Cornell National Social Survey
Questionnaire – Core & Demographic Items

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Introduction

The Cornell National Social Survey (CNSS) is a phone survey of adults, age 18 and over, who are residents of the continental United States. The survey is managed and administered by the Survey Research Institute (SRI) at Cornell University and is sponsored by the Office of the Senior Vice Provost.

The content of the CNSS is based on a core of social and demographic questions (presented here) together with additional items contributed by faculty and researchers from Cornell University.

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employ: Employed

```
[cyan]Now I am going to ask you some basic questions about your employment just
to make sure we have opinions and views from all different sorts of people.
Last week, did you do any work for either pay or profit?  [yellow]Include any
job[cyan] from which you were [yellow]temporarily absent or "on layoff."[white]
<1> Yes
<2> No                 [goto lkwork]
<3> Retired            [goto lkwork]
<4> Disabled           [goto lkwork]
<5> Unable to work     [goto intro4]
      [green](e.g. student, no working papers, etc.)
<r> Refused            [goto lkwork]
 @

    VALUE  LABEL
        1  Yes
        2  No
        3  Retired
        4  Disabled
        5  Unable to work

    PROPERTIES
       Item type: Single input item
       Content type: numeric
       Input codes: 1,2,3,4,5,r
       Missing-data codes: 9,8,9,r

    WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
       Based on the value of this item:
          Go to lkwork if this item = 2
          Go to lkwork if this item = 3
          Go to lkwork if this item = 4
          Go to intro4 if this item = 5
          Go to lkwork if this item = r
       Otherwise go to the next item: jbtype
```

jbtype: Main job type

```
[cyan]Which of the following best describes your main job?  By main job we mean the
one at which you usually work the most hours.[white]
<1> Full-time, all year round
<2> Part-time, all year round
<3> Temporary
<4> Seasonal or part year
<5> Contract or on call [green]
<d> Do not know
<r> Refused
 @

    VALUE  LABEL
        1  Full-time, all year round
        2  Part-time, all year round
        3  Temporary
        4  Seasonal or part year
        5  Contract or on call

    PROPERTIES
       Item type: Single input item
       Content type: numeric
       Input codes: 1,2,3,4,5,d,r
       Missing-data codes: 8,9,9,8,d,r

    WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
       Go to the next item: hrswrk
```

hrswrk: Hours usually worked/week

```
[cyan]How many hours did you work last week, at all jobs?[white]
<0-100> Hours/week [green]
<d> Do not know
<r> Refused
 @

    VALUE  LABEL
        0  Hours/week
      100  Hours/week

    PROPERTIES
       Item type: Single input item
       Content type: numeric
       Input codes: 0-100,d,r
       Missing-data codes: 888,999,999,888,d,r

    WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
       Go to the next item: selfempl
```

selfempl: Self-employed

```
[cyan]Are you self-employed without employees (i.e. consultant, freelancer)
on your main job?[white]
<1> Yes
<0> No [green]
<r> Refused
 @

    VALUE  LABEL
        0  No
        1  Yes

    PROPERTIES
       Item type: Single input item
       Content type: numeric
       Input codes: 1,0,r
       Missing-data codes: 9,9,r

    WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
       Go to the next item: lkwork
```

lkwork: Looking for new work

```
[cyan]In the last four weeks have you looked for new work or a new job?[white]
<1> Yes
<0> No [green]
<r> Refused
 @

    VALUE  LABEL
        0  No
        1  Yes

    PROPERTIES
       Item type: Single input item
       Content type: numeric
       Input codes: 1,0,r
       Missing-data codes: 9,9,r

    WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
       Go to the next item: JDq1a
```

lvdres: Years in current residence

```
[cyan]And finally, just a few more questions about you.  Again, this is to make
sure we have opinions and views from all different sorts of people.
How long have you lived at your current residence?[white]
<0> Less than 1 year
<1-95> Years [green]
<d> Do not know
<r> Refused
 @

    VALUE  LABEL
        0  Less than 1 year
        1  Years
       95  Years

    PROPERTIES
       Item type: Single input item
       Content type: numeric
       Input codes: 0,1-95,d,r
       Missing-data codes: 888,999,888,999,d,r

    WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
       Go to the next item: mvres
```

mvres: Likelihood of keeping residence 5yrs

```
[cyan]How likely is that you will be living in your current residence five years
from now? [green]
Interviewer: If they're unlikely to be living in their current residence, find
out why they plan to move.[white]
<1> Very unlikely (specify why ...)    [specify]
<2> Somewhat unlikely (specify why ...)        [specify]
<3> Somewhat likely
<4> Very likely [green]
<d> Do not know
<r> Refused
 @

    VALUE  LABEL
        1  Very unlikely (specify why ...)
        2  Somewhat unlikely (specify why ...)
        3  Somewhat likely
        4  Very likely

    PROPERTIES
       Item type: Single input item
       Content type: numeric
       Input codes: 1,2,3,4,d,r
       Missing-data codes: 8,9,8,9,d,r

    WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
       Go to the next item: yob
```

