Doshisha American Voter Survey 2016 Codebook

Population: U.S. citizens age 18 or older.

Sample: A quota sample for the strata of age, gender, and region consisting of 629 respondents aged 18 or older that were selected from a panel of people registered with Qualtrics.

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In which state do you currently reside? (state)

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| 1 | Alabama | 18 | Louisiana | 35 | Ohio |
| 2 | Alaska | 19 | Maine | 36 | Oklahoma |
| 3 | Arizona | 20 | Maryland | 37 | Oregon |
| 4 | Arkansas | 21 | Massachusetts | 38 | Pennsylvania |
| 5 | California | 22 | Michigan | 39 | Rhode Island |
| 6 | Colorado | 23 | Minnesota | 40 | South Carolina |
| 7 | Connecticut | 24 | Mississippi | 41 | South Dakota |
| 8 | Delaware | 25 | Missouri | 42 | Tennessee |
| 9 | Florida | 26 | Montana | 43 | Texas |
| 10 | Georgia | 27 | Nebraska | 44 | Utah |
| 11 | Hawaii | 28 | Nevada | 45 | Vermont |
| 12 | Idaho | 29 | New Hampshire | 46 | Virginia |
| 13 | Illinois | 30 | New Jersey | 47 | Washington |
| 14 | Indiana | 31 | New Mexico | 48 | West Virginia |
| 15 | Iowa | 32 | New York | 49 | Wisconsin |
| 16 | Kansas | 33 | North Carolina | 50 | Wyoming |
| 17 | Kentucky | 34 | North Dakota |  |  |

What is your gender? (gender)

1. Male

2. Female

What is your age? (age)

1. Under 18 years

2. 18 to 29 years

3. 30 to 39 years

4. 40 to 49 years

5. 50 to 59 years

6. 60 to 69 years

7. 70 years or over

In talking to people about elections, we often find that a lot of people were not able to vote because they weren't registered, they were sick, or they just didn't have time.

How about you? Did you vote for a candidate for President in the elections this November? (turnout)

1. Yes, voted

2. No, didn't vote

Who did you vote for? (vchoice2016)

1. Hillary Clinton

2. Donald Trump

3. Other

Who did you vote for in the 2012 presidential election? (vchoice2012)

1. Barack Obama

2. Mitt Romney

3. Didn't vote

4. Don't remember

When it comes to politics, would you describe yourself as liberal, conservative, or neither liberal nor conservative? (ideo)

1. Liberal

2. Conservative

3. Neither liberal nor conservative

If you consider yourself liberal, would you consider yourself very liberal or somewhat liberal? (ideo\_l)

1. Very liberal

2. Somewhat liberal

If you consider yourself conservative, would you consider yourself very conservative or somewhat conservative? (ideo\_c)

1. Very conservative

2. Somewhat conservative

Do you think of yourself as closer to liberals, to conservatives, or neither of these? (ideo\_m)

1. Closer to liberals

2. Closer to conservatives

3. Neither of them

Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or other? (pid)

1. Democrat

2. Republican

3. Independent

4. Other

Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party or closer to the Democratic Party? (pid\_i)

1. Closer to the Democratic Party

2. Closer to the Republican Party

3. Neither

Considering the economy of the country as a whole, would you say that as compared to one year ago, the nation’s economy is now better, about the same, or worse? (econ)

1. Better

2. About the same

3. Worse

Which, if any, of these things have you done during this year? (Check all that apply)

Served as an officer of any political organization (up1)

Worked for a political party (up2)

Served on a committee of some local organization (up3)

Attended a public meeting on town or school affairs (up4)

Attended a political rally or speech (up5)

Made a political speech (up6)

Wrote to a member of Congress (up7)

Signed a petition (up8)

Was a member of some "better government" group (up9)

Held or ran for political office (up10)

Made a contribution to candidates or political parties (up11)

Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements? Mark one answer on each row.

1. Strongly agree

2. Somewhat agree

3. Neither agree nor disagree

4. Somewhat disagree

5. Strongly disagree

All trade barriers should be removed to foster international competition. (issue1)

The Federal Government should guarantee health insurance to every American. (issue2)

The Federal Government should tax the rich to help the poor. (issue3)

Gay marriage should be legal, with the same rights as traditional marriage. (issue4)

Abortion should be legal under all circumstances. (issue5)

People should have a right to own a gun. (issue6)

The United States should withdraw its troops from other countries. (issue7)

The Federal Government should enact a stricter immigration policy. (issue8)

Do you think it is most beneficial for the future of the U.S. to take an active part in world affairs or to stay out of world affairs? (intv)

1. Active part

2. Stayout

At the present time, which nation do you feel is stronger in terms of military power, the

U.S. or China? Or do you think they are about equal militarily? (usch\_m)

1. U.S.

2. China

3. About equal

At the present time, which nation do you feel is stronger in terms of economic power, the U.S. or China? Or do you think they are about equal economically? (usch\_e)

