

SocSci 200: Social Science Perspectives on the Family
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Second Paper Assignment

CODEBOOK FOR SELECTED VARIABLES IN FAMILY.SAV

Please tell me if you think that it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion if...

ABANY

The woman wants it for any reason?

1. Yes
2. No

ABHLTH

The woman's health is seriously endangered by the pregnancy?

1. Yes
2. No

ABNOMORE

She is married and doesn't want any more children?

1. Yes
2. No

ABINDEX

An index computed from ABANY, ABHLTH, and ABNOMORE.

3. Strongly in favor
4. Moderately in favor
5. Moderately opposed
6. Strongly opposed

AGE

Person's age in years

1. 18 through 33 ("Generation X")
2. 34 through 59 ("Baby Boomers")
3. 50 and older (World War II and Depression generations)

ATTEND

How often do you attend religious services?

0. Never
1. Rarely
2. About Monthly
3. Weekly or more

CLASS If you were asked to use one of four names for your social class, which would you say you belonged to?

1. Lower class
2. Working class
3. Middle class
4. Upper class

DEGREE Person's highest degree

0. Less than high school
1. High school
2. At least some college

DIVORCE Have you ever been divorced or legally separated?

1. Yes
2. No

EVSTRAY Have you ever had sex with someone other than your husband or wife while you were married? (Never-married persons have been eliminated from this question).

1. Yes
2. No

FAMTYPE Household type

1. Couple with no children living at home
2. Single parent
3. Single adult
4. Cohabiting
5. Nuclear: couple with children living at home

FEWORK Do you approve or disapprove of a married woman earning money in business or industry if she has a husband to support her?

1. Approve
2. Disapprove

GUNLAW Would you favor or oppose a law which would require a person to obtain a police permit before he or she could buy a gun?

1. Favor
2. Oppose

HAPPY Taken all together, how would you say things are these days—would you say that you are

1. Very happy?
2. Pretty happy?
3. Not too happy?

INCOME In which category did your total family income, from all sources, fall last year—before taxes, that is?

1. Lower: \$24,999 or less
2. Middle: \$25,000-\$49,999
3. Higher: \$50,000 or more

MARITAL Are you currently:

1. Married?
2. Widowed?
3. Divorced?
4. Separated?
5. Never married?

OBEY How important do you think it is for a child to learn to obey in order to be prepared for life? Compared to other things, do you think it is most important? Second or third in importance? Fourth or fifth in importance?

1. Most important
2. Second or third in importance
3. Fourth or fifth in importance

PILLOK Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree that methods of birth control should be available to teenagers between the ages of 14 and 16 if their parents do not approve?

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Disagree
4. Strongly disagree

PREMARSX There's been a lot of discussion about the way morals and attitudes about sex are changing in this country. If a man and a woman have sex relations before marriage, do you think it is

1. Always wrong?
2. Almost always wrong?
3. Wrong only sometimes?
4. Not wrong at all?

RACE Includes only Whites and African Americans

1. White
2. African American

RELITEN How strong is the influence of your religion in your life?

1. Strong
2. Somewhat strong
3. Not very strong
4. No religion

SEX

1. Male
2. Female

SPANKING Do you agree or disagree that it is sometimes necessary to discipline a child with a good, hard spanking?

1. Agree
2. Disagree

THINKSELF How important do you think it is for a child to learn to think for him/herself in order to be prepared for life? Compared to other things, do you think that it is most important? Second or third in importance? Fourth or fifth in importance?

1. Most important
2. Second or third important
3. Fourth or fifth important