yob: Year born

```
[cyan]What year were you born?[white]
<1910-1991> [green]
<r> Refused
 @

    PROPERTIES
       Item type: Single input item
       Content type: numeric
       Input codes: 1910-1991,r
       Missing-data codes: 9999,8888,9999,r

    WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
       Go to the next item: borninus
```

borninus: Born in US

```
[cyan]Were you born in the United States?[white]
<0> No
<1> Yes [green]
<d> Do not know
<r> Refused
 @

    VALUE  LABEL
        0  No
        1  Yes

    PROPERTIES
       Item type: Single input item
       Content type: numeric
       Input codes: 0,1,d,r
       Missing-data codes: 8,9,8,9,d,r

    WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
       Go to the next item: DGq1
```

uscitizn: US citizen

```
[cyan]Are you a United States citizen? [white]
<1> Yes
<0> No [green]
<d> Do not know
<r> Refused
 @

    VALUE  LABEL
        0  No
        1  Yes

    PROPERTIES
       Item type: Single input item
       Content type: numeric
       Input codes: 1,0,d,r
       Missing-data codes: 8,9,8,9,d,r

    WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
       Go to the next item: married
```

married: Marital status

```
[cyan]Are you married, divorced, separated, widowed, or single? [white]
<1> Married
<2> Divorced
<3> Separated
<4> Widowed
<5> Single [green]
<6> Other (specify ...)        [specify]
<r> Refused
 @

    VALUE  LABEL
        1  Married
        2  Divorced
        3  Separated
        4  Widowed
        5  Single
        6  Other (specify ...)

    PROPERTIES
       Item type: Single input item
       Content type: numeric
       Input codes: 1,2,3,4,5,6,r
       Missing-data codes: 9,9,r

    WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
       Go to the next item: ideo
```

ideo: Social ideology

```
[cyan]When it comes to social issues, do you usually think of yourself as extremely
liberal, liberal, slightly liberal, moderate or middle of the road, slightly
conservative, conservative, or extremely conservative?[white]
<1> Extremely liberal
<2> Liberal
<3> Slightly liberal
<4> Moderate or middle of the road
<5> Slightly conservative
<6> Conservative
<7> Extremely conservative [green]
<d> Do not know
<r> Refused
 @

    VALUE  LABEL
        1  Extremely liberal
        2  Liberal
        3  Slightly liberal
        4  Moderate or middle of the road
        5  Slightly conservative
        6  Conservative
        7  Extremely conservative

    PROPERTIES
       Item type: Single input item
       Content type: numeric
       Input codes: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,d,r
       Missing-data codes: 8,9,8,9,d,r

    WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
       Go to the next item: party
```

party: Political party

```
[cyan]Generally speaking, when it comes to political parties in the
United States, how would you best describe yourself?[green]

Interviewer: If Democrat or Republican, probe on whether strong, not very
strong.  If Independent, probe if closer to Democrat or Republican, or closer
to neither.[white]

<1> Strong Democrat
<2> Not very strong Democrat
<3> Independent, close to Democrat
<4> Independent (close to Neither)
<5> Independent, close to Republican
<6> Not very strong Republican
<7> Strong Republican
<8> Other party affiliation (specify ...)[green]       [specify]
<d> Do not know
<r> Refused
 @

    VALUE  LABEL
        1  Strong Democrat
        2  Not very strong Democrat
        3  Independent, close to Democrat
        4  Independent (close to Neither)
        5  Independent, close to Republican
        6  Not very strong Republican
        7  Strong Republican
        8  Other party affiliation (specify ...)

    PROPERTIES
       Item type: Single input item
       Content type: numeric
       Input codes: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,d,r
       Missing-data codes: 88,99,88,99,d,r

    WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
       Go to the next item: MJCq1
```

educ: Education level

```
[cyan]What is the last grade or class that you completed in school?[white]
<1> None or grades 1-8
<2> High school incomplete (grades 9-11)
<3> High school graduate (grade 12 or GED certificate)
<4> Technical, trade, or vocational school [yellow]after[white] high school
<5> Some college, no 4-year degree (including 2 year Associate Degree)
<6> College graduate (BS, BA, or other 4-year degree)
<7> Post-graduate training or professional schooling after college
      (e.g. toward a Master's Degree, PhD or law/medical degree)[green]
<r> Refused
 @

    VALUE  LABEL
        1  None or grades 1-8
        2  High school incomplete (grades 9-11)
        3  High school graduate (grade 12 or GED certificate)
        4  Technical, trade, or vocational school
        5  Some college, no 4-year degree (including 2 year Associate Degree)
        6  College graduate (BS, BA, or other 4-year degree)
        7  Post-graduate training or professional schooling after college

    PROPERTIES
       Item type: Single input item
       Content type: numeric
       Input codes: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,r
       Missing-data codes: 9,8,9,r

    WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
       Go to the next item: hisp
```

