

## UnderStandingAmericaStudy

### **Registered Data User Newsletter** **Q4 2018**

*Welcome to the Center for Economic and Social Research quarterly data user newsletter, providing you with a quick update on UAS data news and happenings. This is the third quarter newsletter of 2018.*

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**Did you miss a newsletter? They are archived online at <https://uasdata.usc.edu>.**

### *UAS is growing...*

The UAS national sample has more than 6500 panel members at this time, including a representative panel of more than 1900 California state residents. We should reach about 7500 in the coming months.

### **----- New UAS Data Releases -----**

#### **UAS Survey Series (full panel) No Embargo - Released Monthly**

##### **2018 Quarter 4 data releases:**

**October 15:** Social Network Voting, Mobility, Small business owners

**November 15:** Social Network Voting, Political Parties, Midterm Voting

**December 17:** Finger length, Mood, 5-year impact of life events

## **Pre-Midterm Election Data Release: Five National and Five California Polls**

Visit the [UAS Midterm Election Polling Page](#) for data, codebooks, and methodology topline documents. Post-election data (UAS 162) will be released end of January 2019.

### **----- UAS Data Usage Stats\* -----**

*\*Since UAS Redesign - July 2017*

| <b>File type</b>                        | <b># downloads</b> |
|---|--------------------|
| <b>Number of active users</b>           | <b>367</b>         |
| <b>Survey data sets</b>                 | <b>1468</b>        |
| <b>Non-response files</b>               | <b>98</b>          |
| <b>Timings data files</b>               | <b>41</b>          |
| <b>Platform data files</b>              | <b>44</b>          |
| <b>Survey codebooks</b>                 | <b>8120</b>        |
| <b>Zip files (HRS or Election data)</b> | <b>229</b>         |
| <b>Question card data sets</b>          | <b>19</b>          |

***We aim to continually improve usability and function...***

**Let us know if something needs improvement**

**Fill out our brief User Survey**

**[HTTP://SURVEY.USC.EDU/UASDATA](http://survey.usc.edu/uasdata)**

(the link is also available from the *Contact Us* menu at [uasdata.uas.edu](http://uasdata.uas.edu))

## **Everyone Likes User-Friendly Data!**

**Get to Know Our Continuously Updating**

**[Comprehensive Data File](#)**

***== Latest version release: Late Dec 2018 / Early Jan 2019 ==***

**Merged data from multiple UAS surveys, ready to download and analyze.**

- UAS Health and Retirement Study (HRS) items
- cognitive and personality tests

- financial literacy
- subjective well-being
- health
- retirement data
- financial management
- preparation for retirement
- knowledge of Social Security rules
- useful derived variables. (e.g. household total wealth, yearly earnings, self-reported health, etc.)

The UAS Comprehensive File merges the data from a number of core surveys in the UAS and includes useful and carefully derived variables from the UAS Health and Retirement Study (UAS HRS).

We will be adding more UAS HRS variables over time to the file, covering topics such as pensions, family structure and social security income.

**[Find out more at UASdata.usc.edu](http://UASdata.usc.edu)**

## From CESR's Evidence Base Blog

### Recent UAS-related posts

**[Thomas Jefferson, Donald Trump, and Freedom of the Press](#)** by Robert Shrum and Jill Darling, October 11, 2018

**[What types of food aid programs do Americans prefer, and why?](#)** by Anna Samek, October 2, 2018

**[Trump's boomerang effect on trust and motivation](#)** by Jill Darling and Margaret Gatz, September 6, 2016

## Recent CESR UAS Publications

### ***JOURNAL PAPERS***

Marcel Das and Marike Knoef, "Experimental and Longitudinal Data for Scientific and Policy Research: Open Access to Data Collected in the Longitudinal Internet Studies for the Soci" **Data-Driven Policy Impact Evaluation** pp 131-146 (2018)

### ***BOOK (CHAPTERS)***

Trygve Throntveit, "Civic Renewal: James's moral equivalent of war"

**William James Studies** pp 120-141 (2018)

***WORKING PAPERS***

Anya Savikhin Samek and Arie Kapteyn, "Using Consequence Messaging to Improve Understanding of Social Security" **National Bureau of Economic Research** August 2-3 (2018)

Christina E. Banner, Tobias Meyll, Florian Röder and Andreas Walter, "The Gender Gap in Bitcoin Literacy" **BSFA Working Paper Series** No. 9 (2018)

Claire Greene and Joanna Stavins, "The 2016 and 2017 surveys of consumer payment choice: summary results" **Federal Reserve Bank of Boston Research Data Reports** No. 18-3 (2018)

**Here is the List of All UAS Publications**

**Have you sent us yours ?**

Please forward references to papers, presentations, blog posts etc. that are based on UAS data. Tracking them is a UAS funding requirement. We will feature your research in these newsletters and add your citation to our permanent online list.

**Remember to acknowledge UAS as the source  
in all publications based on UAS Data**

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