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CODEBOOK INTRODUCTION FILE
1948 PRE-POST STUDY
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AMERICAN NATIONAL ELECTION STUDIES:
THE 1948 MINOR ELECTION STUDY

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- >> 1948 STUDY DESCRIPTION

THE 1948 ELECTION STUDY WAS CONDUCTED BY THE SURVEY RESEARCH CENTER UNDER THE DIRECTION OF DR. ROBERT L. KAHN AND UNDER THE GENERAL SUPERVISION OF DR. ANGUS CAMPBELL. THE STUDY CONTAINS DATA FROM TWO NATION-WIDE SURVEYS CONDUCTED DURING OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER OF 1948. THE FIRST OF THESE SURVEYS (S41) WAS NOT PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH THE ELECTION; ITS MAJOR FOCUS WAS ON PUBLIC ATTITUDES REGARDING AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SOME MEASURE OF DEGREE OF POLITICAL INTEREST AND OF GENERAL POLITICAL ORIENTATION, RESPONDENTS WERE ASKED IF THEY WERE GOING TO VOTE IN THE 1948 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AND FOR WHAT PARTY THEY PLANNED TO VOTE. THESE TWO QUESTIONS PLUS FIVE CONCERNING AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY COMPRISE THE DATA FROM S41 INCLUDED IN THE CONSORTIUM'S 1948 ELECTION STUDY.

THE SECOND SURVEY (S46) WAS UNDERTAKEN IN NOVEMBER AFTER THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION HAD BEEN HELD, AND ONE OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY WAS TO GATHER DATA WHICH WOULD HELP ILLUMINATE SOME OF THE PERPLEXITIES OF THE PRESIDENTIAL VOTE. THE STUDY WAS DESIGNED TO EXAMINE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC VOTERS, THE IMPORTANCE OF VARIOUS NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AND THE EFFECTS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGNS ON VOTING BEHAVIOR. INTERVIEWERS ASKED RESPONDENTS BOTH CLOSED AND OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS IN BOTH SURVEYS.

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ANALYSIS OF THE DATA COLLECTED IN S41 AND S46 CAN BE FOUND IN THE REPORT PUBLISHED BY THE SURVEY RESEARCH CENTER (UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN) IN APRIL OF 1949:
A STUDY OF THE PRESIDENTIAL VOTE: NOVEMBER OF 1948.

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>> 1948 SAMPLING INFORMATION

INDIVIDUALS INTERVIEWED WERE A REPRESENTATIVE CROSS-SECTION OF THE UNITED STATES ADULT POPULATION LIVING IN PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS. THE SAMPLE WAS SELECTED BY AREA SAMPLING. THE 662 INTERVIEWS CAME FROM 32 SAMPLE POINTS - 27 WIDELY SCATTERED COUNTIES PLUS 5 OF THE TWELVE LARGEST METROPOLITAN AREAS, EACH OF THE LATTER INCLUDING SEVERAL COUNTIES. IN EACH SAMPLE POINT SEVERAL COMMUNITIES WERE SELECTED. WITHIN EACH SAMPLE CITY OR TOWN SAMPLE BLOCKS WERE SELECTED AT RANDOM. FOR CITIES WITH POPULATIONS OF 50,000 OR MORE, CENSUS STATISTICS SHOWING AVERAGE RENTAL VALUE WERE AVAILABLE FOR EACH BLOCK, AND THIS INFORMATION WAS USED AS A BASIS FOR STRATIFICATION OF THE BLOCKS. A RANDOM SAMPLE OF DWELLING UNITS WAS TAKEN FROM THESE BLOCKS, AND ONE PERSON FROM EACH HOUSEHOLD WAS INTERVIEWED.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS IN THE 1948 ELECTION STUDY IS 662.

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>> 1948 PROCESSING INFORMATION

THE STUDY WAS PROCESSED ACCORDING TO ICPSR STANDARD PROCESSING PROCEDURES; THE CODE CATEGORIES WERE RECODED TO ELIMINATE AMPS AND DASHES AND TO CONFORM TO ICPSR STANDARDIZED CODES WHERE APPLICABLE, AND THE DATA WERE CHECKED FOR INCONSISTENT AND ILLEGAL CODES. THE LATTER WERE CORRECTED BY REFERRING BACK TO THE ORIGINAL INTERVIEW SCHEDULES.

