Release Notes for GSS 1972-2021 Release 3b
(February 2023)

Datafile Release Notes

GSS Years Affected	Variables	Issue in the Previous Release	Fix in the Current Release
2021	GIVCABNT, GIVCLERK, GIVDOC, GIVEXEC, GIVUNSKL, PAYCABNT, PAYCLERK, PAYDOC, PAYEXEC, PAYUNSKL	These variables were previously top coded to 10,000,000 with the label "$10 million or more." Upon further review of these variables, we have decided to provide the reported values for all cases exceeding 10 million for the 2021 data.	Original values over 10 million reported
2021	CANTRUST	75 cases were miscoded to 5	Recoded to .d

Release Notes for GSS 1972-2021 Release 3a
(January 2023)

Datafile Release Notes

GSS Years Affected	Variables	Issue in the Previous Release	Fix in the Current Release
1978-2021	VIETDRAFT	This variable takes an input of any date from 01/01/1945 to 12/31/1956 (the range of birth dates that were eligible for conscription during the Vietnam War) and reports whether respondents born on that date had a draft lottery number that meant that they would have been drafted to serve in the Vietnam War. For more information, please refer to the 2021 GSS Codebook.	Included
2021	EVSTRAY	Respondents in Ballot A have punch 3, 'never married' assigned to them programmatically, but are not ever asked EVSTRAY, as it is an item that does not appear on Ballot A. As a result, EVSTRAY appears to be available on all 3 ballots, but was only asked of respondents on Ballots B and C.	Recoded to .i
2021	ETHWORLD1-ETHWORLD9 ETHREGION1-ETHREGION96	The label for value 0, 'No', is missing.	Missing value label added
2018	OCC10	19 cases had values that did not correspond to any values in the Census Occupation Code 2010 framework. The coded values did not match verbatims supplied by respondents.	Coded to valid responses
2018	SPOCC10	246 cases had values that did not correspond to any values in the Census Occupation Code 2010 framework. The coded values did not match verbatims supplied by respondents.	Coded to valid responses
2018	PAOCC10	40 cases had values that did not correspond to any values in the Census Occupation Code 2010 framework. The coded values did not match verbatims supplied by respondents.	Coded to valid responses
2018	MAOCC10	7 cases had values that did not correspond to any values in the Census Occupation Code 2010 framework. The coded values did not match verbatims supplied by respondents.	Coded to valid responses

2018	INDUS10	1 case had a value that did not correspond to any values in the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) 2007 framework. The coded value did not match verbatim supplied by respondent.	Coded to valid response
1996	DECAUTO, DECBED, DECGIFT	The .p reserve code was assigned to "Not imputed" in a previous release. These variables, which previously used .p for "Not applicable (I have not faced this decision)", were not updated accordingly.	Recoded to .z
2014, 2018, 2021	HIVTEST1	13 value labels were missing corresponding to 145 cases.	Missing value labels added

Release Notes for GSS 1972-2021 Release 3
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Datafile Release Notes

