Doshisha American Voter Survey 2017 Codebook

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

Sample: A quota sample for the strata of age, gender, and region consisting of 631 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

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president? (joba)

5. Strongly approve

4. Somewhat approve

3. Neither approve nor disapprove

2. Some what disapprove

1. Strongly disapprove

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)

< Randomly asked one of two questions below>

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? (media\_c)

Mass media in the United States are dishonest and corrupt. Throughout history many great presidents opposed the media.

5. Strongly agree

4. Somewhat agree

3. Neither agree nor disagree

2. Somewhat disagree

1. Strongly disagree

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? (media\_t)

Mass media in the United States are dishonest and corrupt. Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson, Abraham Lincoln, and many other great presidents opposed the media.

5. Strongly agree

4. Somewhat agree

3. Neither agree nor disagree

2. Somewhat disagree

1. Strongly disagree

< Randomly asked one of two questions below>

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? (amateur\_c)

An individual from a non-political background can better serve the public than professional politicians. In fact, many great politicians were not professional politicians.

5. Strongly agree

4. Somewhat agree

3. Neither agree nor disagree

2. Somewhat disagree

1. Strongly disagree

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? (amateur\_t)

An individual from a non-political background can better serve the public than professional politicians. In fact, the Founding Fathers of the United States were not professional politicians.

5. Strongly agree

4. Somewhat agree

3. Neither agree nor disagree

2. Somewhat disagree

1. Strongly disagree

< Randomly asked one of two questions below>

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? (trade\_c)

Domestic industries in the United States should be protected against low-priced, imported goods from foreign countries. The abandonment of protective policies by the government will ruin the people.

5. Strongly agree

4. Somewhat agree

3. Neither agree nor disagree

2. Somewhat disagree

1. Strongly disagree

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? (trade\_t)

Domestic industries in the United States should be protected against low-priced, imported goods from foreign countries. Abraham Lincoln warned that the abandonment of protective policies by the government would ruin the people.

5. Strongly agree

4. Somewhat agree

3. Neither agree nor disagree

2. Somewhat disagree

1. Strongly disagree

< Randomly asked one of two questions below>

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? (immigration\_c)

The United States should allow only skilled workers to immigrate. Those who acquire the right of citizenship without adding to the strength or wealth of the community are not the people we want.

5. Strongly agree

4. Somewhat agree

3. Neither agree nor disagree

2. Somewhat disagree

1. Strongly disagree

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? (immigration\_t)

The United States should allow only skilled workers to immigrate. James Madison argued that those who acquire the right of citizenship without adding to the strength or wealth of the community are not the people we want.

5. Strongly agree

4. Somewhat agree

3. Neither agree nor disagree

2. Somewhat disagree

1. Strongly disagree

< Randomly asked one of two questions below>

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? (antiest\_c)

The corrupt political establishment is the greatest power behind radical globalization and the disenfranchisement of working people. Such a political regime has to be replaced with a new government run by the common man.

5. Strongly agree

4. Somewhat agree

3. Neither agree nor disagree

2. Somewhat disagree

1. Strongly disagree

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? (antiest\_t)

The corrupt political establishment is the greatest power behind radical globalization and the disenfranchisement of working people. Such a political regime has to be replaced with a “government of the people, by the people, for the people.”

5. Strongly agree

4. Somewhat agree

3. Neither agree nor disagree

2. Somewhat disagree

1. Strongly disagree

Below are a set of questions on politics.

According to the U.S. Constitution, who can coin money? (k\_coin)

1. The President

2. The Congress

3. The Supreme Court

4. The Federal Reserve Board

5. Don't know

Which right of the people does the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution protect? (k\_2nd)

1. The right to peaceably assemble

2. The right to keep and bear arms

3. The right to be secure against unreasonable searches and seizures

4. The right to alter or abolish a government

5. Don't know

According to the U.S. Constitution, who holds the power to declare war? (k\_war)

1. The President

2. The Congress

3. The Supreme Court

4. The Secretary of Defense

5. Don't know

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

3. Don’t know (3)

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

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)

5. Strongly favor

4. Somewhat favor

3. Neither favor nor oppose

2. Somewhat oppose

1. 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)

5. Strongly favor

4. Somewhat favor

3. Neither favor nor oppose

2. Somewhat oppose

1. 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

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