IN USING THIS CODEBOOK SEVERAL FEATURES SHOULD BE NOTED. THE FIRST IS THAT THE TENS DIGITS OF MOST TWO DIGIT CODES CAN BE MEANINGFULLY USED ALONE. ANOTHER IS THAT A VARIABLE NAME PRECEDED BY AN X DESIGNATES A VARIABLE DEPENDENT ON SOME OTHER VARIABLE DUE TO THE STRUCTURE OF THE INTERVIEW SCHEDULE.

EACH VARIABLE IS HEADED BY A "VARIABLE NAME" WHICH, IN MOST CASES, CONTAINS SEVERAL ABBREVIATED WORDS. IF NECESSARY THESE ABBREVIATIONS CAN BE TRANSLATED BY REFERRING TO THE NAME AS IT APPEARS IN ITS UNABBREVIATED FORM IN THE TABLE OF CONTENTS BELOW. THE DATA COLLECTED IN THE PRE-ELECTION STUDY (S41) HAVE A "41-" PRECEDING THE VARIABLE NAMES.

EACH VARIABLE IS GIVEN A "VARIABLE NUMBER" AND A "REFERENCE NUMBER" WHICH IN THIS CODEBOOK ARE IDENTICAL. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO IS NOT MATERIAL EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF FUTURE CUSTOM CODEBOOKS. CERTAIN CODES ARE LABELED MISSING DATA CODES ("MD"). THIS INFORMATION IS USED BY SOME ISR ANALYSIS PROGRAMS. THIS IS THE ONLY MEANING OR USE OF THIS SPECIFICATION; IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE USER SHOULD NOT OR CANNOT USE THESE CODES IN A SUBSTANTIVE ROLE IF HE SO DESIRES. "GE," USED IN THE SPECIFICATION OF MISSING DATA CODES, MEANS "GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO." PLEASE NOTE THAT, IN ANY CASE, FOR MANY USERS THE ONLY CRUCIAL INFORMATION IN THE VARIABLE HEADER IS THE DECK AND COLUMN NUMBER, WHICH ARE FOUND ON THE THIRD LINE ON THE RIGHT.

□>> 1948 CODEBOOK INFORMATION

The following example from the 1948 NES study provides the standard format for codebook variable documentation.

Note that NES studies which are not part of the Time-Series usually omit marginals and the descriptive content in lines 2-5 (except for variable name).

Line

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1  =====
2  VAR 480026   NAME-R NOT VT-WAS R REG TO VT
3              COLUMNS 61   - 61
4              NUMERIC
5              MD=0 OR GE 8
6
7              Q. 17.  (IF R DID NOT VOTE)  WERE YOU REGISTERED (ELIGIBLE)
8              TO VOTE.
9              .....
10
11             82           1.  YES
12             149          2.  NO
13
14             0           8.  DK
15             9           9.  NA
16             422          0.  INAP., R VOTED

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Line 2 - VARIABLE NAME. Note that in the codebook the variable name (usually a 'number') does not include the "V" prefix which is used in the release SAS and SPSS data definition files (.sas and .sps files) for all variables including those which do not have 'number' names. For example the variable "VERSION" in the codebook is "VVERSION" in the data definition

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files.

- Line 2 - "NAME". This is the variable label used in the SAS and SPSS data definition files (.sas and .sps files). Some codebooks exclude this.
- Line 3 - COLUMNS. Columns in the ASCII data file (.dat file).
- Line 4 - CHARACTER OR NUMERIC. If numeric and the variable is a decimal rather than integer variable, the number of decimal places is also indicated (e.g. "NUMERIC DEC 4")
- Line 5 - Values which are assigned to missing by default in the Study's SAS and and SPSS data definition files (.sas and .sps files).
- Line 7 - Actual question text for survey variables or a description of non-survey variables (for example, congressional district). Survey items usually include the question number (for example "Bla.") from the Study questionnaire; beginning in 1996 non-survey items also have unique item numbers (for example "CSheet.1").
- Line 9 - Adashed or dotted line usually separates question text from any other documentation which follows.
- Line 10- When present, annotation provided by Study staff is presented below the question text/description and preceding code values.

