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Value Label Unweighted

Frequency

%

1 Extremely true 331 14.4 %

2 Moderately true 641 27.9 %

3 Slightly true 521 22.7 %

4 Neither 275 12.0 %

5 Slightly false 214 9.3 %

6 Moderately false 157 6.8 %

7 Extremely false 111 4.8 %

Missing Data

-1 Refused 44 1.9 %

Total 2,294 100%

Based upon 2,250 valid cases out of 2,294 total cases.

- Minimum: 1.00

- Maximum: 7.00

Location: 567-568 (width: 2; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

**W1\_F4\_A:** [To own a home ] For yourself and people like you, how easy or hard is it to reach these goals?

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Value Label Unweighted

Frequency

%

1 Very hard 404 17.6 %

2 Somewhat hard 946 41.2 %

3 Somewhat easy 643 28.0 %

4 Very easy 239 10.4 %

Missing Data

-1 Refused 62 2.7 %

Total 2,294 100%

Based upon 2,232 valid cases out of 2,294 total cases.

- Minimum: 1.00
- Maximum: 4.00

Location: 569-570 (width: 2; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

(Range of) Missing Values: -1

**W1\_F4\_B:** [To have a financially secure retirement ] For yourself and people like you, how easy or hard is it to reach these goals?

[To have a financially secure retirement ] For yourself and people like you, how easy or hard is it to reach these goals?

Value Label Unweighted

Frequency

%

1 Very hard 733 32.0 %

2 Somewhat hard 1012 44.1 %

3 Somewhat easy 390 17.0 %

4 Very easy 92 4.0 %

Missing Data

-1 Refused 67 2.9 %

Total 2,294 100%

Based upon 2,227 valid cases out of 2,294 total cases.

- Minimum: 1.00
- Maximum: 4.00

Location: 571-572 (width: 2; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

(Range of) Missing Values: -1

**W1\_F4\_C:** [To send one's children to college ] For yourself and people like you, how easy or hard is it to reach these goals?

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Value Label Unweighted

Frequency

%

1 Very hard 660 28.8 %

2 Somewhat hard 1004 43.8 %

3 Somewhat easy 440 19.2 %

4 Very easy 119 5.2 %

Missing Data

-1 Refused 71 3.1 %

Total 2,294 100%

Based upon 2,223 valid cases out of 2,294 total cases.

- Minimum: 1.00

- Maximum: 4.00

Location: 573-574 (width: 2; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

(Range of) Missing Values: -1

**W1\_F4\_D:** [To become wealthy ] For yourself and people like you, how easy or hard is it to reach these goals?

[To become wealthy ] For yourself and people like you, how easy or hard is it to reach these goals?

Value Label Unweighted

Frequency

%

1 Very hard 1258 54.8 %

2 Somewhat hard 755 32.9 %

3 Somewhat easy 164 7.1 %

4 Very easy 52 2.3 %

Missing Data

-1 Refused 65 2.8 %

Total 2,294 100%

Based upon 2,229 valid cases out of 2,294 total cases.

- Minimum: 1.00

- Maximum: 4.00

Location: 575-576 (width: 2; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

(Range of) Missing Values: -1

**W1\_F4\_E:** [To do better than one's parents did ] For yourself and people like you, how easy or hard is it to reach these goals?

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Value Label Unweighted

Frequency

%

1 Very hard 290 12.6 %

2 Somewhat hard 869 37.9 %

3 Somewhat easy 801 34.9 %

4 Very easy 270 11.8 %

Missing Data

-1 Refused 64 2.8 %

Total 2,294 100%

Based upon 2,230 valid cases out of 2,294 total cases.

- Minimum: 1.00
- Maximum: 4.00

Location: 577-578 (width: 2; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

(Range of) Missing Values: -1

**W1\_F5\_A:** [To own a home ] For your children or the children of people like yourself, how easy or hard will it be for your children to reach these goals in the future?

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Value Label Unweighted

Frequency

%

1 Very hard 507 22.1 %

2 Somewhat hard 940 41.0 %

3 Somewhat easy 578 25.2 %

4 Very easy 185 8.1 %

Missing Data

-1 Refused 84 3.7 %

Total 2,294 100%

Based upon 2,210 valid cases out of 2,294 total cases.

