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The code for the Black Reltrad method of categorizing religious affiliations among African Americans appears below **SPSS, SAS, and STATA** formats. While the code is written for categories available in the General Social Survey, applying the logic of Black Reltrad to other datasets should be straightforward. While we do not require permission to use Black Reltrad, we ask that scholars who use Black Reltrad in their papers and/or other research projects include the citation for the article in which we developed the coding scheme:

Shelton, Jason E., and Ryon J. Cobb. 2017. "Black Reltrad: The Measure for Testing Religious Diversity and Commonality among African Americans." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*.

SPSS code for Black Reltrad:

*The following are Baptist traditions.

IF any (denom, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18) xbaptist=1.

IF any (other, 16, 19, 93, 133, 186) xbaptist=1.

Variable labels xbaptist 'recoded baptists'.

Value labels xbaptist 1 'baptists'.

*The following are Methodist traditions.

IF any (denom, 20, 21, 22, 23, 28) xmethod=1.

IF any (other, 15, 112, 196) xmethod=1.

Variable labels xmethod 'recoded methodists'.

Value labels xmethod 1 'methodists'.

*The following are Holiness traditions.

Recode other (9 18 21 35 36 56 65 78 79 83 85 86 87 90 117 130=1) into xholiness.

Variable labels xholiness 'recoded holiness'.

Value labels xholiness 1 'holiness'.

*The following are Pentecostal traditions.

Recode other (12 14 37 38 39 52 67 68 69 102 103 104 125 138 154 207=1) into xpentecost.

Variable labels xpentecost 'recoded pentecostal'.

Value labels xpentecost 1 'pentecostal'.

*The following merges Holiness and Pentecostal traditions.

IF (xholiness eq 1) xholipent=1.

IF (xpentecost eq 1) xholipent=1.

Variable labels xholipent 'recoded holiness/pentecostal'.

Value labels xholipent 1 'holiness/pentecostal'.

*The following are historically white mainline Protestant traditions.

IF any (denom, 30, 31, 35, 38, 40, 41, 43, 48, 50) xwmain=1.

IF any (other, 8, 23, 25, 40, 44, 48, 70, 71, 81) xwmain=1.

Variable labels xwmain 'recoded historically white mainline Protestant denominations'.

Value labels xwmain 1 'historically white mainline Protestant denominations'.

*The following are historically white evangelical traditions.

IF any (denom, 32, 33, 34, 42) xwev=1.

IF any (other, 3, 10, 20, 22, 28, 31, 32, 45, 51, 63, 77, 107) xwev=1.

Variable labels xwev 'recoded historically white evangelical Protestant denominations'.

Value labels xwev 1 'historically white evangelical Protestant denominations'.

*The following are nondenominational Protestants.

IF any (relig, 11, 13) xnondenoms=1.

IF (denom=70) xnondenoms=1.

IF any (other, 24, 41, 88, 98, 108, 151, 168, 169, 179, 180) xnondenoms=1.

Variable labels xnondenoms 'recoded nondenominational Protestants'.

Value labels xnondenoms 1 'nondenominational Protestants'.

*The following are Catholics.

Recode relig (2=1) into xcath.

Variable labels xcath 'recoded catholics'.

Value labels xcath 1 'catholics'.

*The following are others.

IF any (relig, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10) xothers=1.

IF any (other, 11, 74, 80, 95, 188, 7, 33, 58, 64) xothers=1.

Variable labels xothers 'recoded other faiths and non-traditional Protestants'.

Value labels xothers 1 'other faiths and non-traditional Protestants'.

*The following report no religious preferences.

Recode relig (4=1) into xnopref.

Variable labels xnopref 'recoded no religious preferences'.

Value labels xnopref 1 'no religious preferences'.

*The following is the combined syntax for Black Reltrad.

IF (xbaptist eq 1) xblkreltrad=1.

IF (xmethod eq 1) xblkreltrad=2.

IF (xholipent eq 1) xblkreltrad=3.

IF (xwmain eq 1) xblkreltrad=4.

IF (xwev eq 1) xblkreltrad=5.

IF (xnondenoms eq 1) xblkreltrad=6.

IF (xcath eq 1) xblkreltrad=7.

IF (xothers eq 1) xblkreltrad=8.

IF (xnopref eq 1) xblkreltrad=9.

Variable labels xblkreltrad 'recoded composite r religious traditions among African Americans'.

Value labels xblkreltrad 1 'Baptist' 2 'Methodist' 3 'Holiness/Pentecostal' 4 'Historically white Mainline Protestant Denominations' 5 'Historically white Evangelical Protestant Denominations' 6 'Non-denominational Protestant' 7 'Catholic' 8 'other faiths and non-traditional Protestant Denominations' 9 'no religious preference'.