Lines 11-16
 Code values are listed with descriptive labels. Valid codes (those not having 'missing' status in line 5) are presented first, followed by the values described in line 5. For continuous variables, one line may appear providing the range of possible values. A blank line usually separates the 'valid' and 'missing' values.

Lines 11-16
 Marginals are usually provided for discrete variables. The counts may be unweighted or weighted; check the Study codebook introductory text to determine weight usage.

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 >> 1948 VARIABLE DESCRIPTION LIST

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VARIABLE	VARIABLE LABEL
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VERSION	NES VERSION NUMBER
DSETNO	NES DATASET NUMBER
480001	ICPSR ARCHIVE NUMBER
480002	INTERVIEW NUMBER
480003	POPULATION CLASSIFICATION
	CODING AND INTERVIEWING INFORMATION
480004	CODER

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480005 NUMBER OF CALLS TO RESPONDENT
480006 RESPONDENT REMEMBER PREVIOUS INTERVIEW
480007 INTERVIEWER INTERVIEW THIS RESPONDENT
480008 PREVIOUS PRE-ELECTION RESPONDENT REINTERVIEWED
480009 RESPONDENT INTERVIEW IN PRE- AND POST-ELECTION

POST-ELECTION QUESTIONS

480010 RENT CONTROL KEPT OR DROPPED
480011 GOVERNMENT CONTROL PRICES
480012 WHAT TO DO WITH TAFT-HARTLEY ACT
480013 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION OUTCOME SURPRISE
480014 WHY PEOPLE VOTED FOR TRUMAN
480015 WHY PEOPLE VOTED AGAINST TRUMAN
480016 WHY PEOPLE VOTED FOR DEWEY
480017 WHY PEOPLE VOTED AGAINST DEWEY
480018 DID RESPONDENT VOTE AND FOR WHOM
480019 WHEN DECIDE FOR WHOM TO VOTE
480020 CONSIDER VOTE FOR SOMEONE ELSE
480021 XWHY DID NOT VOTE FOR HIM
480022 WHY VOTE THE WAY YOU DID
480023 VOTED STRAIGHT TICKET
480024 RESPONDENT NOT VOTE--IF VOTE, FOR WHOM
480025 RESPONDENT NOT VOTE--WHY DID NOT VOTE
480026 RESPONDENT NOT VOTE--WAS RESPONDENT REGISTERED
TO VOTE
480027 VOTED IN PREVIOUS PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
480028 VOTED FOR WHOM IN 1944
480029 OCCUPATION OF HEAD
480030 HEAD BELONG TO LABOR UNION
480031 GROUPS IDENTIFIED WITH TRUMAN
480032 GROUPS IDENTIFIED WITH DEWEY
480033 ISSUES CONNECTED WITH TRUMAN
480034 ISSUES CONNECTED WITH DEWEY
480035 PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES OF TRUMAN
480036 PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES OF DEWEY
480037 CAMPAIGN INCIDENTS MENTIONED

PRE-ELECTION QUESTIONS

480038 41-PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION PLAN TO VOTE
480039 41-PLAN TO VOTE REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT
480040 41-UNITED STATES CONCERN WITH OTHERS
480041 41-SATISFIED WITH UNITED STATES TOWARD RUSSIA
480042 41-INFORMATION LEVEL
480043 41-UNITED STATES GIVE IN AGREEMENT WITH RUSSIA
480044 41-UNITED STATES--RUSSIA AGREEMENT THROUGH UNITED
NATIONS

PERSONAL DATA

480045 SEX OF RESPONDENT
480046 RACE OF RESPONDENT
480047 AGE OF RESPONDENT
480048 EDUCATION OF RESPONDENT
480049 TOTAL 1948 INCOME
480050 RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE