

APPENDIX:**Some of the Variables in the GSS Data Set Involving Sexual Behaviors and Attitudes**

- CONDOM** USED CONDOM LAST TIME
 MOST RECENT SEXUAL EXPERIENCE 1306. The last time you had sex, was a condom used? By "sex" we mean vaginal, oral, or anal sex.
 1 USED LAST TIME
 2 NOT USED
- EVPAIDSX** EVER HAVE SEX PAID FOR OR BEING PAID SINCE 18
 Thinking about the time since your 18th birthday, have you ever had sex with a person you paid or who paid you for sex?
 1 YES
 2 NO
- EVSTRAY** HAVE SEX OTHER THAN SPOUSE WHILE MARRIED
 Have you ever had sex with someone other than your husband or wife while you were married?
 1 YES
 2 NO
 3 NEVER MARRIED
- HOMOCHNG** HOMOSEXUALITY: INHERENT OR CHOICE?
 Do you think being homosexual is something people choose to be, or do you think it is something they cannot change?
 1 SOMETHING PEOPLE CHOOSE TO BE
 2 SOMETHING THEY CANNOT CHANGE
- HOMOSEX** HOMOSEXUAL SEX RELATIONS
 What about sexual relations between two adults of the same sex--do you think it is always wrong, almost always wrong, wrong only sometimes, or not wrong at all?
 1 Always Wrong
 2 Almst Always Wrg
 3 Sometimes Wrong
 4 Not Wrong at All
- NUMMEN** NUMBER OF MALE SEX PARTNERS SINCE 18
 Now thinking about the time since your 18th birthday (including the past 12 months) how many male partners have you had sex with?
- NUMWOMEN** NUMBER OF FEMALE SEX PARTNERS SINCE 18
 Now thinking about the time since your 18th (including the past 12 months) how many female partners have you had sex with.
- PARTNERS** HOW MANY SEX PARTNERS R HAD IN LAST YEAR
 How many sex partners have you had in the last 12 months?
 0 No Partners
 1 1 Partner
 2 2 Partners

- 3 3 Partners
- 4 4 Partners
- 5 5-10 Partners
- 6 11-20 Partners
- 7 21-100 Partners
- 8 More than 100 Partners

PIKUPSEX R HAD SEX WITH CAUSUAL DATE LAST YEAR
IF YOU HAVE NO OTHER PARTNERS BESIDES YOUR HUSBAND OR WIFE
OR REGULAR SEXUAL PARTNER, PLEASE GO TO Q.1295. 1293. If you had
other partners, please indicate all categories that apply to them. CIRCLE ALL
THE ANSWERS THAT APPLY.

Casual date or pick-up

- 1 HAD SEX WITH PICK-UP
- 2 NOT SELECTED

PORNLOW FEELINGS ABOUT PORNOGRAPHY LAWS
Which of these statements comes closest to your feelings about pornography
laws? READ FIRST THREE CATEGORIES ONLY. CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE.

- 1 ILLEGAL TO ALL
- 2 ILLEGAL UNDER 18
- 3 LEGAL

PORNMORL MATERIALS LEAD TO BREAKDOWN IN MORALS
The next questions are about pornography--books, movies, magazines, and
photographs that show or describe sex activities. I'm going to read some opinions
about the effects of looking at or reading such sexual materials. As I read each
one, please tell me if you think sexual materials do or do not have that effect.
READ EACH ITEM. CODE ONE FOR EACH.

Sexual materials lead to breakdown of morals

- 1 YES
- 2 NO

PORNOUT MATERIALS PROVIDE OUTLET
The next questions are about pornography--books, movies, magazines, and
photographs that show or describe sex activities. I'm going to read some opinions
about the effects of looking at or reading such sexual materials. As I read each
one, please tell me if you think sexual materials do or do not have that effect.
READ EACH ITEM. CODE ONE FOR EACH.

Sexual materials provide an outlet for bottled-up impulses

- 1 YES
- 2 NO

PREMARSEX SEX BEFORE MARRIAGE
There's been a lot of discussion about the way morals and attitudes about sex
are changing in this country. If a man and woman have sex relations before
marriage, do you think it is always wrong, almost always wrong, only sometimes,
or not wrong at all?

- 1 Always Wrong
- 2 Almost Always Wrong
- 3 Sometimes Wrong

4 Not Wrong at All

- SELLSEX** **NOTHING INHERENTLY WRONG WITH PROSTITUTION**
 How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements:
 There is nothing inherently wrong with prostitution, so long as the health risks can be minimized. If consenting adults agree to exchange money for sex, that is their business
- 1 AGREE STRONGLY
 - 2 AGREE SOMEWHAT
 - 3 DISAGREE SOMEWHAT
 - 4 DISAGREE STRONGLY
- SEXEDUC** **SEX EDUCATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**
 Would you be for or against sex education in the public schools?
- 1 Oppose
 - 2 Favor
 - 3 Depends
- SEXFREQ** **FREQUENCY OF SEX DURING LAST YEAR**
 About how often did you have sex during the last 12 months?
- 0 NOT AT ALL
 - 1 ONCE OR TWICE
 - 2 ONCE A MONTH
 - 3 2-3 TIMES A MONTH
 - 4 WEEKLY
 - 5 2-3 PER WEEK
 - 6 4+ PER WEEK
- SEXSEX** **SEX OF SEX PARTNERS IN LAST YEAR**
 Have your sex partners in the last 2 months been: (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE ANSWER).
- 1 Male Only
 - 2 Both Male and Female
 - 3 Female Only
- TEENSEX** **SEX BEFORE MARRIAGE -- TEENS 14-16**
 What if they are in their early teens, say 14 to 16 years old? In that case, do you think sex relations before marriage are always wrong, almost always wrong, wrong only sometimes, or not wrong at all?
- 1 Always Wrong
 - 2 Almst Always Wrg
 - 3 Sometimes Wrong
 - 4 Not Wrong at All
- XMARSEX** **SEX WITH PERSON OTHER THAN SPOUSE**
 What is your opinion about a married person having sexual relations with someone other than the marriage partner--is it always wrong, almost always wrong, wrong only sometimes, or not wrong at all?
- 1 Always Wrong
 - 2 Almst Always Wrg
 - 3 Sometimes Wrong

4 Not Wrong at All

XMOVIE SEEN X-RATED MOVIE IN LAST YEAR
Have you seen an X-rated movie in the last year?
1 YES
2 NO

Some other commonly used variables in the GSS data set:

AGE	AGE OF RESPONDENT
CLASS	SUBJECTIVE CLASS IDENTIFICATION
DEGREE	RS HIGHEST DEGREE
EDUC	HIGHEST YEAR OF SCHOOL COMPLETED
MARITAL	MARITAL STATUS
PARTYID	POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION
POLVIEWS	THINK OF SELF AS LIBERAL OR CONSERVATIVE
RACE	RACE OF RESPONDENT
RELIG	RS RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE
SEX	RESPONDENTS SEX
WRKSTAT	LABOR FRCE STATUS
YEAR	GSS YEAR FOR THIS RESPONDENT