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The following table presents the estimates of reliability obtained in the Margins of Error study, reported in Alwin (2007). This table, titled “Reliability of Survey Measures Used in the Present Study,” provides a detailed accounting of the sources and content of the variables used in that study, along with additional selected information pertaining to their use. The reliability values reported are based on a ‘hybrid’ estimate in which reliabilities are based on polychoric correlation/covariances for ordinal variables and conventional Pearson-based correlation and covariances are used for interval-level variables.

Reliability of Survey Measures Used in the Present Study

Source	Variable Number	Question Content	Note	Sample Size	Reliability ^a
I. Respondent Self-reports					
A. Facts					
<i>1. Personal Characteristics</i>					
ACL	2	Age of respondent		2,220	0.999
ACL	40	Year of most recent widowhood		353	0.967
ACL	125	Respondent's weight		2,184	0.956
ACL	244	Year in which respondent was married		882	0.983
NES50	5030	Age of respondent, bracketed	DE,1	1,128	1.002 ^b
NES50	5033	Age of youngest child		591	0.921
NES50	5055	Age of respondent, continuous		1,128	0.995
NES70	7001	Age of respondent		1,276	0.994
NES90	9121	Month of respondent's birth	E,1	593	1.000
NES90	9122	Year of respondent's birth	E,1	592	0.997
NES90	9123	Age of respondent	S	596	0.997
SAFMO	8074	Number of children respondent has had		947	1.113 ^b
<i>2. Household Characteristics</i>					
NES50	5032	Number of children under 18 years old in family		1,093	1.024 ^b
<i>3. Place of Residence</i>					
NES50	5091	Type and size of place respondent grew up		889	0.919
NES70	7042	How long respondent has lived in community		1,211	0.856
NES70	7043	Type of place where respondent grew up		1,194	0.862
NES90	9185	How long respondent has lived in community		595	0.724
NES90	9186	How long respondent has lived in current home		594	0.845
<i>4. Education</i>					
NES50	5034	Respondent's education	S,2	1,117	0.929
NES70	7002	Respondent's years of schooling		1,274	0.972
SAFCH	8150	Respondent's years of schooling		447	0.938
SAFMO	8032	Respondent's education		966	0.948

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<i>5. Employment</i>					
ACL	57	Hours per week respondent works on job		943	0.823
ACL	143	Weeks during the past 12 months respondent was employed, including paid vacation and sick leave		823	0.398
ACL	155	Year respondent stopped working on last regular job		398	0.922
NES50	5039	How much respondent does farming		72	1.057 ^b
NES50	5040	How much land respondent farms		69	0.918
NES50	5043	How long respondent has belonged to union		195	0.808
NES70	7024	Hours per week respondent works/worked on job		648	0.754
NES90	9134	When respondent retired		77	0.968
NES90	9143	Hours per week respondent works on job (R working/temp laid off)	E,4	346	0.756
NES90	9162	Hours per week respondent works/worked on job (all Rs)		362	0.744
SAFMO	8033	Hours per week respondent works on main job (Not Working = 0)		864	0.706
SAFMO	8034	Hours per week respondent works on main job (Working all 3 waves)	E,4	378	0.720
<i>6. Occupation</i>					
NES70	7022	Respondent's present/former Duncan SEI		853	0.827
NES90	9139	Respondent's occupation - prestige score		521	0.804
<i>7. Income</i>					
ACL	245	Respondent's job income		798	0.955
ACL	247	Family income for the last 12 months		1,841	0.882
NES50	5035	Family income for this year		1,072	0.917
NES70	7018	Family income for the previous year		1,177	0.869
NES90	9176	Family income for the previous year	E,6	490	0.917
NES90	9177	Respondent's income for the previous year		529	0.953
SAFMO	8029	Family income last year (1976, 1979, 1984)		802	0.769
SAFMO	8030	Family income last year (1979, 1984, 1992)	E,7	705	0.779
<i>8. Other Economic Characteristics</i>					
ACL	249	Assets of respondent and spouse		1,912	0.880
SAFMO	8055	Amount of mortgage or debt on home		477	0.742
SAFMO	8057	Number of different types of family assets	S,2	1,113	0.718
SAFMO	8058	Present value of family assets	S,2	877	0.799
<i>9. Social Interactions</i>					
ACL	4	How often respondent talks on the telephone with friends, neighbors, or relatives		2,216	0.588
ACL	5	How often respondent gets together with friends, neighbors, or relatives		2,214	0.472
ACL	23	Frequency of contact with child/children who are 16 years old or older and do not live at home		1,085	0.766
ACL	36	Number of family and friends with whom respondent can share very private feelings and concerns		2,190	0.448
ACL	58	Amount of unpaid help given in the last year to friends, neighbors, or relatives who did not live with respondent		1,439	0.397
ACL	71	Hours per week spent caring for children who live with respondent		452	0.814

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ACL	175	Hours in the past year respondent spent caring for friends and relatives who had trouble taking care of themselves		2,214	0.693
<i>10. Activities</i>					
ACL	6	How often respondent attends meetings or programs of groups, clubs, or organizations R belongs to		2,220	0.634
ACL	7	How often respondent works in the garden or yard		2,214	0.825
ACL	8	How often respondent engages in active sports or exercise other than taking walks		2,217	0.656
ACL	9	How often respondent takes walks		2,211	0.514
ACL	59	Hours respondent spent in the past 12 months doing paid work that was not part of a regular job		2,216	0.813
ACL	60	Hours respondent spent in the past 12 months doing volunteer work		619	0.723
ACL	78	Hours respondent spent in the past 12 months doing home maintenance or improvement work		1,586	0.574
ACL	86	Hours respondent spends in an average week doing housework, including cooking and cleaning		1,986	0.690
NES90	9025	How many days in the past week respondent watched the news on television		593	0.615
NES90	9026	How many days in the past week respondent read a daily newspaper		592	0.682
<i>11. Religious Activities</i>					
ACL	201	How often respondent usually attends religious services		2,217	0.875
NES50	5027	How often respondent goes to church		1,045	0.814
NES70	7019	How often respondent goes to church or synagogue		1,142	0.914
NES90	9101	How often respondent prays, outside of attending religious services		587	0.886
NES90	9102	How often respondent reads the Bible, outside of attending religious services		590	0.830
SAFCH	8133	How often respondent usually attends religious services		865	0.746
SAFMO	8035	How often respondent usually attends religious services		874	0.835
<i>12. Political Behavior</i>					
NES50	5023	Frequency with which respondent has voted in elections for President since old enough to vote		1,056	0.907
NES50	5067	If there was ever a time when respondent had a different party identification, and which party that was		1,022	0.435
NES70	7137	How much respondent follows what's going on in government and public affairs		1,176	0.635
NES70	7144	Frequency with which respondent has voted in elections for President since old enough to vote		1,135	0.893
<i>13. Health Behavior</i>					
ACL	53	Average number of cigarettes respondent smokes in a day		2,204	0.873
ACL	54	Number of days during the last month respondent drank beer, wine, or liquor		887	0.773
ACL	56	On days respondent drinks, how many cans of beer, glasses of wine, or drinks of liquor does respondent usually have		771	0.535

