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Based on data and codebook downloaded from the National Election Studies web site at [http://www.umich.edu/~nes/](http://www.umich.edu/~nes/).

This file includes those respondents interviewed in all three election years. A weight variable has been included to adjust for known or estimated sample biases, included those due to sample attrition. The file contains a total of 840 respondents.

Variable names have been changed to make them easier to identify. The original variable names are provided in the list that follows. In a few cases, a variable included in this subset was derived from two or more variables in the original data file.

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**Background variables** *(ethnic and gender are from the 2002 study; other background variables are from the 2000 study):*

**Party identification:**

| ptyid300      | M000519          | Respondent party ID, 3-point scale (2000) |
| ptyid302      | M023036          | Respondent party ID, 3-point scale (2002) |
| ptyid304      | M045058          | Respondent party ID, 3-point scale (2004) |
| ptyid700      | M000523          | Respondent party ID, 7-point scale (2000) |
| ptyid702      | M023038x         | Respondent party ID, 7-point scale (2002) |

Note: numbers in parentheses indicate the year the question was asked.
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**Voting:**
- **p200002** M023111 Respondent vote cast in 2000 presidential election (2002)
- **h2002** M025028b Respondent vote cast in 2002 house election (2002)

**Opinion of other people:**
- **worthy00** M001475 Are people trustworthy? (2000)
- **worthy02** M025101 Are people trustworthy? (2002)
- **worthy04** M045158 Are people trustworthy? (2004)
- **fair00** M001476 Are people fair? (2000)
- **fair02** M025102 Are people fair? (2002)
- **fair04** M045159 Are people fair? (2004)
- **help00** M001477 Are people helpful? (2000)
- **help02** M025103 Are people helpful? (2002)
- **help04** M045160 Are people helpful? (2004)

**Opinion of government:**
- **gtrust00** M001534 Can gov’t be trusted? (2000)
- **gtrust02** M025174 Can gov’t be trusted? (2002)
- **gtrust04** M045149 Can gov’t be trusted? (2004)

**Thermometers:**
- **bush00pr** M001294 George Bush Thermometer (2000 pre-election)
- **bush00po** M001294 George Bush Thermometer (2000 post-election)
- **bush02** M023010 George Bush Thermometer (2002)
- **bush04** M045007 George Bush Thermometer (2004)
- **nadr00pr** M000363 Ralph Nader Thermometer (2000 pre-election)
- **nadr00po** M001295 Ralph Nader Thermometer (2000 post-election)
- **nadr02** M023014 Ralph Nader Thermometer (2002)
- **nadr04** M045012 Ralph Nader Thermometer (2004)

**wt04**: Sample weight

This variable is used to correct for known or estimated sampling biases, including those resulting from inability to re-interview some respondents in the post-election survey.
region Census region
1. Northeast (CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT)
2. Midwest (IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, WI)
3. South (AL, AR, DE, DC, FL, GA, KY, LA, MD, MS, NC, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA, WV)
4. West (AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY)

ideology: Liberal/conservative self-placement - 7-point scale

1. Extremely liberal
2. Liberal
3. Slightly liberal
4. Moderate; middle if the road
5. Slightly conservative
6. Conservative
7. Extremely conservative
8. Don’t Know
9. Refused
0. No answer

relserv: Attend religious services how often?

Lots of things come up that keep people from attending religious services even if they want to. Thinking about your life these days, do you ever attend religious services, apart from occasional weddings, baptisms or funerals? IF RESPONDENT ATTENDS RELIGIOUS SERVICES: Do you go to religious services EVERY WEEK, ALMOST EVERY WEEK, ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH, A FEW TIMES A YEAR, or NEVER? IF RESPONDENT SAYS ATTENDS RELIGIOUS SERVICES 'EVERY WEEK': Would you say you go to religious services ONCE A WEEK or MORE OFTEN than once a week?

1. More than once a week
2. Every week
3. Almost every week
4. Once or twice a month
5. A few times a year
6. Never
. Don’t Know/Refused/Not applicable

yearborn: Year of birth

What is the month, day and year of your birth?

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marstat: Marital status

Are you married now and living with your (husband/wife) -- or are you widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never married?

1. Married
2. Widowed
3. Divorced
4. Separated
5. Never married
6. Partnered, not married {VOL}
8. Don't know
9. Refused

educate: Respondent education level

What is the highest grade of school or year of college you have completed? Did you get a high school diploma or pass a high school equivalency test? What is the highest degree that you have earned?