hisp: Hispanic or Latino

```
[cyan]Are you, yourself, of Hispanic origin or descent, such as Mexican,
Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background? [white]
<1> Yes
<0> No [green]
<d> Do not know
<r> Refused
 @

    VALUE  LABEL
        0  No
        1  Yes

    PROPERTIES
       Item type: Single input item
       Content type: numeric
       Input codes: 1,0,d,r
       Missing-data codes: 8,9,8,9,d,r

    WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
       Go to the next item: race_err
```

race@a: White - Race

```
[cyan]What best describes your race?  Please tell me yes or no for each of
the following: [white]

White or Caucasian ........... @a

    VALUE  LABEL
        0  No
        1  Yes

    PROPERTIES
       Item type: Input item on a form
       Content type: numeric
       Input codes: 0,1,d,r
       Missing-data codes: 8,9,8,9,d,r

    WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
       Go to the next item: race@b
```

race@b: African-American - Race

```
[cyan]What best describes your race?  Please tell me yes or no for each of
the following: [white]

Black or African-American .... @b

    VALUE  LABEL
        0  No
        1  Yes

    PROPERTIES
       Item type: Input item on a form
       Content type: numeric
       Input codes: 0,1,d,r
       Missing-data codes: 8,9,8,9,d,r

    WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
       Go to the next item: race@c
```

race@c: Native American - Race

```
[cyan]What best describes your race?  Please tell me yes or no for each of
the following: [white]

American Indian, Aleut, Eskimo @c

    VALUE  LABEL
        0  No
        1  Yes

    PROPERTIES
       Item type: Input item on a form
       Content type: numeric
       Input codes: 0,1,d,r
       Missing-data codes: 8,9,8,9,d,r

    WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
       Go to the next item: race@d
```

race@d: Asian - Race

```
[cyan]What best describes your race?  Please tell me yes or no for each of
the following: [white]

Asian or Pacific Islander .... @d

    VALUE  LABEL
        0  No
        1  Yes

    PROPERTIES
       Item type: Input item on a form
       Content type: numeric
       Input codes: 0,1,d,r
       Missing-data codes: 8,9,8,9,d,r

    WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
       Go to the next item: race@e
```

race@e: Other - Race

```
[cyan]What best describes your race?  Please tell me yes or no for each of
the following: [white]

Other race (specify ...) ..... @e

    VALUE  LABEL
        0  No
        1  Yes (specify ...)

    PROPERTIES
       Item type: Input item on a form
       Content type: numeric
       Input codes: 0,1,d,r
       Missing-data codes: 8,9,8,9,d,r

    WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
       Go to the next item: race_chk
```

relig: Religious affiliation

```
[cyan]What is your religious preference?  Is it Protestant, Catholic,
Christian Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, some other religion or no religion?[white]
<1> Protestant
      [green]This includes: Baptist, Episcopal, Jehovah's Witness, Lutheran,
      Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Pentecostal, Church of Christ[white]
<2> Catholic
      [green]This includes: Roman Catholic[white]
<3> Christian Orthodox
      [green]This includes: Greek Orthodox, Russian Orthodox[white]
<4> Jewish
<5> Muslim
      [green]This includes: Islam / Islamic[white]
<6> Other [yellow]non-Christian[white] religion (specify ...)  [specify]
<7> No religion / Atheist / Agnostic [green]
<d> Do not know
<r> Refused
 @

    VALUE  LABEL
        1  Protestant
        2  Catholic
        3  Christian Orthodox
        4  Jewish
        5  Muslim
        6  Other
        7  No religion / Atheist / Agnostic

    PROPERTIES
       Item type: Single input item
       Content type: numeric
       Input codes: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,d,r
       Missing-data codes: 8,9,8,9,d,r

    WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
       Go to the next item: church
```

church: How often attend religious services

```
[cyan]Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services:
more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year,
seldom or never?[white]
<1> More than once a week
<2> Once a week
<3> Once or twice a month
<4> A few times a year
<5> Seldom
<6> Never [green]
<d> Do not know
<r> Refused
 @

    VALUE  LABEL
        1  More than once a week
        2  Once a week
        3  Once or twice a month
        4  A few times a year
        5  Seldom
        6  Never

    PROPERTIES
       Item type: Single input item
       Content type: numeric
       Input codes: 1,2,3,4,5,6,d,r
       Missing-data codes: 8,9,8,9,d,r

    WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
       Go to the next item: hhsize_err
```