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B. Values					
<i>1. Morality and Spirituality</i>					
ACL	202	How important religious or spiritual beliefs are in respondent's day-to-day life		2,216	0.808
NES90	9100	Would respondent say her/his religion provides some guidance in her/his day-to-day living, quite a bit of guidance, or a great deal of guidance in her/his day-to-day life		411	0.614
NES90	9323	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that the world is always changing and we should adjust our view of moral behavior to those changes		537	0.661
NES90	9324	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that we should be more tolerant of people who choose to live according to their own moral standards, even if they are very different from our own		538	0.700
<i>2. Social Groups</i>					
NES50	5008	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that if Negroes are not getting fair treatment in jobs and housing, the government should see to it that they do		795	0.588
NES50	5016	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that the government in Washington should stay out of the question of whether white and colored children go to the same school		816	0.717
NES70	7104	Where respondent would place herself/himself on the help to minority groups scale (the government in Washington should make every possible effort to improve the social and economic position of Blacks and other minority groups versus the government should not make any special effort to help minorities because they should help themselves)		948	0.657
NES70	7107	Where respondent would place herself/himself on the school busing scale (achieving racial integration of schools is so important that it justifies busing children to schools out of their own neighborhoods versus letting children go to their neighborhood schools is so important that people oppose busing)		1,042	0.754
NES90	9092	Where respondent would place herself/himself on the help to Blacks scale (the government in Washington should make every effort to improve the social and economic position of Blacks versus the government should not make any special effort to help Blacks because they should help themselves)		452	0.777
NES90	9331	Does respondent think the number of immigrants from foreign countries who are permitted to come to the United States to live should be increased a little, increased a lot, decreased a little, decreased a lot, or left the same as it is now		514	0.597
<i>3. Government</i>					
NES50	5002	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that the government in Washington ought to see to it that everybody who wants to work can find a job		868	0.594
NES50	5006	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that the United States should give economic help to the poorer countries of the world even if those countries can't pay for it		753	0.461

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NES50	5010	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that if the cities and towns around the country need help to build more schools, the government in Washington ought to give them the money they need		871	0.610
NES50	5012	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that the United States should keep soldiers overseas where they can help countries that are against Communism		688	0.615
NES50	5014	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that the government should leave things like electric power and housing for private businessmen to handle		596	0.456
NES70	7097	Where respondent would place herself/himself on the job assurance scale (the government in Washington should see to it that every person has a job and a good standard of living versus the government should just let each person get ahead on his own)		908	0.577
NES70	7100	Where respondent would place herself/himself on the urban unrest and rioting scale (use all available force to maintain law and order no matter what results versus correct the problems of poverty and unemployment that give rise to the disturbances)		400	0.386
NES70	7114	Where respondent would place herself/himself on the rights of the accused scale (do everything possible to protect the legal rights of those accused of committing crimes versus it is more important to stop criminal activity even at the risk of reducing the rights of the accused)		925	0.516
NES90	9084	Where respondent would place herself/himself on the government spending scale (the government should provide fewer services in order to reduce spending versus the government should provide many more services even if it means an increase in spending)		464	0.654
NES90	9088	Where respondent would place herself/himself on the defense spending scale (we should spend much less money for defense versus defense spending should be greatly increased)		487	0.581
NES90	9089	Where respondent would place herself/himself on the medical and hospital costs scale (there should be a government insurance plan which would cover all medical expenses for everyone versus all medical expenses should be paid by individuals, and through private insurance plans like Blue Cross or other company paid plans)		465	0.575
NES90	9090	Where respondent would place herself/himself on the job assurance scale (the government in Washington should see to it that every person has a job and a good standard of living versus the government should just let each person get ahead on their own)		497	0.632
NES90	9093	Whether respondent thinks federal spending on food stamps should be increased, decreased, or kept about the same		562	0.648
NES90	9094	Whether respondent thinks federal spending on welfare programs should be increased, decreased, or kept about the same		569	0.752
NES90	9095	Whether respondent thinks federal spending on AIDS research should be increased, decreased, or kept about the same		576	0.796

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<i>4. Family</i>					
NES70	7113	Where respondent would place herself/himself on the women's equal role scale (women should have an equal role with men in running business, industry, and government versus women's place is in the home)		1,016	0.730
NES90	9098	Where respondent would place herself/himself on the women's equal role scale (women should have an equal role with men in running business, industry, and government versus a woman's place is in the home)		544	0.657
SAFCH	8102	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that a young couple should not live together unless they are married		863	0.751
SAFCH	8103	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that young people should not have sex before marriage		848	0.860
SAFCH	8105	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that when there are children in the family, parents should stay together even if they don't get along		818	0.595
SAFCH	8107	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that most of the important decisions in the life of the family should be made by the man of the house		833	0.647
SAFCH	8109	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that there is some work that is men's and some that is women's, and they should not be doing each others		831	0.567
SAFCH	8110	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that a wife should not expect her husband to help around the house after he comes home from a hard days work		833	0.818
SAFCH	8114	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that it is more important for a wife to help her husband's career than to have one herself		829	0.586
SAFMO	8002	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that a young couple should not live together unless they are married		833	0.706
SAFMO	8003	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that young people should not have sex before marriage		813	0.582
SAFMO	8005	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that when there are children in the family, parents should stay together even if they don't get along		821	0.714
SAFMO	8007	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that most of the important decisions in the life of the family should be made by the man of the house		858	0.718
SAFMO	8009	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that there is some work that is men's and some that is women's, and they should not be doing each others		826	0.635
SAFMO	8010	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that a wife should not expect her husband to help around the house after he comes home from a hard days work		746	0.609
SAFMO	8014	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that it is more important for a wife to help her husband's career than to have one herself		781	0.914
SAFMO	8070	What does respondent think is the ideal number of children for the average American family		903	0.517
SAFMO	8079	Does respondent feel that almost all married couples who can ought to have children		871	0.742

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C. Beliefs					
<i>1. Relationships</i>					
ACL	19	How much respondent's husband/wife/partner makes respondent feel loved and cared for		1,142	0.749
ACL	20	How much respondent's husband/wife/partner is willing to listen when respondent needs to talk about worries or problems		1,142	0.719
ACL	21	How much respondent's son/daughter/children make respondent feel loved and cared for		1,289	0.683
ACL	22	How much respondent's son/daughter/children is/are willing to listen when respondent needs to talk about worries or problems		1,263	0.690
ACL	29	How much respondent's mother/mother figure makes respondent feel loved and cared for		392	0.719
ACL	30	How much respondent's mother/mother figure is willing to listen when respondent needs to talk about worries or problems		384	0.673
ACL	31	How much respondent's father/father figure makes respondent feel loved and cared for		86	0.951
ACL	32	How much respondent's father/father figure is willing to listen when respondent needs to talk about worries or problems		87	0.668
ACL	33	How much respondent's friends and other relatives make respondent feel loved and cared for		2,211	0.531
ACL	34	How much respondent's friends and other relatives are willing to listen when respondent needs to talk about worries or problems		2,174	0.518
SAFCH	8119	How often respondent can respect mother's ideas and opinions about the important things in life		809	0.626
SAFCH	8120	How often mother respects respondent's ideas and opinions about the important things in life		810	0.552
SAFCH	8121	How often mother accepts and understands respondent as a person		809	0.538
SAFCH	8123	How often mother makes it easy for respondent to confide in her		808	0.718
SAFCH	8124	How often mother gives respondent the right amount of affection		810	0.586
SAFCH	8141	How often respondent can respect father's ideas and opinions about the important things in life		732	0.560
SAFCH	8142	How often father respects respondent's ideas and opinions about the important things in life		729	0.417
SAFCH	8143	How often father accepts and understands respondent as a person		728	0.535
SAFCH	8145	How often father makes it easy for respondent to confide in him		731	0.600
SAFCH	8146	How often father gives respondent the right amount of affection		732	0.682
SAFCH	8148	How happy respondent thinks her/his parent's marriage is, taking things all together		521	0.919
SAFCH	8149	How often respondent thinks her/his parents have problems getting along with each other		517	0.704
SAFMO	8019	How often respondent can respect her child's ideas and opinions about the important things in life		845	0.566
SAFMO	8020	How often child respects respondent's ideas and opinions about the important things in life		842	0.393
SAFMO	8024	How well respondent thinks her husband understands her, her feelings, likes and dislikes, and problems		627	0.713

