, of your household's assets in each category. If you don't know the exact figures, please give your best estimates" -- Checking and savings accounts, and cash holdings

**ass_bond_stock_USD** NUMERIC; original Financial_Assets_2 [IN LOCAL CURRENCY]
Description: "Please take a look at the following categories and state the value, if any, of your household's assets in each category. If you don't know the exact figures, please give your best estimates" -- Current stock, bond, or other investment fund holdings (excluding pensions)

**ass_real_estate_USD** NUMERIC
Description: “Please take a look at the following categories and state the value, if any, of your household’s assets in each category. If you don't know the exact figures, please give your best estimates” -- Real estate

**how_certain_asset_q** NUMERIC
Description: “Many people find it difficult to keep track of the exact amounts of different types of income. How confident are you about the amounts you just gave?”
Values: 4-point scale {0=very uncertain & don’t know, 1=uncertain, 2=certain, 3=very certain}

**homeowner** FACTOR
Description: “Does your household own the place where you live?”
Values: {1=yes, 0=no}

**inc_expect_num** NUMERICAL;
Description: “Compared to 2016, do you expect that your household’s total income this year will increase, decrease, or remain the same?”
Values: 5-point scale: {Increase a lot; Increase a little; Remain the same; Decrease a little; Decrease a lot}
Values: 5-point scale: {2=Increase a lot; 1=Increase a little; 0=Remain the same; -1=Decrease a little; -2=Decrease a lot}

**prob_unemp** NUMERICAL
Description: “What is the probability that you will experience a period of unemployment next year? Please pick a number between 0 and 100, where 0 means that the event certainly does not occur and 100 means that it occurs for sure.”
Values: probability scale from 0-100

**Economic insecurity**

*Questions: “Please indicate your answer on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means that you are not worried at all and 10 means that you are very worried. If your views fall somewhere in between, you can choose any number between 0 and 10”*

**worried_overall_econ_sec** NUMERICAL
Description: Overall, how worried are you about your and your families’ economic security?
Values: 11-point scale: {0=not worried at all; …; 10=very worried}

**Policy preferences**

**gvt_reduce_inc_diff** NUMERICAL; original q44_1_resp
Description: Do you agree or disagree with the following statements: "The government should do more to reduce differences in income levels"
Values: 5-point scale: {2=agree strongly; …; -2=disagree strongly}

**gvt_help_unemp** NUMERICAL
Description: Do you agree or disagree with the following statements: "The government should do more to help people who become unemployed"
Values: 5-point scale: {2=agree strongly; …; -2=disagree strongly}

**take_risk** NUMERICAL
Description: "How willing or unwilling are you to take risks? Please indicate your answer on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means you are "completely unwilling to take risks" and a 10 means you are "very willing to take risks". if your views fall somewhere in between, you can choose any number between 0 and 10"
Values: 11-point scale {0= Completely unwilling to take risks; …; 10=
Very willing to take risks}

**wgt** NUMERICAL: survey weight

## B. Codebook for `cpds_2017.RData`

| Variable | Variable definition | Type |
|---|---|---|
| country | Country name | Character string |
| elderly | Population over 65, as a percentage of population | Numeric |
| fed | Type of federalism<br>– No federalism<br>– Weak federalism<br>– Strong federalism | Character string |
| gov_right3 | Government support: parliamentary seat share of right-wing parties in government | Numeric |
| prop | Electoral system<br>– Proportional representation (PR)<br>– Modified proportional representation<br>– Single-member, simply plurality system | Character string |
| realgdpgr | Real GDP growth | Numeric |
| sstran | Public expenditure on social benefits other than social transfers in kind, as a percentage of GDP | Numeric |
| unemp | Unemployment rate, percentage of civilian labor force | Numeric |

### References

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## C. Codebook for `oecd_socx.RData`

| Variable | Variable definition | Type |
|---|---|---|
| Country_name | Country name | Character string |
| Year | Year (=2017) | Numeric |
| TYPEXP | Type of expenditure<br>– 0: Total | Numeric |
| BRANCH | Policy domain<br>– 2 Survivors<br>– 3 Incapacity related<br>– 5 Family<br>– 6 Active labour market programmes<br>– 7 Unemployment<br>– 8 Housing<br>– 9 Other social policy areas | Numeric |
| TYPROG | Type of program<br>– 0: Total | Numeric |
| UNIT | Unit of measurement<br>– PCT_GDP: share of GPD<br>– PCT_GOV: share of government expenditures | Numeric |
| SOURCE | Source of program<br>– 10: public | Numeric |
| Value | Value | Numeric |

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