

**Table A-1** Descriptions of Constructed Variables in gss (Continued)

Variable Name and Label	Source Variables, GSS 1972–2008	
	Cumulative Data File <sup>a</sup> Notes on Construction of Variable	
int.info.scale  Level of interest in current issues	intecon inteduc intenvir intfarm intintl intmed intmil intsci intspace inttech	Source variables recoded 0 to –2, summed. Range: 0 (low interest) to 20 (high interest)
racial.liberal3  Racial liberalism	affrmact2 natrace racdif1	Variables collapsed, “most liberal” responses summed, 0 (least liberal) to 3 (most liberal)
relig.tol relig.tol3	relgrpeq rspctrel	relig.tol: Source variables recoded in “more tolerant” direction and summed, then rescaled, 0 through 8
Religious tolerance scale		relig.tol3: relig.tol recoded (0 – 5 = 0) (6 = 1) (7 – 8 = 2)
science.quiz 10-item science test	hotcore boyorgrl electron bigbang condrift evolved earthsun radioact lasers viruses	Number of correct responses summed
soc.disconnect  Social disconnectedness	socrel socomm socfrend	Variables recoded and summed, final scale ranges from 3 (low disconnectedness) to 21 (high disconnectedness)
social.cons3  Social conservatism	abany grass cappun homosex pornlaw	Variables recoded, “least permissive” responses summed, collapsed: 0 (most permissive) to 3 (least permissive)
spend10  Spending “too little” on how many programs?	natchld natcity natcrime natdrug nateduc	spend10: Number of “increase spending” responses summed
spend3 Econ liberalism	natenvir natfare natheal natrace nat soc	spend3: spend10 recoded (0 – 1 = 0) (2 – 3 = 1) (4 – 10 = 2)