

## CODEBOOK FOR NATIONAL ELECTION STUDY 2000 DATASET

VAR 000001 Case ID

VAR 000003 Pre only or Pre-and-Post

0. Pre-Election and Post-Election interviews
1. Pre-Election Interview only

VAR 000301 Some people don't pay much attention to political campaigns. How about you? Would you say that you have been very much interested, somewhat interested or not much interested in the political campaigns so far this year?

1. VERY MUCH INTERESTED
3. SOMEWHAT INTERESTED
5. NOT MUCH INTERESTED

VAR 000304 IF R VOTED FOR PRESIDENT IN 1996: Which one did you vote for?

1. BILL CLINTON
3. BOB DOLE
5. ROSS PEROT
7. OTHER (SPECIFY)

VAR 000341 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling his job as president?

1. Approve strongly
2. Approve not strongly
4. Disapprove not strongly
5. Disapprove strongly

VAR 000359 ... VAR 000371 Feeling Thermometer (0-100)

Bill Clinton  
AL GORE  
GEORGE W. BUSH  
PAT BUCHANAN  
RALPH NADER  
JOHN MCCAIN  
BILL BRADLEY  
JOSEPH LIEBERMAN  
DICK CHENEY  
HILLARY CLINTON  
DEMOCRATIC PARTY  
REPUBLICAN PARTY  
REFORM PARTY

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VAR 000398 We are interested in how people are getting along financially these days. Would you say that you (and your family living here) are better off, worse off, or just about the same financially as you were a year ago?

1. BETTER
3. WORSE
5. THE SAME

VAR 000440 Where would you place yourself on this scale, or haven't you thought much about this?

1. EXTREMELY LIBERAL
2. LIBERAL
3. SLIGHTLY LIBERAL
4. MODERATE; MIDDLE OF THE ROAD
5. SLIGHTLY CONSERVATIVE
6. CONSERVATIVE
7. EXTREMELY CONSERVATIVE

VAR 000500 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling the economy?

1. APPROVE
5. DISAPPROVE

VAR 000508 Do you think the number of immigrants from foreign countries who are permitted to come to the United States to live should be increased, decreased, or left the same as it is now?

1. INCREASED
3. DECREASED
5. LEFT THE SAME AS IT IS NOW

VAR 000513b Do you think this country would be better off if we just stayed home and did not concern ourselves with problems in other parts of the world, or do you think that this country would be better off trying to solve some problems in other parts of the world?

1. BETTER OFF IF WE JUST STAYED HOME
5. BETTER OFF TRYING TO SOLVE SOME PROBLEMS

VAR 000519 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what?

1. DEMOCRAT
2. REPUBLICAN
3. INDEPENDENT
4. OTHER PARTY
5. NO PREFERENCE

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VAR 000523 Generally speaking, do you 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

VAR 000676 Should federal spending on WELFARE PROGRAMS be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?

1. INCREASED
3. DECREASED
5. KEPT ABOUT THE SAME
7. CUT OUT ENTIRELY [VOL]

VAR 000677 Should federal spending on SPENDING ON AIDS RESEARCH be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?

1. INCREASED
3. DECREASED
5. KEPT ABOUT THE SAME
7. CUT OUT ENTIRELY [VOL]

VAR 000678 Should federal spending on FOREIGN AID be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?

1. INCREASED
3. DECREASED
5. KEPT ABOUT THE SAME
7. CUT OUT ENTIRELY [VOL]

VAR 000679 Should federal spending on FOOD STAMPS be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?

1. INCREASED
3. DECREASED
5. KEPT ABOUT THE SAME
7. CUT OUT ENTIRELY [VOL]

VAR 000680 Should federal spending on AID TO POOR PEOPLE be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?

1. INCREASED
3. DECREASED
5. KEPT ABOUT THE SAME
7. CUT OUT ENTIRELY [VOL]

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VAR 000681 Should federal spending on SOCIAL SECURITY be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?

1. INCREASED
3. DECREASED
5. KEPT ABOUT THE SAME
7. CUT OUT ENTIRELY [VOL]

VAR 000682 Should federal spending on ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?

1. INCREASED
3. DECREASED
5. KEPT ABOUT THE SAME
7. CUT OUT ENTIRELY [VOL]

VAR 000683 Should federal spending on PUBLIC SCHOOLS be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?

1. INCREASED
3. DECREASED
5. KEPT ABOUT THE SAME
7. CUT OUT ENTIRELY [VOL]

VAR 000684 Should federal spending on DEALING WITH CRIME be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?

