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ISSP 2008 – Religion III
Study Description

ISSP Study Description Form***Please use this form for reporting on Module 2006 and later!****Study title:* General Social Survey 2008*Fieldwork dates:* 16 April – 15 September, 2008*Principal investigators:* James A. Davis, Tom W. Smith, and Peter V. Marsden*Sample type:* Multi-stage area probability sample*Fieldwork institute:* National Opinion Research Center*Fieldwork methods:* Face-to-face with CAPI*N. of respondents:* 2,023*Details about issued sample:*

Please follow the standards laid down in AAPOR/WAPOR, Standard Definitions: http://www.aapor.org/uploads/standarddefs_4.pdf. The numbers in the parentheses are those used in Tables 2 and 3 of Standard Definitions.

1. Total number of starting or issued names/addresses (gross sample size) *	..... 2349
2. Interviews (1.0)	..... 1365
3. Eligible, Non-Interview	
A. Refusal/Break-off (2.10)	.....437
B. Non-Contact (2.20)	.....431
C. Other	
i. Language Problems (2.33)	.....38
ii. Miscellaneous Other (2.31, 2.32, 2.35)	.....78
3. Unknown Eligibility, Non-Interview (3.0)	.....0
4. Not Eligible	
A. Not a Residence (4.50)	.....0
B. Vacant Residence (4.60)	.....0
C. No Eligible Respondent (4.70)	.....0
D. Other (4.10,4.90)	.....0

* When new sample units are added during the field period via a new dwelling units list or other standard updating procedure, these additional issued units are added to the starting number of units to make up the total gross sample size. Also, when substitution is used, the total must include the originally drawn cases plus all substitute cases. See AAPOR/WAPOR Standard Definitions, pp. 9-10 for further clarification.

Language(s): English and Spanish*Weight present:* Yes

Weighting procedure: The weight variable takes into consideration 1) the sub-sampling of non respondents, and 2) the number of adults in the household. The 2008 GSS adopted a sub-sampling design to focus resources on a smaller set of the difficult cases for further attempts, thereby reducing non-response bias.

Known systematic properties of sample: Undersamples men and those under 25 and those over 65*Deviations from ISSP questionnaire:* No*Publications:* Not released to the public yet