hhsize@a: # adults 65+ in household

```
[cyan]How many total people, [yellow]including yourself[cyan], in your household are:

Adults 65 and older @a

    PROPERTIES
       Item type: Input item on a form
       Content type: numeric
       Input codes: 0-10,r
       Missing-data codes: 99,99,88,r

    WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
       Go to the next item: hhsize@b
```

hhsize@b: # adults 18-64 in household

```
[cyan]How many total people, [yellow]including yourself[cyan], in your household are:

Adults 18-64 ...... @b

    PROPERTIES
       Item type: Input item on a form
       Content type: numeric
       Input codes: 0-10,r
       Missing-data codes: 99,99,88,r

    WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
       Go to the next item: hhsize@c
```

hhsize@c: # children in household

```
[cyan]How many total people, [yellow]including yourself[cyan], in your household are:

Children (under 18) @c

    PROPERTIES
       Item type: Input item on a form
       Content type: numeric
       Input codes: 0-10,r
       Missing-data codes: 99,99,88,r

    WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
       Go to the next item: hhsize_chk
```

hhince: Exact household income

```
[cyan]Finally, for statistical purposes, last year (that is in 2008) what was your
total household income from all sources, before taxes?[green]

Interviewer: The the maximum is $1,000,000.  If the R's income is greater, just
enter it as $1,000,000.[green]

<0-1000000> dollars
<d> Do not know        [goto hhinc50k]
<r> Refused            [goto hhinc50k]
 @

      VALUE  LABEL
          0  dollars
    1000000  dollars

    PROPERTIES
       Item type: Single input item
       Content type: numeric
       Input codes: 0-1000000,d,r
       Missing-data codes: 8888888,9999999,8888888,9999999,d,r

    WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
       Based on the value of this item:
          Go to hhinc50k if this item = d
          Go to hhinc50k if this item = r
       Otherwise go to the next item: hhinc
```

hhinc50k: Over/Under $50k - Household income

```
[cyan]Instead of a specific number, please tell me if your total household income
in 2008 was under or over $50,000.[white]
<1> Under $50,000              [goto hhincu]
<2> $50,000 or over [green]    [goto hhinco]
<d> Do not know                [goto hhinc]
<r> Refused                    [goto hhinc]
 @

    VALUE  LABEL
        1  Under $50,000
        2  $50,000 or over

    PROPERTIES
       Item type: Single input item
       Content type: numeric
       Input codes: 1,2,d,r
       Missing-data codes: 88,99,88,99,d,r

    WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
       Based on the value of this item:
          Go to hhincu if this item = 1
          Go to hhinco if this item = 2
          Go to hhinc if this item = d
          Go to hhinc if this item = r
       Otherwise go to the next item: hhincu
```

hhincu: Range under $50k - Household income

```
[cyan]And was it:[white]
<1> Less than $10,000
<2> 10 to under $20,000
<3> 20 to under $30,000
<4> 30 to under $40,000
<5> 40 to under $50,000 [green]
<d> Do not know
<r> Refused
 @ [goto hhinc]

    VALUE  LABEL
        1  Less than $10,000
        2  10 to under $20,000
        3  20 to under $30,000
        4  30 to under $40,000
        5  40 to under $50,000

    PROPERTIES
       Item type: Single input item
       Content type: numeric
       Input codes: 1,2,3,4,5,d,r
       Missing-data codes: 88,99,88,99,d,r

    WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
       Go to the next item: hhinco
```

hhinco: Range over $50k - Household income

```
[cyan]And was it:[white]
<6> 50 to under $75,000
<7> 75 to under $100,000
<8> 100 to under $150,000
<9> $150,000 or more [green]
<d> Do not know
<r> Refused
 @ [goto hhinc]

    VALUE  LABEL
        6  50 to under $75,000
        7  75 to under $100,000
        8  100 to under $150,000
        9  $150,000 or more

    PROPERTIES
       Item type: Single input item
       Content type: numeric
       Input codes: 6,7,8,9,d,r
       Missing-data codes: 88,99,88,99,d,r

    WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
       Go to the next item: hhinc
```

hhinc: Household income - Coded value

```
    PROPERTIES
       Item type: Single non-input item -- commands only
       Content type: numeric

    WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
       Go to the next item: gender
```

gender: Gender

```
[green]Interviewer: Record the respondent's gender but don't read
this statement or the options.

<1> Male
<2> Female
<d> Do not know
<r> Refused
 @

    VALUE  LABEL
        1  Male
        2  Female

    PROPERTIES
       Item type: Single input item
       Content type: numeric
       Input codes: 1,2,d,r
       Missing-data codes: 8,9,8,9,d,r

    WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
       Go to the next item: contact
```