



New ANES data available from a collaboration with the National Longitudinal Surveys (NLS)

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In 2005, the American National Election Studies (ANES) announced a new collaboration with the National Longitudinal Surveys (NLS). The first product of that collaboration was the purchase of four minutes of time for ANES questions to appear on the 2006 Young Adult component of the Children of the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth (CNLSY). A preliminary dataset from this collaboration is now available.

The 2006 Young Adult questionnaire can be viewed at this location:

<ftp://ftp.chrr.ohio-state.edu/pub/usersvc/Child-Young-Adult/childya2006/YA2006%20Table%20of%20Contents.html>

The ANES questions are YASR-77 through YASR-93, which appear in the "Young Adult Self-Report" section of the questionnaire.

The 2006 Young Adult data itself is available through a preliminary release on the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Web Investigator website, at this location:

<http://www.nlsinfo.org/web-investigator/index.php>

There is no charge to use the data access tool, though users have to register beforehand.

The National Longitudinal Surveys are run by the Center for Human Resource Research (CHRR) at the Ohio State University. Since the 1960s, CHRR has conducted longitudinal surveys with nationally representative national panels of adults and children. This work has been funded by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the National Institute for Child Health and Development, and other agencies.

The collaborations between ANES and NLS are intended to allow scholars to link electorally-relevant and socially-relevant response across generations. Such linkages can be used to investigate many topics, including how participation and turnout depend on parent-child relations. The longitudinal nature of the NLS studies will further allow studies of how changes over the lifespan affect electorally relevant variables.

The ANES questions included on the 2006 Young Adult study were selected after consultation with the ANES user community. For more information about the collaboration and the questionnaire development process, please refer to these previous announcements on the ANES website:

- January 19, 2006: <http://www.electionstudies.org/announce/newsltr/20060119.pdf>
- October 10, 2006: http://www.electionstudies.org/announce/newsltr/ANES_NLS_20061019.pdf

We hope you enjoy this new addition to the ANES data collection!

Sincerely,

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