GSS Years Affected	Variables	Issue in the Previous Release	Fix in the Current Release
2002, 2010, 2012, 2016, 2018	BALLOTFORMWT, BALLOTFORMWTNR	For these years, we found that there was a problem in assigning respondents to ballots and forms of the questionnaire. For more information, please refer to Methodological Report 134. To adjust the issue, we added new weight variables.	BALLOTFORMWT has updated values for WTSSALL that can fix the ballot and form issue in these years. BALLOTFORMWTNR has updated values for WTSSNR. For more information, please refer to Methodological Report 134 and the 2021 GSS Codebook.
All years except 1978, 1980, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985	FORMWT	FORMWT is a weight that fixes form assignment imbalances in 1978, 1980, 1982, 1983, 1984, and 1985 (for more information, please refer to Methodological Report 36). For other years, value 1 was assigned to make no impact on the data. However, this variable does not help to adjust the form and ballot imbalance uncovered in later years (2002, 2010, 2012, 2016, 2018). To make it clear to users, FORMWT is recoded to a missing value in those years it does not have an influence.	Recoded to missing values (.y or .x)
2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2018	WTSSPS	This is a post-stratification weight that was only available for 2021 in the previous release.	Post-stratification weight added for additional years, from 2000 through 2018. For more information, please refer to Methodological Report 135.
2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2018	WTSSNRPS	This is a post-stratification weight with adjustment for non-respondents, which was only available for 2021 in the previous release.	Post-stratification weight with adjustment for non-respondents added for additional years, from 2004 through 2018.
2016-2021	INCOME	700 cases were miscoded to Refused (.r) instead of the top code (12). An additional 28 cases were generally miscoded to an incorrect code.	Miscodes recoded to appropriate codes. (Note: This variable will be discontinued starting from GSS 2022)
2016-2021	RINCOME	228 cases were miscoded to Refused (.r) instead of the top code (12).	Recoded to 12 (Note: This variable will be discontinued starting from GSS 2022)
2021	SPWKSUP	One case miscoded to No (2); another case miscoded to .d	Recoded them to .i

2021	PISTOL, SHOTGUN, RIFLE	Those who responded "1: Yes" and "2: No" on OWNGUN were mostly miscoded to IAP (.i) on PISTOL, SHOTGUN, and RIFLE. Cases affected: • PISTOL: 2,746 • SHOTGUN: 2,766 • RIFLE: 2,738	Coded to valid responses (i.e., not IAP)
2021	INEQUAL6	Misnamed to PRFTIMPV	Renamed to INEQUAL6
2021	INEQUAL5, INEQUAL6	70 and 66 cases, respectively, were miscoded to 6	Recoded to .d
2021	DIPGED	Some cases were miscoded to incorrect codes (e.g., a false category of '9' was recoded, other recoding: 76 cases affected)	Recoded to appropriate codes
2021	SPREL	283 cases were miscoded to No Answer (.n)	Recoded to appropriate religion categories (mostly Protestants)
2021	MARCOHRT	All 4032 cases were miscoded to 0 instead of .i	Recoded to .i
2021	SCIBNFTS, SCIBNFTSV, SCIBNFTSNV	The second response option ("About equal") was explicitly offered on the web mode. On the phone mode, the "About equal" option was not offered, but it was still accepted as a valid response only if respondents voluntarily mentioned it. Despite the difference existed between the two survey modes, SCIBNFTS unintentionally combined data from both modes. In addition, SCIBNFTSNV (not offering "About equal" on the web) did not exist because "About equal" was always offered on the web.	SCIBNFTSNV dropped SCIBNFTSV now includes the phone cases. For phone cases, "2: About equal" was a volunteered response and the updated label displays this information ("phone mode only: volunteered").
2021	POLTRTBLKY, POLTRTB1, POLTRTB1Y, POLTRTB2, POLTRTB2Y	These are redundant variables because their information is already incorporated into POLTRTBLK.	Dropped
2021	POLTRTHSPY, POLTRTB3, POLTRTB3Y, POLTRTB4, POLTRTB4Y	These are redundant variables because their information is already incorporated into POLTRTHSP.	Dropped
1987, 2000, 2021	PAYBUS, PAYCABNT, PAYCLERK, PAYDOC, PAYEXEC, PAYFARM, PAYFCTRY,	• Top code (999,996) mislabeled as "$100,000 or more" when it was actually "$1 million or more" • Top code threshold is too low for variables like PAYEXEC in 2021	• Top code in 1987 & 2000 is corrected to 1,000,000 and labeled "$1 million (or more, 1987 & 2000)" • Top code for 2021 is now 10,000,000 for "$10 million or more"

