Dobbs II Codebook

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Important Note:

This codebook describes the variables in the input dataset. The associated syntax file (APSR24-2.SPS) includes code that takes these raw variables and transforms them into variables used in the analysis (in the interest of transparency). In some instances, an index is created; in others, variables are categorized; and in all instances, variables are scored to range from 0 to 1.

The following chart reports the variables used in Table 1 in the text of the article, identifying the variable name, its label, its range, and its mean, standard deviation, and N. All quantities are based on weighted data (using the variable WEIGHT, included in the dataset). As indicated in this table, all analytical variables are scored to range from 0 to 1.

Variable	Range	Mean	Std. Dev.	N
SCSUP3IX — Institutional Support for the Court	0 → 1	.55	.24	919
APPROVE — Approve of *Dobbs*	0 → 1	.40	.37	919
AWARE — Aware of *Dobbs*	0 → 1	.72	.31	919
APPAWARE — Approval/Awareness Interaction	0 → 1	.27	.32	919
ABORTION2 — Abortion Attitude	0 → 1	.37	.32	919
MORAL — Moral Content	0 → 1	.60	.34	919
ABORTMORAL2 — Attitude/Moral Interaction	0 → 1	.24	.29	919
SCLIBD — Policy Assessments	0 → 1	.40	.49	919
SCDISTANCE2 — Ideological Proximity	0 → 1	.60	.31	919
POLVIEWS — Ideological Identification	0 → 1	.51	.28	919
PARTYID — Partisan Identification	0 → 1	.49	.36	919
GENDERD — Gender	0 → 1	.51	.50	919
AGE7 — Age	0 → 1	.47	.30	919
EDUC5 — Level of Education	0 → 1	.51	.30	919
INCOME9 — Income	0 → 1	.62	.29	919
OWNHOMED — Home Ownership	0 → 1	.71	.45	919
RACED — Majority Race	0 → 1	.64	.48	919
MARITALD — Marital Status	0 → 1	.55	.50	919
EMPLOYD — Employed	0 → 1	.62	.49	919
METRO — Metropolitan Residence	0 → 1	.83	.38	919
INTERNET — Internet Access	0 → 1	.91	.28	919
RLAWX4 — Support for the Rule of Law	0 → 1	.67	.21	919
DOGX — Openmindedness	0 → 1	.51	.20	919
ORDER3 — Preference for Liberty	0 → 1	.65	.28	919

WEIGHT (For a full description of the creation of the weight variable, see the Supplementary Materials, Appendix A.)

ABORTION Do you think abortion should be... [—> ABORTION2][1]

1 Legal in all cases
2 Legal in most cases
3 Illegal in most cases
4 Illegal in all cases

MORAL How much are your feelings about whether abortions ought to be legal or illegal throughout the United States connected to your core moral beliefs or convictions?

1 Not at all[2]
2 Slightly
3 Moderately
4 Much
5 Very much

PARTYID Party Identification

1 Strong Democrat
2 Not so strong Democrat
3 Lean Democrat
4 Don't Lean/Independent/None
5 Lean Republican
6 Not so strong Republican
7 Strong Republican

SCLIB In general, would you say that the U.S. Supreme Court is: [—> SCLIBD] [—> SCDISTANCE2]

1 A great deal too liberal
2 A little too liberal
3 About right
4 A little too conservative
5 A great deal too conservative

[1] The variables in brackets are variables derived for analytical purposes from the primary variable listed. For details on the transformations, see the syntax file.
[2] NotR that for analytical purposes, all variables are scored to range from 0 to 1 (as shown in the table above).

SCSUP1 If the U.S. Supreme Court started making a lot of decisions that most people disagree with, it might be better to do away with the Supreme Court altogether. [—> SCSUP3IX]

1 Strongly agree
2 Agree
3 Neither agree nor disagree
4 Disagree
5 Strongly disagree

SCSUP5 Justices on the U.S. Supreme Court who consistently make unpopular decisions should be removed from their position as Justice. [—> SCSUP3IX]

1 Strongly agree
2 Agree
3 Neither agree nor disagree
4 Disagree
5 Strongly disagree

SCSUP7 The U.S. Supreme Court ought to be made less independent so that it listens a lot more to what the people want. [—> SCSUP3IX]

1 Strongly agree
2 Agree
3 Neither agree nor disagree
4 Disagree
5 Strongly disagree

AWARE How much have you heard or read about the Supreme Court decision last year on abortion that overturned the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision?

