

## **Bibliographic Citation for the SDA Version of the 2021 GSS**

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GSS recommends that users include one of the following statements when reporting on the GSS 2021 Cross-section data:

### **Total Survey Error Summary Perspective for the 2021 GSS Cross-section:**

Changes in opinions, attitudes, and behaviors observed in 2021 relative to historical trends may be due to actual change in concept over time and/or may have resulted from methodological changes made to the survey methodology during the COVID-19 global pandemic.

### **Suggested Statement to Include in Articles and Reports That Use GSS Data:**

To safeguard the health of staff and respondents during the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 GSS data collection used a mail-to-web methodology instead of its traditional in-person interviews. Research and interpretation done using the data should take extra care to ensure the analysis reflects actual changes in public opinion and is not unduly influenced by the change in data collection methods. For more information on the 2021 GSS methodology and its implications, please visit <https://gss.norc.org/Get-The-Data>