- Minimum: 1.00
- Maximum: 4.00

Location: 579-580 (width: 2; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

(Range of) Missing Values: -1

**W1\_F5\_B:** [To have a financially secure retirement ] For your children or the children of people like yourself, how easy or hard will it be for your children to reach these goals in the future?

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Value Label Unweighted

Frequency

%

1 Very hard 755 32.9 %

2 Somewhat hard 927 40.4 %

3 Somewhat easy 411 17.9 %

4 Very easy 117 5.1 %

Missing Data

-1 Refused 84 3.7 %

Total 2,294 100%

Based upon 2,210 valid cases out of 2,294 total cases.

- Minimum: 1.00
- Maximum: 4.00

Location: 581-582 (width: 2; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

(Range of) Missing Values: -1

**W1\_F5\_C:** [To send one's children to college ] For your children or the children of children to reach these goals people like yourself, how easy or hard will it be for your children to reach these goals in the future?

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Value Label Unweighted

Frequency

%

1 Very hard 645 28.1 %

2 Somewhat hard 968 42.2 %

3 Somewhat easy 459 20.0 %

4 Very easy 142 6.2 %

Missing Data

-1 Refused 80 3.5 %

Total 2,294 100%

Based upon 2,214 valid cases out of 2,294 total cases.

- Minimum: 1.00
- Maximum: 4.00

Location: 583-584 (width: 2; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

(Range of) Missing Values: -1

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Value Label Unweighted

Frequency

%

1 Very hard 963 42.0 %

2 Somewhat hard 845 36.8 %

3 Somewhat easy 298 13.0 %

4 Very easy 107 4.7 %

Missing Data

-1 Refused 81 3.5 %

Total 2,294 100%

Based upon 2,213 valid cases out of 2,294 total cases.

- Minimum: 1.00
- Maximum: 4.00

Location: 585-586 (width: 2; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

(Range of) Missing Values: -1

**W1\_F5\_E:** [To do better than one's parents did ] For your children or the children of people like yourself, how easy or hard will it be for your children to reach these goals in the future?

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Value Label Unweighted

Frequency

%

1 Very hard 484 21.1 %

2 Somewhat hard 893 38.9 %

3 Somewhat easy 647 28.2 %

4 Very easy 186 8.1 %

Missing Data

-1 Refused 84 3.7 %

Total 2,294 100%

Based upon 2,210 valid cases out of 2,294 total cases.

- Minimum: 1.00

- Maximum: 4.00

Location: 587-588 (width: 2; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

(Range of) Missing Values: -1

**W1\_F6:** How far along the road to your American Dream do you think you will ultimately get on a 10-point scale where 1 is not far at all and 10 nearly there?

How far along the road to your American Dream do you think you will ultimately get on a 10-point scale where 1 is not far at all and

10 nearly there?

Value Label Unweighted

Frequency

%

1 Not far at all in achieving the American Dream 70 3.1 %

2 - 59 2.6 %

3 - 98 4.3 %

4 - 152 6.6 %

5 - 362 15.8 %

6 - 336 14.6 %

7 - 440 19.2 %

8 - 350 15.3 %

9 - 165 7.2 %

10 Nearly there in achieving the American Dream 203 8.8 %

Missing Data

-1 Refused 59 2.6 %

Total 2,294 100%

Based upon 2,235 valid cases out of 2,294 total cases.

- Mean: 6.40

- Median: 7.00

- Mode: 7.00

- Minimum: 1.00
  - Maximum: 10.00
  - Standard Deviation: 2.19
- Location: 589-590 (width: 2; decimal: 0)  
 Variable Type: numeric  
 (Range of) Missing Values: -1

**W1\_G2:** Now thinking about the country's economy, would you say that compared to one year ago, the nation's economy is now better, about the same, or worse?

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Value Label Unweighted

Frequency

%

1 Better 545 23.8 %

2 About the same 1108 48.3 %

3 Worse 590 25.7 %

Missing Data

-1 Refused 51 2.2 %

Total 2,294 100%

Based upon 2,243 valid cases out of 2,294 total cases.

- Minimum: 1.00
  - Maximum: 3.00
- Location: 591-592 (width: 2; decimal: 0)  
 Variable Type: numeric  
 (Range of) Missing Values: -1

**W1\_G3A:** Do you think the economy, in the country as a whole, will be better, about the same, or worse in 12 months?

Value Label Unweighted

Frequency

%

1 Better 751 32.7 %

2 About the same 1106 48.2 %

3 Worse 381 16.6 %

Missing Data



-1 Refused 56 2.4 %

Total 2,294 100%

Based upon 2,238 valid cases out of 2,294 total cases.

