**APPENDIX A: Codebook for the Subset of the 2016 General Social Survey**

The General Social Survey (GSS) is a large, national probability sample of adults in the United States. It began in 1972 and continued on an almost yearly basis until 1996. In 1996, the GSS became a biannual survey and the sample size increased. Many questions are asked on each survey, while other questions are rotated from survey to survey. This subset from the 2016 GSS includes all the cases (2,867) and 95 variables. This data set has already been weighted using the weight variable supplied by the GSS (WTSS).

Variable Description of Variable

ABANY Abortion if woman wants for any reason

ABDEFECT Abortion if strong chance of serious defect

ABHLTH Abortion if woman's health seriously endangered

ABNOMORE Abortion if married and wants no more children

ABPOOR Abortion if low income and can't afford more children

ABRAPE Abortion if pregnant as result of rape

ABSINGLE Abortion if not married

ADULTS Household members 18 years and older

AGE Age of respondent

AGED Should aged live with their children?

AGEKDBRN Respondent's age when first child born

ATTEND How often respondent attends religious services

BIBLE Feelings about the bible

CAPPUN Favor or oppose death penalty for murder

CHILDS Number of children

CHLDIDEL Ideal number of children

CLASS Subjective class identification

COHORT Year of birth

COLATH Allow anti‑religionist to teach

COLCOM Allow communist to teach

COLHOMO Allow homosexual to teach

COLMIL Allow militarist to teach

COLMSLM Allow anti-American Muslim Clergyman to teach in college

COLRAC Allow racist to teach

DEGREE Respondent's highest degree

DENOM Specific Protestant denomination

EDUC Highest year of school completed

ETHNICITY Respondent’s race/ethnicity[[1]](#footnote-1)

FAIR People fair or try to take advantage

FEAR Afraid to walk at night in neighborhood

FINRELA Opinion of family income

FUND Fundamentalism of respondent’s religion

GRASS Should marijuana be made legal?

GUNLAW Favor or oppose gun permits

HAPMAR Happiness of marriage

HAPPY General happiness

HEALTH Condition of health

HISPANIC Is respondent Hispanic?

HOMPOP Number of persons in household

HRS1 Number of hours respondent worked last week

HRS2 Number of hours respondent usually works a week

ID Respondent’s identification (id) number

INCOME16 Total family income (2015)

INCOME16REC Recoded total family income (2015)

LIBATH Allow anti‑religious book in library

LIBCOM Allow communist's book in library

LIBHOMO Allow homosexual's book in library

LIBMIL Allow militarist's book in library

LIBMSLM Allow anti-American Muslim clergyman's book in library

LIBRAC Allow racist's book in library

MADEG Mother's highest degree

MAEDUC Highest year school completed, mother

MARITAL Marital status

MASEI10 Mother’s socioeconomic status

PADEG Father's highest degree

PAEDUC Highest year school completed, father

PARTYID Political Party Affiliation

PASEI10 Father’s socioeconomic status

POLINT Interest in politics

POLVIEWS Think of self as liberal or conservative

PORNLAW Feelings about pornography laws

POSTLIFE Belief in life after death

PRAY How often does respondent pray?

PRAYER Support Supreme Court Decision on prayer in public schools

PRES12 Vote for Romney or Obama in 2012

RACE Race of respondent

RACECEN1 What is respondent’s race first mention?

RACECEN2 What is respondent’s race second mention?

RACECEN3 What is respondent’s race third mention?

REGION Region of interview

RELIG Respondent's religious preference

RELIG1 More detailed breakdown of religious preference

RELITEN Strength of religious affiliation

RELPERSN Respondent considers self a religious person

SATFIN Satisfaction with financial situation

SIZE Size of place respondent lives in thousands

SEI10 Respondent’s socioeconomic status

SEX Respondent's sex

SIBS Number of brothers and sisters

SPDEG Spouse's highest degree

SPEDUC Highest year school completed, spouse

SPKATH Allow anti‑religionist to speak

SPKCOM Allow communist to speak

SPKHOMO Allow homosexual to speak

SPKMIL Allow militarist to speak

SPKMSLM Allow anti-American Muslim clergyman to speak

SPKRAC Allow racist to speak

SPSEI10 Spouse’s socioeconomic status

THNKSELF How important for child to learn to think for one’s self

TRUST Can people be trusted?

TVHOURS Hours per day watching television

VOTE12 Did respondent vote in 2012?

WTSS Weight variable for GSS16 (data subset already weighted by the variable WTSS)

YEAR Year of survey (2016 for all respondents)

ZODIAC Respondent's astrological sign

1. This variable was created by combining responses to a question asking the respondent’s race (coded as White, Black, and Other), and another question asking whether the respondent is Hispanic. Any respondent identifying as Hispanic was so classified, regardless of race. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)