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
FAIR	People fair or try to take advantage
FEAR	Afraid to walk at night in neighborhood

¹This 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.

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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
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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