1. INCREASED
3. DECREASED
5. KEPT ABOUT THE SAME
7. CUT OUT ENTIRELY [VOL]

VAR 000685 Should federal spending on CHILD CARE be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?

1. INCREASED
3. DECREASED
5. KEPT ABOUT THE SAME
7. CUT OUT ENTIRELY [VOL]

VAR 000686 Should federal spending on TIGHTENING BORDER SECURITY TO PREVENT ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?)

1. INCREASED
3. DECREASED
5. KEPT ABOUT THE SAME
7. CUT OUT ENTIRELY [VOL]

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VAR 000687 Should federal spending on AID TO BLACKS be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?

1. INCREASED
3. DECREASED
5. KEPT ABOUT THE SAME
7. CUT OUT ENTIRELY [VOL]

VAR 000694 There has been some discussion about abortion during recent years. Which one of the opinions best agrees with your view?

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'S LIFE, BUT ONLY AFTER THE NEED FOR THE ABORTION HAS BEEN CLEARLY ESTABLISHED.
4. BY LAW, A WOMAN SHOULD ALWAYS BE ABLE TO OBTAIN AN ABORTION AS A MATTER OF PERSONAL CHOICE.
7. OTHER (SPECIFY) [VOL]

VAR 000724 Do you think homosexuals should be allowed to serve in the United States Armed Forces or don't you think so?

1. HOMOSEXUALS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO SERVE
5. HOMOSEXUALS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO SERVE

VAR 000728 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?

1. MORE DIFFICULT
3. MAKE IT EASIER
5. KEEP THESE RULES ABOUT THE SAME

VAR 000749 Do you favor or oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?

1. FAVOR
5. OPPOSE

VAR 000793 Who do you think you will vote for in the election for President?

1. AL GORE
2. GEORGE W. BUSH
3. PAT BUCHANAN
4. RALPH NADER
5. NONE (if voter, will not vote for president)
7. OTHER, (SPECIFY):

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VAR 000846 Has the Clinton administration made the nation's moral climate better, worse, or hasn't it made much difference either way?

1. Much better
2. Somewhat better
3. Hasn't made much difference
4. Somewhat worse
5. Much worse

VAR 000908 Respondent age

Age was calculated by subtracting the year of birth from 2000.

VAR 000913 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

VAR 000920 We'd like to know if you are working now, temporarily laid off, or are you unemployed, retired, permanently disabled, a homemaker, a student, or what?

1. R WORKING NOW (working now or working 20 hours or more per week if also retired, permanently disabled, homemaker or student)
2. R TEMPORARILY LAID OFF
4. R UNEMPLOYED
5. R RETIRED, not working or working fewer than 20 hours per week
6. R PERMANENTLY DISABLED, not working or working fewer than 20 hours per week
7. R HOMEMAKER, not working or working fewer than 20 hours per week  
[also nonworking Rs who are both homemakers and students--
8. R STUDENT, not working or working fewer than 20 hours per week

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VAR 000923 What kind of work did you do on your last regular job (What was your occupation?)  
What were your most important duties or activities?

1. Executive, Administrative and Managerial
2. Professional Specialty Occupations
3. Technicians and Related Support Occupations
4. Sales Occupation
5. Administrative Support, including clerical
6. Private Household
7. Protective Service
8. Service except Protective and Household
9. Farming, Forestry and Fishing Occupations
10. Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations
11. Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors
12. Transportation and Material Moving Occupations
13. Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers
14. Member of Armed Forces

VAR 000994 Please tell me the income group that includes the income of all members of your family living here in 1999 before taxes. This figure should include salaries, wages, pensions, dividends, interest, and all other income.

1. A. NONE OR LESS THAN \$4,999
2. B. \$5,000-\$9,999
3. C. \$10,000-\$14,999
4. D. \$15,000-\$24,999
5. E. \$25,000-\$34,999
6. F. \$35,000-\$49,999
7. G. \$50,000-\$64,999
8. H. \$65,000-\$74,999
9. J. \$75,000-\$84,999
10. K. \$85,000-\$94,999
11. M. \$95,000-\$104,999
12. N. \$105,000-\$114,999
13. P. \$115,000-\$124,999
14. Q. \$125,000-\$134,999
15. R. \$135,000-\$144,999
16. S. \$145,000-\$154,999
17. T. \$155,000-\$164,999
18. U. \$165,000-\$174,999
19. V. \$175,000-\$184,999
20. W. \$185,000-\$194,999
21. X. \$195,000-\$199,999
22. Y. \$200,000 and over

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VAR 001005 There's been some talk these days about different social classes. Most people say they belong either to the middle class or the working class. Do you ever think of yourself as belonging in one of these classes?