		Code 999,997 has a code value below the top code, which can cause a confusion whether it is a legitimate dollar amount or it is a special code reserved for those who "Never worked."	• 999,997 is recoded to 99,999,997
	PAYJUDGE, PAYLAW, PAYMASON, PAYOWNER, PAYROCC, PAYSALES, PAYSEC, PAYSKILL, PAYUNSKL		
1987, 2000, 2021	GIVBUS, GIVCABNT, GIVCLERK, GIVDOC, GIVEXEC, GIVFARM, GIVFCTRY, GIVJUDGE, GIVLAW, GIVMASON, GIVOWNER, GIVROCC, GIVSALES, GIVSEC, GIVSKILL, GIVUNSKL	• Top code (999,996) mislabeled as "$100,000 or more" when it was actually $1 million or more • Top code threshold is too low for variables like GIVEXEC in 2021 • Codes 999,992 through 999,994 and 999,997 have code values below the top code, which can cause a confusion whether it is a legitimate dollar amount, or it is a special code reserved for "More than now paid," "Same as now paid," and "Less than now paid".	• Top code for 1987 & 2000 is corrected to 1,000,000 and labeled "$1 million (or more, 1987 & 2000)" • Top code for 2021 is now 10,000,000 for "$10 million or more" • 999,992 through 999,994 and 999,997 are recoded to 99,999,992 through 99,999,994 and 99,999,997
2021	CODEN, COEVWORK, COHRS1, COHRS2, COIND10, COJEW, COOCC10, COOTHER, COPRES10, COREL, COSEI10, COWRKSTA, DENOM16, EARNRS, FUND16, JEW16, OTH16, RELIG16, SPANENG, SPDEN, SPEVWORK, SPFUND, SPHRS1, SPHRS2, SPIND10, SPJEW, SPOCC10, SPOTHER, SPPRES10, SPSEI10, SPWRKSTA, WKSUB1, WKSUBS1, WKSUP1, WKSUPS1	Not released	Included
2002-2018	KISH	Not released	Included
All years	Various (list available upon request)	Over 600 variables had format labels in need of updating due to misspellings, inaccuracies, no or inappropriate assignment, or lack of standardization. Examples include:	Applied updated format labels

		• NUMFREND: Format for response 94 misspelled "number" as "numuber" • BLKWHITE: Formats for response 2 and 3 were mislabeled without the word "somewhat" • MAIND80: No formats were applied except for reserve codes • SEXNOW: Labels for "Male" and "Female" were flipped • VIOLBLKS: Format for response 1 mislabeled as "1 – not at all severe" instead of "violence-prone" with no format for response 7 which should have been "not violence-prone" • PROCHOIC: Format for response 4 included ", or" and response 5 included a question mark reflective of survey administration	
All years	Various (list available upon request)	Over 500 variables had at least some cases coded with an outdated reserve code .c.	Recoded to .d
2021	CONFEDVAC, CONFEDVACY, CONPHARVAC, CONPHARVACY, STRVBIAS, STRVBIASY	These variables were not on Ballot 3 and cases miscoded to No Answer (.n)	Recoded to .i
2014	HUNT1, UNION1	This variable was not included this year and cases miscoded to No Answer (.n)	Recoded to .i
2012	SPDEN16, SPOTH16	Cases miscoded to No Answer (.n)	Recoded to .i
2000	EMCHURCH, EMFAMLOC, EMFRI, EMGET, EMGETP, EMGROUPS, EMSENT, EMSENTP, EMWRKAWY, EMWRKLOC	These variables were not on Ballot 3 and cases miscoded to No Answer (.n)	Recoded to .i
1996	RICHWORK	This variable was not on Ballot 2 and cases miscoded to No Answer (.n)	Recoded to .i
1996	ATTWEEK, FEJOBAFF	These variables were not on Ballot 3 and cases miscoded to No Answer (.n)	Recoded to .i
1972, 1975, 1977	FORM	These years did not have different forms and variable was miscoded to No Answer (.n)	Recoded to .i

