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Data sources for a thesis

1.) The Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP):
https://www.diw.de/en/diw_01.c.678568.en/research_data_center_soep.html
- data can be downloaded after signing a data distribution contract
https://www.diw.de/en/diw_01.c.601584.en/data_access.html
- observational unit: individuals and households (panel data)
- time horizon: 1984-2020 (every year)
- countries: Germany
- topics: demography and population; housing and expenditures; education, qualification and training; work and employment; income, social security, and taxes; family and social networks; attitudes and values; health and health care; time use and environmental behavior; integration and migration
- detailed information: http://companion.soep.de/index.html
- codebook: on corresponding page of the dataset

2.) IPUMS USA (census data):
https://usa.ipums.org/usa/
- data can be downloaded after registration
https://usa.ipums.org/usa-action/variables/group
- observational unit: individuals / households (cross-sectional data)
- time horizon: 1850-present (every year, different availability depending on variables selection)
- countries: USA
- topics: US census and American Community Survey microdata
- codebook: on corresponding page of the dataset

3.) IPUMS CPS (current population survey):
https://cps.ipums.org/cps/
- data can be downloaded after registration
https://cps.ipums.org/cps-action/variables/group
- observational unit: individuals / households (cross-sectional data)
- time horizon: 1976-present (monthly data for every year, yearly data)
- countries: USA
- topics: labor force survey with data on demographics, income, fertility, food security, …
- codebook: on corresponding page of the dataset

4.) Mikrozensus (Statistische Ämter des Bundes und der Länder – Forschungsdatenzentren):
https://www.forschungsdatenzentrum.de/en
- data can be downloaded after registration (public and campus files)
campus-file-fdz.nrw.de
- observational unit: individuals / households (cross-sectional data)
- time horizon: selected years
- countries: Germany (FRG and GDR before 1990)
- topics: (micro) census, health, education, income, time use, social assistance statistics
- codebook: on corresponding page (dropdown menu) of the dataset
        (most of the data and descriptions are only available in German)

5.) Nationales Bildungspanel (NEPS):
   https://www.neps-data.de/Mainpage
   - data can be downloaded after signing a data use agreement
   https://www.neps-data.de/Data-Center/Data-and-Documentation
   - observational unit: individuals (panel data)
   - time horizon: 2010/2011-present (every year)
   - countries: Germany (federal states)
   - topics: educational processes and competence development
   - codebook: on corresponding page of the dataset

6.) Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID):
   https://psidonline.isr.umich.edu/default.aspx
   - data can be downloaded after registration
   https://simba.isr.umich.edu/data/data.aspx
   - observational unit: individuals/families (panel data)
   - time horizon: 1968-2020 (every year/second year)
   - countries: USA
   - topics: income, education, housing, health, demography
   - codebook: can be downloaded together with the selected data

7.) US Bureau of Labor Statistics (Consumer Expenditure Surveys):
   https://www.bls.gov/cex/pumd.htm
   - data can be downloaded after selecting years
   https://www.bls.gov/cex/pumd_data.htm
   - observational unit: individuals (cross-sectional data)
   - time horizon: 1981-2021 (every year (data of 2 surveys))
   - countries: USA
   - topics: expenditures, income, demographic characteristics
   - codebook: https://www.bls.gov/cex/pumd/ce_pumd_interview_diary_dictionary.xlsx

8.) Allgemeine Bevölkerungsumfrage der Sozialwissenschaften (ALLBUS):
   https://www.gesis.org/allbus/allbus
   - data can be downloaded after registration
   https://www.gesis.org/allbus/download
   - observational unit: individuals (cross-sectional data + cumulations)
   - time horizon: 1980-2018 (every 2 years)
   - countries: Germany
   - topics: demography, employment, education, family and household characteristics,
         use of media, economic assessment (individual and general level), political attitudes,
         attitudes towards several topics (main topics vary over time)
   - codebook: on corresponding page of the dataset

9.) International Social Survey Program (ISSP):
   https://www.gesis.org/en/issp/home
   - data can be downloaded after registration
   https://issp.org/data-download/by-year/
   - observational unit: individuals (cross-sectional data + cumulations)
   - time horizon: 1985-2020 (every year)
   - countries: many countries all over the world (sample differs from year to year)

- topics: attitudes towards several topics (e.g. Environment, Citizenship, Health, Family, …)
  (main topic varies over time)
- codebook: on corresponding page of the dataset

10.) European Social Survey (ESS):
https://www.europeansocialsurvey.org/
- data can be downloaded after registration
https://ess-search.nsd.no/
- observational unit: individuals (cross-sectional data)
- time horizon: 2002-2020 (every 2 years)
- countries: several European countries
- topics: social conditions and indicators, social behavior and attitudes, political attitudes,
  cultural and national identity, media, inequality and social exclusion, language,
  religion, family life and marriage
- codebook: on corresponding page of the dataset

11.) European Values Study (EVS):
https://europeanvaluesstudy.eu/
- data can be downloaded after registration
https://europeanvaluesstudy.eu/methodology-data-documentation/data-and-documentation/
- observational unit: individuals (cross-sectional data)
- time horizon: 1981-2017 (every 9 years)
- countries: several European countries
- topics: human values regarding life, family, work, religion, politics, society, environment
- codebook: on corresponding page of the dataset

12.) World Values Survey (WVS):
https://www.worldvaluessurvey.org/wvs.jsp
- data can be downloaded after submitting some information (E-Mail, File Usage, …)
https://www.worldvaluessurvey.org/WVSContents.jsp
- observational unit: individuals (cross-sectional data)
- time horizon: 1981-2022 (7 survey waves)
- countries: several countries all over the world
- topics: education, health, poverty, and security; cultural values; attitudes towards gender,
  family, religion, and multilateral institutions; social tolerance and trust
- codebook: on corresponding page of the dataset

13.) American Community Survey (ACS):
https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs
- data can be downloaded after choosing variables of interest + geographic unit
https://data.census.gov/mdat/#/
- observational unit: individuals (cross-sectional data)
- time horizon: 2004-2020 (every year)
- countries: USA (region, division, state, area)
- topics: population and housing information
- codebook: on corresponding page of the dataset

14.) US Bureau of Labor Statistics (American Time Use Survey):
https://www.bls.gov/tus/home.htm
- data can be downloaded after selecting years
https://www.bls.gov/tus/data.htm
- observational unit: individuals (cross-sectional data)
- time horizon: 2003-2021 (every year)
- countries: USA
- topics: time people spend on various activities (work, childcare, socializing, …)
- codebook: https://www.bls.gov/tus/documents.htm

15.) IPUMS (other datasets):
https://www.ipums.org/
- data can be downloaded after registration (link depends on the dataset)
- observational unit: individuals / households (cross-sectional and longitudinal data)
- codebook: on corresponding page of the dataset
- collection of census data of >100 countries (different time horizons)
- historical and contemporary US health survey data from 1963-present
- US survey data on the science and engineering workforce from 1993-present
- health survey data (also demographic data) for Africa and Asia from 1980-present
- US time use survey data from 1930 onwards

16.) ICPSR:
https://www.icpsr.umich.edu/web/pages/
- find publicly available data that was already used for a paper

17.) Google Dataset Search:
https://datasetsearch.research.google.com/
- search for publicly available datasets for specific topics

18.) Registry of Research Data Repositories:
https://www.re3data.org/
- search data for a specific topic

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