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SAFMO	8069	Are most of the people respondent knows really well and feels close to friends or relatives		854	0.473
<i>2. Economy and Society</i>					
ACL	199	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that people die when it is their time to die, and nothing can change that		2,189	0.659
ACL	200	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that if bad things happen, it is because they were meant to be		2,165	0.587
ACL	221	How much money respondent would get for her/his house/apartment/farm, after paying off the mortgage, if respondent sold it today		972	0.876
NES70	7075	Comparing how much people in respondent's line of work earn with how much money people in other occupations earn, does respondent feel that the money people in respondent's line of work make is much less than their fair share, somewhat less than their fair share, about their fair share, or more than their fair share		266	0.592
NES70	7080	Generally speaking, would respondent say that most people can be trusted, or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people		1,133	0.705
NES70	7081	Would respondent say that most of the time people try to be helpful, or that they are mostly just looking out for themselves		1,064	0.746
NES70	7082	Does respondent think most people would try to take advantage of her/him if they got a chance, or would they try to be fair		1,065	0.676
NES90	9318	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that if people were treated more equally in this country we would have many fewer problems		537	0.481
NES90	9325	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that this country would have many fewer problems if there were more emphasis on traditional family ties		534	0.636
NES90	9326	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that the newer lifestyles are contributing to the breakdown of our society		530	0.553
NES90	9387	Whether respondent expects the economy to get better, get worse, or stay about the same in the next 12 months	E,7	507	0.552
SAFMO	8054	Compared with other men respondent's husband's age with about the same education who are in his general line of work, is respondent's husband's income above average, about average, or below average		776	0.463
SAFMO	8056	What the present value of respondent's house is, or what it would bring if respondent sold it today		534	0.972
<i>3. Influence of Social Groups</i>					
NES70	7045	Whether respondent thinks big business has too much influence, just about the right amount of influence, or too little influence in American life and politics		1,067	0.742
NES70	7046	Whether respondent thinks Blacks have too much influence, just about the right amount of influence, or too little influence in American life and politics		1,011	0.710
NES70	7048	Whether respondent thinks labor unions have too much influence, just about the right amount of influence, or too little influence in American life and politics		1,047	0.623
NES70	7049	Whether respondent thinks liberals have too much influence, just about the right amount of influence, or too little influence in American life and politics		780	0.639

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NES70	7050	Whether respondent thinks old people have too much influence, just about the right amount of influence, or too little influence in American life and politics		1,078	0.458
NES70	7051	Whether respondent thinks people on welfare have too much influence, just about the right amount of influence, or too little influence in American life and politics		942	0.643
NES70	7052	Whether respondent thinks poor people have too much influence, just about the right amount of influence, or too little influence in American life and politics		1,071	0.546
NES70	7054	Whether respondent thinks women have too much influence, just about the right amount of influence, or too little influence in American life and politics		1,054	0.369
NES70	7055	Whether respondent thinks young people have too much influence, just about the right amount of influence, or too little influence in American life and politics		1,039	0.410
NES70	7103	Whether respondent thinks that civil rights leaders are trying to push too fast, are going too slowly, or are moving at about the right speed		1,104	0.613
<i>4. Government</i>					
NES50	5042	How much effect does respondent think government farm policies have had on what respondent gets for crops		65	0.294
NES70	7120	How much of the time respondent thinks you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right		1,215	0.581
NES70	7121	Would respondent say the government is pretty much run by a few big interests looking out for themselves or that it is run for the benefit of all the people		1,009	0.745
NES70	7124	Does respondent agree or disagree that people like her/him don't have any say about what the government does		1,151	0.639
NES70	7125	Does respondent agree or disagree that voting is the only way that people like her/him can have any say about how the government runs things		1,145	0.690
NES70	7126	Does respondent agree or disagree that sometimes politics and government seem so complicated that a person like her/him can't really understand what's going on		1,157	0.746
NES70	7130	How much attention does respondent feel the government pays to what the people think when it decides what to do		1,139	0.382
NES70	7132	How much does respondent feel that having elections makes the government pay attention to what the people think		1,141	0.421
NES90	9074	Would respondent say that during the past year the United States' position in the world has grown weaker, stayed about the same, or grown stronger		576	0.697
NES90	9320	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that people like her/him don't have any say about what the government does		591	0.500
NES90	9322	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that sometimes politics and government seem so complicated that a person like her/him can't really understand what's going on		538	0.551
NES90	9327	How much of the time respondent thinks you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right		537	0.372
NES90	9329	Would respondent say the government is pretty much run by a few big interests looking out for themselves or that it is run for the benefit of all the people		473	0.712

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<i>5. Public Officials</i>					
NES70	7094	Where respondent would place George Wallace on the liberal-to-conservative scale		542	0.634
NES70	7119	Does respondent think that people in the government waste a lot of money we pay in taxes, waste some of it, or don't waste very much of it		1,237	0.602
NES70	7122	Does respondent feel that almost all of the people running the government are smart people, or that quite a few of them don't seem to know what they are doing		1,091	0.504
NES70	7123	Does respondent think that quite a few of the people running the government are crooked, not very many are, or hardly any of them are crooked		1,133	0.611
NES70	7127	Does respondent agree or disagree that public officials don't care much what people like her/him think		1,089	0.639
NES70	7128	Does respondent agree or disagree that those we elect to Congress in Washington lose touch with the people pretty quickly		1,082	0.711
NES70	7133	How much attention does respondent think most Congressmen pay to the people who elect them when they decide what to do in Congress		1,126	0.581
NES90	9063	Where respondent would place Bill Clinton on the liberal-to-conservative scale		493	0.680
NES90	9079	In respondent's opinion, how well does "moral" describe Bill Clinton		536	0.755
NES90	9080	In respondent's opinion, how well does "provides strong leadership" describe Bill Clinton		524	0.694
NES90	9081	In respondent's opinion, how well does "really cares about people like you" describe Bill Clinton		534	0.772
NES90	9082	In respondent's opinion, how well does "knowledgeable" describe Bill Clinton		559	0.683
NES90	9083	In respondent's opinion, how well does "gets things done" describe Bill Clinton		464	0.725
NES90	9085	Where respondent would place Bill Clinton on the government spending scale (the government should provide fewer services in order to reduce spending versus the government should provide many more services even if it means an increase in spending)		433	0.463
NES90	9091	Where respondent would place Bill Clinton on the job assurance scale (the government in Washington should see to it that every person has a job and a good standard of living versus the government should just let each person get ahead on their own)		452	0.502
NES90	9321	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that public officials don't care much what people like her/him think		535	0.424
NES90	9328	Does respondent think that people in government waste a lot of the money we pay in taxes, waste some of it, or don't waste very much of it		536	0.505
NES90	9330	Does respondent think that quite a few of the people running the government are crooked, not very many are, or hardly any of them are crooked		524	0.751
<i>6. Political Parties</i>					
NES50	5003	Whether respondent thinks the Democrats are closer to what respondent wants on the issue of the government seeing to it that everyone who wants to work can find a job, or are the Republicans closer, or wouldn't there be any difference between them on this		353	0.653
NES50	5007	Whether respondent thinks the Democrats or the Republicans are closer to what respondent wants on the		271	0.633

