

Figure 1: Basic data model for GSS 20th anniversary historical database

	Core common variables	Control variables	Theme variables	Special Variables
Content	Respondent information common to almost all cycles	Unique identifiers, meta data, newly derived	Themes that are repeated every five years	Variables that exist across a (time) sub-set of cycles
Examples	Sex, age, marital status, living arrangements	Local id, global id, matching variables, weights	Victimization or time use or family	Internet use in recent cycles
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