

**USA**  
**ISSP 2006 – Role of Government IV**  
**Study Description**

## ISSP Study Description Form – USA (US)

*Study title:* 2006 General Social Survey

*Fieldwork dates:* March 7, 2006 – August 7, 2006

*Principal investigators:* James A. Davis, Tom W. Smith, and Peter V. Marsden

*Sample type:* Multi-stage area probability sample

*Fieldwork institute:* National Opinion Research Center

*Fieldwork methods:* Face-to-face with CAPI

*N. of respondents:* 1518

<i>Details about issued sample:</i>	1. Total number of starting or issued names/addresses (gross sample size) *	2491
	2. Interviews (1.0)	1518
	3. Eligible, Non-Interview	
	A. Refusal/Break-off (2.10)	332
	B. Non-Contact (2.20)	16
	C. Other	
	i. Language Problems (2.33)	47
	ii. Miscellaneous Other (2.31, 2.32, 2.35)	62
	3. Unknown Eligibility, Non-Interview (3.0)	0
	4. Not Eligible	
A. Not a Residence (4.50)	132	
B. Vacant Residence (4.60)	356	
C. No Eligible Respondent (4.70)	0	
D. Other (4.10,4.90)	0	

\* When new sample units are added during the field period via a new dwelling units list or other standard updating procedure, these additional issued units are added to the starting number of units to make up the total gross sample size. Also, when substitution is used, the total must include the originally drawn cases plus all substitute cases. See AAPOR/WAPOR Standard Definitions, pp 9-10 for further clarification.

*Language(s):* English

*Weight present:* Yes

*Weighting procedure:* The weight variable takes into consideration 1) the sub-sampling of non respondents, and 2) the number of adults in the household. The 2006 GSS adopted a sub-sampling design to focus resources on a smaller set of the difficult cases for further attempts, thereby reducing non-response bias.

*Known systematic properties of sample:* Undersamples men and those under 25 and those over 65

*Deviations from ISSP  
questionnaire:*

No

*Publications:*

Not released to the public yet