**Data Resources for SOC 455 Sociological Research Methods 2019:**

There are many types of data available through open sources. We want to access and save the data and the codebooks of the following four sources:

1. General Social Survey 2018
2. Monitoring the Future 12th Grade Survey 2017
3. Health Information National Trends Survey (HINTS) 2018
4. Pew Research Center – there are many options here from which to choose

First open your software Statistical Package for the Social Sciences = SPSS

1. General Social Survey Data from 2018

Type into google.com “Get data GSS”

Click on SPSS

Scroll down to:Download Individual Year Data Sets (cross-section only)​

Click on 2018

It places it in a zip folder in the left hand corner of your lower toolbar

Once it has finished, click on it, and then click on GSS2018

It should bring it into the SPSS database

GSS Codebook for 2018 GSS Data

<http://gss.norc.org/documents/codebook/gss_codebook.pdf>

It is a big file so it takes a while to download. Save it to a place you can easily find it again – maybe a thumb drive or your ASU X drive.

When you are searching for variables for your assignments, remember to use Control F and enter the variable or words you are searching

1. Monitoring the Future A Continuing Study of American Youth (12th-Grade Survey), 2017 (ICPSR 37182)

<https://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/NAHDAP/studies/37182>

Click on Download, Click on SPSS, Scroll down and Agree to the Terms of Use

Log into ICPSR, you may need to create an account first

It should provide a zip folder in the left hand corner of your lower toolbar

Click on it; you will see a number of folders, and a file that says 37182 Codebook. Let’s download and save that first, so click on it. After it opens, go up to File in the left hand corner, and save it to a location you can find with a name that makes sense.

Now let’s get the data by going back to the folder. Click on the first one DS0001, click on the data. It opens into SPSS. Now save it where you will find it and with a name like MTF 2017.

1. Type into google.com “Get Data Health Information National Trends Survey”

Scroll down to the second one and click on Download Data

Scroll down and agree to the Terms of use, place your email in the box, and hit enter

Lots of data here: choose:

**HINTS 5, Cycle 2 (2018) dataset, updated November 2018** Total respondents: 1,736

**Then click on the third one down**

* [SPSS data and supporting documents](https://hints.cancer.gov/dataset/HINTS-5_Cycle2_SPSS.zip) (ZIP, 12.5 MB)

Wait while it downloads to the zip drive on the lower left hand side. It takes a while. Click on the zip folder that is placed in the lower left hand corner of the lower toolbar. Up comes a dialog box; click on the folder inside. The very last one is the data; click on it. You will get a dialog box telling you about the variables. Hit “yes.” Wait for it to enter into SPSS. Now save it where you will be able to find it with a name like Health Survey 2018.

We will not download the codebook for this one because the database has the complete questions.

1. Type into google.com, “Get data Pew Research Center”

Click on Download Datasets

Choose the type of data you want to use, for example, Hispanic Trends or Politics

Click on: Don't have an account? Sign up

Complete the new research account information

You can now access the data; you can filter by year (on the right)

You can click on Political Typology where it says Download

Agree to the terms and conditions and click Submit

Your data is in a zip drive on the left hand side of your lower toolbar

The questionnaire is also found there, and you can download it for future assignments or for your research project.