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NES50	5009	issue of the government giving economic help to the poorer countries of the world even if they can't pay for it, or isn't there any difference between them Whether respondent thinks the Democrats or the Republicans are closer to what respondent wants on the issue of the government seeing to it that Negroes get fair treatment in jobs and housing, or wouldn't there be any difference		341	0.559
NES50	5011	Whether respondent thinks the Democrats or the Republicans are closer to what respondent wants on the issue of the government in Washington giving money to cities and towns around the country who need help to build more schools, or wouldn't there be any difference between them on this		301	0.535
NES50	5013	Whether respondent thinks the Democrats or the Republicans are closer to what respondent wants on the issue of the U.S. keeping soldiers overseas where they can help countries that are against Communism, or wouldn't there be any difference		348	0.649
NES50	5015	Whether respondent thinks the Democrats or the Republicans are closer to what respondent wants on the issue of the government leaving things like electric power and housing for private businessmen to handle, or isn't there be any difference		242	0.784
NES70	7047	Whether respondent thinks Democrats have too much influence, just about the right amount of influence, or too little influence in American life and politics		948	0.644
NES70	7053	Whether respondent thinks Republicans have too much influence, just about the right amount of influence, or too little influence in American life and politics		945	0.681
NES70	7095	Where respondent would place the Democratic Party on the liberal-to-conservative scale		643	0.506
NES70	7096	Where respondent would place the Republican Party on the liberal-to-conservative scale		638	0.516
NES70	7098	Where respondent would place the Democratic Party on the job assurance scale (the government in Washington should see to it that every person has a job and a good standard of living versus the government should just let each person get ahead on his own)		668	0.388
NES70	7099	Where respondent would place the Republican Party on the job assurance scale (the government in Washington should see to it that every person has a job and a good standard of living versus the government should just let each person get ahead on his own)		665	0.420
NES70	7101	Where respondent would place the Democratic Party on the urban unrest and rioting scale (use all available force to maintain law and order no matter what results versus correct the problems of poverty and unemployment that give rise to the disturbances)		284	0.355
NES70	7102	Where respondent would place the Republican Party on the urban unrest and rioting scale (use all available force to maintain law and order no matter what results versus correct the problems of poverty and unemployment that give rise to the disturbances)		280	0.409
NES70	7105	Where respondent would place the Democratic Party on the help to minority groups scale (the government in Washington should make every possible effort to improve the social and economic position of Blacks and other minority groups versus the government should not make		621	0.328

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NES70	7106	any special effort to help minorities because they should help themselves) Where respondent would place the Republican Party on the help to minority groups scale (the government in Washington should make every possible effort to improve the social and economic position of Blacks and other minority groups versus the government should not make any special effort to help minorities because they should help themselves)		621	0.387
NES70	7108	Where respondent would place the Democratic Party on the school busing scale (achieving racial integration of schools is so important that it justifies busing children to schools out of their own neighborhoods versus letting children go to their neighborhood schools is so important that people oppose busing)		540	0.451
NES70	7109	Where respondent would place the Republican Party on the school busing scale (achieving racial integration of schools is so important that it justifies busing children to schools out of their own neighborhoods versus letting children go to their neighborhood schools is so important that people oppose busing)		559	0.378
NES70	7115	Where respondent would place the Democratic Party on the rights of the accused scale (do everything possible to protect the legal rights of those accused of committing crimes versus it is more important to stop criminal activity even at the risk of reducing the rights of the accused)		538	0.451
NES70	7116	Where respondent would place the Republican Party on the rights of the accused scale (do everything possible to protect the legal rights of those accused of committing crimes versus it is more important to stop criminal activity even at the risk of reducing the rights of the accused)		553	0.313
NES70	7129	Does respondent agree or disagree that parties are only interested in people's votes but not in their opinions		1,075	0.730
NES70	7131	How much does respondent feel that political parties help to make the government pay attention to what the people think		1,106	0.363
NES90	9064	Where respondent would place the Republican Party on the liberal-to-conservative scale		456	0.631
NES90	9065	Where respondent would place the Democratic Party on the liberal-to-conservative scale		461	0.742
NES90	9086	Where respondent would place the Republican Party on the government spending scale (the government should provide fewer services in order to reduce spending versus the government should provide many more services even if it means an increase in spending)		411	0.290
NES90	9087	Where respondent would place the Democratic Party on the government spending scale (the government should provide fewer services in order to reduce spending versus the government should provide many more services even if it means an increase in spending)		420	0.387
NES90	9286	Which political party respondent thinks would be most likely to get the government to do a better job in dealing with the single most important problem the country faces - the Republicans, the Democrats, or wouldn't there be much difference between them		248	0.676

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<i>7. Family</i>					
SAFCH	8111	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that a working mother can establish as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work		838	0.528
SAFCH	8113	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that women are much happier if they stay at home and take care of their children		744	0.515
SAFCH	8115	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that married people are usually happier than those who go through life without getting married		841	0.540
SAFCH	8116	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that there are few good or happy marriages these days		860	0.438
SAFCH	8118	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that all in all, there are more advantages to being single than to being married		840	0.393
SAFMO	8011	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that a working mother can establish as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work		823	0.688
SAFMO	8013	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that women are much happier if they stay at home and take care of their children		744	0.616
SAFMO	8015	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that married people are usually happier than those who go through life without getting married		812	0.604
SAFMO	8016	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that there are few good or happy marriages these days		851	0.632
SAFMO	8018	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that all in all, there are more advantages to being single than to being married		805	0.589
 D. Attitudes					
<i>1. Social Groups</i>					
NES70	7056	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of Black militants		1,082	0.791
NES70	7057	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of Blacks		1,120	0.565
NES70	7058	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of big business		1,033	0.492
NES70	7059	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of civil rights leaders		1,064	0.773
NES70	7060	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of conservatives		940	0.582
NES70	7062	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of labor unions		1,051	0.694
NES70	7063	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of liberals		920	0.643
NES70	7064	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of middle-class people		1,120	0.452
NES70	7065	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of the military		1,116	0.690
NES70	7066	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of people who use marijuana		1,113	0.729
NES70	7067	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of policemen		1,152	0.648
NES70	7068	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of poor people		1,112	0.589
NES70	7069	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of radical students		1,055	0.567
NES70	7071	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of Whites		1,129	0.534
NES70	7072	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of the women's liberation movement		1,057	0.650