1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1980, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1996, 2000, 2008, 2016	STRESS	For 2016, this variable was not on Ballot 3 and miscoded to No Answer (.n). For all other years listed, this variable was not included that year and miscoded to No Answer (.n).	Recoded to .i
1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978	HEFINFO	This variable is not available in these years and was miscoded to No Answer (.n) or IAP (.i)	Recoded to .y
1972, 1973, 1974, 2021	RPLACE	This variable is not available in these years and was miscoded to No Answer (.n) or IAP (.i)	Recoded to .y or (for 2021 only) .x
All years except 1989	DK, DOWELL, EMPLOYER, EXPERNC, MOONLITE, NUMSITES, PAYSAME, PLANWRK, SUPNUM, TIMERELX, WORKWEEK	These variables were not available in years other than 1989 and were miscoded to No Answer (.n) or IAP (.i)	Recoded to .y
All years except 1989, 1998	HWDUTIES, WRKIMP	These variables were not available in years other than 1989 and 1998 and were miscoded to No Answer (.n) or IAP (.i). These variables were not on all ballots or forms in 1998 and were miscoded to No Answer (.n).	Recoded to .y Ballot and form miscodes recoded to .i
All years except 1989, 1998, 2006	TIMEFRND, TIMELEIS	These variables were not available in years other than 1989, 1998, and 2006 and were miscoded to No Answer (.n) or IAP (.i). These variables were not on all ballots or forms in 1998 and 2006 and were miscoded to No Answer (.n).	Recoded to .y Ballot and form miscodes recoded to .i
All years except 1989, 1998, 2006, 2016	WRKEARN, WRKENJOY	These variables were not available in years other than 1989, 1998, 2006, and 2016 and were miscoded to No Answer (.n) or IAP (.i). These variables were not on all	Recoded to .y Ballot and form miscodes recoded to .i

		ballots or forms in 2006 and 2016 and were miscoded to No Answer (.n).	
All years	BRAZIL, ENGLAND	For years when these variables were asked (1974, 1975, 1977, 1982, 1983, 1985), Don't Know, No Answer, and IAP were intentionally merged for years but were miscoded to the singular Don't Know (.d). For years when these variables are not available, cases were miscoded to Don't Know (.d).	Recoded .d to .m (Don't Know/No Answer/IAP) for 1974, 1975, 1977, 1982, 1983, 1985 Recoded to .y for all other years
All years	CANADA, CHINA, EGYPT, ISRAEL, JAPAN, RUSSIA	For years when these variables were asked (1974, 1975, 1977, 1982, 1983, 1985, 1986, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1994), Don't Know, No Answer, and IAP were intentionally merged for years but were miscoded to the singular Don't Know (.d). For all other years, cases were miscoded to Don't Know (.d).	Recoded .d to .m (Don't Know/No Answer/IAP) for 1974, 1975, 1977, 1982, 1983, 1985, 1986, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1994 Recoded to .y for all other years
All years	KDPRES80, PRESFRST, SBPRES80, SPHEDPRE	For 1994 when these variables were asked, Don't Know, No Answer, and IAP were intentionally merged for years but were miscoded to the singular Don't Know (.d). For all other years, cases were miscoded to Don't Know (.d) or IAP (.i).	Recoded .d to .m (Don't Know/No Answer/IAP) for 1994 Recoded to .y for all other years
All years	MAPRES80, PAPRES80, PRESTG80, SPPRES80	Cases are miscoded as Don't Know (.d) or IAP (.i)	For years before 1988, recoded to .y For years after 1987, recoded to .m (Don't Know/No Answer/IAP)
All years	INDUSTRY, OCC, PAPRES16, PRESTIGE, SPIND, SPOCC, SPPRES	Cases are miscoded as Don't Know (.d) or IAP (.i).	For years before 1991, recoded to .m (Don't Know/No Answer/IAP) For years after 1990, recoded to .y
All years	INCDEF, POVLINE	Cases are miscoded as No Answer (.n)	For years before 1994, recoded to .q (Not imputable) For years after 1993, recoded to .y
2016	AGE3, OLD3	One case miscoded AGE3 instead of OLD3	AGE3 recoded as .i OLD3 recoded as 11
2004	AGERBORN	11 cases were incorrectly coded to 98 or 99	Recoded to .d or .n
2004	CHNGREL	14 cases were incorrectly coded to 9	Recoded to .n
1976-1998	BIRTHMO	Now included in the restricted data	Dropped
All years	Various	While generating .dat files and associated syntax files for export from the GSS Data Explorer, the automated syntax files did not properly align labels and values with columns of the created .dat file, causing the syntax files to incorrectly process the associated .dat file. As a result,	Automated syntax files are now properly aligned with variables for both SPSS and Stata exports