1 A lot
2 A little
3 Nothing at all

APPROVE As you may know, the Supreme Court's decision found that the U.S. Constitution does not guarantee a right to abortion and that abortion... All in all, to what extent do you approve or disapprove of this decision?

1 Strongly approve
2 Somewhat approve
3 Somewhat disapprove
4 Strongly disapprove

RLAW2 Sometimes it might be better to ignore the law and solve problems immediately rather than wait for a legal solution. [—> RLAWX4]

1 Strongly agree
2 Agree
3 Neither agree nor disagree
4 Disagree
5 Strongly disagree

ORDER3 Free speech is just not worth it if it means that we have to put up with the danger to society of extremist political views.

1 Strongly agree
2 Agree
3 Neither agree nor disagree
4 Disagree
5 Strongly disagree

RLAW4 The government should have some ability to bend the law in order to solve pressing social and political problems. [—> RLAWX4]

1 Strongly agree
2 Agree
3 Neither agree nor disagree
4 Disagree
5 Strongly disagree

RLAW7 It is not necessary to obey the laws of a government that I did not vote for. [—> RLAWX4]

1 Strongly agree
2 Agree
3 Neither agree nor disagree
4 Disagree
5 Strongly disagree

RLAW8 When it comes right down to it, law is not all that important; what's important is that our government solve society's problems and make us all better off. [—> RLAWX4]

1 Strongly agree
2 Agree
3 Neither agree nor disagree
4 Disagree
5 Strongly disagree

DOG3 There are two kinds of people in this world: those who are for the truth and those who are against it. [—> DOGX]

1 Strongly agree
2 Agree
3 Neither agree nor disagree
4 Disagree
5 Strongly disagree

DOG4 To compromise with our political opponents is dangerous because it usually leads to the betrayal of our own side. [—> DOGX]

1 Strongly agree
2 Agree
3 Neither agree nor disagree
4 Disagree
5 Strongly disagree

DOG5 A group which tolerates too many differences of opinion among its own members cannot exist for long. [—> DOGX]

1 Strongly agree
2 Agree
3 Neither agree nor disagree
4 Disagree
5 Strongly disagree

POLVIEWS Ideological Identification

1 Unknown
1 Very liberal
2 Somewhat liberal
3 Moderate
4 Somewhat conservative
5 Very conservative

GENDER Respondent gender [—> GENDERD]

1 Male
2 Female

AGE7 Age - 7 Categories

1 18-24
2 25-34
3 35-44

4 45-54
5 55-64
6 65-74
7 75+

RACETHNICITY Combined Race/Ethnicity [—> RACED]
1 White, non-Hispanic
2 Black, non-Hispanic
3 Other, non-Hispanic
4 Hispanic
5 2+, non-Hispanic
6 Asian, non-Hispanic

EDUC5 5-level education
1 Less than HS
2 HS graduate or equivalent
3 Some college/ associates degree
4 Bachelor's degree
5 Post grad study/professional degree

MARITAL Marital Status [—> MARITALD]
1 Married
2 Widowed
3 Divorced
4 Separated
5 Never married

EMPLOY Current Employment Status [—> EMPLOYD]
1 Working - as a paid employee
2 Working - self-employed
3 Not working - on temporary layoff from a job
4 Not working - looking for work
5 Not working - retired
6 Not working - disabled
7 Not working – other

INCOME9 9-level Household Income
1 Under $10,000
2 $10,000 to under $20,000
3 $20,000 to under $30,000
4 $30,000 to under $40,000

5 $40,000 to under $50,000
6 $50,000 to under $75,000
7 $75,000 to under $100,000
8 $100,000 to under $150,000
9 $150,000 or more

METRO Metropolitan area flag
0 Non-Metro Area
1 Metro Area

INTERNET HH internet access via dial-up, DSL, or cable broadband at home
0 Non-internet household
1 Internet Household

HOUSING Home Ownership [—> OWNHOMED]
1 Owned or being bought by you or someone in your household
2 Rented for cash
3 Occupied without payment of cash rent

N919 Number of missing values for variables in Table 1

Codebook for 5 WAVE CHANGE.SAV Dataset

WAVE Which Survey (drawn from Gibson 2024b)
1. July 2020
2. December 2020
3. March 2021
4. July 2022
5. February 2023

SCSUP3IX Diffuse support index (documented in APSR24-2.SPS).

SCSUP3INC Count of Legitimacy-Denying Responses (documented in APSR24-2.SPS)