- Minimum: 1.00

- Maximum: 3.00

Location: 597-598 (width: 2; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

(Range of) Missing Values: -1

**W1\_P3:** Which of these classes would you say most members of your family belong to?

Which of these classes would you say most members of your family belong to?

Value Label Unweighted

Frequency

%

1 Poor 154 6.7 %

2 Working class 906 39.5 %

3 Middle class 953 41.5 %

4 Upper-middle class 172 7.5 %

5 Upper class 18 0.8 %

Missing Data

-1 Refused 91 4.0 %

Total 2,294 100%

Based upon 2,203 valid cases out of 2,294 total cases.

- Minimum: 1.00

- Maximum: 5.00

Location: 800-801 (width: 2; decimal: 0)

**W1\_P13A:** Were you born a United States citizen or are you a naturalized U.S. citizen?

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Value Label Unweighted

Frequency

%

1 Born a U.S. citizen 2107 91.8 %

2 Naturalized U.S. citizen 96 4.2 %

Missing Data

-1 Refused 37 1.6 %

. - 54 2.4 %

Total 2,294 100%

Based upon 2,203 valid cases out of 2,294 total cases.

- Minimum: 1.00
- Maximum: 2.00

Location: 829-830 (width: 2; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

(Range of) Missing Values: -1 , .

**W1\_P20:** Which of the following income groups includes YOUR personal annual income (Do not include the income of other members of your household)?

Which of the following income groups includes YOUR personal annual income (Do not include the income of other members of your household)?

Value Label Unweighted

Frequency

%

1 Less than \$5,000 261 11.4 %

2 \$5,000 to \$7,499 72 3.1 %

Value Label Unweighted

Frequency

%

3 \$7,500 to \$9,999 58 2.5 %

4 \$10,000 to \$12,499 107 4.7 %

5 \$12,500 to \$14,999 87 3.8 %

6 \$15,000 to \$19,999 91 4.0 %

7 \$20,000 to \$24,999 149 6.5 %

8 \$25,000 to \$29,999 127 5.5 %

9 \$30,000 to \$34,999 118 5.1 %

10 \$35,000 to \$39,999 107 4.7 %

11 \$40,000 to \$49,999 174 7.6 %

12 \$50,000 to \$59,999 166 7.2 %

13 \$60,000 to \$74,999 185 8.1 %

14 \$75,000 to \$84,999 86 3.7 %

15 \$85,000 to \$99,999 81 3.5 %

16 \$100,000 to \$124,999 114 5.0 %

17 \$125,000 to \$149,999 38 1.7 %

18 \$150,000 to \$174,999 44 1.9 %

19 \$175,000 or more 27 1.2 %

Missing Data

-1 Refused 202 8.8 %

Total 2,294 100%

Based upon 2,092 valid cases out of 2,294 total cases.

- Minimum: 1.00
- Maximum: 19.00

Location: 861-862 (width: 2; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

(Range of) Missing Values: -1

**W2\_QE2:** And when you think about the future of the United States as a whole, are you generally optimistic, pessimistic, or neither optimistic nor pessimistic?

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Value Label Unweighted

Frequency

%

1 Optimistic 739 32.2 %

2 Pessimistic 391 17.0 %

3 Neither 445 19.4 %

Missing Data

-1 REFUSED 26 1.1 %

. - 693 30.2 %

Total 2,294 100%

Based upon 1,575 valid cases out of 2,294 total cases.

- Minimum: 1.00
- Maximum: 3.00

Location: 924-925 (width: 2; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

(Range of) Missing Values: -2 , -1 , .

**PPAGECAT:** Age - 7 Categories

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Value Label Unweighted

Frequency

%

1 18-24 237 10.3 %

2 25-34 289 12.6 %

3 35-44 360 15.7 %

4 45-54 457 19.9 %

5 55-64 514 22.4 %

6 65-74 329 14.3 %

7 75+ 108 4.7 %

99 Under 18 0 0.0 %

Total 2,294 100%

Based upon 2,294 valid cases out of 2,294 total cases.

