

Table A-4 Descriptions of Variables and Constructed Scales in NES2004

Variable name	Variable label	ANES source variables ^a	Notes on construction of variable
abort_funding	Favor/oppose govt funds to pay for abortion	V043179	
abort_imp	Importance of abortion issue to R	V045133	
abort_partial	Favor/oppose ban on partial-birth abortions	V043181	
abort_rights	Abortion position: self-placement	V045132	
afghan_cost	War in Afghanistan worth the cost	V043131	
age	Respondent age	V043250	
ashcroft_therm	Feeling Thermometer: John Ashcroft	V043047	
asian_therm	Feeling Thermometer: Asian Americans	V045075	
asian_traits asian_traits3	R's stereotypes of Asians: lazy/hrdwrking, unintel/intel, untrstrwrthy/trstrwrthy	V045225, V045229, V045233	Recoded (1=3, 2=2, 3=1, 4=0, 5=-1, 6=-2, 7=-3), summed; range = -9 (negative traits) to 9 (positive traits)
attend attend3	Attendance at religious services	V043223, V043224	
attent	Interested in following campaigns?	V043001	
bible	Bible is word of God or men	V043222	
bigbus_therm	Feeling Thermometer: Big Business	V045067	
black_affirmact	R favors/opposes preference for blacks in jobs?	V045207a	
black_jobs	Should government see to fair employment for blacks?	V045109a	
black_link	Scale: Strength of link between R and blacks in society	V045177, V045177a, V045178, V045179	Recoded in "stronger link" direction; V045177 and V045177a combined, summed with V045178 and V045179; rescaled 0 (weak link) to 9 (strong link); observed range = 1-9; black Rs only
black_therm	Feeling Thermometer: Blacks	V045077	

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Variable name	Variable label	ANES source variables ^a	Notes on construction of variable
black_traits black_traits3	R's stereotypes of blacks: lazy/hrdwrking, unintel/intel, untrstwrthy/trstwrthy	V045223, V045227, V045231	Recoded (1=3, 2=2, 3=1, 4=0, 5=-1, 6=-2, 7=-3), summed; range = -9 (negative traits) to 9 (positive traits)
bush_budget_dfct	Pres approval: handling budget deficit	V043031	
bush_econ	Pres approval: handling of econ	V043027	
bush_foreign_rel	Pres approval: handling foreign relations	V043029	
bush_job	Pres approval: general job handling	V043025	
bush_likes	Bush likes minus dislikes	V043007, V043009	V043007 (likes) minus V043009 (dislikes)
bush_terror	Pres approval: handling war on terror	V043033	
bush_therm	Feeling Thermometer: GW Bush	V043038	Pre-election wave
bush_therm_pst	Feeling Thermometer: GW Bush	V045043	Post-election wave
buspeople	Feeling Thermometer - business people	V045084	
camp_contrib	Summary: \$ to cand / parties	V045014, V045014a, V045015, V045015a	Variables combined; range -2 (R \$ to Rep cand and Rep pty) to 2 (R \$ to Dem cand and Dem pty)
cand_contrib	Give \$ to candidate?	V045014, V045014a	
care_house	Care who wins House election?	V043035	
care_pres	Care who wins presidential election?	V043092	
cathchurch_therm	Feeling Thermometer - the Catholic Church	V045085	
catholic_therm	Feeling Thermometer: Catholics	V045058	
cheney_therm	Feeling Thermometer: Cheney	V043041	
clinton_therm	Feeling Thermometer: Bill Clinton	V043045	
congress_job	Approve/disapprove Congress handling its job?	V043037	

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Variable name	Variable label	ANES source variables ^a	Notes on construction of variable
congress_therm	Feeling Thermometer: Congress	V045076	
conservative_therm	Feeling Thermometer: Conservatives	V045069	
deathpen deathpen_strong	Strength R favors/opposes death penalty	V043187	
defense7	Defense spending—7-point scale self-placement	V043142	
defense_imp	Importance of defense spending issue to R	V043143	
dem_likes	Dem party likes minus dislikes	V043053, V043055	V043053 (likes) minus V043055 (dislikes)
dem_therm	Feeling Thermometer: Democratic party	V043049	
democrat	Is R Democrat?		See partyid3
denom	Summary: R's major religious group	V043247	
divided_govt	Better when one party controls presidency and congress?	V043060	
early_voter	Did R vote early?	V045023	
educ educ2 educ3 educ7	Highest grade of school or year of college R completed	V043252	
educ7_spouse	Summary: Spouse/partner education level	V043257	
educ_spouse	Spouse: highest grade or year of college	V043255	
edwards_therm	Feeling Thermometer: John Edwards	V043042	
egalitarianism egalit3	Egalitarianism scale	V045212, V045213, V045214, V045215, V045216, V045217	All coded in "more egalitarian" direction, summed, then rescaled from 0 (low egalitarianism) to 24 (high egalitarianism)
elderly_therm	Feeling Thermometer: Older people (the elderly)	V045071	