Source	Variable		Note	Sample	
	Number	Question Content		Size	Reliability ^a
NES70	7073	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of young people		1,133	0.510
NES90	9230	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of labor unions		501	0.735
NES90	9231	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of people on welfare		504	0.425
NES90	9232	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of conservatives		493	0.694
NES90	9233	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of poor people		501	0.701
NES90	9234	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of big business		520	0.488
NES90	9235	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of Blacks		504	0.566
NES90	9236	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of the women's movement		519	0.771
NES90	9237	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of liberals		504	0.748
NES90	9238	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of Hispanic-Americans/Hispanics or Latinos		482	0.563
NES90	9239	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of people seeking to protect the environment		512	0.697
NES90	9240	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of Whites		496	0.583
NES90	9241	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of gay men and lesbians		498	0.781
NES90	9242	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of Christian fundamentalists		469	0.856
<i>2. Civil Rights</i>					
NES90	9307	Whether respondent is for or against preferential hiring and promotion of Blacks		478	0.962
NES90	9309	Given respondent's view on the issue of school prayer, does respondent favor that choice strongly or not strongly		506	0.594
NES90	9315	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that we have gone too far in pushing equal rights in this country		537	0.605
NES90	9316	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that this country would be better off if we worried less about how equal people are		537	0.581
NES90	9317	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that it is not really that big a problem if some people have more of a chance in life than others		537	0.463
NES90	9319	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that one of the big problems in this country is that we don't give everyone an equal chance		539	0.459
<i>3. Government</i>					
NES50	5004	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that this country would be better off if we just stayed home and did not concern ourselves with problems in other parts of the world		846	0.592
NES70	7112	Whether respondent would say the government is doing a good job, only a fair job, or a poor job in fighting inflation or unemployment		504	0.389
NES70	7134	If all other methods have failed and the person decides to try to stop the government from going about its usual activities with sit-ins, mass meetings, demonstrations, and things like that, would respondent approve of that, disapprove, or would it depend on the circumstances		1,135	0.533
NES90	9305	Does respondent favor or oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder		469	0.910
NES90	9306	Does respondent favor/oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder strongly or not strongly	S,3	467	0.843

Source	Variable		Note	Sample	
	Number	Question Content		Size	Reliability ^a
<i>4. Public Officials</i>					
NES90	9027	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of Al Gore		492	0.666
NES90	9028	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of Hillary Clinton		548	0.811
NES90	9097	Does respondent favor or oppose a proposed law that would limit members of Congress to no more than 12 consecutive years of service in that office		534	0.776
NES90	9310	Does respondent approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress has been handling its job		498	0.712
NES90	9311	Does respondent approve/disapprove strongly or not strongly of the way the U.S. Congress has been handling its job	S,3	496	0.809
NES90	9380	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of Bill Clinton (Pre Post Pre)	8	525	0.791
NES90	9381	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of Bill Clinton (Post Post Post)	8	525	0.824
<i>5. Political Parties</i>					
NES70	7061	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of Democrats		1,126	0.656
NES70	7070	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of Republicans		1,107	0.552
NES90	9030	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of the Democratic Party		566	0.756
NES90	9031	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of the Republican Party		562	0.808
<i>6. Political Candidates</i>					
NES70	7088	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of Hubert Humphrey		1,160	0.691
NES70	7089	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of Henry "Scoop" Jackson		482	0.634
NES70	7090	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of Edward "Ted" Kennedy		1,188	0.807
NES70	7091	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of Richard Nixon		1,223	0.766
NES70	7092	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of George Wallace		1,140	0.777
NES90	9029	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of Jesse Jackson		555	0.772
NES90	9228	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of Democratic House candidate		245	0.741
NES90	9229	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of Republican House candidate		242	0.867
NES90	9382	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of Ross Perot (Pre Post Pre)	8	483	0.796
NES90	9383	Respondent's feeling thermometer rating of Ross Perot (Post Post Post)	8	483	0.815
<i>7. Family</i>					
ACL	26	How happy respondent is with the way her/his son has/daughter has/children have turned out to this point		1,780	0.637
SAFCH	8101	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that it's alright for a couple to live together without planning to get married		863	0.714
SAFCH	8104	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that premarital sex is alright for a young couple planning to get married		852	0.792

Source	Variable		Note	Sample	
	Number	Question Content		Size	Reliability ^a
SAFCH	8106	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that divorce is usually the best solution when a couple can't seem to work out their marriage problems		855	0.376
SAFCH	8108	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that it's perfectly alright for women to be very active in clubs, politics, and other outside activities before the children are grown up		821	0.587
SAFCH	8112	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that it is much better for everyone if the man earns the main living and the woman takes care of the home and family		823	0.657
SAFCH	8117	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that it's better for a person to get married than to go through life being single		839	0.665
SAFMO	8001	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that it's alright for a couple to live together without planning to get married		842	0.818
SAFMO	8004	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that premarital sex is alright for a young couple planning to get married		835	0.828
SAFMO	8006	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that divorce is usually the best solution when a couple can't seem to work out their marriage problems		825	0.741
SAFMO	8008	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that it's perfectly alright for women to be very active in clubs, politics, and other outside activities before the children are grown up		806	0.733
SAFMO	8012	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that it is much better for everyone if the man earns the main living and the woman takes care of the home and the family		801	0.737
SAFMO	8017	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that it's better for a person to get married than to go through life being single		759	0.513
SAFMO	8082	How much it would bother respondent if things turn out so that respondent's child does not marry		202	0.585
SAFMO	8083	How much it would bother respondent if it turns out that respondent's child does not have any children		345	0.732

E. Self-perception

1. Self-efficacy

ACL	14	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that "I can do just about anything I really set my mind to do."		2,186	0.522
ACL	15	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that "Sometimes I feel that I am being pushed around in life."		2,181	0.482
ACL	16	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that "There is really no way I can solve the problems I have."		2,160	0.498
NES50	5053	Does respondent feel that she/he is the kind of person that gets her/his share of bad luck, or does respondent feel that she/he has mostly good luck		225	0.775
NES70	7076	Whether respondent thinks it's better to plan her/his life a good way ahead, or that life is too much a matter of luck to plan ahead very far		1,088	0.763
NES70	7077	Whether respondent usually gets to carry out things as planned, or do things usually come up to make respondent change plans		1,091	0.695
NES70	7078	Has respondent usually felt pretty sure her/his life would work out the way she/he wants it to, or have there been times when respondent hasn't been sure about it		1,137	0.623

