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Appendix

Variables and Scales

Scaled Independent Variables:

Religiosity: A Scale of Eleven Questions:

Strength of Religious Faith
Frequency of Prayer
Saying Grace Before Meals
Praying for Personal Needs
Praying for Specific Others
Praying for Others in General
Closeness to God
Beliefs about God
Personal Beliefs About Jesus
Belief in Religious Salvation
Church Attendance

Range = 5 to 52. Cronbach's Alpha Measure of Reliability = .92

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Christian Fundamentalism: A Scale of Three Questions:

I am sure that the Bible contains no errors or contradictions.

It is very important for true Christians to believe that the Bible is the infallible Word of God.

The Bible is the final and complete guide to morality; it contains God's answers to all important questions about right and wrong.

Response Choices: "Strongly Disagree" to "Strongly Agree"
Range = 3 to 15. Cronbach's Alpha Measure of Reliability = .91

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Nominal Independent Variable: Educational Context

Which School do you attend? Coded as: Public, Secular Private, Christian.

Behavioral Dependent Variables:

Current alcohol user (1+ drink previous month) – Yes/No.

Binge drink: 5 or more drinks on one occasion in the previous month – Yes/No.

Ever had sexual intercourse – Yes/No.

6+ Sex partners, lifetime – Yes/No.

Current marijuana user (1+ previous month) – Yes/No.

Current User Other Illegal Drug (1+ previous month) – Yes/No.

Demographic Variables:

Age: 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23+

Sex: Male. Female

Race: White. Black. Hispanic. Asian. Native American or Pacific Islander
(Coded Anglo/Non-Anglo for analysis)