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Variable name	Variable label	ANES source variables ^a	Notes on construction of variable
employstat	R employment status	V043260b	
enviro_therm	Feeling Thermometer: environmentalists	V045072	
envirojobs	Environment vs. jobs tradeoff scale—self-placement	V043182	
envirojobs_imp	Importance of environment/jobs issue to R	V043183	
external_poleff	External political efficacy	V045201, V045202	Summed and collapsed (2-4 = 1; 5-7 = 2; 8-10 = 3)
fair_2000	Was 2000 Pres election fair/unfair	V043005	
fedgov_therm	Feeling Thermometer: Federal Government in Washington	V045060	
fedspend_borders	Fed Budget Spending: border sec to prevent illeg imm	V043173	
fedspend_child	Federal Budget Spending: child care	V043170	
fedspend_crime	Federal Budget Spending: dealing with crime	V043168	
fedspend_foreign	Federal Budget Spending: foreign aid	V043171	
fedspend_poor	Federal Budget Spending: aid to the poor	V043172	
fedspend_roads	Federal Budget Spending: building/repairing highways	V043164	
fedspend_school	Federal Budget Spending: public schools	V043166	
fedspend_science	Federal Budget Spending: science and technology	V043167	
fedspend_socsec	Federal Budget Spending: Social Security	V043165	
fedspend_terror	Federal Budget Spending: war on terrorism	V043174	
fedspend_welfare	Federal Budget Spending: welfare programs	V043169	

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Variable name	Variable label	ANES source variables ^a	Notes on construction of variable
feminist_therm	Feeling Thermometer: Feminists	V045059	
foreign_expand	Foreign pol goals: Expansionist scale	V045100, V045104, V045106	Number of "Very important" responses summed
foreign_protect	Foreign pol goals: Protectionist scale	V045103, V045105, V045107	Number of "Very important" responses summed
funda_therm	Feeling Thermometer: Christian Fundamentalists	V045057	
gay_adopt	Gay adoptions OK?	V045158	
gay_discrim	Favor laws protecting gays?	V045156a	
gay_marriage	Allow gay marriage?	V043210	
gay_military	Allow gays in military?	V045157a	
gay_therm	Feeling Thermometer: Gay Men and Lesbians	V045074	
gender	R gender	V041109a	
gun_imp4	Importance of gun access issue to R	V043190	
guncontrol guncontrol2	How much easier/harder to buy gun—self-placement	V043189	
guncontrol_imp	Importance of gun access issue to R	V043190	
gunown	Does R have a gun in his or her home or garage?	V043195	
health_afford1	Did R put off medical treatment R could not afford?	V043066	
health_afford2	Can R afford needed health care?	V043067	
health_afford3	Does R have health insurance?	V043068	
help_blacks7	Government assistance to blacks-7 point scale self-placement	V043158	
help_blacks_imp	Importance of aid to blacks issue to R	V043159	
hh_kids	R have children in HH?	V041109c	Collapsed (0 = 0; 1–6 = 1)

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Variable name	Variable label	ANES source variables ^a	Notes on construction of variable
hhold_comp	Household composition	V041110	
hillary_therm	Feeling Thermometer: Hillary Clinton	V043044	
hispanic7	R position on aid to Hispanic-Americans scale	V045140	
hispanic_link	Scale: Strength of link between R and Hispanics in society	V045180, V045180a, V045181, V045182	Recoded in "stronger link" direction; V045180 and V045180a combined, summed with V045181 and V045182; rescaled 0 (weak link) to 9 (strong link); Hispanic Rs only
hispanic_therm	Feeling Thermometer: Hispanics (Hispanic-Americans)	V045056	
hispanic_traits hispanic_traits3	R's stereotypes of hispanics: lazy/hrdwrking, unintel/intel, untrstwrthy/trstwrt	V045224, V045228, V045232	Recoded (1=3, 2=2, 3=1, 4=0, 5=-1, 6=-2, 7=-3), summed; range = -9 (negative traits) to 9 (positive traits); observed range = -8 to 9
illegals_therm illegals_therm3	Feeling Thermometer—illegal immigrants	V045081	
immigration	Should immigration be increased, decreased, stay same?	V045115	
imports	Favor or oppose limits on foreign imports	V045114	
income_hh income_hh3	Household income	V043293x	
income_r	Respondent income	V043294	
inflation_future	Inflation in next year?	V043106	
inflation_past	Inflation much or somewhat better/worse in last year?	V043105	
interventionism	Interventionism by diplomacy/military: self-placement	V043107	
interventionism_imp	Importance of diplomacy issue to R	V043108	
interventionism_imp_pst	Interventionism by diplomacy/military: importance	V045125	