- Minimum: 1.00
- Maximum: 7.00

Location: 1196-1197 (width: 2; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

**PPAGECT4:** Age - 4 Categories

Age - 4 Categories

Value Label Unweighted

Frequency

%

1 18-29 397 17.3 %

2 30-44 489 21.3 %

3 45-59 710 31.0 %

4 60+ 698 30.4 %

99 Under 18 0 0.0 %

Total 2,294 100%

Based upon 2,294 valid cases out of 2,294 total cases.

- Minimum: 1.00
- Maximum: 4.00

Location: 1198-1199 (width: 2; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

**PPEDUC:** Education (Highest Degree Received)

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Value Label Unweighted

Frequency

%

1 No formal education 6 0.3 %

2 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th grade 1 0.0 %

3 5th or 6th grade 4 0.2 %

4 7th or 8th grade 22 1.0 %

5 9th grade 19 0.8 %

6 10th grade 35 1.5 %  
 7 11th grade 53 2.3 %  
 8 12th grade NO DIPLOMA 79 3.4 %  
 9 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE - high school DIPLOMA or the equivalent (GED) 700 30.5 %  
 10 Some college, no degree 490 21.4 %  
 11 Associate degree 192 8.4 %  
 12 Bachelors degree 414 18.0 %  
 13 Masters degree 215 9.4 %  
 14 Professional or Doctorate degree 64 2.8 %  
 Total 2,294 100%

Based upon 2,294 valid cases out of 2,294 total cases.

- Minimum: 1.00
- Maximum: 14.00

Location: 1200-1201 (width: 2; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

(Range of) Missing Values: -2 , -1

**PPEDUCAT**: Education (Categorical)

Education (Categorical)

Value Label Unweighted

Frequency

%

1 Less than high school 219 9.5 %  
 2 High school 700 30.5 %  
 3 Some college 682 29.7 %  
 4 Bachelor's degree or higher 693 30.2 %

Total 2,294 100%

Based upon 2,294 valid cases out of 2,294 total cases.

- Minimum: 1.00
- Maximum: 4.00

Location: 1202-1203 (width: 2; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

(Range of) Missing Values: -2 , -1

**PPETHM**: Race / Ethnicity

Race / Ethnicity

Value Label Unweighted

Frequency

%

1 White, Non-Hispanic 814 35.5 %

2 Black, Non-Hispanic 1278 55.7 %

3 Other, Non-Hispanic 46 2.0 %

4 Hispanic 123 5.4 %

5 2+ Races, Non-Hispanic 33 1.4 %

Total 2,294 100%

Based upon 2,294 valid cases out of 2,294 total cases.

- Minimum: 1.00

- Maximum: 5.00

Location: 1204-1205 (width: 2; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

(Range of) Missing Values: -2 , -1

**PPGENDER:** Gender

Gender

Value Label Unweighted

Frequency

%

1 Male 1032 45.0 %

2 Female 1262 55.0 %

Total 2,294 100%

Based upon 2,294 valid cases out of 2,294 total cases.

- Minimum: 1.00

- Maximum: 2.00

Location: 1206-1207 (width: 2; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

(Range of) Missing Values: -2 , -1

**PPMARIT:** Marital Status

Marital Status

Value Label Unweighted

Frequency

%

1 Married 1063 46.3 %

2 Widowed 118 5.1 %

3 Divorced 280 12.2 %

4 Separated 58 2.5 %

5 Never married 585 25.5 %

6 Living with partner 190 8.3 %

Total 2,294 100%

Based upon 2,294 valid cases out of 2,294 total cases.

- Minimum: 1.00
- Maximum: 6.00

Location: 1216-1217 (width: 2; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

(Range of) Missing Values: -2 , -1

### PPWORK: Current Employment Status

Current Employment Status

Value Label Unweighted

Frequency

%

- 1 Working - as a paid employee 1050 45.8 %
- 2 Working - self-employed 142 6.2 %
- 3 Not working - on temporary layoff from a job 29 1.3 %
- 4 Not working - looking for work 249 10.9 %
- 5 Not working - retired 482 21.0 %
- 6 Not working - disabled 194 8.5 %
- 7 Not working - other 148 6.5 %

Total 2,294 100%

Based upon 2,294 valid cases out of 2,294 total cases.

- Minimum: 1.00
- Maximum: 7.00

Location: 1233-1234 (width: 2; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

(Range of) Missing Values: -2 , -1