1. Average working class
2. Working class -- NA if average or upper
3. Upper working class
4. Average middle class
5. Middle class - NA if average or upper
6. Upper middle class
7. Other

VAR 001006a What racial or ethnic group or groups best describes you?

10. BLACK
20. ASIAN
30. NATIVE AMERICAN
40. HISPANIC OR LATINO
50. WHITE
60. OTHER SPECIFY - MISC.
75. OTHER SPECIFY - EAST INDIAN
76. OTHER SPECIFY - PACIFIC ISLANDER
79. OTHER SPECIFY - MORE THAN 3 MAJOR GROUPS
80. OTHER SPECIFY - 'AMERICAN'
90. OTHER SPECIFY - 'NONE'; 'DOESN'T MATTER" ETC.

VAR 001201 Some people don't pay much attention to political campaigns. How about you? Would you say that you were very much interested, somewhat interested, or not much interested in following the political campaigns this year?

1. VERY MUCH INTERESTED
3. SOMEWHAT INTERESTED
5. NOT MUCH INTERESTED

VAR 001029 R gender

1. MALE
2. FEMALE

VAR 001249 Who did you vote for?

1. AL GORE
3. GEORGE W. BUSH
5. PAT BUCHANAN
6. RALPH NADER
7. OTHER (SPECIFY)

VAR 001420 ONE, the less government, the better; OR TWO, there are more things that government should be doing?

1. THE LESS GOVERNMENT THE BETTER
2. MORE THINGS GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE DOING

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VAR 001429 How much of the time do you think you can trust the media to report the news fairly? Just about always, most of the time, only some of the time, or almost never?

1. JUST ABOUT ALWAYS
2. MOST OF THE TIME
3. ONLY SOME OF THE TIME
4. ALMOST NEVER [VOL]

VAR 001447 The first name is TRENT LOTT. What job or political office does he NOW hold?

1. CORRECTLY IDENTIFIES LOTT AS SENATE MAJORITY LEADER
5. IDENTIFICATION IS INCOMPLETE OR WRONG

VAR 001450 WILLIAM REHNQUIST (What job or political office does he NOW hold?)

1. CORRECTLY IDENTIFIES REHNQUIST AS CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT
5. IDENTIFICATION IS INCOMPLETE OR WRONG

VAR 001453 TONY BLAIR (What job or political office does he NOW hold?)

1. CORRECTLY IDENTIFIES BLAIR AS PRIME MINISTER OF ENGLAND/GREAT BRITAIN
5. IDENTIFICATION IS INCOMPLETE OR WRONG

VAR 001456 JANET RENO (What job or political office does she NOW hold?)

1. CORRECTLY IDENTIFIES RENO AS ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES
5. IDENTIFICATION IS INCOMPLETE OR WRONG

VAR 001515 Which party do you think is more likely to favor a powerful government in Washington -- the Democrats, the Republicans, or wouldn't there be much difference between them on this?

1. DEMOCRATS
3. REPUBLICANS
5. NO DIFFERENCE

VAR 001521 Our society should do whatever is necessary to make sure that everyone has an equal opportunity to succeed.' Do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, neither agree nor disagree, disagree somewhat, or disagree strongly with this statement?

1. AGREE STRONGLY
2. AGREE SOMEWHAT
3. NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
4. DISAGREE SOMEWHAT
5. DISAGREE STRONGLY

VAR 001525 ' It is not really that big a problem if some people have more of a chance in life than others. ' (Do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, neither agree nor disagree, disagree somewhat, or disagree strongly with this statement?)

1. AGREE STRONGLY
2. AGREE SOMEWHAT
3. NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
4. DISAGREE SOMEWHAT
5. DISAGREE STRONGLY

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VAR 001644 Did you watch a televised presidential debate between Al Gore and George W. Bush?

1. YES, WATCHED
5. NO, DIDN'T WATCH

VAR 001645 Did you watch an entire debate or just part of it?

1. WATCHED ENTIRE DEBATE
5. JUST PART OF IT

VAR 001742 In general, how satisfying do you find the way you're spending your life these days?  
Would you call it completely satisfying, pretty satisfying, or not very satisfying?

1. COMPLETELY SATISFYING
3. PRETTY SATISFYING
5. NOT VERY SATISFYING