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Variable name	Variable label	ANES source variables ^a	Notes on construction of variable
interventionism_pst	Interventionism by diplomacy/ military: self-placement	V045124	
iraq_approve	How much approve/disapprove Bush handling Iraq war	V043133	
iraq_cost	Was Iraq war worth the cost	V043134	
iraq_terror	Iraq war increased or decreased threat of terrorism	V043135	
israel_therm	Feeling Thermometer: Israel	V045087	
jew_therm	Feeling Thermometer: Jews	V045061	
jobs7	Job and Good Standard of Living - scale self-placement	V043152	
jobs_imp	Importance of guaranteed jobs/standard living issue	V043153	
kerry_likes	Kerry likes minus dislikes	V043011, V043013	V043011 (likes) minus V043013 (dislikes)
kerry_therm	Feeling Thermometer: John Kerry	V043039	Pre-election wave
kerry_therm_pst	Feeling Thermometer: John Kerry	V045044	Post-election wave
laura_bush_therm	Feeling Thermometer: Laura Bush	V043043	
libcon7_bush	Liberal/conservative placement— GW Bush	V043087	
libcon7_dem	Liberal/conservative placement— Dem Party	V043090	
libcon7_kerry	Liberal/conservative placement— Kerry	V043088	
libcon7_nader	Liberal/conservative placement— Nader	V043089	
libcon7_r libcon3_r	Liberal/conservative self-placement— 7-point scale	V043085	
libcon7_rep	Liberal/conservative placement— Rep party	V043091	
liberal_therm	Feeling Thermometer: Liberals	V045062	

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Variable name	Variable label	ANES source variables ^a	Notes on construction of variable
marital	Marital status	V043251	
mccain_therm	Feeling Thermometer: John McCain	V043048	
medinsur7	Govt/private medical insurance scale: self-placement	V043150	
medinsur7_imp	Importance of govt health insurance issue to R	V043151	
memnum memnum2	Number of group memberships	V045170, V045170a	
men_therm	Feeling Thermometer—men	V045079	
midclass_therm	Feeling Thermometer—middle class people	V045063	
military_imp	How important is it for US to have strong military?	V045108	
military_therm	Feeling Thermometer: The Military	V045066	
moralism moralism3	Moralism scale	V045189, V045190, V045191, V045192	Recoded in “more moralistic” direction, summed; rescaled 0 (low moralism) to 16 (high moralism)
muslim_therm	Feeling Thermometer: Muslims	V045088	
nader_therm	Feeling Thermometer: Nader	V043040	Pre-election wave
nader_therm_pst	Feeling Thermometer: Ralph Nader	V045045	Post-election wave
online_news_days	How many days past week read a daily online newspaper	V043020	
paper_days	How many days past week read a daily newspaper?	V043019	
parents_usa	Both parents born in U.S.?	V043300	
party_better_econ	Which party better?: handling nation's economy	V043109	
party_better_nowar	Which party better?: handle keeping out of war	V043111	
party_better_terror	Which party better?: handle war on terrorism	V043110	

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Variable name	Variable label	ANES source variables ^a	Notes on construction of variable
party_contrib	Give \$ to party?	V045015, V045015a	
partyid7 partyid3	Summary: R party ID	V043116	
patriotism patriotism_nonH	Patriotism scale	V043205, V043208, V043209	Number of "extremely" responses summed; range = 0-3
polinfo_iw	Interviewer observation: R level of political information	V043403	
polknow polknow3	Wh/party controls Hse, Sen?; Who are Hastert, Rehnquist, Blair, Cheney?	V045089, V045090, V045162, V045163, V045164, V045165	Number of correct responses summed
poor_therm	Feeling Thermometer: Poor people	V045065	
powell_therm	Feeling Thermometer: Colin Powell	V043046	
pray	How often does R pray	V043221	
predict_close_state	Will pres race be close in state?	V043096	
predict_close_win	Will pres race be close or will (winner) win by a lot?	V043094	
predict_win	Who does R think will be elected president?	V043093	
predict_win_state	Which pres cand will carry state?	V043095	
prochoice	Prochoice abortion scale		Constructed from created variables: abort_rights, abort_funding (recoded 1=4, 2=3, 4=2, 5=1), abort_partial (recoded 1=1, 2=2, 4=3, 5=4); variables summed, rescaled; range = 0 (low prochoice) to 9 (high prochoice)
progovmnt	Pro big-government scale	V045150, V045151, V045152	Number of pro-government responses summed; range = 0-3