		variables in the .dat file did not get properly assigned variable labels, value labels, or missing values. This issue affected both SPSS and Stata exports from the GSS Data Explorer.	

Release Notes for GSS 1972-2021 Release 2
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Datafile Release Notes

GSS Years Affected	Variables	Issue in the Previous Release	Fix in the Current Release
2004-2018	MARHOMO, MARHOMO1	Release Notes 1b (Nov. 2021 contained typographical errors and dataset errors) for MARHOMO, MARHOMO1. Also, dataset 1b incorrectly assigned MARHOMO1 to the 2004 year. The typographical errors are corrected as follows, indicating with strikethrough font what is not valid text and with italics valid text: In 1988, 2004, and 2021 ~~through 2004~~ the item did include "should" and read: Homosexual couples should have the right to marry one another. In 2006-2018 the item did not include "should." To further clarify: • The question wording that includes "should" was administered in 1988, 2004 and 2021 and is documented as MARHOMO in the R2 dataset. • The question wording that does _not_ include "should" was administered in 2006, 2008, 2012, 2014, 2016 and 2018 and it is documented as MARHOMO1 in the R2 dataset.	Clarification provided in description. MARHOMO1 is suppressed for 2004. MARHOMO is added for 2004.
2021	PAYDOC, PAYEXEC, PAYCLERK, PAYUNSKL, PAYCABNT, GIVDOC, GIVEXEC, GIVCLERK, GIVUNSKL, GIVCABNT	The top category ("$100,000 or more") was merged with "No answer" (.n)	The top category was separated to "999996: $100,000 or more"
2021	RELIG, DENOM	One case incorrectly coded to RELIG=5 & DENOM=.I	Recoded to RELIG=1 & DENOM=18
2021	RELIG	One case incorrectly coded to RELIG=13	Recoded to RELIG=5

2021	REBORN, RELEXP	RELEXP was asked on Ballot 1, but it was erroneously named as REBORN	Renamed REBORN to RELEXP on Ballot 1
2021	RELITENV, RELITENNV	"4: No religion" was combined with IAP	"4: No religion" separated
2021	WRKSLFFAM	0 was incorrectly assigned to IAP	Recoded to .i
2021	NUMMEN, NUMWOMEN	Some cases were incorrectly coded to 999 or 1000	Recoded to .n or "989: 989 or higher"
2021	WORKWHTS	Some cases were incorrectly coded to 98 or 99	Recoded to .d or .n
2021	INTLWHTS	Some cases were incorrectly coded to 98 or 99	Recoded to .d or .n
2021	EATMEAT	Scale incorrectly ran from 1 to 8	Scale runs from 0 to 7
All	ATTEND	Code 5 was incorrectly labeled as "2-3 times a year"	Changed to "2-3 times a month"
2021	RINCOM16	Not released	Included
2021	RACE	Not released	Included
2021	RACECEN1, RACECEN2, RACECEN3	Not released	Included
2021	ETHNIC	Not released	Included
2021	OCC10, INDUS10, PRESTG10, SEI10	Not released	Included
2021	PAEDUC, MAEDUC, PAOCC10, MAOCC10 PAIND10, MAIND10	Not released	Included
2021	PAWRKSLF, MAWRKSLF	Not released	Included
2021	MAWRKGRW,	Not released	Included
2021	PAPRES10, MAPRES10	Not released	Included
2021	PABORN, MABORN	Not released	Included
2021	SIBS	Not released	Included
2021	CHILDS	Not released	Included
2021	OTHLANG, OTHLANG1, OTHLANG2, BETRLANG, SPKLANG	Not released	Included
2021	RES16, REG16, MOBILE16,	Not released	Included
2021	REGION	Not released	Included

