

**Supplementary Material:
Variable List and Question Text Using 2012 Nomenclature.**

2012 Variable Names & Question Text

Mode: Online or Face-to-Face

Knowledge Scale Variables: Sum of correct answers

ofcrec_vp_correct (& =0 if ofcrec_vp_probe=1)

"Joe Biden. What job or political office does he now hold?"

ofcrec_speaker_correct (& =0 if ofcrec_speaker_probe=1)

"John Boehner. What job or political office does he now hold?"

ofcrec_cj_correct (& =0 if ofcrec_cj_probe=1)

"John Roberts. What job or political office does he now hold?"

preknow_senterm

"For how many years is a United States Senator elected – that is, how many years are there in one full term of office for a U.S. Senator?"

preknow_leastsp

"On which of the following does the U.S. federal government currently spend the least? Foreign aid, Medicare, National defense, or Social Security."

knowl_housemaj

"Do you happen to know which party had the most members in the House of Representatives in Washington before the election [this/last] month?"

knowl_senmaj [2012/16]

"Do you happen to know which party had the most members in the U.S. Senate before the election [this/last] month?"

ptycons_cons & ptycons_ptyconswh

ptycons_cons: "Would you say that one of the parties is more conservative than the other at the national level?"

ptycons_ptyconswh: "Which is the party that is more conservative?"

Matching Variables

year: ANES-coded survey year

dem_edu

"What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?"

Income = $\ln(1+(\text{family income} / \text{household size}))$

Household size is finance_finfam + 1: "How many family members are living with you?"

Family income is the hand-coded midpoint of incgroup_prepost_x in constant 2016 dollars, based on 5.15% increase in the CPI. "What was [the total income in 2011 of all your family members living here / your total income in 2011]?"

dem_age_r_x

ANES-coded as years of age from: "What is the month, day and year of your birth?"

dem_raceeth_x

Coded by the ANES into Hispanic (any race) and non-Hispanic racial identifications.

dem_hisp: "Are you Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino?" and

dem_racecps: "I am going to read you a list of five race categories. Please choose one or more races that you consider yourself to be: white; black or African-American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian; or Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander?"

gender_respondent_x

"Are you male or female?" Face-to-face interviewers code this silently.

dem2_inethome

"Do you or does anyone in this household connect to the Internet from home?"

vocabulary score (see below)

media bias (see below)

political activity (see below)

Vocabulary Quiz: Sum of correct answers

wordsum_setb _setd _sete _setf _setg _seth _setj _setk _setl, _seto

"We would like to know something about how people go about guessing words they do not know. We will list some words—you may know some of them, and you may not know quite a

few of them. On each screen, the first word is in capital letters—like BEAST. Select the word that comes closest to the meaning of the word in capital letters. For example, if the word in capital letters is BEAST [followed by 'afraid,' 'words,' 'large,' 'animal,' and 'separate'], you would select 'animal,' since that word comes closer to BEAST than any of the other words. These words are difficult for almost everyone—just give your best guess if you are not sure of the answer. Select one answer for each question. Please do not ask anyone for help or look up information to help you answer these questions—we want to learn how people answer on their own. Thank you very much."

Word selections are proprietary and redacted from the ANES codebook.

Media Bias: Based on:

medsrc_websites_01_02_05_08_10_11_13_14_15

"Which of the following websites do you visit regularly? Please check any that you visit at least once a month." Numbers represent (in order) ABC, CNN, Fox, Huffington Post, MSNBC, New York Times, Washington Post, and Yahoo. Other options do not overlap between 2012 and 2016 surveys.

Political Activity: Flag for at least one of these:

mobilpo_rmob

"During the campaign, did you talk to any people and try to show them why they should vote for or against one of the parties or candidates?"

mobilpo_rally

"Did you go to any political meetings, rallies, speeches, dinners, or things like that in support of a particular candidate?"

mobilpo_sign

"Did you wear a campaign button, put a campaign sticker on your car, or place a sign in your window or in front of your house?"

mobilpo_otherwork

"Did you do any (other) work for one of the parties or candidates?"

mobilpo_ctbcand

"During an election year people are often asked to make a contribution to support campaigns. Did you give money to an individual candidate running for public office?"

mobilpo_ctbpty

"Did you give money to a political party during this election year?"

mobilpo_ctboth

"Did you give any money to any other group that supported or opposed candidates?"

Ideological Consistency Items:

Women's Rights

women_works_x

"Do you think it is better, worse, or makes no difference for the family as a whole if the man works outside the home and the woman takes care of the home and family?"

modsex_prob

"When women complain about discrimination, how often do they cause more problems than they solve? [Never, some of the time, about half the time most of the time, or always / Always, most of the time, about half the time some of the time, or never]?"

discrim_women

"(How much discrimination is there in the United States today against each of the following groups?) Women ([A great deal, a lot, a moderate amount, a little, or none at all / none at all, a little, a moderate amount, a lot or a great deal])?"

abortpre_4point

"Please look at page [preload: prepg f] of the booklet. There has been some discussion about abortion during recent years. Which one of the opinions on this page best agrees with your view? You can just tell me the number of the opinion you choose. 1. By law, abortion should never be permitted. 2. The law should permit abortion only in case of rape, incest, or when the woman's life is in danger 3. The law should permit abortion for reasons other than rape, incest, or danger to the woman 4. By law, a woman should always be able to obtain an abortion as a matter of personal choice."