1. U.S.

2. China

3. About equal

< Randomly asked one of three questions below>

Some people say that the alliance with Japan is still essential to U.S. security. But others say that the alliance with Japan is not worth maintaining anymore. Do you favor or oppose maintaining the alliance with Japan? (usjpn\_c)

1. Strongly favor

2. Somewhat favor

3. Neither favor nor oppose

4. Somewhat oppose

5. Strongly oppose

Some people say that the alliance with Japan is still essential to U.S. security. But others say that the alliance with Japan is not worth maintaining anymore because of its unfair economic burden sharing. Do you favor or oppose maintaining the alliance with Japan? (usjpn\_1)

1. Strongly favor

2. Somewhat favor

3. Neither favor nor oppose

4. Somewhat oppose

5. Strongly oppose

Some people say that the alliance with Japan is still essential to U.S. security. But others say that the alliance with Japan is not worth maintaining anymore because of its unfair defense burden sharing. Do you favor or oppose maintaining the alliance with Japan? (usjpn\_2)

1. Strongly favor

2. Somewhat favor

3. Neither favor nor oppose

4. Somewhat oppose

5. Strongly oppose

There has been some discussion about the circumstances that might justify using US troops in other parts of the world. Would you favor or oppose the use of US troops if China initiates a military conflict with Japan over disputed islands? (senkaku)

1. Strongly favor

2. Somewhat favor

3. Neither favor nor oppose

4. Somewhat oppose

5. Strongly oppose

<Randomly asked one of three questions below>

Some people say that free trade is essential to U.S. prosperity. But others say that free trade is bad for the U.S. economy. Do you favor or oppose the free trade agreement with eleven countries in Asia and Latin America called the Trans-Pacific Partnership? (tpp\_c)

1. Strongly favor

2. Somewhat favor

3. Neither favor nor oppose

4. Somewhat oppose

5. Strongly oppose

Some people say that free trade is essential to U.S. prosperity. But others say that free trade is bad for the U.S. economy because it takes jobs away from domestic workers. Do you favor or oppose the free trade agreement with eleven countries in Asia and Latin America called the Trans-Pacific Partnership? (tpp\_1)

1. Strongly favor

2. Somewhat favor

3. Neither favor nor oppose

4. Somewhat oppose

5. Strongly oppose

Some people say that free trade is essential to U.S. prosperity. But others say that free trade is bad for the U.S. economy because it only causes trade deficits. Do you favor or oppose the free trade agreement with eleven countries in Asia and Latin America called the Trans-Pacific Partnership? (tpp\_2)

1. Strongly favor

2. Somewhat favor

3. Neither favor nor oppose

4. Somewhat oppose

5. Strongly oppose

To what extent do you agree with the saying: “Nothing ventured, nothing gained.” (risk)

1. Strongly agree

2. Somewhat agree

3. Neither agree nor disagree

4. Somewhat disagree

5. Strongly disagree

If two equally qualified candidates were running for office, one a man and the other a woman, do you think you would be more inclined to vote for the man or the woman? (gs1)

1. Man

2. Neutral

3. Woman

To what extent do you agree with the saying: “Most men are better suited emotionally for politics than are most women.” (gs2)

1. Strongly agree

2. Somewhat agree

3. Neither agree nor disagree

4. Somewhat disagree

5. Strongly disagree

Please tell me who you think would probably do a better job of handling these issues in Congress: a man or a woman.

1. Man

2. Neutral

3. Woman

Protecting social security (gs3a)

Handling foreign affairs (gs3b)

Dealing with the crime problem (gs3c)

Now please tell me who would be more likely to take these positions in Congress: a man or a woman.

1. Man

2. Neutral

3. Woman

Change politics as usual (gs4a)

Take your position on government spending (gs4b)

Take your position on abortion (gs4c)

What is your race? (race)

1. White/Caucasian

2. African American

3. Hispanic

4. Asian

5. Native American

6. Pacific Islander

7. Other

8. Don't know

What is the highest level of education you have completed? (edu)

1. Less than High School

2. High School / GED

3. Some College

4. Two-year College Degree

5. Four-year College Degree

6. Master’s Degree

7. Doctoral Degree

8. Professional Degree (JD, MD)

9. Don't know

What is your annual household income? (hincome)

1. Less than $30,000

2. $30,000 - $39,999

3. $40,000 - $49,999

4. $50,000 - $59,999

5. $60,000 - $69,999

6. $70,000 - $79,999

7. $80,000 - $89,999

8. $90,000 - $99,999

9. $100,000 or more

10. Don’t know

What is your religion? (reli)

1. Protestant Christian

2. Catholic

3. Jewish

4. Muslim

5. Buddhist

6. Other

7. Atheist

8. Don’t know

Would you describe yourself as a born-again or evangelical Christian? (eva)

1. Yes

2. No

3. Don't know