2021	DWELOWN16	Not released	Included
2021	DATEINTV	Not released	Included
2021	PHONE	Not released	Included
2021	COOP	Not released	Included
2021	COMPREND	Not released	Included
2021	CONSENT	Not released	Included
2021	ADMINCONSENT	Not released	Included
2021	FAMDIF16Y	Not released	Newly added
2021	PAWRKSLF2, MAWRKSLF2	Not released	Newly added
2021	ETHWORLD1-ETHWORLD9	Not released	Newly added
2021	ETHREGION1-ETHREGION96	Not released	Newly added

Release Notes for GSS 1972-2021 Release 1b
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Datafile Release Notes

GSS Years Affected	Variables	Issue in the Previous Release	Fix in the Current Release
2021	HIVTEST2	Omitted in the previous release	Added
2021	CLMTWRLD	Scale incorrectly ranged from 1 to 10 "Can't choose" was miscoded to 12	Scale runs from 0 to 10 "Can't choose" recoded to .d
2021	CLMTUSA	Scale incorrectly ranged from 1 to 10 "Can't choose" was miscoded to 12	Scale runs from 0 to 10 "Can't choose" recoded to .d
2021	POWRORGS	Omitted in the previous release	Added
2008	NUMOWN	One case miscoded to -1	Recode to .i
2021	INEQUAL5	Misnamed to LGINCDIF	Renamed to INEQUAL5
All years	OCCONET, SPIND10, PAOCC16, PAIND10, MAIND10	Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve code .a.	Recoded to .d, .n, or .i
All years	EDUC, DEGREE, GRADTOUNDER, SPGRADTOUNDER	Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve code .a.	Recoded to .d, .n, or .i
All years	INCOME16, INCOME, RINCOME, INCOME72, INCOME77, RINCOM77, INCOME82, RINCOM82, INCOME86, RINCOM86, INCOME91, RINCOM91, INCOME98, RINCOM98, INCOME06, RINCOM06, INCOME16, RINCOM16	Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve code .a.	Recoded to .d, .n, or .i
All years	EQUAL1, EQUAL2, EQUAL3, EQUAL4,	Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve code .a.	Recoded to .d, .n, or .i

	EQUAL5, EQUAL6, EQUAL7, EQUAL8		
All years	USCLASS1, USCLASS2, USCLASS3, USCLASS4, USCLASS5, USCLASS6, USCLASS7, USCLASS8	Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve code .a.	Recoded to .d, .n, or .i
All years	FEPRIEST, FECLERGY	Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve code .a.	Recoded to .d, .n, or .i
All years	RACCHURCH	Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve code .a.	Recoded to .d, .n, or .i
All years	RANK10	Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve codes .a, .b, and .c.	Recoded to .d, .n, or .i
All years	FEHOME, FEPOL	Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve code .a.	Recoded to .d, .n, or .i
All years	HITNUM, GUNNUM	Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve code .a.	Recoded to .d, .n, or .i
All years	EQCLOSE, RCLOSE1, RCLOSE2, RCLOSE3, RCLOSE4, RCLOSE5, CLOSE12, CLOSE13, CLOSE14, CLOSE15, CLOSE23, CLOSE24, CLOSE25, CLOSE35, CLOSE45	Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve code .a.	Recoded to .d, .n, or .i
All years	SEX1, SEX2, SEX3, SEX4, SEX5	Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve code .a.	Recoded to .d, .n, or .i
All years	RACE1, RACE2, RACE3, RACE4, RACE5	Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve code .a.	Recoded to .d, .n, or .i
All years	SWITCH1, SWITCH2, SWITCH3	Some cases were coded with inaccurate reserve codes .a or .m	.a recoded to .i .m recoded to .n
All years	GIVECONG, GIVEREL, GIVEOTH	Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve code .a.	Recoded to .d, .n, or .i
All years	YOUSUP	Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve code .a.	Recoded to .d, .n, or .i
All years	FSTSPPED, FSTSPMED	Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve code .a.	Recoded to .d, .n, or .i
All years	DECAUTO, DECBED, DECGIFT	Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve code .a.	Recoded to .d, .n, or .i