Lesbian & Gay Rights:

gayrt_adopt

"Do you think gay or lesbian couples should be legally permitted to adopt children?"

gayrt_marry

"Which comes closest to your view? 1. Gay and lesbian couples should be allowed to legally marry. 2. Gay and lesbian couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not legally marry. 3. There should be no legal recognition of a gay or lesbian couple's relationship."

discrim_gays

"How much discrimination is there in the United States today against each of the following groups?... Gays and Lesbians (A great deal, a lot, a moderate amount, a little, or none at all / none at all, a little, a moderate amount, a lot or a great deal?)"

gayrt_discstd_x

"Do you favor or oppose laws to protect homosexuals against job discrimination? => Do you favor/oppose such laws strongly or not strongly?"

Traditional Values

trad_adjust

"The world is always changing and we should adjust our view of moral behavior to those changes.' Do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, neither agree nor disagree, disagree somewhat, or disagree strongly with this statement?"

trad_lifestyle

"The newer lifestyles are contributing to the breakdown of our society.' Do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, neither agree nor disagree, disagree somewhat, or disagree strongly with this statement?"

trad_tolerant

"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 Do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, neither agree nor disagree, disagree somewhat, or disagree strongly with this statement?"

trad_famval

"This country would have many fewer problems if there were more emphasis on traditional family ties Do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, neither agree nor disagree, disagree somewhat, or disagree strongly with this statement?"

Race Policy

aa_uni

"Do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose allowing universities to increase the number of black students studying at their schools by considering race along with other factors when choosing students?"

aidblack_self

"Some people feel that the government in Washington should make every effort to improve the social and economic position of blacks. Suppose these people are at one end of a scale, at point 1. Others feel that the government should not make any special effort to help blacks because they should help themselves. Suppose these people are at the other end, at point 7. And, of course, some other people have opinions somewhere in between, at points 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6. Where would you place yourself on this scale, or haven't you thought much about this?"

sttype_hwkblack

"Stereotype: Blacks Hardworking. ... a score of '1' means that you think almost all of the people in that group tend to be 'hard-working.' A score of '7' means that you think most people in the group are 'lazy.'"

resent_try

"It's really a matter of some people not trying hard enough; if blacks would only try harder they could be just as well off as whites.' Do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, neither agree nor disagree, disagree somewhat, or disagree strongly with this statement?"

aapost_hire_x

"What about your opinion -- are you for or against preferential hiring and promotion of blacks?" => "Do you favor/oppose preference in hiring and promotion strongly or not strongly?"

resent_workway

"Irish, Italians, Jewish and many other minorities overcame prejudice and worked their way up. Blacks should do the same without any special favors. Do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, neither agree nor disagree, disagree somewhat, or disagree strongly with this statement?"

resent_slavery

"Generations of slavery and discrimination have created conditions that make it difficult for blacks to work their way out of the lower class. Do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, neither agree nor disagree, disagree somewhat, or disagree strongly with this statement?"

resent_deserve

"Over the past few years, blacks have gotten less than they deserve. Do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, neither agree nor disagree, disagree somewhat, or disagree strongly with this statement?"

discrim_blacks

"How much discrimination is there in the United States today against each of the following groups? Blacks. A great deal, a lot, a moderate amount, a little, or none at all?"

Immigration

immig_policy

"Which comes closest to your view about what government policy should be toward unauthorized immigrants now living in the United States? 1. Make all unauthorized immigrants felons and Send them back to their home country. 2. Have a guest worker program that allows unauthorized immigrants to remain . 3. Allow unauthorized immigrants to remain in the united states ...certain requirements 4. Allow unauthorized immigrants to remain in the united states ...without penalties"

immigpo_jobs

"How likely is it that recent immigration levels will take jobs away from people already here? Extremely likely, very likely, somewhat likely, or not at all likely?"

discrim_hispanics

"How much discrimination is there in the United States today against each of the following groups? Hispanics. A great deal, a lot, a moderate amount, a little, or none at all?"

Crime & Terror

gun_control

"Do you think the federal government should make it more difficult for people to buy a gun than it is now, make it easier for people to buy a gun, or keep these rules about the same as they are now? "

wiretappo_toofar

"Have increases in the government's wiretapping powers since September 11, 2001, gone too far, are they just about right, or do they not go far enough?"

securpub_secchg

"Since the September 11, 2001 attacks there have been changes in security at public places such as airports, stadiums and government buildings. Have these changes in security gone too far, are they just about not go far enough?"

fedspend_crime

"What about dealing with crime? should federal spending on social security be increased, decreased, or kept about the same / the same? "

dhs_torture

"Do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose the u.s. government torturing people, who are suspected of get information? "

penalty_favopp_x

"Do you favor or oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder? => Do you favor/oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder strongly or not strongly?"

Federal Spending

fedspend_ss

"Should federal spending on Social Security be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?"

fedspend_schools

"Should federal spending on public schools be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?"

fedspend_welfare

"Should federal spending on welfare programs be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?"

fedspend_child

"Should federal spending on child care be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?"

fedspend_poor

"Should federal spending on aid to the poor be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?"

fedspend_enviro

"Should federal spending on protecting the environment be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?"

Health Care

hlthlaw_qual

"If/after the health care law [The Affordable Care Act] is fully implemented, will it have improved, worsened, or had no effect on the quality of health care services in the United States?"

hlthlaw_num

"If/after the health care law [The Affordable Care Act] is fully implemented, will it have increased, decreased, or had no effect on the number of Americans with health insurance?"

presapp_health_x

"Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling health care? => Do you approve strongly or not strongly?"

health_2010hcr_x

"Do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose the health care reform law passed in 2010? This law requires all Americans to buy health insurance and requires health insurance companies to accept everyone. => Do you favor that a great deal, moderately, or a little?"

inspre_self

"Where would you place yourself on this scale, or haven't you thought much about this? 1. Govt insurance plan to 7. Private insurance plan."