Source	Variable		Note	Sample	
	Number	Question Content		Size	Reliability ^a
NES70	7079	Is respondent most like people who feel they can run their lives pretty much the way they want to, or most like people who feel the problems of life are sometimes too big for them		1,086	0.739
<i>2. Stress and Mental Health</i>					
ACL	25	How often respondent feels bothered or upset as a parent		1,792	0.596
ACL	128	How often respondent felt depressed during the past week		2,205	0.497
ACL	129	How often respondent felt that everything she/he did was an effort during the past week		2,193	0.497
ACL	130	How often respondent felt her/his sleep was restless during the past week		2,196	0.509
ACL	131	How often respondent felt she/he was happy during the past week		2,190	0.504
ACL	132	How often respondent felt lonely during the past week		2,203	0.597
ACL	133	How often respondent felt people were unfriendly during the past week		2,199	0.531
ACL	135	How often respondent did not feel like eating during the past week		2,197	0.410
ACL	136	How often respondent felt sad during the past week		2,201	0.360
ACL	137	How often respondent felt that people disliked her/him during the past week		2,193	0.550
ACL	138	How often respondent felt she/he could not get going during the past week		2,201	0.511
ACL	150	How often respondent feels bothered or upset in her/his work		949	0.408
ACL	176	How stressful is it for respondent to take care of a friend or relative who has trouble taking care of herself/himself because of physical or mental illness, or disability, or how stressful is it for respondent to arrange for her/his care		95	0.600
<i>3. Quality of Life</i>					
ACL	72	How much respondent enjoys caring for the child/children who lives/live with respondent		452	0.815
ACL	79	How much respondent enjoyed doing work to maintain or improve her/his home, yard, or automobile		1,599	0.598
ACL	87	How much respondent enjoys doing housework, including cooking, cleaning, and other work around the house		2,081	0.666
ACL	149	How much respondent enjoys doing the work on her/his main job		954	0.719
ACL	160	How much respondent enjoyed doing work or chores that people paid her/him to do instead of going to regular businesses		54	0.734
ACL	167	How much respondent enjoyed doing volunteer work		623	0.436
ACL	173	How much respondent enjoyed helping friends, neighbors, and relatives who did not live with respondent		1,445	0.506
SAFCH	8122	How often respondent enjoys doing things together with her/his mother		810	0.581
SAFCH	8144	How often respondent enjoys doing things together with her/his father		729	0.678
SAFMO	8022	How often respondent enjoys doing things together with son/daughter		845	0.531
SAFMO	8023	How often respondent enjoys talking to son/daughter		847	0.550

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<i>4. Functional Status</i>					
ACL	106	How much difficulty respondent has bathing by herself/himself		2,222	0.897
ACL	109	How much difficulty respondent has climbing a few flights of stairs		1,989	0.729
ACL	111	How much difficulty respondent has walking several blocks		1,991	0.800
ACL	114	How much difficulty would respondent have doing heavy work around the house such as shoveling snow or washing walls		1,764	0.701
ACL	116	How much are respondent's daily activities limited in any way by her/his health or health-related problems		2,217	0.725
<i>5. Financial Situation</i>					
ACL	218	How difficult is it for respondent/respondent's family to meet the monthly payments on respondent's/ respondent's family's bills		2,187	0.780
NES50	5019	During the last few years, has respondent's financial situation been getting better, getting worse, or has it stayed about the same		1,092	0.496
NES50	5020	Looking ahead and thinking about the next few years, does respondent expect her/his financial situation will stay about the way it is now, get better, or get worse		937	0.596
NES70	7074	Comparing how much respondent earns on her/his job with what other people in respondent's line of work get, does respondent feel the money respondent makes is much less than her/his fair share, somewhat less than her/his fair share, about her/his fair share, or more than her/his fair share		272	0.599
NES70	7111	Does respondent think that a year from now she/he (and family) will be better off financially, or worse off, or just about the same as now		455	0.402
NES90	9054	Would respondent say that she/he (and family living here) are better off or worse off financially than respondent was a year ago		591	0.484
NES90	9055	Would respondent say that she/he (and family living here) are much better off or somewhat better off / much worse off or somewhat worse off than respondent was a year ago	S,3	588	0.693
NES90	9056	Does respondent think that a year from now she/he (and family living here) will be better off financially, worse off, or just about the same as now		572	0.494
NES90	9057	Does respondent think that a year from now she/he (and family living here) will be much better off or somewhat better off financially / much worse off or somewhat worse off financially	S,3	570	0.489
SAFMO	8053	When respondent thinks of what her family needs to get along on comfortably right now, is her husband's income high enough, a little low, or quite a bit too low		825	0.468
<i>6. Political Interest</i>					
NES50	5024	Would respondent say that she/he was very much interested, somewhat interested, or not much interested in following the political campaigns this year		1,101	0.559
NES90	9211	Would respondent say that she/he was very much interested, somewhat interested, or not much interested in following the political campaigns this year		538	0.523

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	Number	Question Content		Size	Reliability ^a
NES90	9214	How much would respondent say that she/he personally cared about the way the election to the U.S. House of Representatives came out		584	0.561
NES90	9280	Would respondent say she/he follows what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, some of the time, only now and then, or hardly at all		536	0.805
<i>7. Political Identification</i>					
NES50	5021	Generally speaking, does respondent usually think of herself/himself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what. (If Republican or Democrat) Would respondent call herself/himself a strong Republican/Democrat or a not very strong Republican/Democrat. (If Independent or Other) Does respondent think of herself/himself as closer to the Republican or Democratic Party. [7-Level Party Identification]	S,3	1,045	0.899
NES50	5109	Generally speaking, does respondent usually think of herself/himself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what [3-Level Party Identification]		1,045	0.950
NES50	5110	(If Republican or Democrat) Would respondent call herself/himself a strong Republican/Democrat or a not very strong Republican/Democrat	E,1	677	0.696
NES50	5111	(If Independent or Other) Does respondent think of herself/himself as closer to the Republican or Democratic Party	E,1	101	0.530
NES50	5112	(If Republican or Democrat) Would respondent call herself/himself a strong Republican/Democrat or a not very strong Republican/Democrat. (If Independent, No Preference, or Other) Does respondent think of herself/himself as closer to the Republican or to the Democratic party. [4-Level Party Identification]	S,3	1,045	0.729
NES70	7083	Generally speaking, does respondent usually think of herself/himself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what. (If Republican or Democrat) Would respondent call herself/himself a strong Republican/Democrat or a not very strong Republican/Democrat. (If Independent, No Preference, or Other) Does respondent think of herself/himself as closer to the Republican or to the Democratic party. [7-Level Party Identification]	S,3	1,237	0.863
NES70	7084	(If Republican or Democrat) Would respondent call herself/himself a strong Republican/Democrat or a not very strong Republican/Democrat	E,1	582	0.665
NES70	7086	(If Independent, No Preference, or Other) Does respondent think of herself/himself as closer to the Republican or to the Democratic party	E,1	250	0.856
NES70	7093	Where respondent would place herself/himself on the liberal-to-conservative scale		761	0.708
NES70	7212	Generally speaking, does respondent usually think of herself/himself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what [3-Level Party Identification]		1,263	0.901
NES70	7213	(If Republican) Was there ever a time when respondent thought of herself/himself as a Democrat or an Independent rather than a Republican. (If Yes) Did respondent think of herself/himself as a Democrat or an Independent. (If Democrat) Was there ever a time when respondent thought of herself/himself as a Republican or an Independent rather than a Democrat. (If Yes) Did respondent think of herself/himself as a Republican or an	S,2	586	0.712