All years	KNWMHOSP	Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve code .a.	Recoded to .d, .n, or .i
All years	EVMHP	Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve code .a.	Recoded to .d, .n, or .i
All years	PRFMOTHR1	Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve code .a.	Recoded to 8
All years	TYPEORG, PARTORG, ORGSIZE	Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve code .a.	Recoded to .d, .n, or .i
All years	GENDERWK	Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve code .a.	Recoded to .d, .n, or .i
All years	USEDPROZ, PROZAC, KNWNPROZ	Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve code .a.	Recoded to .d, .n, or .i
All years	ACQWKMRK, ACQWKLIN, ACQWKUNE, ACQWKHME, ACQWKPRI, ACQWKASN, ACQWKBLK, ACQWKHSP, ASCQKWHT, ACQWKGAY, ACQWKGO, ACQWKNO, ACQWKLIB, ACQWKCON, ACQWKCOH	Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve code .a.	Recoded to .d, .n, or .i
All years	OTHFRD	Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve code .a.	Recoded to .d, .n, or .i
All years	TWOINCS1		.a recoded to .d, .n, or .i .c recoded to .d
All years	RFAMLOOK, SPFALOOK, SPLIVE	Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve code .a.	Recoded to .d, .n, or .i
All years	TIMEPDWK, TIMEHHWK, TIMEFAM, TIMEFRND, TIMELEIS, TIMERELX	Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve codes .a and .c.	Recoded to .d, .n, or .i
All years	PLANWRK, EMPLOYER, MOONLITE, NUMSITES	Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve code .b.	Recoded to .n

All years	DOCLIST	Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve code .k.	Recoded to .d
All years	RACNAME	Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve code .m.	Recoded to 8
All years	SWITWHY1, SWITWHY2	Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve code .m.	Recoded to .n
All years	AIDSWHO	Some cases were inaccurately coded with reserve codes .a or .p	Inaccurate reserve code .p recoded to 9, inaccurate reserve code .a recoded to 8
All years	AIDSSCH, AIDSADS, AIDSINSR, AIDSHLTH, AIDSMAR, AIDSSXED, AIDSIDS, AIDSFARE	Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve code .a.	Recoded to .n
All years	ADVSCHED, OWNDOING, GENEEXPS, DEPNDABL, SADBLUE, ATHLETIC, KINDPERS, SELFISH	Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve code .r.	Recoded to .n
All years	RES2012	Some cases were coded with inaccurate reserve codes .a or .r	.a recoded to .i .r recoded to .n
All years	ADULTS, TEENS, PRETEEN	Inaccurate reserve code .b	recoded to 8
All years	WRKEARN, WRKENJOY, WRKIMP, HWDUTIES, YRSFIRM, DOWELL, EXPERNC, PAYSAME, STRESS	Some cases were coded with inaccurate reserve codes .a or .c	.a recoded to .d, .n, or .i .c recoded to .d
All years	TOTALNUM	Inaccurate reserve code .a	recoded to 8
All years	COSEI10, COSEI10EDUC, COSEI10INC, VERSION	Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve code .a.	recoded to .i
All years	ETH1, ETH2, ETH3, SPETHNIC, SPETH1, SPETH2, SPETH3, ETHNIC	Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve code .a.	recoded to .n