1. 8 grades or less and no diploma or equivalency
2. 9-11 grades, no further schooling (incl. 12 years without diploma or equivalency)
3. High school diploma or equivalency test
4. More than 12 years of schooling, no higher degree
5. Junior or community college level degrees (AA degrees)
6. BA level degrees; 17+ years, no advanced degree
7. Advanced degree, including LLB
9. Don't Know/Refused/No answer

ethnic: Race/ethnicity of Respondent

1. Black
2. Asian
3. Native American
4. Hispanic
5. White
6. Multiracial/Other
7. Don't know
8. Refused
9. No answer

gender: Respondent gender
1. Male
2. Female

iraq:

Taking everything into account, do you think the war in Iraq has been WORTH THE COST or NOT?

1. Worth it
5. Not worth it
8. Don't know
9. Refused

ptyid300: Respondent party ID, 3-point scale (2000)
ptyid302: Respondent party ID, 3-point scale (2002)
ptyid304: Respondent party ID, 3-point scale (2004)

Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a REPUBLICAN, a DEMOCRAT, an INDEPENDENT, or what?

1. Republican
2. Independent
3. Democrat
4. Other party {SPECIFY}
5. No preference
8. Don't know
9. Refused
0. No answer

ptyid700: Respondent party ID, 7-point scale (2000)
ptyid702: Respondent party ID, 7-point scale (2002)
ptyid704: Respondent party ID, 7-point scale (2004)

Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a REPUBLICAN, a DEMOCRAT, an INDEPENDENT, or what? Would you call yourself a STRONG [Democrat/Republican] or a NOT VERY STRONG [Democrat/Republican]? Do you think of yourself as CLOSER to the Republican Party or to the Democratic party?

0. Strong Democrat
1. Weak Democrat
2. Independent-Democrat
3. Independent-Independent
4. Independent-Republican
5. Weak Republican
6. Strong Republican
7. Other; minor party; refuses to say
8. Apolitical
9. DK

Note: Code 8 (apolitical) was used if Respondent was coded No preference and also showed little or no interest in politics in response to the following survey questions:

Interest in campaigns
Care about Congressional race outcome
Voted
Follow public affairs

PTYSTR00: Strength of Party ID, 2000
PTYSTR04: Strength of Party ID, 2004

1. Strong
2. Weak
3. Leaning
4. Pure Independent
9. DK


1. Gore
3. Bush
5. Nader
7. Other
8. Don't know
9. Refused
0. Not applicable
. Not applicable

P2004 Respondent vote cast in 2004 presidential election

1. Kerry
3. Bush
5. Nader
7. Other
8. Don't know
9. Refused
. Not applicable
h2000  Respondent vote cast in 2000 house election
h2002  Respondent vote cast in 2002 house election
h2004  Respondent vote cast in 2004 house election

1. Democratic
2. Republican
3. Other
8. Don’t Know
9. Refused
0. NA

worthy00: Are people trustworthy? (2000)
worthy02: Are people trustworthy? (2002)

Generally speaking, would you say that MOST PEOPLE CAN BE TRUSTED or that you CAN'T BE TOO CAREFUL in dealing with people?

1. Most people can be trusted
5. Can't be too careful
8. Don't know
9. Refused

fair00: Are people fair (2000)?
fair02: Are people fair (2000)?
fair04: Are people fair (2004)?

Do you think most people would try to TAKE ADVANTAGE of you if they got the chance or would they TRY TO BE FAIR?

1. Take advantage
5. Try to be fair
8. Don't know
9. Refused
0. NA

help00: Are people helpful? (2000)
help02: Are people helpful? (2002)

Would you say that most of the time people TRY TO BE HELPFUL, or that they are JUST LOOKING OUT FOR THEMSELVES?

1. Try to be helpful
5. Just looking out for themselves
8. Don't know
9. Refused
. NA

gtrust00: Can gov't be trusted? (2000)
gtrust02: Can gov't be trusted? (2002)
gtrust04: Can gov't be trusted? (2004)

How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right -- JUST ABOUT ALWAYS, MOST OF THE TIME, or only SOME OF THE TIME?

1. Just about always
2. Most of the time
3. Only some of the time
4. Never {VOL}
8. Don't know
9. Refused

“Feeling Thermometers”: I'd like to get your feelings toward some of our political leaders and other people who are in the news these days. I'll read the name of a person and I'd like you to rate that person using something we call the feeling thermometer. Ratings between 50 degrees and 100 degrees mean that you feel favorable and warm toward the person. Ratings between 0 degrees and 50 degrees mean that you don't feel favorable toward the person and that you don't care too much for that person. You would rate the person at the 50 degree mark if you don't feel particularly warm or cold toward the person. If we come to a person whose name you don't recognize, you don't need to rate that person. Just tell me and we'll move on to the next one.

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nadr02: Ralph Nader Thermometer (2002 )
nadr04: Ralph Nader Thermometer (2004)

0-100
999 MISSING DATA (NO ANSWER, DON'T RECOGNIZE, DON'T KNOW, REFUSED TO ANSWER)

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