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NES70	7214	Independent. [Former Party Alignment for Current Party Identifiers] (If closer to the Republican party) Was there ever a time when respondent thought of herself/himself as closer to the Democratic party instead of the Republican party. (If Neither) Was there ever a time when respondent thought of herself/himself as a Democrat or as a Republican. (Which party was that?) (If closer to the Democratic party) Was there ever a time when respondent thought of herself/himself as closer to the Republican party instead of the Democratic party. [Former Party Alignment for Current Leaners and Independents]	S,2	245	0.617
NES70	7229	(If Republican or Democrat) Would respondent call herself/himself a strong Republican/Democrat or a not very strong Republican/Democrat. (If Independent, No Preference, or Other) Does respondent think of herself/himself as closer to the Republican or to the Democratic party. [4-Level Party Identification]	S,3	1,237	0.695
NES90	9062	Where respondent would place herself/himself on the liberal-to-conservative scale		407	0.824
NES90	9075	Generally speaking, does respondent usually think of herself/himself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent or what [3-Level Party Identification]		585	0.978
NES90	9076	(If Republican or Democrat) Would respondent call herself/himself a strong Republican/Democrat or a not very strong Republican/Democrat	E,1	272	0.596
NES90	9077	(If Independent, No Preference, or Other Party) Does respondent think of herself/himself as closer to the Republican Party or to the Democratic Party	E,1	114	0.807
NES90	9078	Generally speaking, does respondent usually think of herself/himself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what. (If Republican or Democrat) Would respondent call herself/himself a strong Republican/Democrat or a not very strong Republican/Democrat. (If Independent, No Preference, or Other Party) Does respondent think of herself/himself as closer to the Republican Party or to the Democratic Party. [7-Level Party Identification]	S,3	584	0.900
NES90	9418	(If Republican or Democrat) Would respondent call herself/himself a strong Republican/Democrat or a not very strong Republican/Democrat. (If Independent, No Preference, or Other) Does respondent think of herself/himself as closer to the Republican or to the Democratic party. [4-Level Party Identification]	S,3	584	0.737
<i>8. Relationship to Social Groups</i>					
NES50	5044	Would respondent say she/he (or head) feels pretty close to labor union members in general or that she/he doesn't feel much closer to them than she/he does to other kinds of people		197	0.811
NES50	5045	How much interest would respondent say she/he (or head) has in how union people as a whole are getting along in this country		203	0.579
NES50	5046	Would respondent say she/he feels pretty close to Negroes in general or that she/he doesn't feel much closer to them than she/he does to other people		83	0.267
NES50	5048	Would respondent say she/he feels pretty close to Catholics in general or that she/he doesn't feel much closer to them than she/he does to other kinds of people		213	0.465

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	Number	Question Content		Size	Reliability ^a
NES50	5049	How much interest would respondent say she/he has in how Catholic people as a whole are getting along in this country		211	0.458
NES50	5108	Whether respondent thinks of herself/himself as being in the middle class or the working class		1,002	0.781
<i>9. Family</i>					
ACL	239	How often respondent and spouse/partner typically have unpleasant disagreements or conflicts		1,134	0.674
ACL	240	How often respondent feels bothered or upset by her/his marriage/relationship with partner		1,127	0.721
SAFCH	8125	When something is bothering respondent, how often is she/he able to talk it over with her/his mother		811	0.566
SAFCH	8137	Does respondent think she/he will get married		208	1.131 ^b
SAFCH	8147	When something is bothering respondent, how often is she/he able to talk it over with her/his father		730	0.632
SAFMO	8021	How often respondent finds it easy to understand son/daughter		848	0.546
SAFMO	8025	How well does respondent think she understands her husband		626	0.644
SAFMO	8026	Generally speaking, would respondent say that the time she spends together with her husband is extremely enjoyable, very enjoyable, enjoyable, or not too enjoyable		624	0.655
SAFMO	8061	Which category best describes how respondent and her husband decide which couples they see most often: husband usually decides, husband decides a little more often than respondent does, respondent decides a little more often than he does, or respondent usually decides		641	0.402
SAFMO	8062	Which category best describes how respondent and her husband decide how much should be spent on major purchases, like furniture and appliances: husband usually decides, husband decides a little more often than respondent does, respondent decides a little more often than he does, or respondent usually decides		648	0.481
SAFMO	8063	Which category best describes how respondent and her husband decide how often they go out for an evening: husband usually decides, husband decides a little more often than respondent does, respondent decides a little more often than he does, or respondent usually decides		640	0.411
SAFMO	8064	Which category best describes how grocery shopping is divided up in respondent's family: husband usually does it, husband does it a little more often than respondent does, respondent does it a little more often than he does, or respondent usually does it		650	0.543
SAFMO	8065	Which category best describes how doing the evening dishes is divided up in respondent's family: husband usually does it, husband does it a little more often than respondent does, respondent does it a little more often than he does, or respondent usually does it		621	0.819
SAFMO	8066	Which category best describes how repairing things around the house is divided up in respondent's family: husband usually does it, husband does it a little more often than respondent does, respondent does it a little more often than he does, or respondent usually does it		625	0.688
SAFMO	8067	Which category best describes how straightening up before company comes is divided up in respondent's family: husband usually does it, husband does it a little more often than respondent does, respondent does it a		646	0.539

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		little more often than he does, or respondent usually does it			
SAFMO	8068	Which category best describes how handling the money and bills is divided up in respondent's family: husband usually does it, husband does it a little more often than respondent does, respondent does it a little more often than he does, or respondent usually does it		647	0.810
SAFMO	8078	How often respondent and her husband have problems getting along with each other		591	0.597
F. Self-assessment					
<i>1. Self-esteem</i>					
ACL	11	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that "I take a positive attitude toward myself."		2,164	0.694
ACL	12	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that "At times I think I am no good at all."		2,168	0.540
ACL	13	Extent to which respondent agrees/disagrees that "All in all, I am inclined to feel that I am a failure."		2,170	0.541
SAFCH	8126	How often for respondent is it true that "I take a positive attitude toward myself."		852	0.633
SAFCH	8127	How often for respondent is it true that "I feel I do not have much to be proud of."		853	0.344
SAFCH	8128	How often for respondent is it true that "I am able to do things as well as most other people."		855	0.474
SAFCH	8129	How often for respondent is it true that "I feel that I can't do anything right."		854	0.425
SAFCH	8130	How often for respondent is it true that "As a person I do a good job these days."		852	0.420
SAFCH	8131	How often for respondent is it true that "I feel that I have a number of good qualities."		855	0.470
SAFCH	8132	How often for respondent is it true that "I feel that I'm a person of worth, at least on an equal level with others."		855	0.534
<i>2. Quality of Life</i>					
ACL	24	How satisfied respondent is with being a parent		1,786	0.605
ACL	88	How satisfied respondent is with her/his health		2,210	0.630
ACL	115	How respondent would rate her/his health at the present time		2,218	0.688
ACL	151	How satisfied respondent is with her/his job		950	0.538
ACL	217	How satisfied respondent is with her/her family's/his/his family's present financial situation		2,193	0.637
ACL	238	How satisfied respondent is with her/his marriage/relationship with partner		1,140	0.756
NES50	5018	How satisfied respondent is with her/his present financial situation		1,090	0.500
SAFMO	8027	How happy respondent thinks her marriage is, taking things all together		626	0.769
<i>3. Employment</i>					
ACL	152	Would respondent have liked to work more on her/his job or jobs over the past year		951	0.580
ACL	153	Would respondent have liked to work less on her/his job or jobs over the past year		597	0.637
ACL	246	Would respondent have liked to work more on her/his job or jobs over the past year	E,10	952	0.658