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Variable name	Variable label	ANES source variables ^a	Notes on construction of variable
r_econ_future	R better/worse off 1 year from now?	V043064	
r_econ_past	R better/worse off than 1 year ago?	V043062	
race race_2 race_3	Race of Respondent	V043299	
racial_cons4	Racial conserv: 4 cats		
racial_conservatism	Racial conservatism scale	V045193, V045194, V045195, V045196	All variables coded in "more conservative" direction, summed, rescaled; range 0 (low racial conservatism) to 16 (high racial conservatism)
reagan_therm	Feeling Thermometer: Ronald Reagan	V043051	
region	Region	V041205	
relimp	Religion: guidance in day-to-day living?	V043220	
rep_likes	Rep party likes minus dislikes	V043057, V043059	V043057 (likes) minus V043059 (dislikes)
rep_therm	Feeling Thermometer: Republican party	V043050	
retired	Is R retired?		Based on employstat (5 = 1; 1-4 = 0; 6-8 = 0)
rich_therm	Feeling Thermometer—rich people	V045082	
right_track	Are things in the country on right track?	V043034x	
servspend7	Spending and Services—7-point scale self-placement	V043136	
servspend_imp	Importance of spending/services issue to R	V043137	
social_trust	Social trust	V045186, V045187, V045188	Number of "more trusting" responses summed; range = 0-3
socsec_reform	Summary: favor/oppose investing Soc Sec funds	V045143b	

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Variable name	Variable label	ANES source variables ^a	Notes on construction of variable
south	Non-South/South		Based on region (3 = 1; else 0)
southern_therm	Feeling Thermometer—Southerners	V045078	
spend11	IncrFed\$, 11 prgms	V043164, V043165, V043166, V043167, V043168, V043169, V043170, V043171, V043172, V043173, V043174	Number of “spending should be increased” responses summed
state	FIPS state code	V041202	
stock_investor	Does R/spouse have any money invested in stock market?	V043065	
supcourt_therm	Feeling Thermometer: U.S. Supreme Court	V045073	
taxcut	Does R favor/oppose tax cuts Pres. Bush initiated	V043148	
timing timing2	Timing of R’s vote choice	V045027	
tv_days	Days past week watch natl news on TV	V043014	
unemploy_future	R think there more or less unemployment in next year?	V043103	
unemploy_past	Unemployment better or worse in last year?	V043102	
union_hh	Anyone in HH belong to labor union?	V043290	
union_therm	Feeling Thermometer: Labor Unions	V045064	
us_econ_bush	National economy better/worse since GW Bush took ofc	V043213	
us_econ_future	Will national economy be better or worse in next 12 mos?	V043100	

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Variable name	Variable label	ANES source variables ^a	Notes on construction of variable
us_econ_past us_econ_past3	National economy better/worse in last year?	V043098	
us_isolate	Country would be better off if we just stayed home	V043113	
us_moral_bush	Has US moral climate gotten better/worse since 2000	V043217	
us_secure_bush	Has current admin made U.S. more/less secure	V043215	
us_world	During last year, U.S. position in world weaker/stronger?	V043112	
veteran	Ever served or currently serving in US military?	V043258	
vote_2000	Did R vote in 2000?	V043002	
vote_2004	Did R vote in 2004?	V045018x	
vouchers	Favor/oppose school vouchers	V045144a	
welfare3	Increase fed welfare\$?		Based on fedspend_welfare (1=1)(5=2)(3=3)(7=.)
welfare_therm	Feeling Thermometer: People on welfare	V045068	
white_therm	Feeling Thermometer: Whites	V045086	
white_traits white_traits3	R's stereotypes of whites: lazy/hrdwrking, unintel/intel, untrstwrthy/trstwrthy	V045222, V045226, V045230	Recoded (1=3, 2=2, 3=1, 4=0, 5=-1, 6=-2, 7=-3), summed; range = -9 (negative traits) to 9 (positive traits)
who04_2	Kerry or Bush?	V045026	
who_2000	2000 vote choice	V043003	
who_2004	R's vote for president	V045026	
women_jobs	Equal treatment for women in jobs	V045161a	
women_link	Scale: Strength of link between R and women in society	V045174, V045174a, V045175, V045176	Recoded in "stronger link" direction; V045174 and V045174a combined, summed with V045175 and V045176; rescaled 0 (weak link) to 9 (strong link); female Rs only

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Variable name	Variable label	ANES source variables ^a	Notes on construction of variable
women_therm	Feeling Thermometer—women	V045083	
women_work	Women cause problems or face discrimination?	V045183, V045184, V045185	Coded in “pro-female” direction, summed; rescaled 0 (women not discriminated against) to 12 (women discriminated against)
womrole7	Women’s role—7-point scale self-placement	V043196	
womrole_imp	How important is the issue of women’s equal role	V043197	
workclass_therm	Feeling Thermometer: working class people	V045070	
yob	Year of birth	V043249a	
young_therm	Feeling Thermometer—young people	V045080	

^aTo find source variable question wording, go to the University of California Berkeley’s Survey Documentation and Analysis (SDA) web site (<http://sda.berkeley.edu/archive.htm>).