All years	BOSSWRKS, STRNGUN, SECJOB, HIINC, PROMOTN, LEISURE, INTJOB, WRKINDP, HLPOTHS, HLPSOC, FLEXHRS, EMPSELF, SMALLBIG, INDUSOTH, PRIVGOVT, FINDJOB, IWRKHARD, HRSMONEY, RSECJOB, RHIINC, RPROMOTN, RLEISURE, RINTJOB, RWRKINDP, RHLPOTHS, RHLPSOC, RFLEXHRS, XHAUSTN, PHYSWRK	Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve code .a. Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve code .c.	.a recoded to .n .c recoded to .d
All years	AGEEMP, SEXEMP, FAMRESP, EDUCEMP, UNPEOPLE, UNMONEY, UNSLFCON, UNRESPCT, UNFAMTEN, UNJOBEXP, UNBORED, UNDK, WANTJOB, RYRSFIRM, RDOWELL, RPAYSAME, REXPERNC, RAGEEMP, RFAMRESP, REDUCEMP, RDK, OTHHRS, NUMEMPLY, INFONEWS	Some cases were coded with an inaccurate reserve code .a.	recoded to .n
All years	BOREDOM, DANGER, UNHLTHY, UNPLEZNT, FINDWORK, BOSSEMPS, COWRKERS, JOBSAT, SUPERVIS	Some cases were coded with inaccurate reserve codes .a or .c	.a recoded to .n .c recoded to .d

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Datafile Release Notes

GSS Years Affected	Variable	Issue in the Previous Release	Fix in the Current Release
2021	DENOM	An incorrect version of denomination codes was released, which affected only Protestant denominations.	Correct denomination codes are released, shifting the distribution of DENOM slightly, and reassigning most individuals to the correct Protestant denomination. The issue being fixed occurred only among protestants.
2021	FUND	FUND is derived from DENOM values for Protestant denominations, and thus showed the same error as DENOM.	Correcting DENOM also results in correct values for FUND, shifting distributions for FUND slightly.
2021	RELIG	One case was miscoded to Muslim	Recoded to Protestant
2021	RELIG	One case was miscoded to Jew	Recoded to Protestant
2021	RELIG	"5: Other", "8: Other Eastern religion", "9: Muslim", and "10: Orthodox Christian" contained incorrectly coded cases	Fixed
2021	PRES16	Some cases were coded to unlabeled code 5	Recoded to "4: Didn't vote"
2021	MARTYPE, WKSUB, WKSUBS, WKSUP, WKSUPS, RICHWORK, RACWORK, WRKSLF, WRKGOVT, JOBLOSE, JOBFIND, SATJOB	Cleaning not done yet	Recoded to .x. We will add them back in the future data update.
2021	RELIDESC, RELIDIMP, RELIDWE, RELIDINS, BIBLAUTH, EVNGELZE, SINSACRI, CHRSTSAV, EVANGCLX, EVANGCLY, NORELGSP	A few additional respondents did not receive the appropriate textfills associated with these variables.	Additional cases have been assigned .z for one or several variables based on this error.
2021	TRUST, TRUSTV, TRUSTNV	Punch 1 was mislabeled "Can't trust"	Corrected to "Can trust"

Codebook Release Notes

GSS Years Affected	Variable	Issue in the Previous Codebook	Fix in the Current Codebook
2021	RACEACS16	RACEACS16 was mislabeled in documentation	The label has been corrected in documentation

Release Notes for GSS 1972-2021 Release 1
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Datafile Release Notes

GSS Years Affected	Variable	Issue in the Previous Release	Fix in the Current Release
~~2004-2018~~	~~MARHOMO, MARHOMO1~~	~~In 1988 through 2004 the item did include "should" and read: Homosexual couples should have the right to marry one another. In 2006-2018 the item did not include "should."~~ [Please see Release Notes in May 2022]	~~Created MARHOMO1 (for 2006-2018) to make it distinct from MARHOMO (1988 and 2004)~~ [Please see Release Notes in May 2022]
2006-2016	ISSP	Some cases were coded to incorrect values. Coding was inconsistent sometimes.	Corrected values assigned
2014	RELIG	Some cases incorrectly coded to 5	Recoded to 98 (.d)
2016	RELIG	Three cases incorrectly coded to 5	Recoded to 99 (.n)
2016	FBACCESS	Not released	New variable added. It has information about whether respondents permitted access to their Facebook.