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	Number	Question Content		Size	Reliability ^a
NES90	9144	Given how many hours respondent works on her/his job in the average week, is that more hours than respondent wants to work, fewer hours than respondent wants to work, or generally about right		347	0.638
NES90	9145	How worried respondent is about losing her/his job in the near future (R working/temp laid off)	E,4	345	0.818
NES90	9163	How worried respondent is about losing her/his job / not being able to find a job in the near future (all Rs)		429	0.815
<i>4. Family</i>					
SAFCH	8134	If respondent could start life over again, and have just the number of children she/he would like, what number of children would respondent want to have when her/his family is completed	S,2	866	0.786
SAFCH	8138	How much it would bother respondent if things turn out so that respondent does not marry		198	0.550
SAFMO	8080	If respondent could start life over again, knowing that things would turn out just about the way they have, what number of children would respondent want to have when her family is completed		870	0.793
II. Respondent Proxy-reports					
A. Facts					
<i>1. Personal Characteristics</i>					
NES50	5031	Age of head of household, bracketed	D,2	459	1.016
<i>2. Education</i>					
NES70	7006	Head of household's years of schooling	E,4	427	0.922
NES70	7010	Wife of family head's years of schooling	E,4	364	0.945
NES70	7230	Spouse of R's years of schooling		805	0.930
NES70	8059	Husband's education		782	0.900
<i>3. Employment</i>					
NES70	7029	Hours per week head of household works/worked on job	E,4	333	0.713
NES70	7034	Hours per week wife of family head works/worked on job	E,4	112	0.802
NES70	7232	Spouse of R's hours per week works/worked on job		451	0.730
NES90	9171	Hours per week spouse or partner works/worked on job		192	0.543
<i>4. Occupation</i>					
NES70	7027	Family head's present/former Duncan SEI	E,4	415	0.766
NES70	7032	Wife of head's present/former Duncan SEI	E,4	132	0.931
NES70	7231	Spouse of R's present/former Duncan SEI		558	0.798
NES70	9167	Spouse's or partner's occupation - prestige score		240	0.781

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III. Interviewer Reports					
A. Facts					
<i>1. Household Characteristics</i>					
NES50	5029	Number of adults in the household		1,088	0.842
NES70	7016	Number of individuals in the household		1,283	0.967
NES70	7017	Number of politically eligible adults 18 years and older in the household		1,284	0.907
<i>2. Place of Residence</i>					
NES70	7044	Number of stories in place of residence		1,203	0.925
B. Beliefs					
<i>1. Respondent Characteristics</i>					
ACL	214	How skilled would the interviewer say the respondent is in handling or dealing with other people		2,194	0.537
ACL	223	How was the respondent's understanding of the questions		2,122	0.604
ACL	226	How was the respondent's ability to express herself/himself		2,197	0.590
ACL	232	How much difficulty did the respondent have hearing the interviewer		2,201	0.723
ACL	233	How much difficulty did the respondent have remembering things that the interviewer asked her/him about		2,195	0.377
ACL	234	How comfortable would the interviewer say the respondent is in dealing with other people		2,195	0.529
ACL	235	How self-confident did the respondent seem to be		2,197	0.456
ACL	236	How depressed did the respondent seem to be		2,194	0.400
NES70	7160	How high was the respondent's general level of information about politics and public affairs		1,252	0.697
NES70	7161	Rating of the respondent's apparent intelligence		1,258	0.726
NES90	9189	How high was the respondent's general level of information about politics and public affairs		580	0.713
NES90	9190	Rating of the respondent's apparent intelligence		577	0.719
<i>2. Respondent Reaction to the Interview</i>					
ACL	229	How was the respondent's cooperation during the interview		2,148	0.308
ACL	230	How tiring did the interview seem to be to the respondent		2,201	0.315
ACL	231	How much did the respondent seem to enjoy the interview		2,196	0.279
NES70	7159	How was the respondent's cooperation		1,258	0.667
NES70	7163	How great was the respondent's interest in the interview		1,265	0.602
NES70	7164	How sincere did the respondent seem to be in her/his answers		1,242	0.507
NES90	9192	How great was the respondent's interest in the interview		580	0.710
NES90	9193	How sincere did the respondent seem to be in her/his answers		580	0.870
NES90	9398	How was the respondent's cooperation (Pre Post Pre)		335	0.455
NES90	9399	How was the respondent's cooperation (Post Post Post)		335	0.413

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	Number	Question Content		Size	Reliability ^a
IV. Organization Reports					
A. Facts					
<i>1. Place of Residence</i>					
NES50	5057	Size of place code for the respondent's place of residence		1,132	1.000
NES70	7038	Actual population of the interview place		1,293	1.010 ^b
NES70	7039	Belt code, or urbanicity code, for the respondent's place of residence		1,186	1.000
NES70	7040	Distance from the interview place to the center of the central city of the nearest SMSA, Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area		1,292	0.996
NES70	7041	Distance from the interview place to the center of the central city of the nearest SMSA, Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area, which has at least one city of 350,000 persons or more		1,292	0.978
NES70	7207	Degree of urbanization of the PSU, the Primary Sampling Unit		938	1.000
NES70	7208	Size of the interview place, master code	S,3	1,292	0.987
NES90	9021	Size of the place of interview	S,3	597	1.000
NES90	9022	Actual population of the interview location		478	1.000

^aFor variables having 2-15 response categories, the reliability estimate is based on polychoric correlations computed with threshold levels unconstrained and the assumption of equal reliabilities. For variables having 16 or more response categories, the reliability estimate is based on Pearson correlations under the assumption of equal reliabilities (see Heise, 1969).

^bReliability estimate set to 1.000 in data analysis.

Explanation of Note Codes:

1. Variable based on questions already part of another variable
 2. Variable based on multiple questions not part of another variable
 3. Variable based on questions already part of another variable, but which adds new information
 4. Variable based on questions already part of another variable representing only a subset of respondents
 5. Variable based on questions already part of another variable, but other variable did not meet criteria for inclusion
 6. Variable duplicates questions already part of another variable for a large subset of cases
 7. Variable considered redundant because it shares two or more waves of data with another variable
 8. Variable not considered redundant because it shares only one wave of data with another variable
 9. Variable disaggregated from information contained in other variables
 10. Variable synthesized from actual questions in interview
- D. Transformed variable derived by NES from interview question
S. Summary variable created by NES or SAF from multiple questions
E. Variable omitted from analysis

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