

0.1 free1: Freedom of Speech Data

Description

Selection of individual-level survey data for freedom of speech.

Usage

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data(free1)
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Details

A table with 150 observations and 12 variables.

sex 1 for men and 0 for women

age Age of respondent in years

educ Levels of education, coded as a numeric variable with

- 1 No formal education
- 2 Less than primary school education
- 3 Completed primary school
- 4 Completed secondary school
- 5 Completed high school
- 6 Completed college
- 7 Completed post-graduate degree

country Character strings consisting of "Oceana", "Eurasia", and "Eastasia", after Orwell's *1984*.

y Self assessment (see below).

v1-v6 Response to vignettes (see below).

Survey respondents were asked in almost the same language for a self-assessment and for an assessment of several hypothetical persons described by written vignettes. The self assessment (`self`, in the data set), "How free do you think [name/you] [is/are] to express [him-her/your]self without fear of government reprisal?" was first asked of the survey respondent with respect to him or herself, and then after each of vignette. The possible response categories are:

- 1 Completely free
- 2 Very free
- 3 Moderately free
- 4 Slightly free
- 5 Not free at all

The vignettes, ordered from most free to least free, are:

- vign1 [Kay] does not like many of the government's policies. She frequently publishes her opinion in newspapers, criticizing decisions by officials and calling for change. She sees little reason these actions could lead to government reprisal.
- vign2 [Michael] disagrees with many of the government's policies. Though he knows criticism is frowned upon, he doesn't believe the government would punish someone for expressing critical views. He makes his opinion known on most issues without regard to who is listening.
- vign3 [Bob] has political views at odds with the government. He has heard of people occasionally being arrested for speaking out against the government, and government leaders sometimes make political speeches condemning those who criticize. He sometimes writes letters to newspapers about politics, but he is careful not to use his real name.
- vign4 [Connie] does not like the government's stance on many issues. She has a friend who was arrested for being too openly critical of governmental leaders, and so she avoids voicing her opinions in public places.
- vign5 [Vito] disagrees with many of the government's policies, and is very careful about whom he says this to, reserving his real opinions for family and close friends only. He knows several men who have been taken away by government officials for saying negative things in public.
- vign6 [Sonny] lives in fear of being harassed for his political views. Everyone he knows who has spoken out against the government has been arrested or taken away. He never says a word about anything the government does, not even when he is at home alone with his family.

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